

NARRATOR 1: The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature that may be considered objectionable by some. Listener discretion is advised.

NARRATOR 2: Sunday, November 27, beginning at 6:00 PM on the steps of City Hall in downtown Houston. You're invited to a Celebration of Life Rally. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Harvey Milk, the gay and lesbian community and their supporters will come together to celebrate life on the steps of City Hall in downtown Houston.

Entertainment will be provided by Hart Song, The Montrose Singers, MCCR Choir, and a variety of singers, poets, and speakers. Special guest speakers will be supervisor Harry Britt, from the city of San Francisco. The celebration of life rally, broadcast live over KPFT, beginning at 6:00 PM, this Sunday. Join us on the steps of City Hall and help us as we remember the life, love, and courage of Harvey Milk.

The celebration of life rally, live from downtown Houston, Sunday at 6:00 PM right here on KPFT, where you hear what you've been missing.

PRESENTER 1: A few minutes after midnight, the first hour of the fourth of July, a blue Plymouth stopped to pick up a gay hitchhiker, making hopeful signs with his thumb beside a freeway on ramp in downtown San Francisco. The car was crowded, but the night was cold, and Charles Lewis hopped in. There were two men in the front seat, both young. Lewis glanced into the back seat as the Plymouth joined the freeway traffic.

Two girls and a boy, all young, teenagers, out for a joyride, Lewis thought. No one in the car said a word. When Lewis began to say where he'd like to be dropped off, one of the girls leaned over the back seat and put a gun to his head. If you breathe, we're going to kill you, faggot. The car left the freeway at Candlestick Park. It stopped on a dark street.

The boy in the back got out and opened Lewis's door, making a slight bow as a hotel doorman would do. Lewis hesitated. The boy beside him shoved him out. The other boys kicked him. One of the girls said, kick him where it hurts. Two of the boys picked Lewis up and bent him over a garbage can. The handle poked him in the chest. The girl with the gun shoved the barrel into his mouth.

Anita Bryant is right, she said, and cocked the gun, as one of the boys homosexually assaulted Lewis. Then another of the boys did the same thing. Anita is right. Anita is right, the kids kept yelling. The rape lasted half an hour. The teenagers shove Lewis back into the Plymouth. As the car slowed for a stoplight, Lewis opened the door and threw himself into the street in front of a diner.

He crawled between two parked cars, hoping his abductors would be afraid to shoot in the intersection. The Plymouth sped away. Lewis walked home, his hands and knees were bloody. He was sore in several places. The next morning, he went to the emergency room of the University of California Medical Center. He told the doctor he had been raped. The doctor looked at him and said, well, you are homosexual, aren't you?

RADIO PROGRAM: The disorders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, The Stonewall, on Christopher Street.

[CHANTING]

RADIO Say it loud. Say it proud.
PROGRAM:

RADIO We take great pride in what's happening in the gay community and what's going to happen.
PROGRAM:

RADIO The people of Dade county has said enough, enough, enough.
PROGRAM:

[CHANTING]

RADIO Human rights are here to stay. Anita Bryant, go away.
PROGRAM:

RADIO There's no question in my mind that the people of California don't want homosexuals teacher's in the classroom.
PROGRAM:

RADIO State Senator John Briggs has just conceded the election.
PROGRAM:

RADIO Both Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.
PROGRAM:

RADIO Dan White has been found guilty of one count each of voluntary manslaughter.
PROGRAM:

[CHANTING]

RADIO Fight now, fight now.
PROGRAM:

RADIO It has now broken loose. Cops are now bashing heads.
PROGRAM:

RADIO And here comes the National March on Washington for lesbian and gay rights.
PROGRAM:

RADIO Gay power, gay politics, that's what this report is about.
PROGRAM:

RADIO There are gay and lesbian people singing out here. What's your reaction to that?
PROGRAM:

RADIO I think it's terrible. If I had a rock, I'd throw it at them.
PROGRAM:

RADIO The real message of these gay games is that every one of us is a winner.
PROGRAM:

RADIO PROGRAM: Tonight, we are marching, as are others across America, and we shouldn't have to be.

RADIO PROGRAM: Say it so they can hear you in the capitol. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for love, we're not going back.

RADIO PROGRAM: I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage leading the chant. For love and for life, we're not going back.

RADIO PROGRAM: Good afternoon, and welcome to the National March on Washington DC for gay and lesbian rights and choral reciting.

[APPLAUSE]

Let's hear it out there. I'm Lea Delaria.

RADIO PROGRAM: I'm Bruce Hopkins.

RADIO PROGRAM: I'm a dyke.

RADIO PROGRAM: I'm a faggot. And we're bestfriends.

RADIO PROGRAM: I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the lesbian and gay rights March-- the official count is over 500,000 strong. 500,000 strong. Look at you. 500,000 strong. 500,000 strong. One of the largest marches in United States history. One of the largest march's in United States History. 500,000 strong.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

RADIO PROGRAM: We must destroy the myths once and for all, shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly-- most importantly, every gay person must come out. You must tell your immediate family, you must tell your relatives, you must tell your friends, if indeed they are your friends, you must tell your neighbors, you must tell the people you work with, you must tell the people, the stores you shop in.

[APPLAUSE]

Once they realize that we are indeed their children, and we are indeed, everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo, will be destroyed once and for all. And once you do, you will feel so much better.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHANTING]

RADIO Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFA?

PROGRAM:

RADIO Come on out. Join us. Bring your friends.

PROGRAM:

RADIO What do you think about the turnout so far?

PROGRAM:

RADIO Well, it's never enough. Never enough. Never enough.

PROGRAM:

RADIO And I asked people all over this country to do one thing. Come out. Come out, America. Come out.

PROGRAM:

[APPLAUSE]

PRESENTER 1: Well, here we are, Judy.

PRESENTER 2: Good morning.

PRESENTER 1: Good morning, gang.

[ALL] Good morning.

PRESENTER 2: Mercy, sounds like a chorus.

PRESENTER 1: So, what's going on? What's going on, anybody?

PRESENTER 2: Well, I know we're going to talk about tonight, and I'm all excited.

PRESENTER 1: What?

PRESENTER 2: Oh, some old friend of yours. I can't remember his name. Milk?

PRESENTER 1: My dog's name.

PRESENTER 2: Your dog's name.

PRESENTER 1: Shame on you.

PRESENTER 3: How dare you name a dog after Harvey.

PRESENTER 1: Harvey Milk. Oh, come on.

PRESENTER 3: It's the sweetest dog ever.

PRESENTER 1: Isn't he great? He needs a bath, though. Because, well-- you can't say that word on radio anymore.

PRESENTER 3: [INAUDIBLE]

PRESENTER 1: He what? What did he say?

PRESENTER 2: I didn't hear that.

PRESENTER 1: What did he say?

PRESENTER 3: He has a little pink triangle on his forehead.

PRESENTER 1: Yeah. Our message to you this morning is come out, come out, wherever you are. We talked about, several months ago, doing a rally down in front of City Hall. And I'll be damned if it's not going to happen.

PRESENTER 2: I know, real soon.

PRESENTER 1: It's kind of scary, too, because our little crew has never done anything like this. But tomorrow, on the steps of City Hall, we're going to have a celebration of life rally. We're going to celebrate the very existence of the gay and lesbian movement. It's going to be wonderful. And I want you to come out and be a part of it.

PRESENTER 2: But it's today.

PRESENTER 1: Is it today?

PRESENTER 2: Today.

[ALL] Today.

PRESENTER 3: Come out, come out.

PRESENTER 1: See, what would I do without all these folks telling me what day it was?

PRESENTER 2: They'd all come tomorrow.

PRESENTER 1: 526 4000. That's the number to call. We want to hear from you. You're listening to after hours on KPFT.

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[MUSIC PLAYING]

RADIO PROGRAM: Go ahead and say it so they can hear it in the capitol. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the lesbian and gay rights March-- the official call is over 500,000 strong.

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[MUSIC PLAYING - PAMALA STANLEY, "COMING OUT OF HIDING"]

RADIO PROGRAM: As President of the board-- [INAUDIBLE]. As President of the Board of Supervisors, it is my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and Supervisor, Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.

RADIO Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore.

PROGRAM:

RADIO They've got to understand something. They've got to understand something/ We are not talking about white
PROGRAM: politics. This is not a movement from the waist down. We are talking about our right to love and to choose and to live. And I don't care about straight tolerance, and I don't care about extreme understanding. You better hear me in Washington, we are demanding-- we are demanding our civil rights.

RADIO I ask people all over the country to do one thing.

PROGRAM:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

RADIO We must destroy the myths once and for all-- shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most
PROGRAM: importantly-- most importantly, every gay person must come out.

RADIO Ari, do you have a few words for KPFA?

PROGRAM:

RADIO Come on out. Join us.

PROGRAM:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

RADIO Difficult as it is, you must tell your immediate family, you must tell your relatives, you must tell your friends, if
PROGRAM: indeed, they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors, you must tell the people you work with, you must tell the people in the stores you shop in.

[APPLAUSE]

Once they realize that we are indeed their children, that we are indeed everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo, will be destroyed once and for all. And I asked-- I asked people all over this country to do one thing-- come out. Come out, America. Come out.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHANTING]

[MUSIC PLAYING - DIANA ROSS, "I'M COMING OUT"]

PRESENTER 1: What does that mean?

PRESENTER 3: No, two weeks in a row, you've turned on the mic just as John is saying something self-incriminating.

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER 1: That's because it's live radio, so you have to be careful. What? What happened? What about coming out?

[ALL] Do it. Do it. Come out, come out.

PRESENTER 1: Where's Lee?

PRESENTER 3: Lee who?

PRESENTER 2: Lee's out.

PRESENTER 4: Coming out, no doubt.

PRESENTER 1: Where's Lee at?

PRESENTER 3: Lee's probably coming out somewhere.

PRESENTER 1: Huh? Is he here?

RADIO Hanging out or coming out?

PROGRAM:

PRESENTER 1: He's what?

PRESENTER 3: Outside the building.

PRESENTER 1: Go get him. He's outside of the building. We're going to go get him. He's got a story to tell you here in just a second.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

But he's got to hurry before this record stops or it won't make [INAUDIBLE].

[MUSIC PLAYING]

What were you saying? Put them in the hot seat, kids.

PRESENTER 4: It's kind of warm.

PRESENTER 1: After hours on KPFT. Well, Judy's been sitting there. It is warm.

PRESENTER 4: It's hot.

PRESENTER 1: She's a hot woman, too. And her phone number is--

PRESENTER 4: Oh, no.

PRESENTER 1: 555-5555. What were you going to say?

PRESENTER 4: When?

PRESENTER 1: Earlier. What were you telling me? It's live radio, baby, go ahead.

PRESENTER 4: About?

PRESENTER 1: Listen to this. Name of this song is--

PRESENTER 4: I'm coming out?

PRESENTER 1: What? Tell me what you were saying.

PRESENTER 4: ? What about me being homosexual?

PRESENTER 1: Well, no. The good stuff. We already knew that.

PRESENTER 4: About my parents?

PRESENTER 1: What about them?

PRESENTER 4: Well, tomorrow is the big day. Because I'm coming out in full glory.

PRESENTER 1: Why?

PRESENTER 4: They're going to have to deal with it.

PRESENTER 1: Why, seriously?

PRESENTER 4: Because if I want to get involved with this radio station, then I have to, because I don't want to be hypocritical. And if I'm not coming out, then how am I expecting everybody else to come out?

PRESENTER 1: So, how'd you feel last week when you left the show?

PRESENTER 4: I had a lot of mixed feelings. But mostly, I wanted to run home and tell my whole family.

PRESENTER 1: Why?

PRESENTER 4: Because I didn't want to feel hypocritical. I didn't like the way I felt.

PRESENTER 1: So, what are you going to do if mom and dad don't particularly think that's a good idea?

PRESENTER 4: That's something they're going to have to deal with.

PRESENTER 1: Because my folks threw me out when I was 17, and I've been doing pretty damn well. Well.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

What?

PRESENTER 4: I know I'll be happier.

PRESENTER 1: Just keep smiling, OK?

PRESENTER 4: Thank you.

PRESENTER 1: Thank you, baby. I kind of put him on the spot. That's not really mean because it's real important to come out. Larry's not listening-- or he may be listening. I hope he's sleeping, because he's going to be speaking at the rally this afternoon. Larry called me a couple of months after we went on the air and he said, please, don't put me on the radio because I don't want anybody to know that I am gay. And someone might find out. I said, OK.

And he called back in June when we did the gay pride, lesbian, gay pride parade. And said, I listened to the parade in the backyard, and it sounded wonderful. And I just wanted to call and tell you that. And I just wanted to share it with you. And I said, well, that's good. And he called back again in November-- or, I'm sorry, October, during National Coming Out day to tell me that he had decided to come out to his sister. And he said he just wanted to share that to me-- or with me, and it's been a long week.

And then he called about three weeks ago and he said, I want to help with the Harvey Milk rally. I said, OK, what do you want to do? Park cars, or make sure people are seated, or what do you want to do? He said, no, I want to speak. And I said, is this the same Larry that was afraid that someone would hear him on the radio? You want to get up in front of all these people and take a chance of speaking? And he said, yes. So, tomorrow, at the celebration of life rally, you will hear Larry speak these words.

**RADIO
PROGRAM:**

Somewhere in Des Moines or San Antonio, there's a young gay person who all of a sudden realizes that she or he is gay. Knows that if the parents find out, they'll be tossed out of the house. The classmates torment the child, and the Anita Bryants and John Briggs are doing their bit on TV. And that child has several options-- staying in the closet, suicide.

And then one day the child might open a paper and says, homosexual elected in San Francisco, and there are two new options. Option A is to go to California.

[APPLAUSE]

Stay in San Antonio and fight. Two days after I was elected, I got a phone call, and the voice was quite young. He was from Altoona, Pennsylvania. And the person said, thanks. And you've got to elect gay people so that young child and the thousands upon thousands like that child know that there's hope for a better world. There's hope for a better tomorrow.

Without hope, the only gays that those Blacks, and the Asians, disabled, seniors, the essence the essence without hope, the essence give up. I know that you cannot live on hope alone, but without it, life is not worth living. And you, and you, and you, got to give them hope. Thank you very much.

PRESENTER 1: Now as you listen, you can continue to sit there, all by yourself thinking, I can't come out of the closet because I'm a policeman. First, the city of Houston or deputy Sheriff for Harris County. Or I'm an attorney, and I want to run for a judgeship. I can't come out of the closet right now. You can continue to lie about the vacations that you take and the weekends that you spend with your friends, and no one's going to know the difference. Except you.

When we first started doing this program, I worked for the city of Houston in the police department. In the beginning, I just told you that I worked for the city. And on the way home from work one night, after listening to Harvey Milk talk about how we must come out, I said, I have to go on the radio and tell you the truth. And I worked as a police dispatcher for the city of Houston for almost another year and did this show, and they didn't care.

In fact, the people that really cared about me as a human being and as a friend only became stronger, stronger, and stronger friends. And I left there in August, but they've continued to be my friend. And I think they respect me for standing up for myself. Tomorrow's very, very important to me because for 34 years, I've never done anything for anybody. And every week, I'm joined here by some wonderful people that really put their hearts on the line to do this program for you.

If you care anything at all about today, as being the rest of the days of your life-- it's hard to talk because we're kind of tired. We're having a rally at City Hall today. If you care anything about the movement and you want to be involved, it's very, very easy. Just join us on the steps of City Hall a little before six o'clock. You're going to see some of the greatest leaders in the gay and lesbian community here in Houston get up before you and speak.

Ray Hill, who's been there forever for us, read me part of the words, he's going to speak tonight, and they were beautiful. And you can't miss that because it's only going to happen tomorrow. Of course, we're going to play the tapes for you. But it's not like being there. Bruce was in Washington right, baby?

PRESENTER 3: Yep.

PRESENTER 1: Tell me about the millions-- the millions-- the hundreds of thousands of people that were there. You came back to Houston, you got involved with ACT UP, you started ACT UP, you got involved with this radio program. You're just running around in circles. Why all this energy, baby? Be honest, why?

PRESENTER 3: It's necessary. You know, I first heard Harvey Milk when I was still living in Baton Rouge, I saw the movie. And it inspired me because, I guess, someday I feel like I will run for public office. But I put that movie up on a shelf and I didn't watch it again. When I was in Washington last October, you know, it was like, this is really great, this is where I want to be. And just seeing all of those people was so exciting.

And then meeting you and getting involved with the show. I first came on the show as a guest, and I've been coming back ever since. And those words of Harvey Milk are just so inspiring, and to hear them every week. It's like, come out, come out, wherever you are. You have to. It's something we all have to do, and it's something that I hope we all can do in some small way. If we can't-- some of us can't come out on the job. I have.

PRESENTER 1: Why do we spend so much time and so much energy, Bruce, running around trying to do this for everybody else? And we just end up fighting with each other, and yelling, and throwing things at each other, and it's not us, right?

PRESENTER 3: Well, no, it's not.

PRESENTER 1: Why do we put so much out, do you think, on the line?

PRESENTER 3: I think I can speak for everyone here-- I know I can speak for you when I say that, when we get one phone call or one letter and it says, thank you so much for your show and for what y'all do, because you've helped me come out and you've helped me understand that there are other people out there like me and I can live my life happier and be happier for it. It makes me feel good, and I can run for weeks on that.

PRESENTER 1: Hang on just a second. KPFT, you're on the air.

CALLER: Yes. I thought I would just call up and tell some fantastic news.

PRESENTER 1: What's that?

CALLER: For the National Coming out day, it was my first time ever coming out to my parents. And I had listened to your station-- I listened to it all the time. And it really gave me enough backbone to stand up for myself and tell my parents how I felt about my sexuality and start telling the truth about me?

PRESENTER 1: How did it turn out?

CALLER: Well, my father didn't take it too well, he had said that I'm no longer his son. And that's the typical homophobic reaction for a Southern Baptist preacher. And my mother was your typical mother. She said, if I'm happy, she's happy. And my daughter, who's 18, came out, said, if that's the way I wanted to be, that's fine. She's all for me.

PRESENTER 1: Listen, thanks for calling and sharing that with us. That's what it's all about.

PRESENTER 3: Really is.

PRESENTER 1: And I spent Thanksgiving with people that love me. And I cried that night, because I wanted to go to the phone and call my mom and tell her how much I love her, and talk to my dad. But mom and dad don't want to talk to their queer, faggot son, because he's never going to amount to anything. But when I get up in the morning and shave, I have to look at myself. And it hurts, believe me. It hurts like hell not to have mom and dad there on Thanksgiving and Christmas. But I've got Bruce, and Judy, and Roger, and Jimmy, and Ray Hill, and hundreds of other people who fill the gap.

If you can just stand up for yourself, you're going to find out very quickly that you're not alone, and life is only going to get better, and better.

PRESENTER 3: And better.

PRESENTER 1: And better.

PRESENTER 3: And I love you too, baby.

PRESENTER 1: Whatever it takes, get down to City Hall this afternoon and join us. And help us celebrate life. Don't just listen to us say it on the radio every week, come out and get a piece of it for yourself. Who knows, you might get lucky and pick up one of these nice looking men.

PRESENTER 2: Wait a second, who wants to pick up a nice looking man?

PRESENTER 1: One of these nice looking women. What'd you say, baby?

PRESENTER 3: I said, I'm wondering where they're at.

PRESENTER 1: I'm trying-- I've been trying like hell.

RADIO Hey, just because you're in that room all by yourself does not mean you can't be lynched.

PROGRAM:

PRESENTER 3: But I'm with the best person here.

PRESENTER 1: Hey, can we play something with Christmasy, or is it too early?

PRESENTER 4: No, never too early. My Christmas tree's got 1,500 lights on it.

PRESENTER 1: Oh, Jesus. OK. 526-4000. That's the number to call. And you better watch out you, you better not cry.

PRESENTER 4: Can we have a rally for him, too?

PRESENTER 1: Can we have a rally for Jerry Falwell?

PRESENTER 4: Yeah, I want to bring the tar, John says he'll bring the feathers.

PRESENTER 1: I almost said that word we can't say because the FCC says you can't say those words.

PRESENTER 4: There's several words in that song we can't say on this radio show.

PRESENTER 1: It's real scary. There's a new law that got passed that Ray was telling me about. What-- we talked about it before on the show. Child protection pornography law some garbage that Ed Meese and the boys have got that is really going to affect us. We got a letter from David Skolnick, the executive director of Pacifica, and we still trying to figure out what the law says, because they kind of signed it and snuck it through. But that's OK, we'll find out. And hopefully, it won't take us off the air completely, but you never know. So, you need to get out and get involved. Get involved. Wesley at Lobo, does anybody know where that is?

[ALL] Lobo, Lobo.

PRESENTER 4: Hey, 4424 Westheimer, isn't it?

PRESENTER 1: Yeah, they've been real good supporters of the show the past couple of weeks.

PRESENTER 4: 1424 Westheimer.

PRESENTER 1: 1424 C Westheimer.

PRESENTER 4: Thank you.

PRESENTER 1: They put out a couple of buckets full of money to help us with the rally and the movie at the River Oaks last weekend. And other than being a very attractive man-- no. Sorry, I'm kind of tired--

PRESENTER 3: They are both good looking.

PRESENTER 1: Oscar and Wes? Aren't they cute.

PRESENTER 3: Yeah. Larry is, too.

PRESENTER 1: I know, let's talk about something else, because if we don't, I'm going to get in trouble. Wesley called from Lobo and said that if you haven't seen the Life and Times of Harvey Milk and if you'd like to see it, they have rental copies. But if you call down to Lobo or you're going to see Larry-- I'm sorry, Wes, Wesley at Lobo, he will let you take it home, free of charge, no money needed.

[APPLAUSE]

Isn't that great?

PRESENTER 3: And I watched it again tonight, myself, at home on the copy I have since--

PRESENTER 1: Did you?

PRESENTER 3: Last weekend.

PRESENTER 1: They also sell a copy of it. So, if you don't want to rent it for nothing, then you can borrow it. The news-- huh?

PRESENTER 4: That's one that's worth owning.

PRESENTER 1: Yeah, I know. The news is coming up in just a minute. We're going to listen to Lynne Lavner and then the news gang will be in for that little spiel.

PRESENTER 4: Yay for the news.

PRESENTER 1: So, stay tuned. We're going to have more rally news for you after the news, right?

PRESENTER 4: Right.

PRESENTER 1: Sounds good.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

ROB DITTO: You're listening to after hours on 90.1 FM KPFT in Houston. Listener sponsored Pacifica radio. Welcome to another installment of Afterwards. We'll be bringing you the latest in news, viewpoints, and information you can use, coming to you from the heart of our community. Today on Afterwards, find out how the lesbian and gay community fared on election day in a special news report from Sandy Dwyer and Tony Sullivan at KPFK.

Also, a breakthrough for Karen Thompson, a woman fighting the courts for the right to visit her lover, Sharon Karwoski, who is being kept alive by life support equipment. I'll be bringing you the highlights of this week's AIDS news, and Rob Hess will be along for an alternative treatment update. Kay will be here with the Afterwards community bulletin board, and Judy and I will take you along to the magical world of Baghdad Cafe, the new film by Percy Adlon. My name is Rob Ditto, and you're listening to Afterwards.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

RADIO PROGRAM: [INAUDIBLE] of AZT to test the drug's effectiveness in England and France is being opposed by AIDS activists. It is believed that the US-based Burroughs Wellcome is going overseas for their tests, because they know that people with AIDS in the US would refuse to participate. In these controversial type of placebo-based study, one half of the subjects get AZT, the other half get sugar pills. The HIV-positive research volunteers will not be allowed to take any other medication, including aerosol pentamidine which is known to help prevent pneumonia, the number one killer of people with AIDS.

British AIDS activist, Simon Watney, calls the research, murderous.

RADIO PROGRAM: Minnesota lesbian, Karen Thompson, may be one step closer to getting her disabled lover, Sharon Karwoski, into a rehabilitation facility. Karwoski was injured in an automobile accident in 1983, and after a legal battle, guardianship was awarded to her father. He has prevented Thompson from visiting Karwoski, and Thompson claims he has not provided proper care. After four years, a competency test was finally ordered by the court. Thompson and her attorney are now evaluating the results in hopes of getting the court to order rehabilitation and a change in guardianship.

RADIO PROGRAM: The United States presidential elections are finally over, and along with them, battles by gay and lesbian communities to defeat anti-gay and lesbian ballot initiatives and candidates. Some were won, some were lost.

RADIO PROGRAM: By a six point margin, Oregon voters have revoked governor Neil Goldsmith's executive order issued last year, which had banned job discrimination in the administrative branch of state government. The 53 to 47 vote was a defeat for Democrat Goldschmidt, who had campaigned against the controversial measure. As recently as two weeks ago, polls indicated that opposition to ballot measure eight in Oregon was leading with as much as 55%. With the news of ballot measure eight's passage, opponents took to the streets in downtown Portland, Wednesday night. About 1,000 marched along a 12 block route, and then assembled for a rally. Afterwards, about 300 continued their protest by blocking a heavily used downtown bridge. 18 people were arrested for disorderly conduct-- all were later released.

The impact of [INAUDIBLE] passage in Oregon is unknown. While it clearly revokes the governor's executive order, it may also prohibit state personnel officials from taking any action against such a firing, in effect, legalizing discrimination. Now, opponents vow a court battle lies ahead in an attempt to nullify the ballot measure on the basis of unconstitutionality. As one rally organizer put it, we lost a battle, but the war is far from over. I'm David McCartney in Portland, for this way out.

RADIO PROGRAM: California voters turned down one ballot initiative, proposition 102.

RADIO PROGRAM: The bill was slated to get rid of the state's anonymous AIDS testing sites, and required the reporting of anyone who tested positive or even was suspected of being positive for HIV. It would have permitted employers and insurance companies to require the AIDS test. Lawrence White is head of the 35,000 member California Medical Association.

RADIO PROGRAM: People who put it on and really all centered around Bill Dana Meyer. He's an extreme right wing Congressman from Fullerton. He is a fanatic homophobe.

RADIO PROGRAM: Just a few months ago, polls were showing it passing handily, despite the opposition of virtually every Health Organization in the state, the US surgeon general, and labor, corporate, and church leaders. But in an amazing turnaround, California voters defeated the measure by a more than two to one margin. Thousands of lesbian and gay AIDS activists gathered election night in San Francisco's Castro area. Harry Britt is the city's only gay supervisor.

RADIO PROGRAM: At this point, whether you're seropositive or not, the world is dealing with us as a community with AIDS. We must proudly identify with that community every moment of our lives, from the time we get up in the morning, until at night. Until the world learns that to be a person affected by AIDS is to be a person who has a lot to teach you about love, and power, and hope, and community, and that we can learn from our epidemic and not use it for demagoguery.

RADIO PROGRAM: Proposition 102 was the third attempt in less than three years by the right wing to put its stamp on the AIDS epidemic in the state. In San Francisco, this is Mike Alcalay.

RADIO PROGRAM: Those same voters approved proposition 96, which allows the court to order HIV testing of crime suspects if they spit, bite, sweat, or bleed on a law enforcement officer or emergency personnel, or if they are accused of a sex crime. The gay community in Los Angeles is not content with their victory over proposition 102. That initiative was considered much more dangerous than proposition 96. In the middle of their victory celebration over the defeat of prop 102, AIDS activist Enrick Morello of ACT UP turned off the jukebox and led more than 100 demonstrators into a noisy, traffic-blocking tour of West Hollywood.

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RADIO PROGRAM: Why is proposition 96 such a terrible threat?

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RADIO PROGRAM: I'm Zita Graham, for KPFK news.

RADIO PROGRAM: Results for the candidates were also mixed. Openly gay San Francisco supervisor Harry Britt was re-elected, while board of supervisors candidate, lesbian Pat Norman, was defeated. In Congress, all of the sponsors of the gay and lesbian civil rights bill were re-elected except for Connecticut Senator, Lowell Weicker Junior. Weicker, a Renegade pro-gay Republican, was defeated primarily because Republican William F Buckley Junior came out against him and made large campaign contributions to the Democratic candidate. In addition, pro-choice activists, those who believe women should be able to decide for themselves whether they want an abortion, lost three state initiative battles-- Michigan, Colorado, and Arkansas will no longer allow state money to pay for abortions.

RADIO PROGRAM: We're obviously disappointed in the elections, but I don't think--

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ROB DITTO: Next on Afterwards, an update on last week's feature about Spin magazine, which this month enclosed a condom in each copy of the November issue. Well, it turns out that half of the 30,000 stores that sell Spin refused to carry the issue with the condom inside. Janice Wimborne of the AIDS Radio Network at KPFA interviewed the publisher of Spin, Bob Guccione, and asked him what he thought about the controversy.

RADIO PROGRAM: The ridiculous thing is many of those stores in fact, the majority of those stores actually sell condoms. And in some cases or most cases, at the checkout. I anticipated some reaction, of course, especially in the Bible belt. But I did not anticipate the kind of hysterical and impulsive reaction. I said to one radio station in Florida, I said, perhaps we should have included a free handgun in the copies, because you seem to get less indignant about the availability of guns than you do condoms. And I think that's kind of a metaphor for where we're at today.

ROB DITTO: Guccione stated that the unsold copies would be distributed, free, to college campuses, once again showing that he and his magazine are serious about promoting safer sex. Coming up next on Afterwards, we'll have Kay with the community bulletin board.

RADIO PROGRAM: Hi, this is Kay with a community bulletin board. Of course, the big event for today is the rally celebrating life and commemorating the 10th anniversary of the assassination of George Moscone, Mayor of San Francisco and Harvey Milk, a city supervisor, and the nation's first publically elected gay official. The rally's at 6:00 PM on the steps of City Hall, and Heartsong, the MCC choir, and the Montrose Singers will be performing. To call here at the station, 526-4000, or call the After Hours hotline at 529-4636.

Heartsong is also going to be performing with the MCC choir at the Montrose library on December 1, as The Names Project Houston lights up their Christmas tree to celebrate World AIDS Day. Anyone who would like to bring a handmade ornament to remember a loved one is welcome to. It starts at 8:00 PM at the library. For more information, please call Michael Bongiorno at 523-5535.

That same evening, ACT UP will be sponsoring the second annual die-in on the steps of City Hall. Anyway, that starts at 8:30, and the person to contact is Leslie Perez, who is most easily reached at the JLPC offices. The number over there is 521-1000. Or Michael Pittman, the male co-chair, at 528-0100. And on December 4, there will be a Christmas song fest benefiting Omega House, one of our AIDS hospices. It'll be at 5:00 PM at the Stover hotel in the Greenway Plaza area. There will be a donation requested. To find out more, the phone number is 862-1283. That's pretty much it for what's going on for next week. Do you have any questions about the calendar or anything you'd like to see included? Please call the After Hours hotline at 529-4636. And as always, please call the gay and lesbian switchboard at 529-3211 for information on what's going on in the community, or if you just need someone to listen.

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PRESENTER 1: It's been a week of major developments in AIDS research, and treatment. On Monday, the Food and Drug Administration gave the green light to drug companies to manufacture Alpha Interferon as a treatment for Kaposi's sarcoma, one of the many opportunistic infections frequently seen in AIDS patients. The approval was based on a study that showed that drug's effectiveness in treating patients in the early stages of AIDS.

Alpha Interferon is found in the human body, but the version to be manufactured is produced by genetic engineering. Also on the treatments front, researchers at the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center have created a two stage approach to killing HIV cells in a test tube. A substance called CD4, which seeks out and binds itself to HIV infected cells, is itself attached to a poison called ricin, which acts at the cell level. Thus, only cells infected with HIV, the virus which scientists believe causes AIDS, are killed.

This search and destroy method is similar to those used in treating cancer patients. The CD4 ricin combination has not yet been tested in live subjects. A company called Cambridge Bioscience has come up with a new test for the HIV virus which takes only 10 minutes in a centrifuge to produce a result. The test is reported to be accurate to within 0.4% of the Elisa Western blot tests currently in use, which themselves have a substantial margin for error. So, let's hope that this quick test doesn't cause more false positives.

Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health has announced that trials of experimental drugs to treat AIDS will be made more widely available in future NIH studies. The expansion is intended as a response to AIDS activists, who criticize the research is slow and that experimental drugs should not be withheld from AIDS sufferers. However, the wider availability will not begin until next summer.

Here's one last tidbit. In an attempt to control the spread of AIDS, the country of Uganda is planning to legally ban all extramarital sex. It'll be interesting to see how they try to do this. Let's hope no one gets hurt. And you're listening to After Hours and 90.1 FM-- I hope it is. 90.1, FM KPFT Houston, listener sponsored Pacifica radio. Coming up next, Rob Hess with the alternative treatment update.

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