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The images have become very familiar across the nation, a small but vocal army of lesbian and gay activists on the one side, preparing to do battle with the more subdued but better funded anti gay rights activists on the other. Or this way out. This is Doug Johnson. Following success in Colorado the issue of prohibiting gay rights in most states is being marketed by the antis with the effective public relations smokescreen special privileges most states except it seems for Michigan



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I'm presently farm fish I grow fish. Thank God Mike Fisher and homosexuals and queers are I'd be out of business.



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Georgia to SEC has struck the homosexual rights debate in Michigan like a lightning bolt from out of nowhere. But to six candor is rare his style confrontative to say the least, and his message is one of violence. Recently, during his failed bid for the state senate McKusick commented he would beat his grandson quote to a pulp unquote, if he found out he was gay. Now the self styled leader of the family values amendment, McKusick offered no apologies for his remarks.



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I like going out of my way to pound on anybody but if I need to pound on somebody, if they get in my way, they'll get pounded on. Okay, plain and simple. And I think that the pounding that they get is caused by them trying to force their lifestyle on to somebody else. They just shut up and stay in the closet where they belong, they wouldn't have the problems they have today.



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My two six extremist views toward homosexuals and his calls for the use of justifiable violence

against them have led some in the state to simply write him off as a crackpot with no chance of success. But Bob Egan, the executive director of the gay lobbying group, the Michigan organization for human rights is not among them. So far not one person has publicly stepped forward to support METU six drive, but gay activists are not waiting for anyone to do so before organizing. Egan says his group in cooperation with dozens of other pro gay groups will mobilize to fight MMA to six campaign on every level possible.



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It means probably several million dollars if not more, it means ad campaigns on television it means constant communication with the press. It means working with religious institutions businesses, educational institutions across the state.



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While Egan and his group have promised to hold the moral and political high ground the campaign which is only in its infancy, has already turned ugly, now shadowed by activists and obviously irritated McKusick has begun taking sudden lunges at his opposition and the press is when he sought certification for his petition.



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I've been threatened my life has been threatened. Like creeps like this. Okay. And you're probably one of them, too. I don't think you're sitting with them. I know half the damn media down here is queers.



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Lesbian and Gay Activists are only two well aware that campaigns of hate like Georgia to six frequently can have deadly results,



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vandalism and murders and serious gay bashing.



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Other Bergman of the National Women's Rights organizing coalition says lesbians and gay men in Michigan are preparing to defend themselves against what happened in Oregon and Colorado.



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We want to make sure that we have a militant movement that can fight that as well as fight so that initial doesn't get passed at all. Anything that's the way that you go about stopping it.



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In order to put his family values amendment before Michigan voters George McKusick must now collect over 256,000 signatures in just 100 days and if the previous few weeks have been any indication it's likely to be a very long five months for lesbians buys and gays in the state your kids kids



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got sick brains alone. Alright, have your fun but we'll see who wins in the end



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for this way out in Lansing, Michigan, this is Doug Johnson.



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See the sky to what do you do the next week it's the store that's bound to hold on to someone standing by the door. Don't know why you chose to hold on to you So your door is no plugs to your frozen to the floor What do you do then? You force yourself to wake up it's this dream not me that's bound to go well hold on the Night will soon be by God something else to try child hold on these angels on hold on and hear them say child and it doesn't even if the danger and the do come from up above or down below or just come fly in NACHA for a Mark Ross when you see who's raging and he's jealous he fears that you walk through walls he's behind for you. If you do then you tell yourself to wait it out it's this day not me. It's bound to go away. Hold on It's this day no. That's Oh



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thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Freedman Brian newness Thomas Lolly, Doug Johnson, Verna Avery Brown and Josie Coteaux geo contributed program material. Thanks also to Pacifica network news.



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Quicksilver messenger service Bill McKinley and Michael Feinstein performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.



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We'd also like to hear from you with any comments, suggestions or questions you might have. Or just to let us know you're listening right to this way out post office box 38327, Los Angeles, California 90038. And please be sure to include the call letters of this station.



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This was all just produced by Lucia Chapelle.



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And Greg Gordon, and we thank you for listening on K h su Arcada, CK WR Waterloo and WCB II Columbus among many others and for supporting this local community radio station



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which we hope you'll stay tuned



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okay, that was giant steps by John Coltrane. And if anybody out there knows anything about anything, everyone will know that John Coltrane has to hit this hottest happening thing sets the Digable planets. What we're going to have Up next is we're going to be plugging things shamelessly. First on our list



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on Vogue impersonation at Studio 13. Now it's it takes place we think on April 31. Actually, we don't know the night so please someone who knows from Studio 13 or otherwise call the station. Michael the number



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five to six KPFT 5265738.



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When does the envelope impersonation happened at Studio 13? That's the question and



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where can we get those really short little clingy dresses?



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I think it might be Sunday night, so call studio 13 and ask them



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all right. But anyway, we need four guys who are willing to look like black women to play on Vogue. Next, we want to say hi to Gordon and why are you saying hi to Gordon



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just so he'll have sweet dreams. We want to say hi to all on Vogue impersonators and also to our friend Travis,



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who now Miss Miss Deb of the month and Deb of the year not 93 for this camp America coming up for the Miss camp America Pageant when is that?



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Oh, it's the same night as Miss America and that is in June, I believe and that's going to be at the Music Hall Travis can be seen in this week's twit the one that you've got on your kitchen table was brought in last to last night. He is in fact appearing on page 80 Just above the ad for hot and attractive cross dressers are looking for attractive. crossdresser you need look no farther than Travis his lovely photograph.



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You can call Travis that. No. But it's important. This is



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the one with the snarl. That's the one you want.



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And the miss the Miss Gay America Pageant. It's important for someone in the room because they're doing something.



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Oh, I like you're trying to plug it again. It's my sound environment. I'm working with this really designing the sound environment from his camp America's pageant in June the same night as Miss America's pageant. So be on the lookout.



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And we're plugging March because Kenneth now is going to the March on Washington April 23. It's can not Canada can Canada's going and



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most recent person to join the march. We're talking a little bit about of the week's events involving the military ban. Michael, do you want to start this since you've read the article?



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Yeah. Basically what happened was the person who a lot of the so called gay leaders led us to believe would be the great hetero hope Bill Clinton has decided that queers should be segregated. He doesn't want us showering with those cute little heterosexual boys, he doesn't want to standing next to them, doesn't want him to sleeping next to them. I guess it's under somehow under the impression that if you let loose acknowledge homosexuals like ourselves, that we're going to be so overcome with lust that we're going to jump every hetero boy in sight.



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And to carry through this theme, the newspapers are reporting it as if there's this vicious backlash by gay activist groups, as if we aren't entitled to be angry at this point when our support seems to be falling apart. And they portray it as Clinton being shot in the foot by his own, you know, best friends. And that's just typical media hype. But it's surrounding this article once again. So the upshot is that we're talking about whether or not the march is going to be the friendly celebration of a new era or a new president or an angry outburst, Riot,



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Riot riot riot I think we should riot



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memories of the Republican National Convention come freshly to mind



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intensified, hopefully. But I mean, my question to anyone who wants to call up and answer what any one of you out there sleep with a heterosexual person? You guys went to what it was.



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I don't think I know any



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of that. I already have. I already have as you know, I'm



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sorry. I would not sleep with heterosexual boy. I mean, everybody knows that group. Boys had better butts. And then you



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know, it's so much work when they're straight. Ooh.



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Okay. Anyone who would like to answer that question, Jimmy, would you sleep with heterosexual guy? I have



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thing she says Do you like it to go on about for better or



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worse, I was in his wedding.



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There was this before after he was married after after

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his two children. We thought

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this was a Sally Jesse segment where we go on the air talking about whether or not we slept with straight men. Did we come to the wrong news show?

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Accolades.

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I think I came to the wrong news show. For better or for worse.

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Well, as you know, there's a character Larry in the for better for strip that'll be coming out this week, next week and the week after and According to Chris bake, and it's sweet. He thought it was incredibly tasteful and almost bland. Not unlike bacon himself. And now No, no, no. Wait, now what I was saying is we

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can't talk too little. We don't want to talk about about Chris last time we were here. He threatened to sue us and we don't want to get

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throw. I saw him out last night and he didn't say anything to me about the lawsuit. So of course he didn't know it was me as usual. Well, okay. Anyway, so I agree with him that there really there is no problem with this. And I don't know why the states of Missouri

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Well, these three states are boycotting and in Kentucky and Mississippi. And yeah, go figure



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really, but we like it. Yeah. So call it the Chronicle, the Chronicle



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and give them their supporting the strip, and we support them



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and tell them consider getting a full time career comic



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and a better picture of Jacqueline Smith.



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We also want to say hi to Eddie, who works at the Bennigan's at hillcroft and 59. And we're certain that he's not work now because he's just getting off of a dance floor somewhere in town, which is his nightly pastime went to the movies anyway. We think he's hot.



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He'll be at the white trash party tomorrow riches.



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The one where Opus three is going to be. That's



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right Opus three will be tomorrow as well. Okay, so



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if anyone out there has anything or anybody they want to plug.



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Bill Clinton says he wants to allow openly gay and lesbian people in the military. But Congress wants to have it say before any decision is made. live coverage of the Senate Armed Services Committee hearings on gays and lesbians in the military begins Monday here on World Radio 90.1 FM joined Pacific has Jeanette Pinkney as supporters and opponents of his controversial move testified before the committee will also have analysis and nationwide response gavel to gavel coverage of the gays and lesbians in the military hearing starts Monday morning on KPFT World Radio 90.1 FM.



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I was walking down the street holding hands with my lover when suddenly we were attacked after being publicly identified as breeders.



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Hetero phobia can kill education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry, which is why the National Federation of contributors to overpopulation wanted you to hear and think about this message.



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Okay, we're on and I'd like you all to know that Jimmy says that no one has ever mistaken him for a breeder. Anything else? Anybody wants to plug?



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I'd like to plug Eddie.



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Well, okay. He's like Eddie, as soon as you tell him that you'd like to plug him. David, you want to give us a rundown of your art activities? Again? I think I think that way. No, no, no, the thing is, you are like the real artists in the bunch. No offense, Eric, and we feel it's necessary to plug you as much as possible.



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Okay, in case you all just tuned in. David Miller page 38, Houston metropolitan magazine. Is there a way of like, dressing that up? Alright, that's it. And we were talking politics a few minutes ago about the military ban. We're still asking people to call in and have good ideas about coming to the March on April 25. Let's see drive by the intersection of Holcomb and, and McGregor, and you'll see a long fence with a bunch of trees painted on it. I did that. What else? Oh, gosh. Okay, Michael, it's back to



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you. Okay, we have a person. Cindy, you're on the line. Are you comment on set with straight people?



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Yes. Well, to me, it seems like a waste of time.



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Why is that? Well,



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I work in a hospital setting. Okay. And most of the nurses, most of my co workers are female, and like if I believe them to be heterosexual, and, you know, like, they're already it'd be too much way too much work. I mean, they're trying to condemn me to hell already. Like, they already have their set of beliefs and like, why bother? They're trying to convince them otherwise, if, for one thing, I'm not going to hell, and for one thing, you won't go to hell. I mean, it just seems like to me, you might as well go somewhere where you can meet lesbians and and just forget about straight women.



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And frankly, I think lesbians look a lot better to



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Well, I hope so. I mean, I don't I don't know if you could tell me where a good place to go and meet lesbians is it seems like I never made any I've ever made a stir are straight women.



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Well, I'll put that out to the listeners. Anyone who knows where Cindy can meet cool lesbian, call us up at 5265738.



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And I will be in Washington. I will be joining y'all. All right.



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Thanks for calling.



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Well, I'd like to comment to that because you know, I've had a lover for 15 years and so any sex that I've had with stripe, guys is just kind of like dalliances on the side sort of thing and I was just using them for their favors.



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Does he know that



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He wants me to be monogamous, but I just won't do it.



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And where is he now?



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He's in Seattle with his other lover.



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Hmm, well and mostly, you know, women are really good about introducing each other to each other networking. I'm like, US fellow guys, we're like we want it all for ourselves.



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Somebody we like never want to see them again. Yeah, ignore them and and in



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terms of my ex really Yeah. What's wrong with you room? They



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don't live in Texas. That's the thing



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access to a potluck.



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Recycle them.



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That's right. It's like, you know that Tupperware thing that we're raised with?



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Yeah, so if anyone else has any more comments on sex with heterosexual people, give us a call. If anyone knows where Cindy can meet cool lesbians give us a call. 5265738



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And you know lesbians have the advantage this spring because the shag is so in and hot even Tabitha Soren on MTV News has a shag and Naomi Campbell and most lesbians not to be stereotyping them but they have almost that shag leftover from the 80s it's you know I've been to the ranch and I've seen this hairstyle and if they just go for three months without a trim, they'll all have the shag and be very, very Oh Koran. But then he goes which I've seen two guys with shags and it's really cool. You have to have the right kind of thing,



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but he doesn't have a shag Eddie has very



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porno for Pireaus the album's coming out soon. Yeah, Papyrus is coming out but he's way way happening. Cool. Hot.



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Want to talk about porno for Pyros Michael.



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No, because I don't know anything about them. Except that



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what pair albums coming out and they're probably going to tour with the Lollapalooza. But so far



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the only sign ban has been arrested development. But but in Chicago, it's sold out in ours as they can we tell you on 104 K RBE. With this is not clueless.



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But I'd like to say that Paul, Kobe Bryant was outed this week. So for all you people, we're not alone. We're invading the news ways. And Paul kabhi Brian, I'm with you, baby. All right,



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let's go to the next song. Okay, that was Gorillas in the Mist by the lynch mob. Next up, we're going to have a short interview with Michael pronto and Andrea Lazar from diverse works, and they're going to be telling us about their new career performance and video series. Okay, you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston, 90.1. World Radio. This is Michael Crawford and I'm here at diverse groups with Michael Bronto. And Andrea Lazar. Michael wanted to tell us a little bit about what diverse works is and what it does.



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Diverse works is an artists run organization. That programs pretty much all of the disciplines visual art, we have an exhibition series, performance art, dance, music, video film, experimental theater, and we have a real strong literary program. And we're this year we're celebrating our 10th anniversary. So 93 is our 10th year that we've been around. It's good.



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I hear the ropes from looking at the flyer in front of me, there's this really cool career performance and film series. why don't why don't you tell me about that?



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Well, diverse works is one of the only venues in Texas that consistently programs, gay and lesbian performance, and film and visual art, actually. And this series kind of grew out of Michael's desire to do performance focused on gay and lesbian performance art. And film kind of grew out of that as well. So we put them together,

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we have a tradition, actually, over the last 10 years of continually or regularly programming, gay and lesbian programs. And this year in this series, we're bringing back some people we've had in the past that were also bringing in some new people. And Andrea had wanted to to work on a film and video series, again, lesbian Film Video Series Series. And this just provided an opportunity for her to put that together. So she really worked on that and pulled that series together. It's a really, really interesting series with with lots of different Yeah, lots of different work from lesbians and gays, and it's really

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wanted to share a little bit about who's coming and when and why we should be excited about it.

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Well, the series starts on April 9, and 10th with the Pomo Afro homos, it's the postmodern African American homosexuals. They're a group of three performers from San Francisco and they were here last year and And we had incredible crowds last year. So get your tickets really, because they're fantastic.

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They're the only group around that I know of in the country, the only sort of performance troupe that's, that's dealing with the issues surrounding being black and gay in America and going black and gay and American, right?

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Is this going to be the same show as last year, it's going to be a different one.

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It's their new show a brand new show. And it's called Duck Duck food.

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And didn't tell us a little bit about what that's about.

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to And this, this is their new work. And they talk more about the contradictions of black gay life, racism in the gay community, homophobia in the black community, and the insensitivity of many activist groups towards black gay men.

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Okay. And that's going to be on April 9, and 10 at 8pm. Okay, what do you have Next,

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on the 16th and the 17th of April, we're bringing a performance artist named Patrick Sculley from Minneapolis, and he is somebody that I saw in Minneapolis a couple of years ago, and he was performing for the first time in New York last year. And Jennifer Denning of The New York Times called him one of the best performers in New York City last year. And he is somebody who has had AIDS for the past seven years, and has survived for the past seven years. And a lot of his work deals with that. And he's going to be doing a new piece called queer thinking, for the first time in Texas,

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very intense, really honest, and sometimes painful work, you know, it's just saying it from the tape was very touching,

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very touching, very funny.

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Okay, and that's April 16, and 17th. Also at 8pm. Five lesbian brothers.

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Ella, Andrea Taylor, this is Andrew saw these people in New York,

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the five lesbian brothers are group of five women. And this is their latest work called Brave smiles, which kind of tears apart just about every thing you've ever read or heard or seen about lesbians, since the beginning of time. That kind of take apart cultural icons and images that have been pressed upon us that kind of tell us that because we succumb to our lesbian desires, we're going to end up into tragic life. And they're, they're really this, this whole series is very funny. I think. There's humor in all of it, and they're really hot group.



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Okay, so if you're looking for a lesbian lover, that would seem like the place to go. May 14, and 15th at 930.



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Well, the May 14 shows at 8pm and the May 15, shows at 930. We have also have an exhibition opening on May 15. So the show will be after the exhibition.



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Now for video, what's up first,



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the film series is going to take place every Wednesday in May. And there are two screenings each night. The first one begins at 7pm. And the second one begins at 8:45pm. So you can you know, either come to the first one and do a double feature kind of thing, or you can come to one or the other. So you'll have two choices each night. And the first night. I kind of called it behind closed doors, it's nitric kisses, which is by Barbara hammer. It's an excellent film. That's very sensual. And she kind of explores very sexual images and relationships of for gay couples. Plus she also uses a lot of archival footage to and also that evening together alone. Which I believe that that show I think that showed at the International Festival last year, the year before last. It's two men who go home together from a bar and what you see is them talking



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after sex, right, basically that's the whole film



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than talking. So that's the first evening.



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Okay, the second evening is May 12. And that's entitled How do we look?



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Right? Armistead Maupin is man. I jumped up as the seven o'clock feature. That was a project that was done by Kate Manal through the BBC to British production, but it's about Armistead Maupin And Tales of the City of San Francisco and gay life in San Francisco.



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It's also very funny.



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The theme here seems to be



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and at 845 That evening, two films by Jane cardas and conceal your Brook. Dry kiss is only a Warren lesbians. that also tear apart, you know, the images that we've led to believe what we should look like or other people say that we do look like or act.



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Right lesbians look like men only a bit lumpy or. Okay. May 19 crossing borders.



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This one I recommend as a double feature because the two films together I think would be really exciting to see juxtaposed together. One is female misbehavior, which is a compilation of four documentaries. And Michael is holding back laughter because he thought recently, and Well, Michael,



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well, no, it's great. I mean, it's just it's for really interesting characters and it's Paglia.



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Porn star performance artists, Annie sprinkle. Lesbian SNM. A woman who gets into bondage and can we say TIG torch, you're on the right here at this time, and transsexual woman to man, which is really fascinating, really fascinating. It's kind of pushing sexual boundaries and things

like that. And American fabulous, which is a road trip. The last road trip actually of Jeffrey street slide who's a friend of the director, Reno, Dakota. And it's their road trip through Ohio. And Steve talks about his life in the backseat of a 1957 Cadillac. So I think the two of us together, it'll be a good thing.

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Okay, and may 26 brings us queer shorts,

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right. There'll be two showings in each showing there'll be different shorts, I haven't decided yet. Which ones will be shown when so all of them are kind of lumped together now. But these are short films. They're new. They're exciting. And when you come to see short films, it's kind of fun, because if you don't like something, just wait a few minutes. And it's a really mixed bag of stuff from gay bashing film called thicker than blood by Barry Burke from New York, to name day, which is a beautifully shot film by Maria macentee. about AIDS, death, families, queer families, your real families, and a whole bunch of other choices. We're

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going to be showing Kevin Kevin Adams, which will take that away from me, which is the proper size.

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gay bashing murder. And oh, Sadie bendings, to new works by Sadie Benning, who's a 19 year old lesbian filmmaker, from New York.

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Okay, it sounds very good, very exciting. If anyone's interested in finding out more about the performance in video series, how can they get in contact with you?

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They can call 2238346. And they can ask for Andrea are for me. And we can answer any questions that they have. If they want to order tickets, they can call

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the bookstore at 2280914. And we also have schedules here that we can either mail to so you can have the whole thing on one sheet and we'd be happy to send that out.



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Okay, and what's the address for the works works?



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The address is 1117 East freeway. And we're what that is or what that means is nothing it means that we're about two blocks north of the downtown, you have h you just go up Main Street to nailer and take her right. The only way you can go on nailer heading south on Main. And you take a right and that curves around into our parking lot. And if they need other directions, they can call the number but we're two blocks north of the downtown New beige.



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Okay, I'd like to thank both of you for joining me today. And I hope the series is very successful. I'm sure it will be because I will be coming.



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Oh great. You and all your friends. Yes.



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Thank you