

**"TYING THE KNOT"**

**COMPLETE DIALOG LIST**

**TITLE CARD**

New York City

**TITLE CARD**

The city clerk threatens to sue churches performing gay holy unions.

**TITLE CARD**

In protest, the Gay Activists Alliance stages a wedding reception in the clerk's office.

**OFF SCREEN**

Would you like to meet the happy couple?

**PROTESTERS**

Gay power! What have we got!? Gay power!

**ARTHUR EVANS**

You're welcome to attend if you like, free coffee.

**CLERK**

You can't come into a private office and start disturbing..

**ARTHUR EVANS**

Herman Katz has slandered the gay community of New York. This is not a question of making appointments, we are here demanding retraction of this slander and demanding that he represent gay people who pay his taxes, and we are not going to take 'no' for an answer from anybody. Do you want an invitation to our reception? Here, you're invited.

**CAPTION**

Arthur Evans  
Founding Member GAA

**ARTHUR EVANS**

Oh this is definitely the marriage bureau, but it's been taken over by the Gay Activist Alliance. Your mother and dad want to get married? Are they gay? Oh, I'm sorry, we can't help you.

**MAN**

Any comment?

**WOMAN**

I just hope they're very happy.

**MAN**

Right on.

**OFF SCREEN**

Marriage is a basic human right.

**TITLE CARD**

1,049films presents

**OFF SCREEN**

Marriage is very simple, a union between one man and one woman...

**OFF SCREEN**

If the biological basis for marriage is removed...

**OFF SCREEN**

...not two men, or three men, or four men...

**OFF SCREEN**

...the next generation growing up will no longer understand what marriage is.

**TITLE CARD**

A film by Jim de Sève

**SIGN**

"Homo sex is sin"

**OFF SCREEN**

It is an issue that is being used by the homosexual extremists to divide America.

**OFF SCREEN**

The institution of marriage is about love, commitment and mutual responsibility.

**TITLE CARD**

Tying the Knot

**OFF SCREEN**

And what it shows is that we are on a slope that leads to no standards and no relationships...

**OFF SCREEN**

As I listen to the dire predictions...

**TITLE CARD**

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**GEORGE W. BUSH**

Our nation must defend the sanctity of marriage.

**INTERVIEWER**

How do you feel about same-sex marriages?

**MAN WITH CAP**

What do you mean same-sex, like man and woman or...

**INTERVIEWER**

Like two women getting married, or two men getting married,  
wanting to share their life together.

**MAN WITH CAP**

No problem. I really don't have a problem with that. If they love  
each other, that's the main thing. That's the main issue, and  
that they will respect each other.

**MAN IN BLACK AND WHITE JACKET**

Same sex?

**MAN IN RED JACKET**

It's up to the person.

**INTERVIEWER**

Like if two women want to get married.

**MAN IN BLACK AND WHITE JACKET**

Two women?

**MAN IN RED JACKET**

It's up to the person I think.

**INTERVIEWER**

Or two men.

**MAN IN BLUE JACKET**

But, it's like, no way.

**MAN IN BLACK AND WHITE JACKET**

Two men?

**MAN IN RED JACKET**

Personally I wouldn't do it, but it's up to the person. If the person feels that they could feel, you know, like they really love this person and they want to settle down with this person then it's up to them.

**TITLE CARD**

Mickie and Lois

**MICKIE**

I'm so glad you're here. I can't stand it. I have been so nervous.

**MICKIE**

Honey I love you. It won't be long if we're so lucky. Lois, you have got to take this to her.

**CAPTION**

Home video 1991

**MICKIE**

I started at the police department in 1985, and when I first met her I was a 'rookie' as they call them, and going through the program, and she'd had a couple of years on and was probably one of the best females that was employed by the Tampa police department. We did a lot of things together, sporting events, spring training, taking trips to go watch baseball games. I mean there was just so much excitement, so much in common, it was like we complemented each other.

**CAPTION**

Mickie Mashburn  
Tampa Police Officer

**LOIS**

Where's my baby?

**MICKIE**

In here, goodbye honey, I love you.

**FRIEND**

If you guys knew how close you were right now.

**MICKIE**

Lois and I both went to MCC in St. Petersburg Florida, and I said well you need to go to classes, you need to understand the commitment that you're making. They said, you know, set the date, let us know and you're ready to go forward and that's what we did. We went out, we had dinner, and when that was through they drove off with her, and I go home and I'm like, wow. I was lost! I mean you know, you're with somebody 24 hours a day, you go to work they're at work, you can talk to them, and I go home and she's not there. I was nervous, but I was so happy, I looked at her and said god I am so lucky. It was coming from the heart; it was coming from her heart, the smile on her face. I'm going to tell you, that was the happiest day of my life.

**OFF SCREEN**

The future of same-sex marriages in Massachusetts is now in the hands of the state supreme court.

**CAPTION**

The Marriage Debate  
March 2003

**PLAINTIFF LINDA DAVIES**

For 32 years I've loved Gloria and wanted to marry her, and I think that after today I will finally be able to do that.

**NEWSCASTER**

Linda Davies and Gloria Bailey had their day in court today, one of seven gay and lesbian couples that went before the supreme judicial court to argue for the right to marry in Massachusetts.

**MARY BONAUTO**

...but the state is saying Hillary may not marry Julie Goodridge...

**NEWSCASTER**

Attorney Mary Bonauto argued the right to marry the person of one's choice is protected under the state constitution.

**MARY BONAUTO**

We're talking about people who don't have equality under the law and should have it because all citizens in this state are born free and equal.

**STATE ATTORNEY**

The state wants to encourage this model of marriage with one parent of each sex.

**PLAINTIFF DAVID WILSON**

I have always felt discrimination as a black man, but certainly now as a gay man in a relationship.

**NEWSCASTER**

Now if the high court agrees with the plaintiffs, Massachusetts would be the first state to legalize marriage rights for gays and lesbians. A decision is not expected for several months, though.

**CAPTION**

Rural Oklahoma 2003

**CAPTION**

Angus Cow Association Annual Meeting

**MAN IN BLUE SHIRT**

If it wasn't for marriage it would be a hell of a different society out here. The grounds for the society we've got now is marriage.

**SAM**

In some respects I think you're matched up long before you ever meet.

**MAN IN BROWN SHIRT**

Oh certainly it serves a function. You're kind of ostracized if you're not married when you go to parties, dances. It lets the other people know that you belong.

**SAM**

If you can't take your partner for granted and know what they're going to do, you might as well call it quits to start with. I know a lot of women who say, "oh I don't want to be taken for

granted, I don't want to get married and be taken for granted." If you don't want to be taken for granted, you don't want to be married. You have to be able to do it, because that's trust.

**INTERVIEWER**

What about two women getting married? Or two men getting married?

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**FARMER IN COWBOY HAT**

I wouldn't call that a marriage. Marriage is between a man and a wife. A man and a woman. To me that's all that marriage is. I can't imagine anything different.

**SAM**

I was sitting on a pier on the Arkansas River, sitting there watching the water go by one day. Beautiful day. He walked up behind me. We sat and talked until 2 o'clock in the morning. It just kind of went on from there.

**JAMES DOBSON**

This fad that is sweeping the world right now is dangerous because it undermines the legal basis for marriage.

**SENATOR BILL FRIST**

Marriage is very simple, a union between one man and one woman. Not two men, or three men, or four men.

**CAPTION**

Bill Frist  
Senate Majority Leader

**ANTI-GAY PROTESTER**

It's liberty and justice for all, people have the right to believe what they want, but the fact is, is it right what they believe?

**CONNIE RESS**

The reality is our families do exist, and we're at the point now we need the government to recognize that, we need the laws to catch up with that reality.

**CAPTION**

Connie Ress  
Marriage Equality

**BRIAN BROWN**

A man and a woman social scientists have shown again and again are in the best interests of children, and therefore, in the best interests of society.

**CAPTION**

Brian Brown  
Family Institute of Connecticut

**EVAN WOLFSON**

Marriage is a choice that does not turn on having children. Nobody is required to have children in order to get married, but at the same time people who do want to get married, who are raising children, ought to be allowed to do so, and that includes lesbians and gay men.

**CAPTION**

Evan Wolfson  
Freedom to Marry

**JAMES DOBSON**

That will destroy the family, which will destroy the nation.

**SENATOR PHIL GRAMM**

Are we so wise today that we are ready to reject 5000 years of recorded history? I don't think so.

**CAPTION**

Senator Phil Gramm  
Republican - Texas

**EJ GRAFF**

What I have to talk about is the big lie of the family values debate, the idea that marriage has ever been some solid, static, immovable thing and that it has stayed that way for 6000 years. In fact, marriage has constantly been a political battleground, constantly shifting to suit each culture and class, each era and economy.

**CAPTION**

EJ Graff  
Author, "What is Marriage For?"

**EJ GRAFF**

For the first 1000 years of Christianity it considered marriage a secular institution, and not until 1215 did the Catholic Church

declare marriage a sacrament. Traditionally the engagement feast was when you signed, witnessed and notarized the marriage contract, and the marriage ceremony was when you actually exchanged property. This is back in an era when there were only two ways of making a living --land and labor. If your family has property, they find another family with which to exchange it, or if you're from the class of butchers and bakers and candle stick makers, then you find someone else who will be your business partner lifelong. So a farmer required a farmwife --couldn't bring in the eggs otherwise. Fishermen required a fishwife or you couldn't get the goods to market. Certain German guilds would not let a man become a master until he had a wife who would feed the apprentices and keep the books and run the shop. Feudal marriage is traditional marriage, and the proverb was "he who marries for love has good nights and bad days". You don't have any money if you don't marry a stable partner who knows how to take care of the vineyards, which is a very specialized skill. You're going to starve. You have to marry your cousin and a half who has the next vineyard over, because you know she's a stable worker and has been really well trained in exactly the techniques that you already have, or that she has exactly the half a house that will match to your half a house that you're going to inherit so that you and your brother in law can swap and have a whole house. So when people marry for money in traditional marriage, they're not doing it for venal reasons, they're not doing it to get rich, they're doing it to not starve.

When men get shoved out of the house and go off to work in factories or as owners of factories or as entrepreneurs, then marriage is suddenly shaken free of its meaning. Suddenly all that's left is affection and love and sex. So then you start getting these hymns to love and these hymns to motherhood and "love and marriage, love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage". That's the new radical marriage model. As people begin to make a living independently, without a wife, without a husband, just based on their talents and personal effort, so does marriage change. Once you can make your own living you can also choose your own partner. Now we talk about love first and money last.

**CAPTION**

Tampa, Florida  
2001

**KAREN DOERING**

They'd robbed a bank right down the street here, and apparently they'd come back this way, came into the parking lot. Lois got the call that they were headed this way, she was right around the

corner. When she came out, they just gunned her down. They shot her in the neck.

**CAPTION**

Karen Doering  
National Center for Lesbian Rights

**OFF SCREEN**

Five hundred and it's going to be for an officer situation.

**KAREN DOERING**

She literally bled to death.

**OFF SCREEN**

Officer Lois Marrero, 19 years on the force, died at Tampa general hospital.

**KAREN DOERING**

Lois and Mickie had just celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**MICKIE**

It's just a tragedy that occurred. If I would have been in that place, my perspective the same thing would have happened to me.

**INTERVIEWER**

Probably any officer?

**MICKIE**

Any officer that had been in her shoes that day the same ending would have occurred.

**OFF SCREEN**

Do I have officer Lois M. Marrero on frequency? Units be advised that 327 officer Lois M. Marrero is 10.7 for the remainder. She will never be forgotten. May she rest in peace, and god bless.

**TITLE CARD**

After Lois's death, Mickie took over Lois's share of their household debt.

**DANIEL CASTILLO**

In as much as Mickie enjoyed a caring relationship with her partner, Lois Marrero, she has decided to seek the surviving spouse benefits, as well as Lois's contribution to the pension

fund. Moreover, she strongly feels that this is what Lois would have wanted.

**CAPTION**

Daniel Castillo  
Mickie's Attorney

**REPORTER**

Do you think Lois's family will support you in this effort?

**MICKIE**

Yes m'am I do.

**KAREN DOERING**

Shortly after Lois was killed the community, the family, everybody rallied around Mickie, and Mickie was treated as any other surviving spouse would be treated. The issue of money kind of got raised and the family suddenly turned on Mickie and began making all kinds of crazy allegations that Lois was allegedly having an affair with some woman in Texas.

**NEWSPAPER**

"More roommates than soul mates"

**NEWSPAPER**

"She was in love with somebody else..."

**BRENDA MARRERO**

And when we see someone claiming that something existed when it did not exist, then the family is going to stand up to that.

It's just a truth issue.

**CAPTION**

Brenda Marrero  
Lois's sister

**REPORTER**

If they were married and it was a heterosexual relationship though, and say that Lois was in love with someone else, this really wouldn't even be something we'd be talking about would it?

**BRENDA MARRERO**

You're correct. If the state did recognize same-sex unions and if the state also provided a means by which same-sex unions would be able to terminate, then this would not be an issue, so we're very much in support for same sex-unions to be recognized.

**CAPTION**

Tampa City Council Hearing

**WOMAN IN GREEN SHIRT**

I think it's long overdue. Sadly enough from the tragedy that happened a week ago we maybe should come to something that's fair to all our constituents and all our employees.

**MAN IN WHITE SHIRT**

We see it as a moral issue. You take this away, the next block to fall will be an argument with the state legislature that will argue in favor of same-sex marriages.

**MAN WITH TIE**

The morality is to do the right thing for the community, and do the right thing for every single person.

**MAN IN WHITE SHIRT**

The bible clearly states that god put together one man and a woman.

**MAN WITH TIE**

I don't believe in your god, so your god is not my god. I have a different god.

**DANIEL CASTILLO**

Many members of the pension fund, the people who actually have standing to say something, are writing letters in support of Mickie. We've got to convince 5 people on this board that we're right.

**CAPTION**

Hawaii 1993

**NINIA BAEHR**

Genora and I have been in love and engaged for 6 years. It's been a long engagement, and when we first applied for a marriage license, people told us we would never win, but now we are so close.

**TITLE CARD**

Hawaiian same-sex couples sue for the right to marry. The Hawaii Supreme Court rules same-sex couples may have the right to marry, under the state's constitution.

**TITLE CARD**

It sends the case back to the lower court for further hearings.

**NINIA BAEHR**

This means that we can care for each other not just emotionally, but legally and financially once we get married.

**REP. BOB BARR**

What the courts in Hawaii have done is saying that is not important, we're erasing 2000 years of human history and we're starting afresh, and I think they are starting afresh on a very shaky, immoral and unsatisfactory basis, and that is homosexual acts.

**CAPTION**

Rep. Bob Barr  
Republican - Georgia 1995 - 2003

**EVAN WOLFSON**

Today the court in Hawaii has struck a strong blow against discrimination in marriage based on sex, and it is enormously important for many many real life families and couples, who now stand on the brink of being able to do what every other American takes for granted, exercise the freedom to marry, the choice to marry the person they love.

**CAPTION**

Evan Wolfson  
Hawaii Plaintiffs' Attorney

**CAPTION**

Washington, D.C. 1996

**REP. BOB BARR**

The legislation before us today simply stands up and says, "enough is enough." The courts in Hawaii are going to recognize homosexual marriages and these groups are then going to take those marriage licenses, so-called marriage licenses, pieces of paper that purport to be marriage licenses, and come to the mainland. So in an exercise of responsibility, in an exercise of proper role of federalism, we have crafted the Defense of Marriage Act.

**CAPTION**

Rep Bob Barr  
Republican - Georgia

**TITLE CARD**

Defense of Marriage Act  
"DOMA"

**TITLE CARD**

Defines marriage as a man and a woman.

**TITLE CARD**

Allows states to not honor other states' marriages.

**TITLE CARD**

Denies same-sex couples over 1000 federal benefits.

**TITLE CARD**

Inheritance  
Veterans' benefits  
Immigration  
Hospital Visitation  
Insurance  
Social Security  
Marital Confidentiality

**REPRESENTATIVE STEVE GUNDERSON**

Why shouldn't my partner of 30 years be entitled to the same health insurance and survivor's benefits that individuals around here, my colleagues with second and third wives are able to give to them?

**CAPTION**

Same-sex marriages

**REPRESENTATIVE MAXINE WATERS**

Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to the so-called Defense of Marriage Act. We have a responsibility to represent all Americans as members of the House of Representatives. Let us not be guided by prejudice, ignorance and fear. Let us not use a segment of our population to employ a political strategy for this election year.

**CAPTION**

Rep. Maxine Waters  
Democrat - California

**PROTESTERS**

Gay rights now! Gay rights now! Gay rights now!

**WHITE HOUSE SPEAKER MIKE MCCURRY**

The president has a personal belief related to marriage and what it is and he has to act consistent with the personal belief.

**PROTESTOR'S SIGN**

"Traitor"

**PROTESTER**

This is the greatest civil rights issue of the decade. It's about human rights, it's about civil rights, and Clinton has turned his back on us.

**TITLE CARD**

Weeks before his 1996 re-election, Bill Clinton signed DOMA into law.

**TITLE CARD**

Clinton's campaign ran ads on Christian radio declaring him the "family values" candidate who stood up to the homosexual lobby.

**TITLE CARD**

In 1998, the Hawaiian legislature proposed a constitutional amendment to restrict marriage to different-sex couples.

**TITLE CARD**

Voters passed the amendment by 69%.

**SAM**

Oldest boy, youngest, and middle one. "Granpa's Farm." Grandkids made that and I kept it. That's their school pictures and this one here they had to get it at Walmart. So I have to put a frame up there for that. And that, of course, is Earl.

**INTERVIEWER**

So when you were with Doris did you know that you had an interest in men?

**SAM**

Yeah. Well, not when I met her, I didn't.

**INTERVIEWER**

Were you trying to be straight?

**SAM**

Oh, after I came back from Vietnam I didn't try. When I came back, we stayed together for about a year and decided to call it quits. I got custody of the boys. She didn't mind.

**INTERVIEWER**

What do you think is the difference: you've been married to a woman and to a man?

**SAM**

Other than sex, not one damn thing.  
Me and her were married for 11 years. Me and he were married for 23 years.

When me and her got married, he looked at me and he said, "do you take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife?" I said, "I will". He looked at her and said, "Do you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband?" She said, "I will." He said, "I pronounce you man and wife. Now greet your bride." That was it. With Earl it was just a private little thing between the two of us about 10.30- 10.45 at night. We sat there and did our vows. And we just agreed to be one. Till death do you apart. Wish he were here. Wouldn't have all the problems I've been having now.

**CAPTIONS**

Wouldn't have all the problems I've been having now.

**CAPTION**

Tampa Police Pension Hearing

**CAPTION**

Karen Doering, National Center for Lesbian Rights

**KAREN DOERING**

You have an obligation to follow the law, and the law requires that in your pension plan, you do not discriminate based on marital status. This pension policy currently provides a certain benefit to a married person who is killed in the line of duty and their spouse receives a certain pension benefit, a substantial pension benefit. A person in Officer Mashburn's situation whose marriage is not yet recognized by the laws in Florida, they are denied that same benefit that a heterosexual married couple is granted.

You have the opportunity now to resolve this situation by awarding her the pension benefits that are due her as a surviving spouse. Thank you.

**MICKIE MASHBURN**

Next week, as a matter of fact, next Wednesday makes it 8 months that Lois had been dead and I honestly believe in my heart that I have not grieved yet. I both basically have had to sit back and defend myself from every angle, defend my relationship, defend, you know, our life together, and that's so sad.

**PENSION HEARING OFFICER**

The legal opinions that Mr. Roper has rendered and when I read the policy I believe that the heirs of her pension benefit should be the estate and I'm going to make a motion that we deny Miss Mashburn's request for pension benefits.

**OFF SCREEN**

All in favor of the motion?  
All those opposed?  
Motion carries unanimously.

**CAPTION**

Martin Bubbly, Marrero Family Attorney

**MARTIN BUBBLY**

Well, we will, as part of the estate, make our own formal claim and application to receive the pension benefits. We're relying strictly on what the law states, and again what the law states is that in the state of Florida, same sex marriages are not recognized for any purpose. I'm glad the board gave the same honor and dignity to honor the law and follow the law as Officer Marrero did in dedicating her life to enforcing the law. You can't have it both ways.

**REPORTER**

But don't you agree...

**MARTIN BUBBLY**

Pardon me?

**REPORTER**

She dedicated her life to Mickie Mashburn too, and that's being dishonored.

**MARTIN BUBBLY**

Well how's that being dishonored?

**MICKIE**

Wasn't surprised by what happened. I was already prepared for that. I am ready to move forward with my attorneys and all I can say is let's go to the future and see what happens. Thank you very much.

**REPORTER**

What is the future? What are you going to fight for? What's ahead now?

**MICKIE**

Thank you, thank you very much.

**CAPTION**

1970s EDUCATIONAL FILM

**OFF SCREEN**

The heart of a marriage is the need of two people to share a life, warmly and closely and forever. Even with this very strong motivation, both of them will have to make the compromises that are inevitable before two people, any two people can live together in harmony.

**CAPTION**

Holland, 2001

**INTERVIEWER**

So how did it come that you do all the cooking?

**CAPTION**

TON AND LOUIS

**LOUIS**

He has this wonderful talent, and I don't.

**TON**

You know on television people said that every man had to cook one day a week so that a wife can stay one day, no cooking, can sit down, have a drink. And so I said to him he must cook one day a week, but he doesn't do it. What can you do?

**TON**

This is my room. He has his room over there.

**INTERVIEWER**

So you're not sleeping in the same bed?

**TON**

No. He cannot sleep with me. He gets hot and warm.

**LOUIS**

He's snoring all the time.

**LOUIS**

Marriage is the most intimate bond two people can ever get into, and if you really love each other, that's what you want, don't you?

**TON**

We are together for 36 years, so I think we have the right to marry.

**TITLE CARD**

On April 1, 2001 Holland changed its laws to define marriage as "any two consenting adults."

**TITLE CARD**

Eighty five percent of the Dutch population supported the legislation.

**TITLE CARD**

The Mayor of Amsterdam performed the first legally recognized same sex marriages.

**CAPTION**

Amsterdam City Hall

**LOUIS**

It was like a haze, I felt like this was not really happening.

**CAPTION**

Amsterdam Gay Pride Day

**DUTCHWOMAN**

It's very happy. Everybody is waving at you, everybody is happy. It's just nice. It's a big party. It's a beautiful day, the sun is shining. It's wonderful.

**DUTCHMAN WITH COWBOY HAT**

I guess it's hard to be married when you're gay, you know.

**INTERVIEWER**

Well, I guess, but not in Holland.

**DUTCHMAN WITH COWBOY HAT**

No, but I mean just being married and be gay is hard.

**INTERVIEWER**

What do you think the difference is?

**DUTCHMAN WITH COWBOY HAT**

It's much more difficult than in a straight relationship.

**INTERVIEWER**

Can you expound on that?

**DUTCHMAN WITH COWBOY HAT**

Oh you know.

**INTERVIEWER**

Put you on the spot?

**DUTCHMAN WITH COWBOY HAT**

I don't know.

**WOMAN**

You know, we're not all gay here, so you can ask me.

**THE OTHER DUTCHMAN**

Why's it easier for you, tell us?

**DUTCHWOMAN**

Hello. Why's it easier for me, darling? Why is it more easy for me? I don't understand what you're saying now.

**DUTCHMAN WITH COWBOY HAT**

I don't know. I think it's harder to keep a gay relationship more steady than a straight relationship, you know.

**THE OTHER MAN**

You have to prove yourself.

**DUTCHMAN WITH COWBOY HAT**

Yes

**INTERVIEWER**

What about guys who get married? Do you think they'll have longer more committed relationships?

**DUTCHMAN WITH COWBOY HAT**

No. I think that's bullshit. It's just a piece of paper.

**DUTCHMAN WITH DARK GLASSES**

I don't believe in that. We saw two friends of ours, they got married a year ago. Now, they got divorced.

**DUTCHWOMAN**

It's happening to straight people as well. I mean it's so normal. So, you're only watching the gay people, I think. Because, I mean, straight people have problems as well.

**CAPTION**

Kees Waaldjik, University of Leiden

**KEES WAALDIJK**

There has been a trend that less people wanted to marry. They just wanted to cohabit. And marriage therefore became less important. You would think that people in support of marriage would be happy that now other couples want to join the institution of marriage. If more people joined marriage, marriage would be stronger and last longer and be a more important social phenomenon.

**CAPTION**

Vinco and Adjiedj

**ADJIEDJ**

When we drove with the marriage car to the city, there was this bunch of old ladies from the southern part of Lindbergh, and they were doing a bicycle tour to Amsterdam. And they stopped when they saw us. "A marriage, a gay marriage." And they all startled and they waved and they wanted the cake.

**VINCO**

They wanted to know everything.

**ADJIEDJ**

Yes. "Where is the marriage? Can we come by to have a drink?" It was fantastic! These old ladies, in their sixties, in their flower skirts, from the South, very Catholic, staunch Catholics, and they just loved it.

**VINCO**

Also one of the reasons we wanted to marry is that you arrange all sorts of legal affairs in one stroke. And that is easy for inheritance, but also for visiting rights in hospitals.

**ADJIEDJ**

Traveling together.

**VINCO**

Traveling, tax.

Business trips, tax, disasters, Social Security, everything.

**ADJIEDJ**

In Holland, we have a saying that a country, a great civilization, you can judge by the way it treats its minorities. And if it treats its minorities well, then it is a civilized country.

**SAM**

There are Earl's house shoes. Still got them. That's one of them.

**INTERVIEWER**

You guys slept in the same bed?

**SAM**

Yes

**INTERVIEWER**

Well I know some couples don't.

**SAM**

I slept right there. He slept right here. Until he got sick, then he moved over there and I moved over here, because he could get to the bathroom easier.

I was looking for his living will because the hospital wanted it.

I found it the day after he passed away. But I had found his will. But later the nurse at the hospital said they wouldn't have needed it anyway because they couldn't save him. Here's the feed.

**SAM**

The people who you trusted and thought were your really good friends. Then you get a letter like that from them.

**SAM'S ATTORNEY, MARK HAMBY**

And basically they're attempting to steal the estate from Sam.

**TITLE CARD**

When he died, Earl left everything to Sam.

**TITLE CARD**

But Earl's cousin Betty Lou led a band of cousins to challenge Earl's will.

**CAPTION**

C.R.

Sam and Earl's youngest son

**C.R.**

This is dad's home. They built this house. When Dad and Earl got together, there was nothing standing here, nothing: no barns, no house, nothing. Dad and Earl designed this house. They designed those barns, they had them built. Dad put his blood sweat and tears into this place, just like Earl did. And I don't think it's right that his cousins can come in here and say, "just because we're related, we got blood kinship, we can just come in and take this place."

**SAM**

Because it didn't have two signatures besides his, it only had one notary public, they're claiming it's not a legal will. Although everybody agreed it was his signature. Nobody contested that one bit. It was his signature on the will.

**CAPTION**

Mark Hamby, Sam's Attorney

**MARK HAMBY**

Because it's two men, there's no way to have a marital relationship that the law would recognize so these cousins, who donated nothing, had no contact basically with Earl for these last twenty years, are going to be unjustly enriched.

**TITLE CARD**

Citing the technical error, the courts awarded Earl's estate to Betty Lou and the cousins instead of Sam.

**CAPTION**

Kenneth, Sam and Earl's eldest son

**KENNEGTH**

Hey, Dad. You think it's about time to wear these things. You think it's close to time to wear these?

**SAM**

Yeah, those are ready.

**INTERVIEWER**

So how do you feel about this? I mean, really, if Earl and Sam could have got married then you would be...

**KENNEGTH**

Hey, they were married. The way I consider it is that they were married. I mean they lived together 22 years. That's pretty much married. You don't see many straight marriages that go past 15 years. Usually they just go at each other, start killing each other. Occasionally you see some old couples who've been married 35, 40 years. That's the way I felt. They were married, nothing to it. Just parents to me.

**INTERVIEWER**

What did you think of Earl?

**KENNEGTH**

He was cool. Businesslike but he was cool. Just hard to talk about...

**SAM**

Silly guinea. There we go. Birth of a guinea!

**SAM**

That's ... Dale, Kenneth, Doris, the boys' mother, Earl and me. And it does resemble all of us except this part here, and this. I've never worn a scarf around my neck in my life. I would consider that a bit on the Nellie side.

**INTERVIEWER**

So this where you might move if things go sour?

**SAM**

If everything goes sour this will be my home. I'll come and redo this over here. Nothing much else I can do.

**CAPTION**

Andrew Sullivan, Sr. Editor, The New Republic

**ANDREW SULLIVAN**

I'm really kind of amazed by how conservatives oppose this. Because this is, and was always understood as, a conservative measure. I mean, think of what marriage represents: taking responsibility, being fully a part of society, fidelity, commitment. It's tough. It requires sacrifice. It requires exactly those virtues and values that conservatives have always said they believe in.

**CAPTION**

James Dobson, Focus on the Family

**JAMES DOBSON**

I don't think homosexuals really want to marry. I think they want to destroy marriage and then recreate it according to their own interpretation, with all of the benefits but without the commitment that means so much to children..

**LARRY KING**

Why would they want to destroy marriage? If they want to destroy it, why would they want to be married?

**JAMES DOBSON**

I don't think they want to be married, most of them.

**CAPTION**

Los Angeles, 2003

**CAPTION**

Reverend Troy Perry, Founder, Metropolitan Community Church

**REV. TROY PERRY**

Today is Valentine's Day in Los Angeles, California and around the nation as well as our friends in Canada. We're going all out to our County Clerk's offices to get married. He and I have been together for 18 years. The one thing I want to do before we die is to marry legally.

**MALE COUPLE**

We just celebrated our 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We just feel we should be given the right to legally marry.

**MAN AT WINDOW**

What does the letter say? Is it a rejection letter?

**COUNTY CLERK OFFICER**

It says the clerk only issues marriage licenses only to an unmarried male and an unmarried female.

**MAN AT WINDOW**

OK, because we're both unmarried males.

Do you think gay people should be able to get married? I mean, you marry people everyday, right?

**COUNTY CLERK OFFICER**

Yeah. They should be allowed to get married.

**REV. TROY PERRY**

We want you to know that we'll be back next year on Valentine's Day again. And we'll encourage more and more people to come until we are able to marry in the state of California. We know it's not your fault.

**CAPTION**

The Sperbers, Members of PFLAG

**THE SPERBERS**

We have a son who is gay, who is in love with another man, and he can't get married anywhere in this country, and we want to know why our son is being discriminated against.

**CAPTION**

New York City

**FEMALE COUPLE**

It would be great if we got a license today. It really would be. I don't know if the city is ready but we've been ready.

**WOMAN WITH CAP AT WINDOW**

Yes, I'd like a marriage license application.

**COUNTY CLERK OFFICER**

Where are the bride and the groom? The bride and groom have to be together. Come on, dear, honey, come over here.

**WOMAN WITH CAP AT WINDOW**

That's us.

**COUNTY CLERK OFFICER**

Fill this form out and get in line all the way against the wall  
to my right.

**MAN**

Good morning, an application for a marriage license, please.

**SECRETARY**

Now you're really confusing me!

**MAN**

No, not at all.

**SECRETARY**

Bride and groom can get an application for a marriage license,  
but groom and groom..

**MAN**

Why not? My other two sisters - the other couple..

**SECRETARY**

I know, I'm getting confused here. They're coming up bride and  
bride and groom and groom.

**SUPERVISOR**

We need to get you a domestic..

**MAN'S PARTNER**

No, we want to get married

**MAN**

Right, we want a marriage

**SUPERVISOR**

You can have a domestic partnership.

**MAN'S PARTNER**

Yeah, we don't want to do that, we want to do this

**SUPERVISOR 2**

Unfortunately, you know, at this point, until we get a directive  
from above, we can't marry same-sex couples.

**CAPTION**

Sophia and Mirabelle

**SOPHIA**

It took bravery on both sides of the window 50 years ago to stop separate but equal laws in this country, and we're not even separate and equal. We're separate and unequal. Domestic partnership is very unequal to legal marriage. And he said, "this is the bottom of the totem pole, you have to work on the top." So as I left, I'm like, well, segregated coffee shops were the bottom of the totem pole.

**CAPTION**

Rev. Pat Bumgardner  
MCC Church

**REV. PAT BUMGARDNER**

It would help me to hear from you what you think it would cost you, for example, to run one application through as a...

**VICTOR ROBLES**

We won't do it.

**REV. PAT BUMGARDNER**

I know you won't, but I want to hear from you why, like what are the costs to you.

**VICTOR ROBLES**

Let me be clear - not what it costs me, that's not the issue.

**CAPTION**

Victor Robles  
New York City Clerk

**VICTOR ROBLES**

I am banned from issuing a license. Now, if I get an order from a court ordering me to give you a license, I have no if's or but's about it, I will do it.

**REV. PAT BUMGARDNER**

I understand that.

**VICTOR ROBLES**

But currently right now I cannot do that under the law.

**MAN 3**

You can kind of tell that the people are sympathetic, like it's no big deal in their lives, but it's an institutional thing that's been carried for years, and it's large. And also the kind of laziness that comes with bureaucracy, where it's just like, "well, I don't feel like changing it, you don't feel like changing it, go see the guy down the hall." And I guess this is just the way to do it, one little chip at a time. So..

**CAPTION**

Rep. John Lewis  
D-Georgia

**REP. JOHN LEWIS**

When I was growing up in the South, during the 40s and the 50s, the great majority of the people in that region believed that black people shouldn't be able to enter places of public accommodation. And they felt that black people shouldn't be able to register to vote, and many people felt that was right, but that was wrong. I think as politicians, as elected officials, we should not only follow, but we must lead our districts.

**CAPTION**

DOMA Debate  
1996

**REP. JOHN LEWIS**

You cannot tell people they cannot fall in love. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., used to say when people talked about interracial marriages, and I quote, "Races do not fall in love and get married. Individuals fall in love and get married." Why don't you want your fellow men and women, your fellow Americans, to be happy? Why do you attack them? Why do you want to destroy the love they hold in their hearts? Why do you want to crush their hopes, their dreams, their longings, their aspirations? We are talking about human beings, people like you, people who want to get married, buy a house, and spend their lives with the one they love. They have done no wrong.

**RICHARD LOVING**

What?

**SHERIFF**

Who's the woman you're sleeping with, son?

**CAPTION**

Mr. & Mrs. Loving (1966)

**RICHARD LOVING**

What?

**MILDRED JETER**

I'm his wife.

**SHERIFF**

Not here you ain't.

**CAPTION**

Evan Wolfson  
Freedom to Marry

**EVAN WOLFSON**

In the early 60s, Richard Loving, a white man, and Mildred Jeter, a black woman, fell in love and wanted to get married. But unfortunately they weren't allowed to do so because the law in their state defined marriage as only between people of the 'right' races. And so Richard and Mildred left Virginia and got married. Sometime later, they're awakened in the middle of the night by a knock on the door and were actually arrested by the sheriff and police officials of the State of Virginia, who charged them with the 'crime' of wrongful marriage, of marrying the wrong kind of person.

**JUDGE**

On the count of miscegenation, I find defendant Richard Perry Loving and defendant Mildred Delores Jeter guilty as charged.

**EVAN WOLFSON**

And the judge told them that they could either spend the next year in jail or could go into exile for 25 years, leaving the state of Virginia. The couple chose to remain married and leave the State of Virginia, and they went to the District of Columbia and got a lawyer. Court after court upheld this horrible law and said that this was the definition of marriage. One judge wrote, for example, "Almighty God..."

**JUDGE**

Almighty God created the races - white, black, yellow, Malay, and red, and he placed them on separate continents. And but for the interference with his arrangement, there would be no cause for such marriages. The fact that he separated the races shows that he did not intend for the races to mix.

**EVAN WOLFSON**

And God's definition of marriage - God's definition of marriage, the separation of the races - would remain intact, and he upheld this restriction. So did the Virginia Supreme Court. When that case came from the Virginia Supreme Court before the United States Supreme Court, the state's attorneys were still arguing that the definition of marriage itself meant that this couple could not possibly be married.

**CAPTION**

Same-Sex Marriage  
U.S. House

**REP. BOB BARR**

Marriage does not mean two men or two women getting married; it just doesn't mean that.

**EVAN WOLFSON**

They argued that, if we allowed interracial couples to marry, society would fall apart.

**CAPTION**

Rep. James Talent  
R-Missouri  
U.S. House

**REP. JAMES TALENT**

If marriage goes, then the family goes. And if the family goes, we have none of the decency or ordered liberty which Americans have been brought up to enjoy and to appreciate.

**EVAN WOLFSON**

They argued that it would be bad for the children.

**CAPTION**

Rep. Charles Canady  
R-Florida  
U.S. House

**REP. CHARLES CANADY**

Should we tell the children of America that, in the eyes of the law, the parties to a homosexual union are entitled to all the rights and privileges and benefits that have always been reserved for a man and a woman united in marriage?

**EVAN WOLFSON**

They argued that it would be unfair to different states that didn't want to allow these 'kinds of couples' to marry.

**CAPTION**

Rep. Bob Barr  
R-Georgia  
U.S. House

**REP. BOB BARR**

No one state of the union can have its decision of its people overridden, run roughshod, by people from - judges from - another state.

**EVAN WOLFSON**

They made very much the same kinds of arguments that we hear today made to defend sex discrimination in marriage. But fortunately, in 1967, unlike in previous cases, the United States Supreme Court had had enough. And the court ruled that all Americans have a fundamental right to marry - that it is a basic human right, a basic freedom - and the court struck that ban down.

**CAPTION**

Mildred and Richard Loving  
1968

**REPORTER**

When your children grow up, how would you want them to marry?

**RICHARD LOVING**

I think I'll leave that up to them - they can decide that themselves.

**NEWS ANCHOR**

Tampa police officer's pension benefits isn't over. Officer Lois Marrero died in a bank robber's ambush last July.

**MICKIE MASHBURN**

I'm proud of who I am and who I was with. So I'm very driven and will continue to be driven. And I think I have a lot of that from Lois's also doing that, because Lois was so driven it was unbelievable. If you told her, "Well, you really can't do that," she'd go, "Oh, it's going to be done. I will get it done. I will achieve it somehow." And she always did. So I guess that's where I'm at right now.

**CAPTION**

Major Jane E. Castor  
Tampa Police

**MAJ. JANE CASTOR**

If they would have been able to marry legally, that, obviously, is one of the pension - I think just the two - you have to either be legally married or have legal dependants that you can leave your pension to. Those are the only two cases prior to July 3.

**INTERVIEWER**

So what would have happened? Would there have been this board hearing?

**MAJ. JANE CASTOR**

No, there would be no board hearing whatsoever. It would be automatic. And there would be no questions whatsoever as to the status of their relationship. It wouldn't matter.

**CAPTION**

Tampa Pension Board  
Second Hearing

**VOICE**

Do you swear that the testimony you're about to give in the cause now pending shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

**WITNESSES**

I do.

**CAPTION**

Shannon Minter  
National Center for Lesbian Rights

**SHANNON MINTER**

Lois Marrero was killed on July 6, 2001, before she ever had a chance to designate Mickie as her beneficiary. And Mickie's claim is based on this violation of Chapter 185. She's here today asking the board to correct that violation in the only way that's possible at this point in time, and that is by you all as a fact-finding body making a determination as to who Lois would have named as her beneficiary if she had been given her legal right to do that.

**KAREN DOERING**

Ms. Morgan, how do you know Mickie and Lois?

**MS. MORGAN**

They're my best friends and my neighbors.

**SHANNON MINTER**

So they were both your neighbors and your professional colleagues?

**POLICE OFFICER**

That's correct.

**SHANNON MINTER**

Were you aware that Lois and Mickie had been married, were married?

**MS. MORGAN**

Yeah, I remember when they started dating.

**SHANNON MINTER**

By the time Lois was killed, were most people on the force that Mickie and Lois worked with aware that they were in a relationship?

**MS. MORGAN**

Everybody was.

**SHANNON MINTER**

And did most people accept that and respect that?

**MS. MORGAN**

Of course.

**WOMAN**

I had no idea. One day, I seen - I was talking to Lois, and I noticed she had a ring. And then it was a couple days later, maybe a week, I saw Mickie had one, and I just thought, "Oh wow, they have the same ring." And I was talking to a neighbor who said, "Well, don't you know?" And I said, "no," and next thing I know, I'm going, "That is so cool." I was just blown away. I just thought it was, like...

**SHANNON MINTER**

Now can you tell us what is a holy union?

**PASTOR**

A holy union is asking God's blessing upon a couple, encouraging and affirming them in a public way, to encourage a relationship, not unlike a holy matrimony. In the religious sense, it's the same thing.

**SHANNON MINTER**

And does this mean that the participants are making a lifetime commitment to one another?

**PASTOR**

Oh yes.

**SHANNON MINTER**

Now if a same-sex couple who've undergone a holy union ceremony want to terminate their relationship, does the church have any provision for that?

**PASTOR**

Ah yes, if you've had a holy union in the Metropolitan Community Churches, you have to find the pastor who performed that ceremony, and a rite of dissolutionment, a document of dissolutionment, is written, and all parties who are involved in that ceremony have to sign that document.

**SHANNON MINTER**

And prior to Lois's death, did either Mickie or Lois contact the MCC Church to file for a dissolutionment?

**PASTOR**

No, they did not.

**LAWYER**

During your wedding ceremony, did you and Lois exchange rings?

**MICKIE MASHBURN**

Ah, we did exchange rings. Matter of fact, her sister and her brother-in-law had the rings and they were given to us, and Lois placed the ring on my finger, and I placed the ring on her finger.

**LAWYER**

And did you and Lois continue wearing those wedding bands?

**MICKIE MASHBURN**

Up until the day that she was killed.

**LAWYER**

And you were actually present when Mickie learned that Lois had been killed, had been shot?

**CAPTION**

Betsy Pinkerton  
Tampa Police

**BETSY PINKERTON**

Yes.

**KAREN DOERING**

And you were actually the one that informed her?

**BETSY PINKERTON**

Yes.

**KAREN DOERING**

What were some of Mickie's concerns as you told her? Can you just tell us briefly?

**BETSY PINKERTON**

One of the first things was that she wanted to go to Lois. And myself and another of the officers in there, we basically picked her up by the elbows and moved her into the sergeant's office where it was a little roomier and got her into a different chair.

I was concerned that she might be weak or upset and that she could fall or something, and I didn't want her to hurt herself.

And by the time we got her seated, my husband called communications to try to get more information because Mickie kept asking if she was gone. And my husband said that he talked to radio and said that Lois could be alive, that they were working on her. And then about a minute or two passed, and Mickie said, "She's gone." And I said, "Mickie you don't know that yet, you don't know that." She said, "Yeah, she's gone. I can feel it in my heart that she's gone." And then she said, "Please take me to her, please take me to her." And Mickie insisted that I go to find Brenda - Mickie was concerned that Lois's mother would turn on the TV because it was lunchtime and she was worried about the news. So she said, "please get to Brenda so she can get to Lois's mom so that Lois's mom won't just flip the TV on and see what's going on."

**SHANNON MINTER**

Did Mickie invite you to be a pallbearer at Lois's funeral?

**POLICE OFFICER**

Yes, she did.

**SHANNON MINTER**

And do you recall where Mickie was sitting at the funeral?

**POLICE OFFICER**

She was sitting up front, one of the first pews in the church.

**SHANNON MINTER**

And do you recall what Chief did with the flag on Lois's coffin?

**POLICE OFFICER**

At the ceremony at the cemetery, he handed off the flag to her, which is consistent with a spouse or a life partner.

**KAREN DOERING**

If Lois had been given the opportunity to designate a beneficiary, who would she have designated?

**MS. MORGAN**

Without a doubt, Mickie Mashburn.

**SHANNON MINTER**

Who do you think that person would have been?

**WOMAN**

It would have been Mickie.

**SHANNON MINTER**

Do you have any doubt about that?

**WOMAN**

No doubt, at all.

**POLICE OFFICER**

There isn't a doubt in my mind it would have been Mickie.

**BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Any questions at this time?

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Not at this time. No sir. Not at this time.

**MICKIE MASHBURN**

I really have to get myself together 'cause I'm tired and hopefully be able to come back and talk to everybody a little bit later. You would hope that everybody would have an open heart and an open mind. There's no doubt that the people that spoke today spoke from their hearts and spoke the truth. The law has to change, not only for myself but for other individuals. It's like as was stated in the hearing today: this is not a gay issue, this is everyone's issue, and that's what we're working and striving towards.

**E. J. GRAFF**

1920 and 1930 - every third magazine article is saying this is the end of marriage as we know it.

**CAPTION**

E.J. Graff  
Author, What Is Marriage For?

**E. J. GRAFF**

This is the death of the family. This is the period of the collapse of traditional marriage because suddenly youngsters are behaving bizarrely. They're dating, on the front porch but out, outside of their parents' view, and they're marrying for love, and they're having sex with contraception rather than just settling down right away to work hard and raise babies.

**E. J. GRAFF**

For 50, 75 years, even discussing contraception was considered disgusting, filthy, and prurient in some terrible way. The idea that you can have sex not just for making babies but for making intimacy, for making love, is the idea that's endorsed by legal contraception. That was already endorsed in *Griswold v. Connecticut* when the Supreme Court knocked down the last remaining law banning the use of contraception.

**E. J. GRAFF**

As a society, we have decided that making love is a legitimate reason for having sex and for being married. This is the philosophy same-sex couples fit under.

**E. J. GRAFF**

The second big battle over public marriage philosophy that leads to same-sex marriage is the battle over divorce.

**E.J. GRAFF**

Again, nearly split the protestant denominations. Catholics, they had decided that already --- never. But the protestant denominations were turned inside out over the debate of whether divorce might be legal for causes other than the traditional Protestant causes of attempted murder or adultery. Again, public marriage philosophy decided that when you love you marry, and when love is gone, you are no longer really married; it is no longer really a fully moral marriage. And if marriage is made by love, same-sex couples belong.

**SAM**

This is country. Different kind of grasses --- guess everything has a right to live.

**SAM**

I just wish some people would leave us alone - the worms would leave us alone - worms and scumbags.

**TITLE**

Betty Lou and the cousins have sent the family an eviction notice and a demand for back rent.

**SAM**

Hurts a lot, but... Knowing what he wanted and what they're doing is completely different, and they don't give a hoot. They've already said if they got the place they'd sell it immediately, put it up for sale.

**C.R.**

Dad and Earl... Dad would sell stuff, he took care of the taxes, he took care of all the receipts on the property. Dad would go up and pay the taxes. Of course it was all in Earl's name, but he went up and paid it. It's just really screwed up because, when Earl passed away, all dad had was about \$2000 to his name. And within two days after we buried Earl, it was all tied up in court.

**SAM**

And I've got to call that electric company 'cause they're going to turn my electric off if I don't have the money, and I don't have the money to pay it. I need 900 and some dollars.

**KENNEGTH**

I can take that stuff up here and sell it better than they can over there.

**SAM**

Well I don't have the \$95. Do you?

**KENNEGTH**

I was going to go see if I could get it.

**SAM**

Where are you gonna get it?

**KENNEGTH**

I'm not telling you.

**SAM**

Ninety-five dollars would give him a boost for a month in the flea market. How much money could you come up with?

**KENNEGTH**

Not that much.

**SAM**

How much?

**KENNEGTH**

Maybe ten or so dollars, Dad. And that's if I scrap something.

**SAM**

Well, scrap!

**SAM**

If I can, I'm going to have to take these horses to that sale too, to just sell them for what I can get out of them. I hate to do that 'cause I think the world of my horses - like selling a part of you.

**SAM**

See, somebody cut my fence right over there in the corner. See what they did to the door? The fire went right down this way. Went right out, and it burnt the door-facings as it went. All the door facings, clear out the front door. Burnt the front door out. Didn't hurt the bed in there that much, just smoked it a little bit, which is funny, because why would it catch all these door facings on fire?

**INTERVIEWER**

That's a good question, isn't it?

**SAM**

...unless somebody poured something on it, and poured something here.

**SAM**

The flowers still blooming.

**TITLE**

Sam lost \$400 a month income from the burned rental house.

**TITLE**

The estimated \$10,000 claim can only be made by Earl's cousins.

**SAM**

Well, it's just one big mess of greedy grave-robbers.

**TITLE**

To protect his valuables from the cousins, Sam has hidden them in the woods.

**SAM**

Earl's dad, Papa. This was Granny, Earl's mother, when she was young. Betty Lou would give her left nut to have one of them, and she ain't got one, but she'd give her old boyfriend's one, left nut.

**SAM**

Somebody has been in this one. Boy they had flat come in and stole stuff. My God, they stole and they stole.

**ANGEL**

Hi, Squirt!

**KENNEGTH**

Angel, walk up the gate, come up behind him...

**SAM**

One thousand, six, and four. And I'll take a little less but I'd rather have that much

**SAM**

What did they do?

**ANGEL**

Too Low.

**SAM**

How low did they go?

**ANGEL**

Judy, I think they wanted to pay like five for her, and they wanted like Three-fifty to four hundred for Joe and wanted two-twenty-five for Squirt and we said no

**SAM**

Hi Irene, this is Sam. I have to come up with 400 by tomorrow about 10 o'clock. Well, actually 500, but I got a 100 of it. And I'm trying to figure out if there's some way I can get it, borrow it from somebody until Tuesday of next week and give it back to them.

Okay. Then I'll see you in a little while. And I do appreciate it. Thanks a lot, Irene. Thanks, thanks.

**GRAVETONE**

"In Loving Memory, Earl, Oct. 26, 1943-Sept. 13, 2000, May He Rest in Peace."

**SAM**

That's Earl's grave. That's his mother, and that's his dad, and that's mine over there. I wish they'd start putting flowers on mine. I'd like to have my flowers before I go. I don't care what they put on there. That's fine. This is where I was going to get my, have my grave. But some woman bought it. They wouldn't tell me who. Said she bought it the day before. I always figured it was Betty Lou, but I don't know for sure.

**INTERVIEWER**

So does it upset you, you won't be right next to Earl?

**SAM**

It bothers me.

**ANGEL**

I wouldn't be able to live with myself, if somebody handed me a will and said "this is what I want in it," and I say "I don't like what you got in your will, I'm gonna fight it." This has been Uncle Sam's home for the last 24, 25 years, and here they are wanting to take it away. How would they feel if this was to happen to them? Say, her husband's kids came up to him and said "Hey, I want you out."

**CAPTION**

State of the Union Address, 2004

**PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH**

Our aim is a democratic peace. A peace founded upon the dignity and rights of every man and woman.

**PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH**

When I came to this rostrum on September the 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001, I brought the police shield of a fallen officer, my reminder of lives that ended in a task that does not end.

**DETECTIVE FRANK COPPOLA**

I am a New York City police officer. I was the type of guy that was gay and happy living in hiding.

**CAPTION**

Det. Francis Coppola, NYPD

**DETECTIVE FRANK COPPOLA**

I didn't have to tell people what was going on in my heart, 'cause I had the world, I had a life partner that was the best thing in the world to me, you know? Seventeen months ago, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, I lost that man. The one man that I thought I would spend the rest of my life with. I ran into that building when it was coming down, and I'm saying "this isn't happening, my Eddy's in there, my friends are in there." I didn't say "let me just save the gay people." Let's save everybody.

**CAPTION**

The Pentagon

**PEGGY NEFF**

She was finally identified on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. They had done the cremation, and they delivered the box down.

**CAPTION**

Peggy Neff, Surviving Partner

**PEGGY NEFF**

She gave her life for the country. And that's what this was all about.

**CAPTION**

Virginia State Capitol

**MARY VAIL WARE**

We're the criminal injuries compensation fund. And we're designed to help victims of violent crime with costs that are associated with the crime.

**CAPTION**

Mary Vail Ware, Virginia Crime Victims' Fund

**MARY VAIL WARE**

The secretary came to me and said, "yeah, this person is ineligible under the law," and we struggled with what to say.

**REJECTION LETTER**

"you are not eligible"

**PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH**

We understand our special calling. This great republic will lead the cause of freedom.

**JESSE GOODMAN**

Where is the democracy and freedom for all individuals when our rights are not respected?

**CONNIE RESS**

Currently our government is saying, you know, don't fall in love with someone from another country because they're going to have to be sent back to their country.

**CAPTION**

Connie Ress, Marriage Equality

**MAX OLIVA**

I'm from Argentina. I came to New York and I met Jesse three years ago, and I fell in love. And I moved here because I want to be with my love.

**JESSE GOODMAN**

Even if marriage becomes legal in Massachusetts, the discriminatory law of the Defense of Marriage Act still needs to be repealed and struck down, so that our marriage will be recognized on a federal level, and Max will receive a green card.

**JESSE GOODMAN**

Where's the compassion when this country is forcing us to leave?

**MAJOR JANE CASTOR**

You know everybody has their personal point of view.

**CAPTION**

Major Jane E. Castor, Tampa Police

**MAJOR JANE CASTOR**

I think a lot of people on the pension board probably wanted to vote to give Mickie that pension.

**NEWSPAPER HEADLINES**

"Officer's pension denied to partner."

**MAJOR JANE CASTOR**

And, you know, they felt that they were just bound by the law. The law states that you have to be legally married in order to give it.

**INTERVIEWER**

This is probably a tough question. What is life like, now without Lois?

**MICKIE**

Well, we're fixing to go into 8 months. And it's weird. It's hard. But I have the memories. You know you try to sit back and think that last year at this time she was still alive, you know, and, for, you know, Valentine's, she...where you send out, send off for Care Bears, I'm not sure what they're called, but you send them off and they make the bears and they send them back to you.

Well, that's what she got me last year for February 14<sup>th</sup>. She bought me roses and she had one of those bears sent to me, so you kind of, you sit back and you think of that. And you think, you know, what a year changes. And it's hard.

**NEWSPAPER HEADLINE**

"Same-sex law to be clear: It's marriage."

**CAPTION**

Toronto 2003

**PAM**

We've had our ceremony with our family and everything like this, and now this is the legal thing. I mean it's not, you know, the best it could be would be in the United States being married, but here this is a little bit of icing that adds another layer. This feels good.

**CAPTION**

Pam and Jenny

**JENNY**

Living in a conservative area of the United States, especially, there is some anxiety around what could happen because you don't have the legal protections that just come with being married.

**JENNY**

We have to book the Chapel.

**PASTOR**

I, Pam.

**PAM**

I, Pam

**PASTOR**

Take thee Jenny

**PAM**

Take thee Jenny

**PASTOR**

To be my wedded spouse

**PAM**

To be my wedded spouse

**JENNY**

For better or for worse

**PASTOR**

For rich or for poor

**JENNY**

For rich or for poor

**PASTOR**

In sickness and in health

**JENNY**

In sickness and in health

**PASTOR**

I now pronounce you to be legally married spouses.

**JENNY**

Gotta do the official kiss.

**PASTOR**

Yeah, yeah for sure.

**BLACK FEMALE PARADE-GOER**

How many people there are on this route, it's amazing. Every corner you just see thousands of people. It's great.

**JOHN FISHER**

The Ontario Court of Appeals ruled unanimously that same-sex couples have the constitutional right to marry. Our Cabinet and Prime Minister have affirmed that they will support equal marriage, so as of right now, same-sex marriage is legal in Canada. We have a number of couples here who are getting married right now, so it's a great day to celebrate here at Toronto Pride.

**CAPTION**

John Fisher, Director Egale

**MAN IN PARADE (WITH CHILD)**

I think it's great that everyone should have the choice to marry if they want to. It's about time.

**MALE PARADE-GOER**

We love it, we're gonna get married.

**INTERVIEWER**

Are you?

**PARADE-GOER**

No, I will, I'm engaged.

**Asian FEMALE PARADE-GOER**

It's about time. That's why we came out to celebrate. This is a celebration.

**WOMAN IN PARADE WITH PARTNER AND SIGN**

Married yesterday morning! So it feels good. Don't make me cry. I'm going to cry. I'm ready to cry. Happy pride!

**MAN WITH SIGN IN PARADE**

If you don't like same-sex marriage, don't have one.

**MAN WITH PARTNER**

We got married, primarily because of him.

**MAN ON THE STREET**

You know it's equal, it's supposed to be. This is a diverse country, you know, it should be a diverse world. It's all about love. That's what it's about, you know.

**OLD LADY WITH DAUGHTER**

Let them, let them, they don't hurt us.

**MAN IN COWBOY HAT**

I think it's absolutely fabulous.

**INTERVIEWER**

Are you gay yourself?

**MAN IN COWBOY HAT**

No, I'm not. But that doesn't matter. This is my wife.

**INTERVIEWER**

Can we get a quick kiss?

**MAN IN COWBOY HAT**

Sure.

**WOMAN ON STREET**

The support of the straight community I think is absolutely crucial that they understand that it is an issue of social justice, and human rights. It's not a lifestyle issue, it's a human rights issue.

**TWO MEN IN PARADE KISS**

You can't do that in America yet, but I'll be there.

**TITLE CARD**

Breaking News, Massachusetts, November 18, 2003

**NEWSCASTER**

And now breaking news from Massachusetts. The Supreme Court ruled today that it is unconstitutional to deny same-sex couples the right to marry.

**MARY BONAUTO**

No one gains anything by having these families and these couples struggle and not have protections that everyone else has, and have to think about ways cobble together protections when, in the end, the simple and equal solution is civil marriage, the exact

same thing that everyone else has. I can't imagine for a single second that there aren't going to be some people who are very agitated about this.

**PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH**

I strongly believe that marriage should be defined as between a man and a woman. I am troubled by activist judges who are defining marriage.

**WOMAN IN RED SUIT**

Our opponents have bussed people in from Georgia, from Virginia. Most of them are outside right now saying very nasty, vicious, hateful things about us.

**ANTI-GAY PROTESTOR 1**

He's going to take these anus fudge-packing sodomites, He's going to cast them into hell, when their anuses are ridden with blood, and they have got to wear diapers.

**ANTI-GAY PROTESTOR 2**

Marriage is between male and female the Bible says. Male and female. Not homosexual, not bisexual, not anything but heterosexual. But you haterophobes don't like that, cause you don't want to listen.

**PRO-GAY WOMAN PROTESTOR 1**

I'm straight. We're both straight.

**TONY PERKINS (MAN ON PODIUM)**

What the court is about to do is unleash chaos on our society!

**PRO-GAY PROTESTOR 2**

Are these Christian values you're teaching your children?

**ANTI-GAY GIRL PROTESTOR**

Homos has got to go! Yes, they are teaching me, because I know the right. Hey hey, ho ho, homos has got to go!

**GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY**

I agree with 3,000 years of recorded history.

**ANTI-GAY PROTESTORS**

God loves a sinner! He hates sin!

**CAPTION**

Governor Mitt Romney, Massachusetts Governor

**GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY**

Marriage is an institution between a man and a woman.

**ANTI-GAY PROTESTORS**

God is judging America. We must repent.

**GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY**

I will support an amendment to the Massachusetts constitution...

**ANTI-GAY PROTESTORS**

In the name of Jesus!!!!

**GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY**

to make that expressly clear.

**PRO-GAY PROTESTORS**

What do we want? Equal rights! When do we want it? Now! Keep God out of civil marriage! Church and state! Separate!

**NEWSCASTER**

Republican Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave is the lead sponsor of a federal constitutional amendment that would define marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

**TITLE CARD**

Amendment XXVIII

**TITLE CARD**

Marriage shall consist of a man and a woman.

**CONGRESSWOMAN MUSSGRAVE**

The President of the United States puts his support behind the Federal Marriage Amendment.

**JEFF COOK**

The Federal Marriage Amendment is a threat to so many fundamental American principles. It's a threat to federalism, it's a threat to constitution to secure peoples' rights, it's a threat to equal protection of the laws, it's a threat to the full faith in credit clause.

**CAPTION**

Jeff Cook, Log Cabin Republicans

**ANDREW SULLIVAN**

Saying in the Constitution of the United States that a whole minority of people will be now and forever denied the right to be a full human being or full citizen is so appalling in its extremism. Even someone like me who endorsed George Bush in 2000 has to draw the line.

**CAPTION**

Andrew Sullivan, Sr. Editor, The New Republic

**TITLE CARD**

"White House Radio."

**PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH'S VOICE**

Overreaching judges could declare that all marriages recognized in Massachusetts or San Francisco be recognized as marriages everywhere else.

**CAPTION**

Gay Marriage, The Kerry Record: "Does not support amendment."

**NEWSCASTER**

John Kerry has said he does not support an amendment. The Bush campaign will also point out that Kerry voted against the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act which permits a state not to recognize marriages from another state.

**JOHN KERRY**

I believe that marriage is between a man and a woman.

**NEWSCASTER**

Since Hawaii defeated marriage in 1998, 38 states have enacted laws to define marriage as only one man and one woman.

**NEWSCASTER**

And look for gay marriage bans on the ballot in these crucial battleground states: Missouri, Ohio, Michigan, and Oregon.

**CAPTION**

Valentine's Day 2004

**NEWSCASTER**

Thousands of gay weddings here in San Francisco have sent shock waves across the nation.

**WOMAN**

We're getting married.

**MAN**

We've been together 20 years, so...

**HIS PARTNER**

And we still want to get married.

**MAN**

And we still want to get married.

**FEMALE NEWSCASTER**

The mayor of New Paltz who performed more than 2 dozen marriages last week will be in court tonight facing criminal charges.

**MALE NEWSCASTER**

In New Mexico, about 20 gay couples were married today.

**CAPTION**

Portland, Oregon

**WOMAN**

Every single county in the state is responsible for upholding the Constitution in the same manner that we are. They must do the same thing that we did today.

**MAN**

We'd be celebrating our 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary if we actually get married.

**CAPTION**

New York City

**PRO-GAY PROTESTORS**

We won't give up the fight! Marriage is a human right!

**WOMAN IN PARADE**

The numbers that people are wearing on their backs represent the over 1,000 federal rights and responsibilities that come with marriage, and these are the rights that they're denied, that our gay children are denied.

**MALE NEWSCASTER**

A historic night in Cambridge, Massachusetts. At the stroke of midnight the city began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

**PEOPLE SINGING**

Going to the chapel and we're going to get married!

**PEOPLE WAITING TO GET MARRIED**

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...cheers!

**TITLE CARD**

In the 2004 election, twelve states had constitutional amendment initiatives on the ballot.

**MOTHER**

Over this way please, thank you.

**TITLE CARD**

Massachusetts passed a constitutional amendment against equal marriage in 2004.  
It may go to voters in 2006.

**TITLE CARD**

Belgium opened marriage to same-sex couples in 2003.  
In 2004, France, Spain, Sweden, and Taiwan were also considering opening marriage.

**PASTOR**

As long as we have been here in His image, walking as His creation, there have been men and women who have shared their expression of love with another of the same gender.

**TITLE CARD**

The 2000 census counted same-sex couples living in 99% of the counties in the United States.

**PASTOR**

It's high time we put an end to the queer notion that it is sinful to be gay or for gays to come together to be married.

**TITLE CARD**

The California Supreme Court nullified 4,037 marriages licensed in San Francisco.

**MAN**

May the Lord bless us in wisdom that we may grow together ever in  
love and understanding.

**TITLE CARD**

In 2004 Virginia passed a law nullifying private contracts made  
within a same-sex couple.

**PASTOR**

With this ring...

**MAN**

With this ring...

**PASTOR**

I thee wed...

**MAN**

I thee wed...

**PASTOR**

my beloved...

**MAN**

my beloved...

**PASTOR**

my best friend.

**MAN**

my best friend.

**MOTHER**

My son being gay, it doesn't bother me at all. I looked at him  
as a person. I still look at him as a person, not a gay person,  
not a straight person. I just look at him as a person.

**MAN**

We both were crying, you couldn't see it, the tears were freezing  
up half-way down.

**HUSBAND**

I've heard so many people say, they feel different, they feel  
closer afterward. It's wonderful, absolutely wonderful.

**TITLE CARD**

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