

FEMALE HOST: Many things that I get hassled about that aren't nearly as positive, and as progressive, and as worthy as the other things, and sometimes I have to remind myself of that. Sometimes, because it seems to be every six months that somebody's wanting something from me, I have to remember that in that six months, I'm listening to KPFT this time, this time, this time, this time. And if I really figured it out, I'm paying pennies per pleasure, you might say, pennies per pleasure. And so it really balances out.

But I have to keep reminding myself because it's easy to get lost in all the other hassles, that this one is a worthy hassle. And while it might take a minute to sit down, and fill out a check, and send it down, or call somebody in the lobby, and give them your credit card number. Do we do that?

JIMMY CARPER: We do that.

FEMALE HOST: Give them their credit card number? I just want to make sure-- credit card number, that that hassle is going to mean something in the bigger scheme of things. It's going to mean something about how long and how well we're here, how long we stay here, and how well we do while we're here. So it's a hassle that's one of those things that is a good hassle. So that's how I feel about it.

JIMMY CARPER: Thank you. You mentioned something about credit cards. We also have EFT, Electronic Funds Transfer.

FEMALE HOST: Right, out of your bank.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. It's so painless. Whatever amount you want to pledge, it's divided by 12, and that amount comes out.

FEMALE HOST: And isn't it tax-deductible?

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, everything that you give is tax-deductible, of course, minus the premium.

FEMALE HOST: Right, the premium.

JIMMY CARPER: Many people say, here, just take the money. I don't want the premium.

FEMALE HOST: That's right. That's a good idea too.

JIMMY CARPER: That's a good idea too.

FEMALE HOST: Yeah, if you're listening to us, you need to give this some consideration because you are getting your pleasures now.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

FEMALE HOST: It's obvious. We were here for an hour and a half now that if you're still here, that you like what you hear. So let us know with a phone call in the lobby and your membership.

JIMMY CARPER: And you cannot get this anywhere else in Houston.

FEMALE HOST: No, and you know what? And I'll tell you the truth, it's something that's on the brink of vanishing. We all know that there's stuff in the news about creative outlets all being threatened by the government and things, this particular government. Let's put it like, it's on the endangered list, something we need to be highlighted at and pay attention to, because this could be gone tomorrow.

JIMMY CARPER: Because KPFT and Pacific has always been rather outlaw-type radio.

FEMALE HOST: Right, rebel.

JIMMY CARPER: We've always been on the brink of endangerment and never so more as right now.

FEMALE HOST: That's right, and we don't have a positive government for this kind of being able to speak out, or say things, or just having a show with a bunch of homosexuals. That must irritate those in Washington to death to see.

I just loved-- I think sometimes, my fantasy is watching Jesse Helms listen to a radio program like us. That would be to me just the greatest thing. That's what we ought to do, is kidnap him and make him listen to gay and lesbian radio for the rest of the month.

JIMMY CARPER: We have an incredible listenership of straight people.

FEMALE HOST: That's right.

JIMMY CARPER: Because we have fun.

FEMALE HOST: That's right, for real.

JIMMY CARPER: And because they find out about the gay community. Maybe they've got a cousin, or a son, or an uncle, or a sister, an aunt.

FEMALE HOST: And not by slicked back media.

JIMMY CARPER: No, no, no

FEMALE HOST: The guys on the street. Let me tell you, there have been many times we've just flagged them in off the street.

JIMMY CARPER: We're the real ones.

FEMALE HOST: Come here, be on the radio.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right, hey, tell me what you think.

FEMALE HOST: That's right.

CHRIS ARASIN: I've heard art car people listen to our show. In fact, a lot of art car people have our show on 24 hours. Never change the dial.

FEMALE HOST: Well, I know there are people in Neeville who listen occasionally because they tell me they heard me.

JIMMY CARPER: Hey, hey, hey.

FEMALE HOST: And then they'll say something that I know they had to have been listening to have heard.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, because you and old bisexual Jim, and he's usually here, we have segments for transgender folks. We have segments for leather folks, and country folks, and teens.

FEMALE HOST: For no folks, just every folks, just stuff that just about the human people that unites us. And because we go around talking a lot about gay and lesbian things, it's because we're gays, and we're gay men and lesbians. That's what we know. I imagine if we were 7-foot Samoan people, that's what we would be talking about.

JIMMY CARPER: We would talk about it, yeah. And that's why you don't have me every week talking about all these different things, because I can talk about lesbians, but I ain't one.

FEMALE HOST: That's right, so this is a way that we can offer the world a view, a decent, wholesome-- I don't know about wholesome, but wholesome view of what gay people are like.

JIMMY CARPER: I think so.

FEMALE HOST: Yeah, we're on the internet. Yeah, I've listened to your show, because the internet comes in a lot clearer for me than the radio, so far out. But I know they've listened to us in Ireland a couple of times when Horace was here.

JIMMY CARPER: When Horace was here. We've had folks call us from Australia when we were on the air saying, hey, I'm listening to you on the internet.

CHRIS ARASIN: Cool, cool.

FEMALE HOST: Isn't that incredible?

JIMMY CARPER: Never know. Anyway, we need to get to the news and views segment. but that number is 7-135-265-738-526
KPFT--

CHRIS ARASIN: Jam.

JIMMY CARPER: --Jam KPFT. That's it. So now, now, now--

FEMALE HOST: Comes the News Man.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, time for the *After Hours News and Views* with Big Roy and Chris. And stay tuned because Jewel and Judy are going to hang out for the rest of the show because--

BIG ROY: Charlie tonight?

JIMMY CARPER: Well, I haven't seen Charlie, so we're just going to go with the flow. You know how we are.

BIG ROY: Oh yes, show must go on.

JIMMY CARPER: You bet.

BIG ROY:

The draft does exist at KPFT. No dodging our draft. Anyways, I would like to welcome everyone to this week's edition of *After Hours News and Views*. And as always, I want to give a good hearty shoutout to Randy down there, and Sharon, to Tony, up there in Midway, and to all of our listeners, and to Antonio out there, Derry Ashford in the Beltway, and to Richard down here in the Montrose, and a bunch of other people.

And we have a very sad lead news story to begin this week. One of our most important people here in the community has passed away this past week on a vacation visit back East, Maria Minicucci. And for more on this story, here's Chris.

CHRIS ARASIN: Yes, Dr. Maria Minicucci, past president of the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, passed away suddenly on Tuesday morning while visiting family in Buffalo, New York, where she'd gone for a visit. She was 50. She was survived by her spouse, Deb Murphy, and by her mother and numerous friends.

Maria was a regular contributor to the Houston Voice. She operated the Center for Creativity, Knowledge, and Change, and taught psychology at Houston Community College Campus in Stafford. Maria was a member of the Board of the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center and was serving on a second term as the program director. She led the monthly workshop, What Lesbians Do, at the center and was co-chair at the 2001 Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival.

"Her death is a great loss to me personally and to the community," said Tim Brookhoven, current community center president. There'll be a celebration of Maria's life on Sunday, May 27th, at 4:00 PM. This is during the Memorial Day weekend. This will be occurring at 4:00 PM at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center at 803 Hawthorne.

Contributions can be made. The Houston Lesbian Gay Community Center has established the Maria Minacucci Memorial Fund. If you wish to contribute, you can send a payment to Maria Minacucci Memorial Fund, Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, PO box 2304, Houston, Texas, 772523204.

If you wish to make a floral contribution, please do that at the community center during the normal operating Hours of 6:00 to 9:00 on the weekdays and noon to 5:00 on Saturday when there are volunteers present.

BIG ROY:

I want to say that Maria was a very special person. I've had the personal pleasure of knowing her myself, as we did interview with her here in the studio. And I met her on a number of occasions. Plus, she was a good volunteer and help her with the caucus, and she did many, many things. I believe she was also involved in [INAUDIBLE] patrol at one time or no?

CHRIS ARASIN:

Yeah, but we had her partner, Deb Murphy, on here a few weeks ago talking about the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. And it's a real tragedy when I went in on Wednesday at the community center and saw the notes up there about her passing. I worked with her several times with Q-Patrol and some of the various events over at the community center.

And the one part that sticks with me the most was last year's pride parade. I was part of the community center float. And she just kept looking over at me with the heat and all that, and told me, said, look, get out of here. Go back to the community center. Get some air conditioning. Get cooled down before you pass out.

She had a real, genuine compassion for people, and that's something that's going to be sorely missed of her presence at the community center and the work that she has done there in promoting it as a viable entity in Houston.

BIG ROY: And she worked so hard in bringing the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center into a reality. I remember when we really didn't have one, a place of our own, so to speak. Closest thing to a community center that I can think of would be the Metropolitan Community Center down there in Wah Drive, which is a city-owned facility that we got to use space in every now and then.

CHRIS ARASIN: Yeah, that and the Holifield Center where a lot of other organizations would meet. But it's good to have a place here. Before the museums, before the gay archive museum that we have there and the other organizations, a one-stop shopping where you can walk in, and get information on a variety of groups, and decide from that whether or not you want to look into those other groups or into those other organizations, or just to find support. Several support organizations that came through the community center, even just going down to watch a movie.

BIG ROY: There's so much. There's just so much.

CHRIS ARASIN: And it'd be one of these things that, as Tim said in the article in the Voice, it's something you're not going to realize. You may not realize for a while all the parts that she was in that community center, and she will be sorely missed.

BIG ROY: She will be missed.

CHRIS ARASIN: And once again, if you knew Maria or know the community center, come down on Sunday, May 27th, at 4:00 PM for the celebration of her life, and join the rest of us in mourning this special person that we have lost so unexpectedly. On a little bit of happier news--

BIG ROY: Moving right along in, as Chris said, a little bit happier news, the Home Depot globally has changed its employment policy to include non-discrimination with sexual orientation, to include sexual orientation that went into effect immediately globally this week.

CHRIS ARASIN: Well, it's about time, since they've always been referred to as the Homo Depot.

BIG ROY: Yeah, right, but here in Houston, all the gay people that I know that are into home remodeling and homebuilding and all that, they all go there to-- I'm not going to make a commercial for Home Depot, but we do.

CHRIS ARASIN: Oh please, you can tell there's a gay influence at the place. They actually have a 24-hour one. That's proof of a gay influence, because you have to get some things at 2 o'clock in the morning.

BIG ROY: Yeah, it is different, different things.

CHRIS ARASIN: We won't go into what type of topics you'll need from the Home Depot at 2 o'clock in the morning on this show, but we'll let your mind wander.

BIG ROY: But I think it's really special that it went into effect immediately. The board of directors took that vote, and the non-discrimination policy has gone into effect globally, immediately. However, it's going to take some time, folks, for it to get printed up and for their human resources manuals to make it to all to the Home Depots, wherever they may be, ever.

CHRIS ARASIN: So you'll be seeing a wave of firings and complaints coming up right before all this hits.

BIG ROY: OK, now we have an interesting story coming up from PFLAG.

CHRIS ARASIN: Gay couples in a straight world is the topic for a panel presentation of gay and lesbian couples at the monthly general meeting of PFLAG Houston on Sunday.

JIMMY CARPER: Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

CHRIS ARASIN: Yes, We'll use the Sunday, Sunday, Sunday on that one. June 3rd at 2:00 PM at Christ Church Cathedral at 11:17 Texas. Following the program, small groups will meet for discussion. Small groups are the heart of PFLAG meetings.

And in addition to the small groups for parents, gays, lesbians, transgender, and friends, there are also two special groups, a Latin group for Spanish-speaking people and a spouses group for those who have concerns with a gay spouse. Please remember, PFLAG facilitators are not therapists. For more information on PFLAG Houston check out their website at pflaghouston.org or call the PFLAG helpline at 71346PFLAG.

BIG ROY: Oh, one bit of catchup here, catchup news, if you want to contact Home Depot and thank them for taking such a progressive stand in their employment and hiring practice, you can contact Home Depot at 2455 Place Ferry Road, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

CHRIS ARASIN: Paces Ferry.

BIG ROY: Oh, Paces Ferry, Paces Ferry, Atlanta, Georgia, 30339. Or if you would like to call them, they are at area code 7704338211. And you can contact them on the internet at www.homedepot.com. And as Chris was telling me earlier this week, last week, actually, if there's any company you want to contact, you can just try www.name of the company .com. It'll probably be up there.

CHRIS ARASIN: Good chance you'll find it.

BIG ROY: OK, moving right along here. An Uncommon Legacy Foundation meets on the 23rd of this month, and that's going to be a Wednesday. And the focus will be the planning for an upcoming wine-tasting and the annual Extra Miles Award brunch. And they're inviting you to join in on the planning.

And the proceeds from the event are utilized to promote the visibility, vitality, and the strength of the lesbian community. This is accomplished by granting organizations who support this mission and also by giving scholarships to out lesbians for college study.

The meeting will be at 7:00 PM at 1400 Herman Drive. Call them at area code 713-520-1142 for more information. And yes, folks, they are a legitimate charity organization. Chris and I regularly report on the goings-on at the Uncommon Legacy Foundation. And we always report on the giving of their grants, and we name names as to what organization gets the grants, what students get grants, and things of that nature. Yes, folks, they are for real.

CHRIS ARASIN: The Men's Gathering of Houston has expanded its reach to people all over, and they'd like to invite you to join the Men's Gathering of Houston's Yahoo! Club. It's the home of empowerment buddies for our Black brothers and more. You can go to <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/themensgathering>. It's one of the fastest-growing Yahoo! groups, and you'll find out why.

The Men's Gathering in Houston is reaching to Black brothers across the United States and the world. The purpose is to come together as African-American gay, bisexual, and same-gender loving men to dialogue about issues that are important in helping us to form healthy relationships with ourselves and others, and to join in walking the journey of self-understanding to live a more empowered and authentic life. Once again, that is the Men's Gathering. If you are not on the internet and you just want to call them, it is 7135284461.

BIG ROY: OK, I want to mention that on June 9th, there's going to be a hilarious amateur charity drag variety show sponsored by the Montrose Softball League where jocks dress up to raise money for community charities. I guess you can call this Jocks in Dresses.

This year's charity is the Mental Health Association of Greater Houston, who will earmark funds raised by the league from this event and other efforts for mental health-related issues in the gay and lesbian community. Great door prizes include airline tickets on Continental Airlines, and the show runs from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Richards at 24:01 San Jacinto. Again, that's going to be on Saturday, June 9th of this year. And you can check them out on the internet at Montrose Softball League for future details.

CHRIS ARASIN: OK, two little things here before we hit into the Pride events that are coming up. Movie time at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, Lesbian Film Night, will be featuring features movies with a lesbian theme or content starting at 7:00 PM on Friday May 25th fifth. The movie has not been announced yet.

Part of this will also be with a special on Maria Minicucci, a celebration of life, which will be on Sunday. The original founder of Lesbian Film Night was Jessica Wicks. When she recently was married in San Antonio, Maria was her matron of honor.

And one little update on a story we talked about a couple of months ago, the Straight Pride t-shirt has gone to court. A Minnesota teenager who was told he couldn't wear a sweatshirt with the words Straight Pride on it because it was offensive to some students at a public high school has won a preliminary injunction in US District Court against the school.

In issuing the injunction, the federal judge noted there was a strong likelihood that the principal of the school violated 16-year-old Elliot Chambers constitutional rights when it forbade him from wearing the shirt which displayed cartoon images of a man and woman holding hands on the front and featured the trademarked straight pride logo on the front. I'm sorry, the caricatures were on the back.

When he returned to school, he was met by six other students who were wearing similar-- I'm sorry about a dozen of his friends were wearing similar shirts when he returned to school on Friday. Elliot and his parents, along with the American Family Association's Center for Law and Policy, a conservative Christian organization, sued the school after Chambers was told in January the shirt was not allowed because it was offensive to gay, lesbian, and bisexual students. So we will keep an eye on that.

Next little bit there, it's so interesting that we've got a judge there saying that teenagers have the constitutional right to free speech and all that on a matter like this, but a lot of other places in the school, you don't have those kind of rights when it comes to that. And now since we're getting ready for Pride Month coming up here, you were drooling earlier over the Pride 01 catalog.

BIG ROY: Folks, if you have not picked up the new 2001--

CHRIS ARASIN: You'll probably need a forklift.

BIG ROY: This thing is as big as a phone book.

CHRIS ARASIN: I would say the best thing is imagine Vogue. It is a hefty book. It deals a lot with Pride celebrations around the country and the world.

BIG ROY: It is the best Pride magazine I have ever seen in any city. Folks, I was born and raised in New York City. Other than leaving there a year after Stonewall, the rest of the time I spent out in Los Angeles until I came here, I have never seen a Gay Pride magazine as good and as professionally put together as this one.

CHRIS ARASIN: And you can pick those up. The Community Center has them, and I bet you-- I hadn't seen them when I was over at Lobo, but most likely, you'll find it at your Lobo at Crossroads, and some of the bars will have those out there.

It is a very informative about-- it's really the gay movement throughout the years. There are articles on there on transgender couples. There are some articles in there. There are some interviews with part of the Houston group that, if you know some of the people, you'll recognize them from After Hours here. There are about three or four articles from co-hosts and guests that we have here on After Hours regularly.

BIG ROY: The way that whole thing was done and put together. It just astounded me. Jack Valinski and crew has done-- an outstanding job is a very weak way of putting it.

CHRIS ARASIN: It's the very last thing. Pick it up, and don't drop it on your toe, because it will hurt.

BIG ROY: Also, I want to mention, because I promised Jimmy I would talk about it, Pride Day at Afterworld.

CHRIS ARASIN: That's what I was about ready to start mentioning on here.

BIG ROY: OK, then I won't step on your--

CHRIS ARASIN: Oh yes, Six Flags AstroWorld is getting ready to have you show your pride. The Pride Community ticket covers admission to AstroWorld on Saturday, including a free barbecue buffet in the private picnic area, free admission to Rich's on Saturday night, and a free pass to Waterworld on Sunday--

BIG ROY: No, actually, that path is good during the rest--

CHRIS ARASIN: --or any other day throughout the season. I didn't get to the rest of the sentence. Prior ticket holders can also get into the park an hour before the general public. Headlining entertainment for the Pride Day will be the legendary Village People. Do not expect all the original members there. Please note the story we covered a few months ago.

Tickets are available at Basic Brothers or by mail from the Pride Committee Houston at PO Box 66071 Houston 772666071. A special room rate is available at the Radisson. Just tell me you are there for the Pride event. For more information on Pride Day at AstroWorld or any of the Pride events, check them out on the web at www.pridehouston.org, or call the Pride line at 7135296979.

BIG ROY: Now, the special price at the Radisson is an incredible special price. Folks, for less than what you would pay for a motel notel on South Main where you battle the roaches, and rats, and god knows what else for one night for less money than you would spend for one of those places, you'll get a night at the Radisson Friday at AfterWorld.

Folks, and I'm not ashamed to admit this, I'm a 50-year-old man. I'm not in the greatest of physical shape, let's put it that way.

JIMMY CARPER: Tell me, honey.

BIG ROY: They don't call me Big for endowments.

JIMMY CARPER: Unless we're talking about your thighs.

BIG ROY: Or a little bit higher up, the waistline.

CHRIS ARASIN: Right, I'll just put it the same way I do, OK? I'm big in all the wrong places.

BIG ROY: There you go. At any rate, And I was so self-conscious about going last year, but I went.

CHRIS ARASIN: Oh god, did you take the yellow shorts?

BIG ROY: No, I didn't.

CHRIS ARASIN: Thank god.

BIG ROY: But I had a fabulous time. And folks, and there's going to be a lot of straight folks there, and I was paranoid. I was scared. In fact, I wore this very t-shirt.

CHRIS ARASIN: For the people at home who can't see his t-shirt, who is all of them, it's a simple t-shirt with a rainbow going through an outline of Texas. Remember, we do radio by a rule because if we did television, that'd be definitely be an obscene show.

BIG ROY: But at any rate, I was very self-conscious. I didn't think, oh my god, all these great people. I thought it was going to be horrendous.

Absolutely wrong. The straight folks were very friendly and very encouraging. Folks, shill out that little extra money. You'll be so glad you did. I'm getting the wrap up sign from Jimmy after he took 10 minutes of my time. He's putting me on--

CHRIS ARASIN: Oh shut up.

BIG ROY: But that's OK. So that's it for this week's edition of After Hours News and Views.

CHRIS ARASIN: If you want to send us news, information, stories, love mail, hate mail--

JIMMY CARPER: Dirty pictures.

BIG ROY: --thank you, Jimmy.

CHRIS ARASIN: That was Jimmy's fault. So you can email us at afterhourskpft@hotmail.com. You are listening to *After Hours*, Queer Radio with Attitude, on 90.1 FM Houston 80--

JIMMY CARPER: 89.1.

CHRIS ARASIN: I can never remember the College Station people. I need to go out and apologize to them. 89.1 College Station. We're the sound of Texas, and it is marathon, and we need your pledge of support.

JIMMY CARPER: We sure do.

BIG ROY: Roy has not filled out much paperwork tonight.

JIMMY CARPER: No, he hasn't. In fact, he hasn't filled out any, has he?

BIG ROY: And I haven't closed the new show yet. Thank you very much.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh OK, thank you.

CHRIS ARASIN: Now what?

BIG ROY: That's it for this week's edition of *After Hours News and Views*. I want to thank everyone for listening in. And who knows what kind of craziness we're going to have next week? Of course, Chris says I'm holding him back from being able to put himself on *News and Views*.

CHRIS ARASIN: You know what? All those times I said I missed him while he was gone?

BIG ROY: The bitch is back.

CHRIS ARASIN: God, I am regretting I ever said that. Till next time.

BIG ROY: That's it, folks.

JIMMY CARPER: Are they like an old married couple or what?

BIG ROY: I haven't done that to you, Chris, in two and a half months. I had to get it out.

JIMMY CARPER: Please, let's not go there.

CHRIS ARASIN: Oh yeah, don't let it out. See you next month. OK, it's time for--

WOMAN: Howdy Doody time.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, just about Howdy Doody time. In addition to Paul's wonderful donation, we've got very generous contribution from Janna.

HOST 2: Yes, very nice.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, very nice.

HOST 2: I was impressed.

JIMMY CARPER: I was impressed too.

HOST 1: Come by and drop it off. I wish I could stay.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh cool.

FEMALE HOST: Oh, maybe I will.

HOST 1: I wish I could be here personally.

JIMMY CARPER: And you can join those two in being the contributors to this week's membership drive of *After Hours* in KPFT by calling 7135265738526 KPFT. There's all kinds of levels that you can pledge, and at those levels, you get goodies. Whoever talks to you can tell you about them. It goes from bumper stickers, to coffee mugs, t-shirts, CD cases, and now the new one, KPFT festival chair.

FEMALE HOST: Festival chair?

JIMMY CARPER: That's what they call it.

FEMALE HOST: Can you fill me in on this one?

HOST 1: With a cup holder.

JIMMY CARPER: A black folding canvas chair.

FEMALE HOST: Oh, like a director's chair or something?

HOST 2: Something like a director's chair with a cupholder, and it's got its own carrying bag. Oh, the Pride Pack.

JIMMY CARPER: What's that?

HOST 2: Isn't that wonderful? The KPFT Pride Pack consists of a mouse pad, a t-shirt, keychain, and a CD case.

JIMMY CARPER: Wow, that's all for \$2.50.

HOST 2: That's right.

FEMALE HOST: That's awesome. That's an apartment for a small road.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. Now, when you get up to the big money, Leadership Circle members--

[INTERPOSING VOICES].

Yeah, those are the big ones. That's \$500. And I'm very proud that--

HOST 2: Definitely do your own office for now.

JIMMY CARPER: I'm very proud that in the past, *After Hours* has had two Leadership Circle members.

HOST 1: Wonderful.

FEMALE HOST: That's nice.

HOST 1: Yes, thank you very much.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, that is really wonderful news. And we'd like to have a whole group of them because with the Leadership Circle, you get tickets to the concerts that go on in the backyard. And so we could have a little *After Hours* party there.

HOST 2: Yeah, they've got some good concerts back there. They had some of the Cajun music back there, and let me tell you, they were popping.

HOST 1: That means you'll take them through the new door in the back.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right, that's exactly right. And speaking of faithful listeners, here's one who just walked in.

TOM Hi, Jimmy.

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: Why don't you cut the mics on in that other room, Tom? Tom Richards?

HOST 2: Oh look, it's Tom. Hi, Tom.

TOM Hi.

RICHARDS:

HOST 2: Good to see you. I haven't seen you in years, Tom.

TOM Oh, I just wanted to come down and donate, Jimmy.

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: Well, thank you.

HOST 2: Wonderful.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, you have been listening to this show for years, and years, and years, and years, and years, and you've contributed whenever you can. Yes, this is certainly not the first. And what does this show mean to you, Tom?

TOM Well, let me go back to the ancient times. When gay radio first started with *Wildenstein*, do you remember that?

RICHARDS: And it has progressed on, and on, and now we have this show here. And it really meant a lot to me then, and it really means a lot to me now. And I do love the community. I don't like some of the things that go on in the community.

HOST 1: Just like family.

JIMMY CARPER: And I think it's because we're so diverse.

TOM But I do love the gay community it is it's a very viable community. It's a very alive community. And of course, the

RICHARDS: old friends that I have, which you guys are members in, which includes right now-- I'll be down also tomorrow during Ray's show and donate the same amount that I did for y'all.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh boy, thank you, thank you.

TOM But I do this for each individual show because I want them to know that I support that particular show. And **After**

RICHARDS: *Hours* and the present show, although I'm not fond of it--

HOST 1: Not yet.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

TOM But it's just because of the great work that Ray Hill has brought.

RICHARDS:

CHRIS ARASIN: You bet. You bet.

TOM But I do love the show, and it does mean a lot. And to the young listeners out there-- and I'm just an old fart, OK?

RICHARDS: Matter of fact, I turned 58 today.

JIMMY CARPER: Today?

HOST 1: Happy happy.

HOST 2: Happy birthday.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh my god, you and Bobby both.

HOST 2: Bobby turned 50 today?

JIMMY CARPER: No, but it's his birthday, Bobby Pagano who's usually here.

TOM And also, I come down, Jimmy, not only to donate, but to say we do have our barbecue tomorrow, and of course,

RICHARDS: it will be over there about 1 o'clock.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, at my house?

TOM Yeah, but you don't get up until 2 o'clock or thereabouts.

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: I'll be up for sloppy seconds.

TOM But I do love the show, Jimmy.

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: Thank you, Tom.

TOM And I have for a long time. And I do count you as a real brother, and you and your sister.

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: And Tom's one of the reprobates of the gay community.

TOM Yes.

RICHARDS:

HOST 1: And we need the--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY CARPER: He loves the community. He doesn't understand gay Republicans, but hey.

FEMALE HOST: But I remember I don't understand gay Republicans either.

TOM But believe it or not, I do have a couple of real, dear friends that are gay Republican, that are veteran.

RICHARDS:

FEMALE HOST: What's wrong with it?

TOM Yeah, they have been very active in the gay community. Yeah, and I'm not ashamed to--

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: No, I know what you mean. I know what you mean. We are a diverse community. We are unique in that we cover all spectrum.

HOST 2: Cover all perspectives.

TOM I have had people who have called me conservative. I've had people who have even called me a moderate, and

RICHARDS: some have even guessed me to be a liberal. But no one, no one, has ever called me a damn Republican.

HOST 2: Yeah, me neither.

TOM They've called me everything else but never a Republican.

RICHARDS:

HOST 2: I know it.

TOM Yeah, but I do have some Republicans that are dear friends within our community. And although I may not agree

RICHARDS: with them most of the time, at times, I do find myself agreeing with them.

HOST 1: Tom, you pointed out something really interesting, was the *Wildenstein* program that I think both *Gay and Lesbian Voices* and *After Hours* are the spawn of, because that was the only program in town. And when I got here in 1979, I turned on the radio and found after-- I found KPFT, because it had all the diverse music, and it really attracted me.

And one day I stumbled on the Wildenstein show, and it really was the thing that got me through the first couple of months being here, alone, not knowing anybody, not knowing where anything was at, not knowing how to find out all these things. So it was a very important part to my debutante. in Houston

TOM Also, Pride Month. Pride Month is coming up real quick.

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, it is.

TOM OK, real quick.

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: As a matter of fact, the opening for Pride Month is the Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival which starts Thursday. Starts Thursday night, yes, yes,

HOST 2: That's going to be exciting. I saw the list of some of the films and was reading the short synopsis. I'm really, really impressed.

JIMMY CARPER: It's incredible, the number of films that are going to be shown.

HOST 2: And not just people have this idea. It's just stories about gay people. It's not necessarily just fiction drama. The one we were talking about earlier is a documentary with some--

JIMMY CARPER: Of a living legend.

HOST 2: Exactly, one of the people that we should remember very, very much.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

TOM Look, if the Christians can have Christmas from Labor Day till 25 December, then at least we can have a month

RICHARDS: and a half of Pride.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

HOST 2: And if they don't like it, we'll take it, anyway.

TOM I don't care whether they like it or not.

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: Actually, Bobby called, and he apologized for not being here. This is one of--

FEMALE HOST: He's partying.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, except for this science fiction convention, this is probably the only time--

FEMALE HOST: What? Where is that at?

JIMMY CARPER: Well, he goes every year.

FEMALE HOST: Where?

JIMMY CARPER: I don't know where it is.

FEMALE HOST: Jesus, how did I miss that?

JIMMY CARPER: You've got to get in touch with Bobby. He's always here, because he's like the first unofficial co-host.

FEMALE HOST: OK.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, Bobby's always got a little something to say, and I have used to many times, hey, tell me about this. Anyway, he's worn out celebrating his birthday, so I hope he got laid.

FEMALE HOST: I hope so too.

JIMMY CARPER: Lucky. And he's been doing that since 7 o'clock in the morning.

HOST 2: Well, even if he didn't get laid.

HOST 1: I just don't believe it, Bobby, every time he comes here, he tells me he hasn't been laid in seven months. I don't believe it.

JIMMY CARPER: I know it.

FEMALE HOST: I just know he does. I just know he's getting more often than, say, seven or eight months. One time he tried tell me it was two years. Oh yeah, give me a break.

JIMMY CARPER: I've got a piece of music that I want to play. It's a celebration type piece of music. It also is a piece of music that was done by the originator of this show, Buddy Johnston, and was featured--

HOST 1: Yay, Buddy, standing ovation.

JIMMY CARPER: --on this way out.

HOST 1: He's in San Francisco?

JIMMY CARPER: He's in San Francisco.

FEMALE HOST: Probably listening.

JIMMY CARPER: He may be. You never know. Since we're on the internet, you never know who's listening. Yes, my good old Stanley could be listening. Yeah, that's right, that's right.

HOST 2: If there is a god.

JIMMY CARPER: Anyway, let's see what this is.

TOM Well, I forgot.

RICHARDS:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, coming out of hiding.

TOM But she is here somewhere.

RICHARDS:

HOST 2: She is here.

JIMMY CARPER: She is here. And I'm going to play that right now. And while I'm playing this, and this is for Bobby and for Tom. You can give us a call at 7135265738526 KPFT. And Chris came running in here.

CHRIS ARASIN: Well, we just got a phone call from Bobby. The answer to your question is no, did not get laid.

JIMMY CARPER: See, I don't believe him.

WOMAN: But it's National Masturbation Month.

JIMMY CARPER: That's what I told him. Oh, National Masturbation Month, OK.

CHRIS ARASIN: Well, see, considering his past relations now, I said, were you beat off at least? He said, no, and then he said--

JIMMY CARPER: Wait, beat off?

CHRIS ARASIN: Beat off, no, no beat off. And then I informed him it was National Masturbation Month and just keep a hand up and everything.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go.

WOMAN: Sometimes he just has to be entertained.

CHRIS ARASIN: But he loves us all.

JIMMY CARPER: OK, and so for Bobby, here it goes.

The soldiers began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall, on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village.

I want you to say it so they can hear you in the chapel. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back.

PROTESTER 1: I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the Lesbian and Gay Rights March, the official count is over 500,000 Stonewalls.

HARVEY MILK: must destroy the myths once and for all, shatter them. We must speak out, and most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Standing in the shadow too long. Waiting on the sidelines too long. Boy, I've been watching you. Now you're going to watch me too. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding.

It's no mystery how you missed me for so long, but that's history. You've been so wrong for so long. Boy, I've been wanting you. now you're going to want me too. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding.

ELDERLY It's all right. You may all come out.

WOMAN:

MAN: Be queer.

PROTESTER 2: When do we want it?

CROWD: Now.

PROTESTER 2: What do we want?

CROWD: Gay rights.

PROTESTER 2: When do we want it?

CROWD: Now.

PROTESTER 2: What do we want?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Standing in the shadow too long. Waiting on the sidelines for too long. Watching and wanting you, now you're going to want me too. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding, coming out of hiding and looking for somebody like you, coming out of hiding, coming on the run, coming for nobody like you. Coming out of hiding, coming out of hiding, coming.