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KPFT is all about what Pacific is all about.



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People don't know what Pacific is all about,



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well, somebody tuning in might not know, oh,



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listener sponsored radio been around for 40 years 20 years in Houston,



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and we're completely dependent upon your money will go into marathon in January. So you need to get your nickels and dimes together and save for that. And then what else girl



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you want to do that? Yeah, I would like to kind of in between newsy stuff do some



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Christmassy sound and music



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Yeah.



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Do you know really that it's less than six weeks or nine weeks and Christmas will be here. It's



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not too early to be to do this. And it's not too early to talk about some of the things that are going on in the community. For example, the Royal Sovereign and imperial court of the single star is presenting. lady victoria lusts fourth annual PWA Christmas that's being put on by Steve Wright. lady victoria lust and Bill O'Rourke, Bill and Steve being can contenders for the Emperor title and lady victoria lust is running for Empress in the Imperial cart of the single star now. This is happening tomorrow, Sunday, November 25. At eight o'clock at cousins 817 Fairview and it says here that it's a very special benefit show for very special people. Join us first special evening of entertainment to raise funds to send Christmas cards and cash donations to needy people living with AIDS. Living with a help us help Victoria Brighton the holiday season for these deserving people. That's tomorrow night 8pm At cousins. Something else that's really special that's going on December 13. The gay fathers a few stone fathers first, an evening of dance lessons with the daddies Now isn't that kind of fun. This is gonna be Thursday, December 13 at the BRB the good old Burb from seven till 10pm. What they want you to do is bring a toy or nursery item, sort of like diapers, baby wipes, formulas, that type of thing, and it's benefiting the children's home. This is a hospice for children with AIDS, donations will be accepted at the door. And even if you don't want to dance with the daddies just dropped something off there. For further information or alternative methods for donation. Call the President Al Morrow at 86378 to six. And like all things that we announce on this show if you miss the numbers or sub or anything like that you can call us back or call the game lesbian switchboard at 529 3211.



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Were these two girls we're on the radio now we want to talk about sex but we're not allowed because FCC is cracking down hard you want everything to sound just like a Hallmark card. They won't even let us talk about number two and I wonder what they call when they get it on a shoe we know what would they use them but we can't say it because FCC is full of both women yeasty girls and we're here to say that you better do something and right away Yeah, you better wake up and start using your head because your first amendment right so just about that. Well the FTC will tell you oh haven't yet heard. I think a freedom of speech is a dirty word. Well the East has got a message for the people who agree with the stupid regulations of the FCC you think it gets to be corrupted if they hear about poor air there's nothing wrong with them we think the problem is you biology is neat we like our bodies just fine telling us yesterday well we say your mind they call it a free country but it feels like a prison All right, the Federal Communication Commission Japan and paper ready because here's the address 1919 M Street Northwest Washington DC to 00360 Tell another stupid Yeah, tell them that they're destroying our expression because they think it's outrageous. Tell them that they're living in the dark ages where they used to girls and we're here to say we want the FCC to go away. Yeah, go away. Okay. This one's for you.



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Is that f is in Frank



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now for the next two hours we're going to do Milli Vanilli radio there we go live for days we're just gonna use



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our lips remember months ago when I said hey why don't we played this song because it kind of has gay overtones well now we can



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they just use the lips I got news for you so do



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Are you ready for a story



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story a story of many incredible find a story a story that made us fight and his story her story story engaged story history Gay History



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The following magazine died in March to a village this time it goes a little too far they're mighty mission was to punish them they were in prison



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history was reasonably mighty was against the law breakers inside but more than doubled we didn't want something strange was brewing inside baguettes and died still in southern light cried on stage with people in place for the cops and appears to be face to face



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men in drag queens we're not printing facts and the crowd started gathering and seeing the shattered support to those through the door



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in another document a woman screaming punching kicking the pig because she wasn't running and Jaime was a thing of the past when Miss touch tag started kicking



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decided to give her a hand



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down on the heads



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around feeling the rage the cop



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proposed the dog and a fire spread across three days later.



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Over here



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is Regan Santa



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Anita says she doesn't care and



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BC is the prince really the queen? Now



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one to the right and more and



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more people have seen the light text and this goes right



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to the right and more and more people have seen the light muggings and a lot more fines instead of rights.



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90.1 FM KPFT Houston after hours radios celebrating life in the heart of Montrose. Wasn't it fun having the primary people here? Yeah, and I really mean that because I love what Philly Felix was saying about people working together and how it's got to be a community thing and what in the hell are those cats doing on that mug? Are they doing what I think they're doing? Yes, they



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are girl



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let's give that mug away. This way I really



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like Felix and Annabelle. They are really there. I'm really pumped about I really want to get this community involved.



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I only wish I could go to the meetings but I work Tuesday night. Yeah, I was hoping they would have a meeting like on a Sunday night like we used to. Yeah, you can't have everything that's



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That's right. We can promote anyways and yeah,



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maybe they don't got me down there stirring up the crap? Because that could be somebody yelling and screaming in here. Well, they



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didn't run out of the room. It was pretty scary. Yes.



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You know what made me crazy about that Christian call, he wouldn't even let us talk?



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Well, not only that, so we were asking for calls about Pride Week. And he comes on with his agenda. She just



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happened to call on her way to ksbj with her Bible turned to Christian views on homosexuality, right, right. And I'm so sick of that girl. We're gonna play, it's all this. We love you. But you're going to hell go to hell, you know, I wish I would marry than I wouldn't have to listen to you. But you know what should be right down there with us. Of course, you couldn't, couldn't be going to hell, I work at HPD. And it's not any worse than that. busy the last couple of days out that I still want always on a holiday. I still want a homosexual police officer to call me because I know they're out there. And I want to convert you to a gay police officer. Because I don't want to forget my earring. I didn't take it out because it keeps catching on my headphones.



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I tell you. Because to be pretty



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girl, I don't want a homosexual police officer to call me so that I can help you become gay. Yeah, let's see, there are a lot of homosexual people out there who were never taught that it's okay to be gay. So they don't actually feel good about themselves. They don't feel good about their lives. And they really don't think they can make a difference. And that's what this is all

about. Because we do feel good about ourselves. And we get drugged down. Because we know there are 30 million of us out there who aren't feeling good about ourselves. And if we get ever get you pumped up to our level, what a wonderful world anyway,



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it's like what, like what Harvey says. There's a nagging part of many of us that say, we're not as good. And then that little speech from Harvey, where he talks about well, I'm gay, and I deserve to get beat up. You know, that part? That's a crock. No one deserves that. No.



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And we only deserve the best in life that and these Christian people, if they were reading the Bible, they wouldn't be calling us. They would be doing what the Bible says. But I don't want to get off on that, because they'll start calling again, and I really don't want to talk to him right now. This song has been going through my mind a lot. It's brand new from Rowan Oskin Phillips, it's called one of the enemy, you bet. And it goes right to the heart of what we're talking about. Because if we had been taught as children, that it was okay to be ourselves, rather than to hide our feelings. Especially as men I'm not just talking about as gay men, you know, as men, when you're a child and you're hurt, men don't cry. Yes. So you know, you're not expected to cry. And, you know, all of our, our parents, especially my dad will come through this era where he grew up as a man as a man as a man and men didn't cry. And That's hogwash. And I've listened to her talk, she talks so much about how we as a society, not even not only gay people, but straight people just aren't really happy with our lives, and how we have to understand that it's okay. And that as gay men, especially as gay men, we have to really understand that our lives count. I've been seeing someone sort of kind of, and he's not here tonight, and he was going out drinking. And it really aggravates me because it seems like if he's drinking and happy in ain't drinking, and a little tipsy, everything's fine. But if he's not, everything's not fine. And I want him to understand that. You don't have to get intoxicated to feel good about yourself,



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that may be a problem in the gay and lesbian community.



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Does that make any sense? Yes, I've



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known a lot of people who just weren't quite out yet. And they just didn't feel right about loving another person. And till they had the excuse of being in April,



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we played at the beginning of this show, and we're going to play a lot, I must have been dropped. Because that's been going through my mind as long as I'm drunk, everything's fine. And that's only covering things up. But we went to see a movie last night, a new film for the holidays, called Home Alone, about a young kid who gets left at home alone while his parents fly off to Europe. Yeah, it's a big family. I mean, that helped fadad Leaving the child that age at home by himself. How the hell is that going to happen? Well, it's a movie. Yeah, I hated this film. Because it portrays this child as being really mistreated by his mother and father and his brothers and his relatives. And I, I can't laugh at child abuse. And that's what it was. And I didn't think it was funny. There were funny scenes in it. But the underlying thing about you You know, it's okay to laugh. And this kid was sent upstairs in the attic to hide, they sent him upstairs and put them in the attic because he had knocked over some cokes and sodas on pizza for fighting with his brother. So his punishment was to be sent upstairs in the dark without any dinner. And he at that point said he wishes parents would go away. And you know, the audience is laughing. And I, I just couldn't laugh because I came from very dysfunctional family. And I don't think child abuse is anything that we can laugh at. Absolutely not. And Roger and I were watching George Carlin tonight on HBO before I came over, and Carlin was talking about how we, as a society have just buttered ourselves up to believe that the world's really prettier than it actually is. Like, people who are out of work are not out of work. They're not, you know, out of work. They're, I can't do this, I'm gonna have to tape this from George Carlin, but they're not out of work there right now socially misplaced, you know, so yeah,



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all the all the fancy words in here. So it doesn't seem so bad. People



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who are poor are not actually poor. They're disadvantaged financially, you know, and, um, you know, something, something, something, and how we've allowed ourselves to believe this garbage, and how over the past few years, you know, we don't say that people are poor, we don't say that the world's hurting, we don't say there's homeless people we've got, you know, people eating out of garbage cans, but we don't talk about that. And we just, we just cream color, you know, m&m, coat everything, so that the world is going to be just just pretty enough that we don't have to look at it. And we don't have to deal with it. We've got 1000s and 1000s, and 1000s of our troops in Saudi Arabia right now. And that's scary in itself, because of our interest in oil. If you think they're over there fighting for the flag, and the Constitution and all that you're full of garbage, and you're just as crazy as George Bush and all these other people who want you to believe that we are they're fighting for the right of the country and freedom and fighting this aggressor and not gonna bow Loni marry, they're fighting for Texaco, and Amoco and shell and wedgie all have those big oil companies. And we have to keep that oil flowing. And what's going to happen is that 10s of 1000s of our men and women are going to die. Wives are going to be shattered, families are going to be without those that are important to them. And I think that's insanity. And it's also insanity when we try to act like, sooner or later, if we're nice enough, straight people are gonna give us what we deserve. They're not going to give us not we have to continue to fight. And I said something I'm sure that sort of surprised our Pride Week visitors early earlier this evening, when I said I'm openly gay at the police department and doing this program for three and a half years, all of the harassment, and



all of the what's the word Jimmy, all of the dissension, dissension, and all of the ignorance, and all of the people I've had to fight, are people right here in the gay community, I should say the homosexual community because they're not gay people.



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And I think that said they think we're part of the enemy. And I just think we need to get our crap together.



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You know, Felix was we were standing out here with Felix and Annabelle talking about the meetings and he said, well, the meetings really aren't there and are well attended. And there just aren't enough people getting involved. I said, Well, what you really have to do is make somebody mad, and then they'll all rushed in with their group. Try to take



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over and



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girl. Well, that's the truth.



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That's really the truth. Yes, unfortunately.



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But anyway, we're gonna listen to this way out with Greg Gord and Lucia Chapelle at 130 Now, we're not I'm sorry. 230. We already came in went girl, we usually this gentleman to at 130. We're gonna listen to him at 230 because he's been a little extra time with Pride Week this morning. And I was glad to do that. So if you're hanging on for this way out, just bear with us. We're trying to get up to this song. And I guess that I guess we should let Harvey Milk do this for us.



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Because we talked about that song and went on well beyond it, so we kind of have to get back to it. Yeah. And now you're gonna have Harvey talking about what about



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what the gay movement is all about. And then the piece that he always says, every week on the show, but, you know, this Pride Week thing is very, very important. I can't be there. So you're gonna have to be there for me, okay. And boys, you're gonna have to go to these meetings and get involved. And of course, we're going to march in the parade. And we're going to be throwing rubbers and beads and God



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knows what. And it's like they said, it's not any special talent.



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Now, I would like to throw those coins say after hours on but that's those are expensive. So if you want to help out with that, call us and we'll tell you how you can do that. But this is Harvey Milk. And we're leading up to this, we're working our way toward this way out with Greg Gordon and Lou Chapelle. But Ron Paul, sing this for the teachers. But I want to play it not just for the teachers, but for the police officers and the firemen. And the lawyers. And the checkout boys, Foley's who think nobody really knows they're gay, and all those folks who sit there and say, Well, I can't come out because of my job. Until you do, you're only going to be one of the enemy. And we don't want you on their side. We want you on our side. Right, right. Here's Harvey Milk to tell you about what the gay movement really is all about. And you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM.



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And I'll tell you what the game movements about. After I got elected, I got the phone call. I knew I'd eventually get I caught a few of them. One was from a 17 year old child in a small town in Minnesota. And the boy is handicapped. And the boy's parents found out he's gay. And they want to put him in an insane asylum. That boy needs help. In the gay mood is about the letter I got from Southwest Africa, when you read about a gay person getting elected here. And that person has hope. And that 17 year old kid in Minnesota has hope. And we have gay leaders not understanding that and are more worried about their own personal power. They're not Elite is the offensive. We must destroy the Miss Swenson for shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out



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every day I go to work. I'm there.



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Hi, this is Craig Washington, reminding you that none of us are free until all of us are free. So keep listening to after hours KPFT Houston 90.1 FM



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you have to go back and approach the military as to what it is they're going to do and how they plan to handle all that for



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whatever it takes to get my retirement and what I plan to do as soon as I possibly can. Gay and lesbian rights activists had their choice of celebrating the election to the Board of Supervisors of lesbians, Roberta Acton, Berg and Carol Megan and gay comedian Tom amiano. to the school board.



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Liberal establishment have struck out.



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Even though this was a good election for us 97% of the incumbents win re election. And what you have to do is work with the incumbents who are in and try to influence their views.



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This is Lucien Chappelle and Fred Gordon and you're listening to this way out international lesbian and gay radio magazine on after hours,



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right here on Pacifica radio 90.1 FM KPFT.



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Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon.



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And I'm Lucia Chappelle. San Francisco leads election victory march.



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The corner and North Carolina are out of step and black gay soldier defeats US Army.



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You'll hear those feature stories during the next half hour



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and a news wrap border barriers broken and Boy Scouts better prepare all that



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and even more as you prepare for this way out.



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I'm Cindy



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Friedman and I microcycle mono



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with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending November 11 1990. In the US Congress has radically revised immigration policies. Since the 1950s. McCarthy Era, US immigration policy has used a clause barring psychopathic personalities and sexual deviance to keep out known or suspected lesbians and gays. The family unity and employment opportunity Immigration Act, approved by Congress on October 27. Removes lesbians and gays from the exclusions list. Credit for opening US borders to lesbian and gay visitors and immigrants goes to openly gay Congressman Barney Frank of Massachusetts. He told this way outs Greg Gordon,



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I knew that you wouldn't be able to get a bill too. Only on its own. We said that it would just be too controversial and non citizens with unpopular views are hardly the major voting bloc in the country. What I figured why they'd have to wait for a bill to come along that reorganized immigration. And this was really the first change and I've been working on it. We'd worked on it in subcommittee and committee and had hearings. Fortunately, by the time this bill came along, we had done so much work on it that we were ready to move and we just essentially took several years work and put it right into this bill,



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your aid peered over. The deletion of the automatic exclusion of gays and lesbians was essentially supported by the immigration service by the State Department, the officials



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of Health and Human Services and the Immigration Service said they wanted to repeal and the current immigration Commissioner during the controversy that occurred over the San Francisco Conference on AIDS did say when someone threatened to use this and he gave saying, Well, look, it's an anachronism. I think it probably should be repealed. And I confirmed that he said that and I cited that



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the fact that it was taken care of in the closing days of congressional session, one would think usually, that's something that is contentious is sort of going to be tabled. And you know, let's let's just deal with what we can deal with.



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That's a very good point. And what it shows, I think, is that the homophobes people like Senator Helms and Congressman dennemeyer have lost a lot of their steam. Five years ago, they could scare people by saying, Oh, we're gonna raise this issue about homosexuality, and you better not vote against US courts will get you defeated. And I think what we have found is that the public does not share the prejudice of these people, that the public is much more willing to judge individuals on their own marriage.



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That was US Congressman Barney Frank talking with this way outs Greg Gordon.



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Timothy Curran, a former Eagle Scout has won a major court victory against the Boy Scouts of America which barred him from becoming a scout leader because he is gay. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Sally disco, determined that the Boy Scouts of America is a business under California's unrest Civil Rights Act. discos ruling clears the way for Kern to proceed with his discrimination lawsuit against the Boy Scouts. If the organization was considered exempt from the UNRWA act, disco said, it would mean that it could discriminate on any grounds and for any reason, a boy who was excluded from participating in the Scouts because of his race or religion, or because he was a homosexual would have no opportunity to challenge the basis for his exclusion. ACLU attorneys representing current successfully argued that the Boy Scouts of America qualifies as a business because it is a large operation with 1000s of members and

makes its money by selling products to the public. It also has considerable land holdings makes investments has a board of directors and membership can be an advantage to scouts when they seek employment. The attorneys told the judge attorneys for the Boy Scouts however, contended that the organization should not be considered a business because it is nonprofit, and similar to churches, which can own land and employ people. Current still wants to become a scout leader and said he believes the scouts should be held to their pledge of diversity, non discrimination and openness to everyone. ACLU attorney John Davidson said the second phase of the trial to be decided by a jury will be a challenge. Although he thinks current stands on strong legal grounds because the scouts will have to prove that admitting homosexuals would harm their organization. He said jurors may be reluctant to force the scouts to accept gay leaders, said attorney Davidson, it is clearly going to be an unusual trial and a controversial trial.



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And finally, at prestigious Harvard University, the struggle for lesbian and gay rights is now a battle of symbols. Last spring, some students formed a group called the Association Against learning in the absence of religion and morality. Alarm. Founder Adam Webb describes alarm as Pro heterosexuality and pro traditional values and generally opposed to abortion, drug use and homosexuality. Recently, alarms 47 members began chucking blue squares on the sidewalks of Harvard Yard heard. They put up posters explaining the squares represented faith, family, country and community. Although web denies any connection, the blue squares appeared at a time when lesbians and gays were prominently displaying the pink triangle emblem. The eve of Harvard's fourth annual lesbian, bisexual and gay studies conference, Sheila Allen of Harvard's bisexual, gay and lesbian Student Association described the blue squares as an attack both on gays and lesbians and on the pink triangle symbol. As the symbols clash, perhaps we may conclude that wall Harvard homosexuals are in the pink, those geometrically opposed to them are not only square, but feeling blue.



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That's news wrap for the week ending November 11 1990.



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Remember, and informed community is a strong community. Find out what's happening in your area by monitoring your local gay and lesbian media for this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman.



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And I'm Mark Sacco mano.



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November 6 was the election day throughout the United States, and with at least two notable exceptions, lesbian and gay issues and candidates did quite well. To begin a series of reports

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gay and lesbian rights activists had their choice of celebrating the election to the Board of Supervisors of lesbians, Roberta Acton, Berg and Carol Megan, and gay comedian Tom Ammiano to the school board. Measure K. The latest domestic partner ordinance also was passed and will allow unmarried couples lesbian, gay or heterosexual to legalize their relationships with City Hall. The domestic partner registry is open to couples from throughout the country. Carol Megan, head of the Democratic Party Central Committee was jubilant at the election of two lesbians to the Board of Supervisors. Megan is considered a Democratic Party insider and experienced politician who knows how to gain support for her issues. civil rights attorney Roberta Acton berg is head of the mayor's Task Force on the family, along with issues like protecting the environment, improving the transportation system and creating affordable housing act and berg is likely to help change the way the city bureaucracy views the family. She advocates affording the same benefits to single parents, domestic partners, and extended family members have now provided to married people, the school board will gain an openly gay man, Tom amiano, who was instrumental in bringing project 10 A counseling program for gay teens into the schools. amiano wants to extend the scope of that program. He was ecstatic over the support given gay candidates and measure K. I think we had a tsunami of progressive people. They've had a seething agenda for years. And it's finally been articulated. And I think it's gonna benefit everyone, no matter what class you're from, no matter what orientation you're from, no matter what gender you're from, and it's very, very thrilling. What do you attribute that to?



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I think maybe we were like wading through the numbness of the assassinations, believe it or not, you know, 10 years ago, then through Dianne Feinstein's raging moderates it. I think people want change more than anything else. So they're willing to risk a new person for that



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goal of change. Last year, the domestic partner ordinance called Measure S was narrowly defeated, that measures organized opposition, mainly among religious groups focused its arguments on the measures cost to the taxpayers for providing health care benefits to the partners of city employees. This year's measure was pared down to exclude those benefits. Nevertheless, measure case chief sponsor supervisor Harry Britt said that the domestic partners ordinance this year still faced considerable challenges. The big thing we



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had going against us was that we lost last time with something that a lot of people thought was the same and it's very hard. The voters don't like you to come back when they lose. A lot of people felt they had made up their mind last year. They didn't want to hear about this again.

We were the very last item on the ballot. I think in a year when people tend to be voting no. That a yes vote on this one at the tail end of a difficult ballot is a very positive statement.



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I'm Heidi zemrak.



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This is Tony Krebs in Seattle, Washington. Seattle voters gave a resounding endorsement to the city's domestic partners policy this election by a margin of more than 10% voters rejected initiative 35 which tried to repeal funeral and sick leave benefits for unmarried city employees. Seattle mayor Norm Rice who is the city's first black mayor hailed the victory saying let's The word go out across the land, that we are a people that values diversity. Both the Mayor and the City Council were solidly behind the domestic partnership ordinance of the city employees registered under the domestic partner policy only 1/3 are same sex couples. Yet opponents saw the policy as an attack on marriage and family and an endorsement of homosexuality initiative 35 sought to repeal only the unpaid leave portions of the city's policy. Opponents are considering whether to bring another initiative to challenge domestic partners eligibility for city health insurance, an issue which has a clear taxpayer cost to argue over the leader of those opposing the policy Julia Fougasse said the issue is alive and festering. But the margin of initiative 35 to pass and the solid support of domestic partners by city leadership may forestall another repeal effort in Seattle. I'm Tony Krebs for this way out,



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this is Judith Samuels, 35 miles south of Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, a measure to include lesbians and gays in the cities anti discrimination laws was defeated by a more than two to one margin to come and voters turned down Proposition one, a measure that would make discrimination based on sexual orientation illegal. The struggle to include lesbians and gays and Tacomas anti discrimination laws began a year and a half ago, in May 1989. Gay rights activists were successful in convincing the Tacoma City Council to add sexual orientation to the list of protected classes in the city's anti discrimination laws, but so called Pro family activist, upset about the inclusion of gays and lesbians staged an initiative campaign and brought the issue before voters last November. by less than 900 votes to come residents decided lesbians and gays should not be included in the city's anti discrimination laws. After last year's narrow defeat, gay rights activists in Tacoma campaigned to bring the issue before the voters again this year. Gay rights supporters were disappointed that Tacoma again voted down the measure. But campaign organizer Bob Guerrero says it's not a losing thing, no matter what the numbers are. The important thing is that we spent a lot of time educating people for this way out. I'm Judith Samuels.



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I'm Peter Twitchell. rural voters in Maine last week sent a conservative Republican state senator home and replaced him with a lesbian activist who campaigned for a statewide health care plan and property tax relief. From the beginning Dale McCormick's run for a Senate seat in



care plan and property tax relief. From the beginning Dale McCormick's run for a Senate seat in the state legislature looked like a long shot her opponent Norm Weymouth promise early in the campaign that he would not make McCormack sexual orientation and issue. But early in the campaign. Weymouth a 57 year old school teacher accused McCormack of being anti American in charge that he was being unseated by the gay and lesbian population. Way Miss brother publicly charged the McCormick a lesbian was an insult to motherhood. McCormack, a 43 year old director of the women's job training program ignored her opponents gay and lesbian bashing and focused on two issues, property tax relief and the need for state health care plan. McCormick captured 53% of the vote and took 10 of the 12 towns in her district. McCormick rose to prominence in Maine in the mid 1980s. As President of the Maine lesbian and gay political alliance, she championed the gay civil rights bill, which has been voted down seven times by the Maine legislature in Portland, Maine, for this way out. I'm Peter Twitchell,



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and then there was self appointed art critic and protector of American morality homophobic Republican, North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms. Using a last minute barrage of TV commercials with racist overtones. Helms survived a serious challenge by black progressive Democrats Harvey Gant to win another six year term from Charlotte, North Carolina. Kathy Merritt has the depressing details.



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Voters here are recovering from a bitter US Senate race that sent Republican Jesse Helms back for a fourth term. The battle with former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gant had a frenzied final week with Helms campaigning across the state and launching a barrage of negative ads. Though polls showed and even with Helms in the final days, Helms won with a 54 to 46% margin and a victory speech Tom's cast the race as a big win for conservatives. The liberal establishment, the liberal politicians and editors and commentators and columnist have struck out told his supporters that he would make a covenant with them to be a thorn in the sides of liberal politicians in his new term in the Senate, saying quote, they haven't seen anything yet. Dan, too, would have been the first black elected to the Senate since Reconstruction, said he did not regret a single day of the campaign, but he did express some disappointment.



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many political observers in North Carolina had cast the Senate race as Old South versus New South. With the hounds victory. They say it's clear the new South has not yet arrived. This is Kathy Merritt in Charlotte, North Carolina.



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The results of three races in the US House of Representatives are worth noting. Openly gay Congressman Barney Frank and Gary Stuts of Massachusetts both won reelection but so did homophobic California Congressman William Datta Meyer, you're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Lucia Chapelle. I'm Greg Gordon. For some instant analysis of the elections we turned to Tim McFeely, the executive director of the Human Rights Campaign fund, the largest gay and lesbian and AIDS political organization in the United States, generally speaking out to candidates that would save your game as being an AIDS issues due in the election



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on Tuesday, the sixth.



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Very well, of course, we lost the big one. We lost the Kentucky Derby or whatever, have elections for the gay and lesbian community, which was the Helms Gantt fight in North Carolina. We threw everything we could legally into that fight. And along with, with our colleagues of feminists, people of color, people in the arts community who were all supporting Harvey Gantt, we lost. And with a couple of other exceptions, a large number of our candidates won it was a very good election for moving along the gay and lesbian agenda in Congress, a lot of supportive candidates both in the United States Senate, and in the House of Representatives. We were victorious,



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as most elections usually are, it was a mixed bag of results. But almost everyone that I've talked to you points exactly to the first thing you mentioned, what mental how well, we might have done everywhere else is still going to be back



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to his credit. He's very smart. He has a good staff. They know how to work the Senate procedures to their advantage. And they're formidable opponents, there is no question about it. That's why we work so hard to get rid of him. He will be back presumably for six years. But I would point out that we have had some great successes this year. Helms, for instance, attached bad amendments to all the major bills that were important to the gay and lesbian community. He attached two amendments to the National Endowment for the Arts funding bill to the AIDS care bill, he attached tried to attach amendments to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and certainly tried to attach them and Mr. The Hate Crime Statistics Act. In every case, all of those major cases, the United States Senate rejected his amendments by overwhelming majorities. So I think that that kind of trend will continue. There will be 43 freshmen, fresh women on next year in the Congress, people elected for the first time of those 43. We already know 13 will be co sponsors for the gay and lesbian civil rights bill. There are probably many, many more people who will be supportive on on on the other issues as well, the real story here

and the the exciting part is that more and more gay and lesbian Americans are willing to contribute money to the campaign fund, so that we have the dollars to give away. In addition, more and more lesbian, gay Americans are coming out to their congressman individually, and saying, you know, we care, these are issues of importance to us. And we're here. We often hear from congressmen that they don't have gay and lesbian people in their districts or that they never hear from them. And what was really important is not only to focus on the biannual elections, but to make sure that gay and lesbian Americans are contacting their congressmen and senators every day of the year, throughout, that makes more difference in terms of the of what's going to happen in Congress than what happens every two years. Because in point of fact, even though this was a good election for us, 97% of the incumbents win reelection and you don't get revolutions when 97% of the incumbent stay in. What you have to do is work with the incumbents who are in and try to influence their views and that's really the job of everybody. Everybody can be a lobbyist.



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I've been talking with Timothy Lee, the Executive Director of Human Rights campaign fund, Tim thanks for spending some time with us on his way out and continued success to the campaign fund. Thank you very much.



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November 5 Supreme Court decision has finally in Did black openly gay Sergeant Perry Watkins war against the US Army. Judith Gabriel has the details.



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The US Supreme Court let stand a ruling that the army cannot bar the reenlistment of a gay soldier whose sexual orientation they have known about for several years. The high court's order represented victory for Perry Watkins, a 14 year veteran who was discharged and denied re enlistment. A US Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled last year that the army acted improperly. It said the army knew he was gay when he re enlisted three other times what consumed to regain security clearance from the military authorities. James Levin's represents the 41 year old soldier,



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they would give it to him because he was a great soldier and he needed it in order to do the jobs that his local commanding officers wanted him to do. And then somebody else would look at a regulation and they would say, well, we can't give a secret level of security clearance to somebody who's gay and then we take it away. Ken



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Levin said the army excuse for denying his clients security clearance made little sense. They



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have a tendency to try out the argument that a homosexual can be blackmailed. But that only has any ounce of credibility if it's a homosexual person who doesn't openly acknowledge his sexual orientation if he does and always have, how can he be blackmailed about it?



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attorney James Levin's. The High Court's action fails to resolve the larger question about whether the military ban on gays is a form of discrimination.



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That report from Judas Gabriel. This way as Christopher David Trenton spoke with Sergeant Watkins about his long road to victory.



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When Perry Watkins first learned that the United States Supreme Court had upheld the lower court's ruling that the army must allow him to re enlist. One of the first thoughts that went through his mind was what he always told people when they wanted to know why he had answered yes, when he was asked by the army, if he was a homosexual, when he first signed up,



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the reason I checked the box, yes, is because my mother would kill me if I had lied. And when my attorney told me that they weren't going to hear the case, and it was all over and I had one, one of the first thought that went through my mind was thank God I definitely mother said. So it's really kind of ironic how you know, if you're given good values, regardless of whether you're gay or lesbian, or whether you're not gay or lesbian, it tends to pay off in the long run.



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Watkins sees this decision as a general victory for lesbian gay rights, even though the narrow issue of his particular case probably won't have any immediate effect on the military's current policy,



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even though we addressed the issue of the regulation and stated that we felt the regulation was unfair not to be thrown out. When the judge decided to rule they chose not to address that issue at all. So the only issue they did address was the issue of equitable estoppel, which is

issue at all. So the only issue they did address was the issue of equitable estoppel, which is basically an issue of breach of promise. I think it's very important that gays and lesbian remember that gay lesbian rights are not special rights. And when you specifically state gay and lesbian rights, it makes a real easy target. For anyone who is opposed to that to say, well, you're getting you're asking for special treatment, you're asking for special treatment. But when the reason for for your rights being granted, or for your rights being upheld, is not the fact that you're gay or lesbian. But the simple fact that any American citizen deserves fair treatment, it really has a much broader effect.



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Having spent 15 years in the Army, one of Watkins priorities is rejoining the army in order to secure the retirement benefits. He worked so hard to earn



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mastery, of course, getting all the necessary paperwork and stuff needed a writ of mandate from the Ninth Circuit. And then of course, we have to go back and approach the military as to what it is they're going to do and how they plan to handle all of that. So whatever it takes to get my retirement is what I plan to do as soon as I possibly can.



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Watkins feels that this decision will increase the pressure to change the military's policy of excluding gays and lesbians. And he feels that individual and group action by members of the lesbian and gay community will accelerate that process.



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There are a lot of organizations out there that are specifically working on that issue. Most of your gay lesbian veterans organization are doing so there is now a national, gay, lesbian and bisexual Veterans of America organization of which Miriam midazolam is the chairperson currently. And they're making a very concerted effort to motivate campuses that have ROTC to notify the Department of Defense that are left they stop their discriminatory policy against gays and lesbians, they can no longer recruit on their campuses. Congress can actually eliminate this policy so I think conduct a congressman would be good, preferably in writing. Any other elected officials that you know of you can you can get in touch with that, of course, George Bush could eliminate the whole policy with the stroke of a pen. But writing a letter to George Bush is probably just about as effective, as you know, balling it up and throwing it into the Colorado River because he probably would pay middle to no attention to it. In the face of this, along with the reports that were put out last year, on the study of at the Pentagon commission is getting more and more ludicrous as to why we have this stupid policy. I think you're really seeing the beginning of the end.



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Reporting from Los Angeles. This is Christopher David Trentham for this way out. The army man, I'll have me on man out of Maine.



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Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Freedman Mark Cech Amano Mary van clay, Tony cribs Judith Samuels, Heidi's Mr. Peter Twitchell, Judith Gabriel, Kathy Merritt and Christopher David Trento, who contributed program material. Thanks also to Mike alkali Don rush, Peter Ortiz and Gary Taylor.



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