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Ah sweet mystery of life at last I found you that you heard that was Beverly Sills saying it that was Victor Herbert. The song made famous by Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, thank you for being with us tonight and in a moment we'll be back with you and the News?



Ben Zetas 02:23

Good evening Welcome to gay world news. I'm Ben Zetas. And in tonight's top story on March 21, a petition which contained over 75,000 signatures was delivered to the White House. It asked the President and Congress to take strong stance against abortion, pornography and homosexuality and to support prayer in schools and an increase in the national defense budget. According to gay community news, moral majority incorporated and ultra conservative Christian lobbying organization collected the signatures. But before the organization delivered the petition, they held a press conference at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC, their a representative for moral majority incorporated charge the President with a soft attitude on homosexuality, and promised that quote, God's judgment is going to fall on America as on other societies that allowed homosexuality to become a protected way of life and quote, this action by Moral Majority incorporated appears to be in response to a petition drive conducted last fall by the National Gay Task Force, challenging President Carter to live up to his 1976 campaign pledge of ending discrimination against lesbian and gay men in the federal government. The Coalition for lesbian and gay rights has called for a boycott of Greyhound bus lines and its armor dial subsidiary because of the company's alleged support of the April 29. Washington for Jesus National Christian March. Although Greyhound denies the services are exceptional, according to gay community news, the coalition claims that the bus company has provided services beyond what is appropriate, including a toll free telephone number providing bus, train and plane and hotel information. The Coalition for lesbian and gay rights, which represents a number of lesbian and gay activist groups in New York, plans to distribute leaflets at Greyhound bus terminals to bring public attention to their concerns and to the boycott. In Washington, DC the coordinator of gay Council on drinking behavior reports that almost one in five gay males and lesbians are on the borderline of alcoholism. Ron Goldstein, the coordinator contrast this for the one in 10 in the general population, and to combat alcoholism among

lesbians and gays. The gay Council on drinking behavior launched a \$15,000 program this summer. The focus of the program is education through some 30 workshops and alcoholism treatment facilities, as well as workshops on alcoholism in the lesbian and gay community itself. Gay community news reports that it is likely that two major factors contribute to the problem of Lesbian Gay alcoholism. The first is the enormous personal pressure on the gay individual as a result of his society's hostility toward and rejection of homosexuality. And the other factor is a lack of alternatives to bars as a place for gays to socialize and to be themselves. The program is the first to be funded by a foundation to address the problems of Lesbian Gay alcoholism. In Iowa, the Civil Rights Commission has decided that Linda Eaton was a victim of sex discrimination and must be allowed to return to her job as an Iowa City firefighter. Garrow, gay World News reported last year that firefighter Eaton was suspended from her job for breastfeeding her baby girl at the fire station. According to gay community news, the court awarded Eaton \$2,000 in damages and returned her to her routine work schedule, and dooty breaks with the baby. A 40 year old woman truck driver from Los Angeles whose truck broke down on a lonely road after a near collision was then refused help by her company. Chevron mechanics over the telephone was stranded the woman was attacked, beaten and raped by three men. Now the woman Barbara Reed has filed a \$5 million lawsuit against her employer for dismissing her quote for her own good when she returned to work. The New York Times reports read charges that Chevron discriminated against her because male employees who were victims of other crimes kept their jobs while she was ordered to resign her 20,000 A year position. Rich said that despite the experience haven't been the worst and alive. She hopes the case was sent a clear message to all employers that it's not enough to hire women and now traditional jobs such as trucking, but employers also have the responsibility to provide the same terms and conditions of employment, as are provided to men so that women can also have a safe working environment. A Dallas civil service employer is seeking 33,000 in damages from the police department, the chief of police and a department supervisor for refusing him an office job with the stolen property division of Dallas Police Department because he's openly gay. Steven Chowders 29, a Dallas native and a former city employee has testified in federal court that he was deprived of his constitutional rights when the Dallas Police Department refused to hire him. Assistant City Attorney Joe Werner told the court that Charles was not hired as a policeman because he indicated in his employment interview that he was a habitual law breaker by engaging in relationships that validate violated state laws against homosexual conduct. Charges. attorneys say that the American Civil Liberties Union is supporting his complaint. The first gay savings and loan is getting ready to open for business this summer in San Francisco. Listed as the Atlanta savings and loan association. It has received its state permit and is awaiting federal insurance approval. According to gay community news, John Smith, Board Chair of the organizing group said the plan is to appeal to the estimated 100,000 lesbians and gay men who live in the San Francisco area. The initial capitalization for the savings and loan was to have involved the sale of 160,000 shares of stock at \$12.50 per share for a total of \$2 million. Schmidt says that they have already received pledges for almost 3 million from only 600 would be shareholders. The opening of the savings and loan is tentatively set for September first. New York magazine reports that Joe Gray is researching Harvey Milk life and short political career. And if he has his way he will portray Milk in a made for TV movie to be underwritten by ABC or CBS. Harvey Milk was the nation's first openly gay elected municipal official, who was assassinated along with San Francisco's pro gay mayor George Moscone by former supervisor Dan White in November 1968. According to gay community news, several Hollywood producers are vying for material for a Harvey Milk movie. But the late politician's friends are supporting Gray because he has assured them of the integrity of his project. The Houston Post reports that a district court judge and golden Colorado overruled they were commendation of a referee and ordered a homosexual woman to give up custody of her two children to her estranged husband.

Jefferson County District Judge Winston Wilmington also ordered Carl Muller 31 to pay John Mueller two hundreds \$200 a month in child support for their nine year old daughter and four year old son. And finally, Ms magazine reports on a recent Stanford University study of transsexuals and their work lives. Norman Fiske, a psychiatrist at Stanford, interviewed 175 People who had undergone this sex change surgery and reported these results. Males who had changed to females went downhill and their work lives. Women who be who became men, however, were more successful than before. And that's the news sources for tonight's story include gay community news, body politic, Ms magazine, Montrose star and the advocate. This has been gay well news.



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One week of every year is designated national brotherhood week. This is just one of many such weeks honoring various worthy causes. One of my favorites is national make fun of the handicapped week, which which Frank Fontaine and Jerry Lewis are in charge of, as you know. During National brotherhood week, various special events are arranged to drive home the message of brotherhood this year, for example, on the first day of the week, Malcolm X was killed, which gives you an idea of how effective the whole thing is. I'm sure we all agree that we ought to love one another. And I know there are people in the world who do not love their fellow human beings and I hate people like that.



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That was Tom lair with national brotherhood week someone we remember very well Gone but not forgotten. Tom Lehrer who's been with us for many years and still very popular. This is KPFT radio 90.1 FM listener sponsored radio in Houston, Texas. And this is the Wilde 'n' Stein radio show. And we'll be back with our first guests from gay Resource Services at the University of Houston. But first, we have some words from David Decker for gay young people.



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Hello, Greg. Okay. As you know, I was in Dallas last week for the meeting with the Metroplex shingles group. Also, we met with the Denton group from North Texas State, and then we had a representative from college station there last week. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss problems between all four groups. And since we're all struggling, and see how we can reconstruct all the four groups to better utilize our area. The main thing about the Houston group that was discussed is that we need major reconstruction on the group. And that will be discussed at the meeting this Saturday at my apartment. And for more information with that you can contact me after I leave the air or at the office number which is 5209273. At that meeting, we'll also have entertainment by Lisa fim, who will also be at Integrity Houston this week. Other things that might be of interest to the members out there listening is that as previous known the room at the mattress activity center was supposedly being paid for it is not so the group is now accepting the pay for that. So any donations to pay for that room may be done by contacting me. Also, we will start having our regular meeting starting in May each week. The time and date will be discussed at the next radio show. Okay, also, I also work with a national group and we have had a lot of reconstruction to a few things that were discussed on this group. And we're also discussed in Dallas, we're that we're going to have a national

meeting in Houston of coordinators of national groups, which is have now include groups from California, the San Francisco area, Alaska, New York, and from Maryland, which is Washington DC area. And then also plan for 1982 will be a National Youth Affairs convention in Houston with delegates to stand on a platform for Youth Affairs. And also since we are working on a nonprofit status at this time, we will be putting out a National Youth coalition letter which will deal with communications between the groups in order to help each group in order for them to grow and proceed with their different prospects or organizations. And as far as that goes right now, that's about it. And I will turn it back over to Greer and see what's going to happen



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Thank you, David. David is back from Dallas. Glad to have him back. He's a regular member of the Wilde 'n' Stein collective. And I might also add today's David's birthday. So we all need to wish him a happy birthday. Okay, glad he's back. Our first guest tonight are some people from the University of Houston. People who, whose names will probably be familiar to you, John Crocker and Kelly cockerel. And they are representatives of a highly energetic and enthusiastic and productive group of people who have worked for some time at the University of Houston to form a support group known as gay Resource Services, which provides services not only to the people at the University of Houston, but to those of us in the community as well. I know in my own case, I remember as an undergraduate, being openly gay on campus was something that didn't often happen. It was not accepted very well by the people you dealt with each day, much less the administration. And it's very exciting that things are quite different in a relatively short period of time. So let me introduce our guests. And we will talk about what they've done and where they've been and where they're going. How are you tonight?



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Hi, excuse me. I'm John Crocker. And I'm a Business Administration student at the University of Houston. And Kelly and I came here tonight, I'll let Kelly introduce herself to you now.



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I'm Kelly Cochran. I'm also in Business Administration at the University of Houston.



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We came here to tonight tonight, as as Greer asked to tell you all about the Gay Resource Services at the University of Houston. And what we have been doing, quite often we've received calls in our off of our telephone, and people want to know, well, what do you do out at the University of Houston? What is there for students to do gay students to do at the University of Houston. And we think that the gay Resource Services has become a sort of place where students can meet on campus and get together and perhaps talk about gay issues and feminist issues. And what's going on in the community in the nation as far as far as gay rights is concerned. It's it's a support group. It's it's really a social group on that level, but we do get

things done. We work to educate people in the community, we work to educate our legislators in Austin. And we even get a call into Washington every once in a while. I'll turn the microphone over to Kelly and see what she has to say here for a while.

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Well, let me interrupt you a bit and ask you some questions that I have. When How old is gay Resource Services? How long have you been around?

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Well, it started in fall of 1979. And actually, it was just about 10 or 15, gay people who were just met each other on campus and decided that they wanted to form a group. We had some trouble identifying ourselves, or disassociating ourselves with the Gay Activists Alliance that was active on campus about two years before we ever

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started, what happened to that group? Did it simply dissolve?

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Dissolve, people went their own ways. And we've been on campus for two years now. We've never met any resistance as far as administration, they've always been more than helpful. And

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so you've been around for two years, how many people were actually involved when the group was formed?

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working people can do a great deal. How many people are involved? Now?

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I don't know what our current membership is. It changes radically. And of course, they never stay and indict especially on a campus.



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How you say you didn't have troubles with the administration, they were happy about your appearance.



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I don't know that everyone was happy about our appearance. But there were enough high ranking people on campus that were happy that of our appearance that the flax was next to nothing.



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I tell you, I think that the administration has been very supportive of our efforts on campus. And as a matter of fact, so has the Student Association and the student government. Last semester, we were allocated over \$300 to spend on certain items. In the gay Resource Services budget, we haven't used all of the money and I think we found that our own fundraising, our bake sales and and things that we have on campus, tend to give us more money, more ready Money, money that we can use right away, and we don't really have to answer for how we use it to, to the Student Association. At least we do answer to our members. The administration getting back to administration support last summer when we had the National Gay conference for the March on Washington National Leadership Conference, the Vice Chancellor Dean of Students came into our Sandy branch and gave a very supportive speech to the people that find people that were there from all over the country.



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I remember I remember when that happened. And I was I was astounded because although I knew that GRS had been around a while and had been doing things, it would, it surprised me that the university would, would recognize it so enthusiastically on such a level. And it's very exciting.



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You know, Kelly was saying earlier that we had a problem identifying ourselves at certain points within our existence. We did come up with after a lot of haggling, we came up with a, with a statement of purpose, or whatever you might want to call it. And basically, we have copies of it in the GRS. Office, if anybody's interested in looking at it. I can have my phone number



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too. Okay, we'll work on we'll get Yeah, we'll get around the basic information. The gay



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Resource Services is essentially a collective of people, a group of people, people who are interested in in being there, and who are interested in working together. Most of the people there, embrace gay activism, they they're not all necessarily gay, but they they think that gay rights are human rights. Many of us also embraced certain feminist issues. I had a man the other day say to me, Well, you know, I don't know if I'm a feminist because I don't go to women's concerts. And I don't read now times, and I don't read Ms. Magazine and all of this and I said, Well, you believe men and women are equal, that's feminist enough, if that's what you can work with. And that's kind of how everyone believes in the game Resource Services. That's, that's one of our underlying basic things about about the thing is the quality of everyone in the organization. So that's basically what we worked at is our purpose to further those goals.



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Okay, thank you. We'll be back with people from GRS in just a moment, and we'll be back with more basic information right now. I believe we have Dave Lambo on the line from San Francisco. Hello, Dave, how are you?



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Dave, are you there?



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Did we lose it? Hello, Dave. Hello. How are you doing? How are you? Very good. Yes, this is Greer. We're right here. You're right on schedule tonight are very good. What news do you have for us from San Francisco? Okay, there's



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been a bit of a discussion starting to be a bit of a discussion about the military draft registration proposed by President Carter and being debated in the Congress right now in segments of the gay community. We'll bring you part of that debate as it occurred at the Unitarian Church, the First Unitarian Church of San Francisco, and a forum that was sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist gay caucus. And among other things, it featured some people with some real experience in what the draft was like for Americans gay and straight back in the Vietnam War, that Costello was a draft counselor, he happens to be heterosexual, but he has a lot of knowledge about how the draft would affect gay people. Estelle starts off the discussion with a bit of a background on some of the draft bills that are currently being debated in the Congress. The fact that no law needs to be passed. For registration itself. President Carter has the authority right now to register everyone between the ages of 18 and 26. The only thing that's lacking is the funds to do so his original bill, asset women and men and you know, 1920 year olds be registered. And then as people turn 18, in the future, they also be registered. A lot of groups I talked to, they felt that older people aged and sat back and relaxed. Well, I'm not

going to say much nonsense, because all you have to do at any particular point, is to extend that age 26. Also, the woman's issue is dead. As far as I'm concerned this year, and they had a particular appropriation man about people, they want to register several million, but the women are not in that category, then that would mean almost automatically, they're gonna have to extend the men's registration beyond the 19 and 20 year old level. So don't take anything for granted. And a fluid situation like this, as a hostage is killed and tear around. The clients can change very quickly. Now, it's not just Carter's appropriation, it's not just Cartersville or six other bill in the House, or different draft legislation. I certainly won't go into all of them. The one that is coming to the foreground more and more prominently is Congressman the cloud sees bill for universal service. I had a chance to talk with him in December. And his real hope is that they're gonna get so bogged down in arguing over who should get exemptions and who should stay out who should be included, to gays be taken should women be taken should there be physical deferments? All of these Some kinds of things, that the only solution to this will be some form of universal frame, or universal service, which would include everybody. And a national registration is Bill really offers three possibilities. One is you, when you turn 18, you automatically volunteer for the service, you served two years, you got a pretty good salary, and you get your way through college if you want. You can, on the other hand, volunteer for civilian service. And this would mean setting up a very complex system of all kinds of public service jobs, or you can have your name thrown in a lottery. And the names drawn from that lottery will then be taken to fill the service needs that were met, not met by volunteers. This bill seems to be getting more support. And the customer goes on to describe the rather murky status of the conscientious objector should we come into a situation where there is a reinstatement of the draft, people feel they don't qualify, because they're troubled by the fact that at times they've had feelings of aggression, or they might have fought Hitler or these things, trouble them. These are questions that need to be discussed at length. The Hitler question was something that was always thrown at people when they went for personal appearances. What would you have done if you were in Nazi Germany and the time of the rise of Hitler? It's an irrelevant question. Because you weren't alive and you weren't in Nazi Germany at that time. And there are various ways of resistance, helping in the underground, helping smuggle people out of the country, there are a lot of things you can do besides openly killing someone else. The other question is the feelings of aggression inside. And as a Unitarian, this is no problem to me, because I recognize I have all those feelings, hate, anger, love, fear, everything that's part of the human being, being being human beings. But it's how you direct those aggressions. And if you let yourself become part of the military, then you have no control or no choice as to where those things will be channeled. The other question, which I like to ask people, is this personally, do you think you could qualify or not? Could you you know, what napalm is? Is napalm on women and children, or other people who have done no personal harm to you? If your answer is yes, of course, you belong in the military. If it's no, you can proceed to the second question. And that is Could you hand napalm to someone else? Who would use it on people who have done you personal harm? Your answer is yes. You can still then be in the military. If it's no, you qualify for a conscientious objector status. Draft counselor Dick Estelle, Randy Stallings, an openly gay person who with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee talks about the possible fate of days, should there be a resumption of the draft? So I'm getting to is we're not just resisting the draft. We're not just talking to people who are concerned about possibly they might have to be drafted. We're talking about resisting war, we're talking about resisting the end of history, which is why it's imperative, even if an I, I would guess, that those of us who are gay are not going to be affected as quickly as people who are heterosexual. That only means, however, that we won't be drafted most likely, most likely, it's not certain. If we are openly gay. That doesn't mean however, that we won't be killed in the upcoming Holocaust, that we won't be part of the the impending disaster if the type of mentality that the draft represents is allowed to continue. I said, some of us can remember the Vietnam War. I

remember when I went into my draft board and told them that I was gay. This 200 pound Sergeant looked to me and said, prove it. Well, I don't think the situation will be that different this time around. I think that gay people will be facing humiliation will be facing questions in their minds. Those who wish to serve their country, quote unquote, will be given a runaround those who wish to have nothing to do with it will be given a run around. I haven't found in the gay community that most people really aren't too interested in the draft, because they consider it an issue that doesn't affect them. Well, draft registration leads to the draft. Don't there's no question in my mind about that. The draft leads to war. There's a standing peacetime army of the size of President Carter has in mind can only lead to using it it's just too much of a temptation to have all of those men and probably women standing there with all of the most developed weapons from our from our most favorite Corporation. to use and not use them. Randy Stallings of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, draft counselor Dick Costello comes up with another hypothesis as to what would be the fate of gays should we this country enter war and the draft be resumed?



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Think this is one of the reasons why they're gonna go more and more to this universal service proposal, because they're getting worried about all kinds of things in regard to the gay issues. For instance, there have been studies that come out and having been in a million years, I would say this probably correct that at least 10 to 20% of the men in the military right now are gay. And the reports show that they believe they're the best soldiers. Some of the best, they get less trouble, they work better together, and so forth. So one of the reports came out that perhaps they should have special gay units, like they had special Japanese and black units, during previous wars. All these little things are being studied. Well, of course, there'll be a lot of opposition. So the best way to avoid this is bring everybody in. Not only is the are the minority groups increasing, but at the same point, fewer and fewer people say with college degrees are enlisting. The health requirements are being lowered all the time the metal standards are going down. They're getting panicky, and they are concerned if the war is going to be in Africa, or they're going to send black troops off to Africa, how will they react? So the best solution is, bring everybody in and watch for that to come along. Susan would have the American Friends Service Committee joined many of the others on the panel and felt that women would not immediately be threatened by this draft. But Susan would contend that the draft of the proposals reserved to resume conscription is very much a woman's issue.



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We shouldn't be left with the impression that the issue of the registration of women is a dead issue in 1980. But it will come up again and 81. And every year thereafter until women are registered, mentioned that the military eats the numbers, population rate of men drafted man is going down. So they figure to fill their quotas, to have the numbers that they consider necessary by their worst case studies. Which means 10s of 1000s dying, they need the numbers of women and women's bodies continue to come up. What's more, as soon as men are registered if men are registered, lawsuits will be brought, unfortunately, by ACLU, by women by men, saying that it's unequal and that women should be registered as well. Carter knew that this would happen, I knew that it would put women in a very difficult position that it would be a double bind. And he knew that he could say that he was doing it for equal rights that he certainly could and then handed over Congress and, and confused. The whole issue is divided,

the women's movement is divided the anti draft movement. It's not meant to equal rights, there is no connection between Equal Rights Amendment being registered, being registered and drafted, is not an equal, right. It's not an equal right to be broken into a system of slavery. Women have to see that it is a woman's issue and developed feminist perspective.

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Susan, what are the American Friends Service Committee and that wraps up our perspective from San Francisco on gays and women and the draft? This is a continuing discussion since the discussion continues in Congress. It is currently the belief of many who are experts on the subject of this legislation in Congress. Essentially what what the administration is doing is trying to lay low with with the legislation so colleges are out to college campuses no longer contain a number of potential protesters to resumption of draft registration, and then possibly sometime during the summer session of Congress to pass a bill that will be acceptable to all various factions in the Congress. It remains to be seen whether a draft registration Bill can pass the Congress in 1980. Many fear that if it can't pass a 90 ad, it will certainly pop a test back up again in 1981. It's an issue that lesbian and gay feminist community need to be concerned with

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Dave? Yeah, yeah, this is Sue. How you doing?

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Yeah. Do you have any questions about our graph segment?

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I was just gonna say that that was a very thorough segment. We appreciate it. There is one thing that I'm very optimistic about. I believe that this is going to have an exceedingly great difficulty in the Senate that there looks to be a filibuster and I I really doubt

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that field right of Oregon, among others, I think, thinking of that, yeah, I think

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that it's it's very unlikely that this is going to get through without a great deal of difficulty. So we do have that hopeful aspect or attitude to consider, but I'm really glad added folks are examining the issues related to the draft and related to, to war in general. What else have you got for us? Have you got something about the immigration issue?



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Well, we thought we were gonna talk a little bit about the immigration issue, the story that I was going to talk about it a little bit murkier, than I would like. There have been some other side issues raised in the question of one person from San Francisco who was denied re entry into this country because he is a Swiss citizen. And we're going to spend some more time researching this, since we do not want to give out any false impressions about what the status is. So maybe you'll have some point of view of San Francisco, there's quite a lot of concern about about the situation. Since the immigration service is denying entry to gay men and women all around the country. I have heard estimates that a couple of 100 gay people have been denied entry and recent period of time, largely because of the fact that they're gay at the expense that can be proved. It's something that we want to do some more research on and possibly bring you a segment next week.



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Okay, that sounds good to me. They were going to be listening for you and hope that you give us some specific details on that next week.



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Very good. And I appreciate being able to talk to you guys. Again, thank you very much for allowing us to San Francisco to bring you some of the things that are happening here. And we hope to be hearing some more things in Houston, particularly I understand some uproar in Houston gay Political Caucus.



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Yes, sir. We're going to have more of that. And we're spending a great deal of time with the gay and lesbian students here. We have two student groups that have formed on campuses here, and we're talking with them tonight. Well,



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thank you very much for allowing me on again. I'll see you again next week at about the same time. 1030 from San Francisco.



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Thank you, Dave. We'll be looking forward to it.



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Thank you, and I love everybody. Bye bye. Bye.



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Okay, we're back. That was somebody's talking to you by the group alive. This is Greer price, and you're listening to the Wilde 'n' Stein radio show. We've just finished our phone call from Dave Lambeau in San Francisco. And we are back with our first guest of the evening from gay Resource Services at the University of Houston and I have a few more questions I'd like to ask them before we let them out of the studio. I'd like to know something about the activities which you sponsor, which are specifically related to the campus and to the community of the university.



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Well, just being there has helped a lot of things on campus. Oh, we're out in the open. And we get along with everybody real well. And I think that's probably one of our most important reasons for just being in staying. Oh, yes, we do many other things. One of our members wrote a paper on how to research gay subjects in the MD Anderson library on campus. It's very interesting. It's very good. And it's on file. At the front in the library. We also take great care and keeping an eye on the daily Cougar, our newspaper on campus. And recently there was an editorial on Montrose crime, it was answered by at least one of our members, and it caused a lot of ruckus. But it was a nice fight in the papers for a few days. It made it interesting a while.



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Well, you're there for the students, of course. And that's what it's all about. And that that's a very positive effect.



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Yeah, we can always use more students, our office could be open and our phone answer by people more if we had more students that were able to be in the office. It's in located in campus activities. Office, it's downstairs in the UC building.



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Okay, that's a good point. This is an officially recognized student organization, and you have your own office and it's in the University Center downstairs is that right? Now, all of your meetings I gather are advertised in the university paper?



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Yes, we keep a regular contact with the excetera column. And you can keep posting in there. Go ahead, next meeting and last for this semester. Because on April 24, it starts at 730. And it's in the embassy room, which is located in the University Center.



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Also the University Center. That's right. Okay,



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that's on the central campus.



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Regularly, how do you meet about once a week, twice, once every two weeks,



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once every two weeks, twice a month, starting at 730. And it has been on Thursday night. Every semester. It could be changed, though. Depending on



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the people. If you're a member of the university community, it's a simple matter of looking it up in the paper. What if you're not what if you're just someone out there listening to the radio and you'd like to know a little more about it and you'd like to be involved? Is there a phone number?



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Yes, it's 7493489. That's the guy Resource Services Office on a university campus and we have a phone mate that works most of the time so big please leave a message if you get it. And we'll be more than happy to return your call.



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Okay, let me repeat that. The next meeting is April 24, at 7:30pm, in the embassy room at the University Center center on the main campus. And the phone number to call GRS is 7493489. If you're interested, I've been to a couple of meetings myself there. They're very wonderful, enjoyable experiences. John, I'd like to talk a little bit about the things that GRS offers to the gay community of Houston, completely outside of the community, because that's a big part.



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Okay, well, we like to think that that we we offer support for gay organizations around town whenever possible. It has been our policy to, to offer meeting space to any other groups that

might want to get started up in the city. They're why they're welcome to come out to the university. And we can help them set up meeting places and co sponsor and help them along, getting going. Also, as individuals, we work throughout the community and other organizations and we try to let the student side of issues and the perhaps younger perspective, show through and a lot of things that's going on in the city such as gay political caucus meetings, we'd like to show up in force to some of those. We have worked with legislators in Austin, specifically Ron waters office, on on certain issues that concern the universities in Texas. Last year, as you may remember, during the last legislative session, they tried to some legislators that tried to try to attach a rider into the education bill, effectively outlawing campus gay organizations,



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what that would have done is prevented the existence of an organization like yours, it would



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have prevented the existence of an organization like ours. And at the time, we were sad to say the only gay organization that was recognized on a campus in the state of Texas, they wanted a&m, which we've heard a lot from gay young people reports, is still in the courts. But those people are active, and they're doing a great job. And we're real happy to see the rise students organizing in our city. So now we, we can say that we have to campus gay organizations in our city.



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And we'll be talking with him a little later on in the show, along with



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other gay organizations. We're working within the national arena, you might want to call it with our network. And the network is a group of campus organizations. This sort of grew out of the March on Washington movement is a group of campus organizations that just keep in contact with each other organizations around the United States. And we now have three organizations in Canada.



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How many organizations are there in the United States must be a good number by now? Oh,



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goodness, I don't think anyone knows we've tried to get those figures from the National Students Association. But they haven't been able to supply us with any figures. We have 15 active groups on our list from New York to Washington state, from Florida to Arizona, and

Toronto and Winnipeg as well.



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Have you had contact with the group at Oberlin College in Overland? Ohio?



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No, we haven't is that where the women's Music Festival is going?



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No, that's in I believe, in Champaign, Illinois. But I remember that, not too long ago, the national conference planning conference, which was formed following the march in Washington, just a month or two ago, was held in Overland sponsored by the gay Union at Oberlin College, and they have a wonderful organization of wonderful people who met us at the airport and who have arranged housing and food, much as you all did, for the National march on Washington planning conference in July of last year, that's another one I can add to our list. Well, that's, that's a very important one, too, for those of you who don't remember, and I can't imagine there being anyone out there that doesn't remember, prior to the March on Washington, one of the major planning conferences was held in Houston last July. And gay Resource Services is the group that put that all together and sponsored the conference and hosted a great many people from all over the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. And the results were were outstanding, while the results were the march in Washington. So for those of you who were



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there, I know a lot of fine people went into putting that together, too.



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That's right. I would I would like to mention, of course, also, for those of you who remember that last year GRS played a very important part in Gay Pride Week, sponsoring Women's Day and the lesbian workshops at the University of Houston, which were open to the public for everyone in our community. And that this year for Gay Pride Week GRS is back in the middle of it and he's planning similar events.



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Yes, last year, we were able with some help from the university funding and a lot of support and help from the gay community and basically a lot of work with with our membership. We were able to put together a lesbian workshop. We have our scrapbook here with us if this was TV, I'd show it to you But we have the weight not yet. We have the program from from last

year's workshop. And that really came off. Well, we collected donations of \$150 to go to the Houston area Women's Center. And we were really proud that we could help them in that way. This year, we plan on having a workshops for men and women and stressing the unity of gay men and lesbians in our movement. We're hoping that both sides can can enjoy things that they perhaps haven't seen yet. And we hope to provide this for them after our day, which will be the last Saturday of Gay Pride Week, we hope to be put on a concert that's not firm yet.

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This is June 28. We're talking about this is the second Saturday of Gay Pride Week, the day before the parade on June 29. Well, I'd like to thank you both for being with us. I can only imagine how wonderful it must be to be an undergraduate student at a place where the university allows you to be who you are and feel how you want about it. And it's it's exciting, and we are grateful to the university. But we're also grateful to people like you, who've made it all possible. And thank you for joining us tonight.

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Thank you for asking.

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Thanks a lot, Greer and Sue and have a nice evening.

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Thank you. You too.

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Thank you all come back. Tell us some more later on.

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Okay, well,

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times are changing. We're

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certainly are I? It's not really been that many years since I was an undergraduate school, but it's very, very different.

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Yep. Well, I tell you, back when I was first going to college in 1966, that was the unthinkable and the unspeakable. And here we are, with people being gay and proud and on the college campus and it's hard to measure what that must mean for those people, whether their psychological health and their, their happiness and their ability to meet people.

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I remember as a freshman, I ran into a young man who was quote out of the closet and he was greeted so horribly by everyone else on campus. I think he drove me back in the closet for another two or three years and it's very different.

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This is KPFT 90.1 FM listener sponsored radio in Houston, Texas, and we're back with the Wildenstein radio show. My name is Greer price. My co host is Sue Cummings and all of us here at the collective. We'll be with you for another hour. Right now we have a review.

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Yes, my name is Sarah Lindley. And I went this past weekend to see the dinner party. It is a art exhibit by Judy Chicago at University of Houston at Clear Lake. I think it's very important to start off with a with an explanation by Judy Chicago of why she did this exhibit because it really tells basically what she's trying to get across. She says, I began working on the dinner party in 1974. And the concept for the piece gradually evolved during the first two years of my work on it. My research into women's history began in the 1960s as a result of my need for role models, and resonance. For my own aesthetic impulses had taught me that there was an enormous wealth of information on women's achievement, women's ideas, and women's art. I wanted to introduce that information into society, and also express my rage at being deprived of my heritage. As an artist I had been struggling for over a decade to build an art language that was both sophisticated and accessible to a large audience. One of my primary goals is to expand the role of art and I saw the dinner party as a way of doing that. My original idea of representing the history of women in western civilization, took on the additional meaning of a reinterpretation of the Last Supper. I thought men had a last supper, but women have had dinner parties. Moreover, it was probably women who cooked food for the famous last supper. The religious metaphor provided a way of dealing with the larger metaphysical, metaphysical issue of feminine values, and the way in which they had been denigrated by modern society. The use of China painting and needlework examples of women's traditional art suggests that in our cultural myopia about women's work, we have deprived ourselves of the rich products, not only a women's culture, but of women's minds and energies. There are no place settings for men at this dinner party. The women who are gathered here range from the primordial and fertile goddesses to the late Georgia O'Keeffe.

