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All for the straight folks who don't mind gays, but wish they weren't so blatant.



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You know, some people got a lot of nerve. Sometimes I don't believe that things I see in here. Have you met the woman who shocked by two women kissing and in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Or the straight couple sits next to you in a movie, and he can't hear the dialogue because of the sound effects. But gays shouldn't be blatant. And the woman in your office, spend your whole lunch hour talking about her new bikinis drawers and how much her husband likes them. But gays shouldn't be blamed. Or the hip chick in your class. rattling a mile a minute while you're trying to get stoned in the John about the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend. But gays shouldn't be blatant. You go in a public bathroom and all over the walls. There's John loves Mary Janice Diggs, Richard Pepe loves the Loris, etc. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Or you go to an amusement park, and there's a tunnel of love and pictures. The streets painted on the front and grinning couples coming in and out. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Fact is blatant Heterosexuals are all over the place. Supermarkets, movies, at work in church, in books on television every day and night. Every place even in gave us and they want gay men and women to go hide in the closets. So do you straight folks? I say Sure. I'll go if you go to, but I'm polite.



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What do you do for fun? I fly a bomber that's on here.



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Yes, yes, there's



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nothing like it. I climb into that cockpit I strapped myself in and from the moment those engines

start to rev up I'm in another world. First they sputter and they hum then they thunder. The plane starts to move forward taxiing down the runway slowly at first, then faster and faster until the world becomes a blur rushing by incredible speed. My tail starts to rise. And now the roar of the engines becomes almost deafening. The plane begins to vibrate, pushing with all its might to break free of the earth. And then all of a sudden, I'm off the ground first and we're upward into the sky flying higher and higher until I feel like I can touch the sun. Would you like to see my bomber



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after hours radios celebrating live from the Harley Montrose we're here and we're queer sort of. Girl. It's a quarter after one and this week I was Greg Gordon who Chappelle coming up at 130



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After hours are you celebrating live from the heart of Montrose 90.1 FM KPFT Houston this way out with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chapelle coming at you so stay with us.



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I've had a number of patients that have been very frantic with the fear that they're somehow missing this potential cure and it's very upsetting to them. The Army issued a manual for the soldiers and how to do drag the hit patterns and how to alter only T shirts and blankets into blouses and skirts. These were official army manuals and the bus stopped



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a bow bow a pair of teenagers boarded with noisy ceremony. What you think and he faggots on this bus.



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This is Lucia Chapelle.



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And Greg Gordon, and you're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine on after hours



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right here on Pacifica radio 90.1 FM KPFT Houston. Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucy Chapelle.



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And I'm Greg Gordon. NIH turns up the heat in hyperthermia controversy.



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Patriots in drag reformed, gallantly,



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and World War Two and the light goes out at the White House glow bar,



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all that and more because you've discovered this way out



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Hi, I'm Juan Mendez Jr.



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and I'm Sandy Dwyer with news rap,



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a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending September 9 1990.



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Civil liberties groups are uniting to defeat the nomination of David Souter for the US Supreme Court as Senate confirmation hearings get underway this month. Unlike the case of Robert Bork in 1987, who was not confirmed because of his substantial ultra conservative record, suitors, a political style has slowed opposition to his confirmation. progressive groups believe there is enough evidence against endorsing suitors nomination although the judge has handed down few decisions on major issues of the day, rarely states and opinion in public and he has not written any articles or books. It is assumed he is anti abortion since he was recommended by President Bush's Chief of Staff John Sununu. Both are anti abortion. suitors known positions include a court decision banning gays and lesbians from being foster parents or adopting

because they are bad role models and ordering all state flags lowered to half mast on Good Friday because Jesus is a historical figure. groups involved in the anti suitor Dr include the National Center for Lesbian Rights, the National Gay rights advocates, the National Lawyers Guild, and several American Civil Liberties Union chapters.



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The only bar in South Africa catering to black lesbians and gays has changed his clientele after a police raid. The bar has been taken over by a white man who has made it clear that the establishment is no longer gay and lesbian. The Globe bar pub in Soweto had been home to the activist organization, the lesbian and gay organization of Witwatersrand. According to gay rights leader Simon and Koli police raided the club and arrested the owner for possessing an unlicensed gun to bar employees were also arrested for knowing about the weapon.



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Voters in the city of Tacoma, Washington, located about 40 miles south of Seattle will be deciding on a lesbian and gay rights ordinance again this November, after gays and lesbians were added to Tacoma civil rights protections by the city council, local Christian fundamentalists led a drive last November which repealed those protections. Activists spent the past several months gathering signatures asking Tacoma voters to include lesbian and gay rights in the cities anti discrimination laws. The successful effort qualified the issue for this November's ballot with only 20 valid signatures over the minimum number required.



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North Carolina Senate vote tonight at the statewide coalition to defeat Jesse Helms has announced events all over the United States on Saturday, October 6. National hounds Liberation Day will raise money for helms opponent Harvey Gant, people will be gathering at marches, rallies, potlucks, dances and concerts, all designed to bring people together to support Kent. By August 20. The helms campaign had raised \$7,000,000.70 5% of it from out of state, the game campaign has raised only \$800,000



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a new computer game about age is about to be offered to the secondary schools in New Zealand. The game q&a The AIDS challenge was developed by condom manufacturer London International Group. The computer game already in use in Australia is an attempt to lower the statistics which show that 84% of sexually active Australian teenagers don't use condoms. Studies show that while teens are aware of the risks of HIV infection, condom sales had increased only 1% Since an AIDS awareness campaign was launched in 1986. The remake



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of MS magazine not only promises to continue to feature lesbians and lesbian issues, but will ~~most likely disappear along these lines. Now that the magazine no longer accepts display~~

most likely improve along those lines. Now that the magazine no longer accepts display advertising, according to Gloria Steinem's article in the August issue, Eastern Airlines had threatened to cancel due to an ad in the old ms for lesbian poetry journals. Now that the magazine is supported solely by subscriptions, and newsstand sales, its editorial content and its financial base can exist in harmony.



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The Los Angeles chapter of GLAAD the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has lodged protests over what they are characterizing as anti gay stereotyping and two recently released films. In dark man, a universal pitchers release. It is implied that the villain of the movie, a vicious crime boss who collects the severed fingers of his victims, has an ongoing relationship with the youngest member of his gang whose disappearance triggers the crime bosses jealous rage. Rival mobsters also referred to the villains gang members as the girls in After Dark my sweet released by Avenue pictures, the older would be protector of a new young X Box Er is portrayed as having a sexual motive for allowing the young drifter to stay at his house. The older man attempts to exert control over the young ex boxer who eventually kills him with a single lethal punch. Stories in both Interview magazine and the New York Post have noted that the character of the older man, dark Goldman is not portrayed as gay in the original novel by James Thompson. Glad Los Angeles has already met with representatives of Universal Pictures and will attempt to do the same with Avenue pictures to discuss the effects of such negative stereotyping on the lesbian and gay community. And other



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stories making news this week. The Human Rights Campaign fund signed up 30,000 people for its speakout program. During this years lesbian and gay pride events around the US. The number of participants who agreed to send messages to federal legislators surpassed enrollment during the entire previous year.



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Pop singer Madonna has donated the proceeds from the sold out final us concert of her Blonde Ambition tour to the American Foundation for AIDS research. The entertainers specifically earmark the over \$300,000 to support community based clinical trial AIDS research.



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It is difficult for poor people infected with the AIDS virus to obtain AC T in Alabama. So a 35 year old ex offender in the state known as Batman became an offender again in order to obtain the drug. Batman stole a VCR and got caught. He told other inmates in the HIV isolation cellblock at limestone correctional facility. I want to live that's why I'm back.



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And finally, observant photographer Rick care harder snapped a portrait of a unique coupling in

San Francisco, California. The photo published in the Bay Area reporter shows the coming together of Harold and Bruce to streets that intersect near City College, proving once again that we are everywhere.

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That's news wrap for the weekend in September 9 1990. compiled from publications and broadcasts throughout the world and written by RJ curry of the gay and lesbian Press Association.

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Remember and informed community as 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 Sandy Dwyer,

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and pleinement is Jr.

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This is Lucia Chapelle.

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And Greg Gordon, and you're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine on after hours right here on

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Pacifica radio 90.1 FM KPFT Houston.

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The US National Institutes of Health reports that there is no evidence to support claims that hyperthermia, or controversy or AIDS therapy is useful in treating the disease. Mary Marchetti reports.

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The NIH released its report after several months of media hype and medical inquiry into reports from an Atlanta hospital that are rarely used cancer therapy cured a man of Kaposi's sarcoma

from an Atlanta hospital that are rarely used cancer therapy cured a man of Kaposi sarcoma, and perhaps even read his body of HIV. The therapy involves circulating the patient's blood out of his body, heating it and recirculating it into his system. Of the three patients who underwent the expensive treatment. One showed improvement, one showed little change and one died. Dr. Mark Jacobson, Director of Clinical Research at the AIDS division of San Francisco General Hospital, said he's not surprised that the NIH is frowning on the treatment.



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Vast majority of quote cures unquote, for aids that have been reported in the press and not peer reviewed scientific journals have turned out to not be anything near what the original headlines suggested they were.



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The NIH reportedly concluded that the patient who showed marked improvement after undergoing hyperthermia had not in fact suffered from Kaposi sarcoma before treatment, and that antibiotics were responsible for his marked improvement afterwards. Dr. Kenneth Alonso, one of the physicians who has carried out the experimental treatments in Atlanta and Mexico, reportedly criticized the NIH, his assessment, but Jacobson at San Francisco General says he's relieved that other people with AIDS won't get their hopes up unnecessarily.



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I've had a number of patients that have been very frantic with the fear that they're somehow missing this potential cure, and it's very upsetting to them, and it's a terrible thing to hear about something that might cure a disease that is ultimately fatal and the cost \$30,000 And it's out of the financial reaches nearly everybody.



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I'm Mary Marchetti.



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You're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Greg Gordon. I'm Lucia Chapelle,



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ready for the chorus curtain.



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alambre rubies coming out under fire reveals the surprising lesbian gay subculture in the US military during World War Two. In part one of his interview with Bert Whelan, Ruby begins to paint a picture of the homosexual GI of the 1940s.



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Alan, how did you become interested in gay men and women in World War Two,



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part of it was by chance, in the late 70s, I had begun getting interested in gay history. There are a number of people who are beginning to do that, looking at social history of gay men and women in the US. And then what happened was someone I knew knew someone who had found a box of letters in an empty house in San Francisco, that man who had owned the house had died. And this other man who had found them was hired to clean up the garbage, throw it out. In it, he found a whole pile of letters, he looked through them and saw that they had to do with gay and he said in with war, he was not gay himself, and he saved them. When he heard about my interest in gay history. He gave a box to me. They turned out to be a couple of 100 letters between gay draftees about 10 or 12 of them, who had met each other. In army base in Missouri in 1944. The man whose house they were found in had kept all the letters to him and his own carbon copies to his friends, from 1944 to 46. And they really talked about what it was like being gay, everywhere. These guys were stationed in Missouri, and then in other places in the South Pacific and Europe, in Chicago. And in they had photos of themselves and postcards from gay bars and coming out letters to their mothers and their mothers letters back it was just opened up this whole secret world that of gay life during the war that I didn't know anything about.



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How did these cities get passed with selective service?



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Well, if someone was very, very effeminate and campy, and wore a man and wear women's clothes and makeup and stuff, technically he wasn't going to be getting into the military, although I suspect some of them probably did. He was very easy to pass through the examiners, all you had to do was say you weren't gay, basically. And the records that I have gotten from the wars, basically said that most of the people who rejected who ones who said I am gay, reject me. Otherwise, they basically want rejected. World War Two is the period I discovered when the military first began, its anti gay discharge policy and screening policy. It

was the first time that the military asked recruits, are you a homosexual? They'd never asked that before World War Two. Of course, most gay men would say no. As they went in, and I estimate that there were a minimum of 600,000 gay men in the military during World War Two. They were 16 million men. And I just took 4% He actually even less than 4%, which is in Kinsey studies, which happened during the war, actually, he said that 4% of white American men were exclusively homosexual their entire lives. So I just took the conservative estimate 4%, which is many more than a half a million gay men. That was extraordinary. The more I thought about it, that there was a lot of gay men and lesbians who served in the military during the war.



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The military today says that gay men are going to be bad for morale and you get these ideas that you know they can't take showers with other men, because they're going to be groping and leering and jumping out of control on the other men's bodies, that



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really wasn't a problem, it still isn't a problem, I don't think in reality, but those gay men who were able to pass as heterosexual or as everybody else basically did everything else that everybody else did. Those gay men who were in stereotypically gay jobs as civilians. In other words, male secretaries, male nurses in the theater, World Fashion designers, all those men had roles to play in the military that was extraordinary to find. In other words, the Pentagon had interior decorators, these special service forces had men, they needed men to do makeup and to do wigs, and to do the set and costume design. In the camouflage department, they recruited a lot of men who had been wounded, displaying department stores had done costume and set design who were fashion designers who could design this camouflage. So it was a surprise to find. Those, even those stereotypically, quote, effeminate, gay jobs to be integrated and critical to the war effort inside the military. I know



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in your book, there was one man who was in camouflage, who was responsible for saving quite a few men's lives because the protection afforded by that sort of activity. One of the more amusing parts of the book was about the drag shows during the war. Tell us



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about that. Well, another surprise I had was defined how many soldier shows there were during the war inside the military, they had a program to allow G eyes to entertain each other in soldier shows. And they developed this, they had all these manuals on how to do a soldier show wherever you were. And they were especially important in areas where Bob Hope in the interest is just couldn't go because it was too dangerous. And in all these shows, that were all male, they were almost all male. In order to have women in the show, the men had to play women. So there was female impersonation routines. Many many of these men, of course, who were put on drag during the shows were not gay, and many of them were K. What it did is it gave those gay men who liked it to do that, who liked to camp it up and have a lot of fun to

have a real public stage in which to do it. Another surprise was to discover that the Army issued a manual for the soldiers and how to do drag, they had patterns and how to alter army T shirts and blankets into blouses and skirts. And they had a whole five page pattern on how to do a common Miranda type drag. These were official army manual.



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And of course, the best ones were the gay men, I'm sure, of course. And they also did the shows for the President of the United States.



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A straight the most famous soldier show in the war was written by Irving Berlin, it was called this is the army that's actually a film of it. Well, that wonder brothers did during the war. And this show was very popular to the entire United States and overseas and they went to Washington and performed at the National Theatre for President Roosevelt, there was a man who did a drag strip routine as Gypsy Rose Lee, which the reporter in the newspaper said President Roosevelt, especially like it was so acceptable to do drag during the war, that it really created a kind of protective cover for those gay men who also wanted to do it. The drag performer in the war was portrayed in the newspapers and magazines, as someone who was a good soldier combat ready, just basically a quote, normal type of soldier. So that allowed gay men to be really outrageous and to proceed be perceived as masculine combat ready and just like everybody else.



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The army man out of a man made a man out of me. My mother and my father agree. The Army has made me a man. I used this language rather, but now I play polo. I use my power I'm a beret to to count his girl's head when he sat on his knee. The Army has made me a man.



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We'll have more about gays and lesbians in World War Two with historian Alan birbee. Next time on this way out,



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and now novelist Armistead Moulton reads an instructive fable from sure of you. The sixth then possibly last entry in his Tales of the City series.



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They left the park at 130 and took a bus up 25th Avenue to the nursery that would walk from there to a house off Geary, he was assessing for the preservation people. When the bus

stopped at bow bow a pair of teenagers boarded with noisy ceremony Some gut instincts told Brian to brace himself for trouble. Better not be he heard one of them say yes, that is much shorter sidekick. They were both overacting for their captive audience. Brian glanced at factors that stockstill cocking his head like a forest creature listening for alien footfall. The tall teenager dumped his fare into the slot. Better not be because I ain't getting AIDS. This knows that the short one you catch AIDS and die like a coffin dog. He was moving toward the back now brandishing the acronym like a switchblade. What you think and he faggots on this bus? There was a moment of excruciating silence before facted the predictable and piped up. Yeah, he said over here. He was raising his hand with the kind of bored assurance a school kid gives off when he knows he's got the right answer. Brian will looked back at the teenagers who stood slack mouthed and silent clearly at a loss for what to do next. is one over here to this thermostat, young black woman across the aisle. There you go. sad fact addressing the boys back here. Two older guys in the back of the bus raised their hands. Yo call someone else then came laughter uncertain at first but growing to volcanic dimensions rumbling from one end of the bus to the other. The short kid was the first to feel the heat taking cover in the first available seat. The tall one muttered haste and scan the crowd desperately for allies. He seemed on the verge of rebuttal when his buddy grabbed his belt and yanked him down into a seat. Grinning Brian turned back the fact you're crazy man. Don't try it in New Jersey said that. New Jersey hell you could get killed doing that. That's what Michael says. That turned and looked out the window as the bus lurch down the avenue. Now forget I'm tired of it



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Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, RJ curry Sandy Dwyer, Juan Mendez Jr, Mary Marchetti, Bert Weiland and Brian Newman contributed program material. Thanks also to mark sack Amano. Murray van clay, Mike alkali and Gary Taylor.



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You heard music performed by Ringo Baringo Laurie Anderson, and from the original motion picture soundtrack of Irving Bruins. This is the army. Judi smalls everything possible was performed by the flirtations from their self titled debut album on Significant Other records, and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music



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