

- We're off the air, girl. Isn't it exciting? OK. I can record us coming back on.

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KPFT Houston. Temporarily losing our signal but we're back with you. And we're glad to be here. Frank continues with the news, reporting on the inauguration of Ann Richards.

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- Houston's Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus was well-represented. Their contingency displayed a large banner and several rainbow flags. Other groups represented were the Texas Gay Democrats, pro-choice groups from across the state, students and working people. The day was punctuated by several anti-war protests at the Capitol.

President Bush ordered the attack of Iraq on January 16, approximately 24 Hours after the UN deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. As expected, Iraq retaliated by attacking Israel on January 17. At the time of this story, Israel promised that they would not retaliate for these inflammatory acts.

President Bush was very pleased by the Israelis decision not to retaliate.

[MUSIC - "DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE"]

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Anti-war protests are growing around the country. On Thursday, approximately 100 demonstrators blocked the sidewalks of the Leland Federal Building in Downtown Houston. They were trying to deliver filled body bags to the guards at the doors.

Among the protesters was Leslie Perez, president of ACT-UP Houston. Almost every religious leader in Houston has called for a peaceful end to the war in the Persian Gulf region. Prayer vigils are being held nightly at most area churches and synagogues.

As of November 1990, the total number of cases of AIDS in the Houston Metropolitan statistical area, which meet the Center for Disease Control definition, was 4802. Of those cases, 3653 or 77%, are homosexual males. 430 or 7% are homosexual male IV drug users. Hemophiliacs account for 15 cases, or less than 1% of the cases.

Pediatric hemophiliacs account for two cases. The panel assembled by County Judge Jon Lindsay to represent the communities affected does not represent the statistics compiled by the Houston Department of Health and Human Services. The Ryan White federal money is supposed to be emergency funding so that the community can better deliver services to those communities affected.

Since the community became aware of the lack of justice in the appointments, one male homosexual was specially appointed to the category of communities affected. The gay community still does not have any appointments to the category of non-elected community leaders while hemophiliacs and pediatrics, which account for less than 1% of all cases, have 16 appointments on the 55-member panel.

The fact is that gays are the group most affected by AIDS in Houston. And while education of heterosexual children is nice, many gay people are dying because of the lack of adequate care provided by Judge Jon Lindsay and the organizations which he operates.

The Harris County Medical Society in cooperation with the Physicians Association for AIDS Care has scheduled a series of teleconferences from January 1991 through January 1992. The programs are broadcast from noon to 2 o'clock in the James H. Sammons auditorium in the Jesse H. Jones library building at the Texas Medical Center.

This series is made possible through a grant from Schering Corporation. The next scheduled teleconference on January 25 will be an International AIDS update. Contact the Harris County Medical Society for more information.

- They've got to understand something. They've got to understand something, we are not talking about crotch 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 straight understanding. You got to hear me in Washington. We are demanding, we are demanding our civil rights.

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- Queer Nation has come to Houston. On Friday night, approximately 40 protesters gathered on the property of The Summit to protest the appearance of the racist, sexist, homophobic bigot, Andrew Dice Clay. Against the request of The Summit security, the protesters gathered at the main entrance to the entertainment facility.

The mood was described as tense by one young woman taking part in the action. She said the crowd was openly hostile but no incidents occurred. The coalition consisted of Houston Area NOW, Women Against Violence Everywhere, and the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

Earlier in the week, I spoke to Mike Hagen with Coca-Cola marketing and he assured me that in no way did Coca-Cola support Andrew Dice Clay and that they were not sponsoring this appearance.

A spokesman for Pace Concerts verified that Coca-Cola was not sponsoring the event and that KLOL radio had agreed to air spots in some kind of promotional agreement. But that KLOL was not a financial backer of this performance.

Pace Concerts also disputed the claim that anti-Clay groups caused the cancellation of his sold-out Dallas tour. He stated that Andrew Dice Clay was not pressured into canceling this performance and that he canceled because he wanted to. This protest and the response by Coca-Cola and KLOL are signs that people are no longer willing to tolerate bigotry of any kind.

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- I have a dream today.

- This week was a history making week for the United States and Texas. On January 15, the country celebrated the birthday of one of this century's most important men, Dr. Martin Luther King. In Texas, by the inauguration of Ann Richards, his dream of equality for all Americans was being realized.

Throughout the country, non-violent anti-war protests gave hope that sane thinking would avert us from a war. The lessons Dr. Martin Luther King taught were lasting ones. All men are equal and violence serves no one. Gay and lesbian people must begin to stand up and demand their rights as Americans.

This quest has to begin with you. No one is going to give you your rights, you must demand them in the name of the Constitution of this great country. We have reached a point of no turning back. Today, lesbian and gay people are being denied fundamental rights to pursue happiness.

On a more critical level, lesbian and gay community health care organizations are being denied governmental funding because in some states like Texas homosexuality is a criminal act and thus funding is denied. The true criminals are the bigots denying us equal rights. They are letting men and women die because of their prejudices and bigotry.

This is no longer acceptable. Martin Luther King would have been alongside us, marching up Congress to the Capitol, demanding our rights. We have people in Austin who are willing to listen to us. But if we don't tell them exactly what we want, they cannot respond. Queer Nation's presence in Austin on Tuesday was the beginning for Texas gays and lesbians.

It demonstrated to the people of Texas that we are not ashamed of who we are and that Texans will have to begin to give us what is rightfully ours, as they had to do with Blacks in this state some 30 years ago. Gays and lesbians must learn from Dr. King. On Monday, we officially celebrate Martin Luther King's birth.

Hopefully, this national holiday will be filled with celebrations in honor of our slain civil rights leader. It is ironic that a nonviolent man's birthday was also the deadline for war in the Persian Gulf.

- Well I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop.

[CHEERING]

I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountaintop. And I've looked over and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you.

But I want you to know tonight, that we as a people will get to the promised land. So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. And I have a dream today.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- You've been listening to After Words for the week of January 20. I'm Frank White.

- We've got one announcement tonight and it's that the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas are going to be-- they're going to be having a fundraiser on January 26th at 2019 Bernard. That's a Saturday night. And you're going to be able to meet our new lobbyist.

Glen Maxey, of course, is running for office. So we've got a new gay lobbyist in Austin. So call-- let's see, call 523-3017 and get information. You can RSVP also to that number. Donation is \$25. And it's kind of funny, the notice is like handwritten on a pink piece of paper and the note at the bottom says, "Note - The event is fancier than this flyer."

And it really will be. It's going to be a great event. So if you want to meet our lobbyists and give them a little bit of input, call. Also if you've got any information-- we really need it-- about upcoming events in the community and also any news, just call us and let us know. Buddy, do you have a number for that?

- Yeah, of course. The *After Hours* hotline, it's 529-4636. Or you can send your announcements to us, like most people do, to After Hours, KPFT, 419 Lovett Boulevard, Houston, Texas, 77006.

- Yeah, thank you.

- You went to Austin, right?

- Yeah, it was great.

- I wish I could have gone. It looked great on TV. Anyway, Lucia Chappelle and Greg Gordon, those folks from LA are next, so stay with us. Marathon is still going on 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Waiting to hear from you. I'm a little disappointed that we haven't heard from you yet. Where are you? We're depending on you. 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

- Ladies and gentlemen, the old man from South Carolina.

- Hey there, how you doing? Listen, these people here trying to tell you to call 526-5738 and get this station money. Now, let me ask you question. In your opinion, do you think KPFT qualified to be your radio station? This station talk about all kind of things you don't need to know.

Talk about people's rights, about the Constitution, about whether or not we go to war. Play heavy metal and subversive industrial trash music. Talk about gay and lesbian rights. They even say bad things about the government. Now listen up. You don't need to know about this stuff.

All you need know what the people who own this country tell you. Rich white people like me. You start hearing stuff these other folks tell you, you start thinking. You start asking questions. Pretty soon, you start to tell us what to do. Now, that's no good.

So listen up. Don't call 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Don't pledge, because if you give this station money, it won't go to the war, because it's tax-deductible. So this is your good buddy from South Carolina saying keep our nation stupid. That's the smart thing to do.

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- A normal drug takes 10 years and about 60 to \$100 million before it's approved. We can't afford that time. We're dying.

- The Bill before the Dutch Parliament will, if passed, also give homosexuals the same rights as married couples. It will not, however, make marriage between homosexuals legal.

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

- This is Lucia Chappelle.

- And Greg Gordon. And you're listening to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine on *After Hours*.

- Right here on Pacifica radio 90.1 FM, KPFT Houston.

- Welcome to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon.

- And I'm Lucia Chappelle. Petition puts pedal to the metal for new age drug release.

- Pending Dutch law would recognize gay and lesbian cohabitators.

- And will 1991 be the year of the different drummer?

- All that and more because you've discovered *This Way Out*.

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- I'm Cindy Friedman.

- And I'm Mark Saccomano.

- With *News Wrap*, a summary of news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending January 6, 1991. Princess Chulabhorn of Thailand has resigned as a special ambassador of the World Health Organization out of respect for her country's policy barring entry of people with AIDS.

The Chulabhorn Research Institute sponsors AIDS research and information in Thailand and its director spoke for the princess, saying she, quote, "does not want to do anything to offend the law." The resignation was tendered after WHO withdrew its support last month from an international AIDS conference planned to be held in Thailand because people with AIDS would not be allowed to attend.

- In Valencia, Spain, last month, a demonstration demanding protection of AIDS patients ended in their being beaten instead. The demonstrators in city hall square organized by a drug rehab center were attacked by police without warning, resulting in injuries and hospitalizations. Most of those hospitalized were people with AIDS.

- In Iowa, a state appeals court ruled early last month that sexual orientation should not automatically disqualify a lesbian from having custody of a child born while she was married to a man. The finding overturned a lower court's decision awarding custody to the child's father, David Moore rather than to his ex-wife, lesbian Shawn Hodson.

- In Pennsylvania, a minister of the United Methodist Church is demanding appointment to a pulpit after having announced he's gay. The church ruled in 1984 that self-avowed practicing homosexuals cannot be ordained or appointed. Minister James Hawk, who has been on a leave of absence since announcing his--

- KPFT Houston. And we're back once again. Technical problems. I'm certainly sure that the engineer is working on them. And that is another reason why we need your support. Huge radio stations in the city have mega dollars and mega equipment. And they use that equipment to back them up when things go wrong and we don't have that luxury.

We're a very small operation. Every dollar that we get goes into our equipment. And although we have some of the finest, unfortunately, we don't have a lot of backup equipment. So when we suffer problems, as we suffered because of the storm. You don't get to hear us. But we are here and we're still queer.

And we hope that we'll be with you. We've called our engineer and hopefully he'll be calling us here in a minute to find out why we're playing this little cat and mouse game with-- maybe that guy from Iraq is doing this to us, I don't know.

We're going to go back to *This Way Out*, which is in progress and pick up on what we've missed from the news. And I'm not going to apologize for the technical problems because we have absolutely no control over it. It's kind of like being a human being in the war right now, we have no control of what's happening.

So we'll just hang in there. Back now with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chappelle. And we're listening to the news.

- One screening question he uses is what size dress do you wear. Cobarrubias knows that most gay men don't wear dresses, but those who do usually know their size. When a 6' 2" 210-pounder says he wears size 6, he's probably an imposter.

In perhaps one case in a hundred, a phony slips through the screening. But he's usually quickly identified. One of the giveaways is receiving visits from a girlfriend. Tattoos can be a further tip-off. Glascock told *The Times*, "Frankly, there are very few homosexual men I know who are running around with bare-breasted women tattooed on their chest."

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- That's News Wrap for the week ending January 6, 1991. Compiled from publications and broadcasts throughout the world and written by Cindy Friedman.

- Remember, an 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.

- And I'm Mark Saccomano.

[MUSIC - THE KINKS, "TIRED OF WAITING FOR YOU"]

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- OK, we're going to forego the rest of that. Come here, [? Louise. ?] Obviously, we're having a couple of mechanical problems. What we will do is pull this source from *This Way Out* and pool them all together for you and bring them to you at a later date. It's kind of a weird place to be anyway. Right now we're just sort of everywhere with this damn war. People dying. 525-5738, 526-KPFT.

- You bet we need the bucks.

- Might as well go ahead and stop *This Way Out* because we're not getting anywhere with it. If we go off, they can go off listening to us.

- Oh.

- Asking for money.

- Is that how it works?

- Oh yeah.

- Yeah, we need we need the bucks. So we're going to have to push hard this week.

- Yeah, we missed 2 days of marathon.

- Yeah, really need the money.

- We missed more than that, because we're off the air and then had--

- [INAUDIBLE]

- --24-hour war coverage.

- That was impressive coverage, though. That's all I was listening to.

- Isn't that great?

- Yes. I liked it because you had the CBC. So you've got a different slant on the news from the--

- Canadians. Yeah, from the Canadians.

- And the British. 526-5738, 526-KPFT. I don't know if anyone's in the lobby on the mic. I don't think so.

- No, no.

- Because Roger's not here this morning and Mike Leone had to leave. So it's just--

- We do have some thank you's, though, so let me run out and get those up.

- OK, go get those. Ask Richard to bring those to us, would you? As they come in.

- OK.

- So Frank, what are your thoughts on the war. No, just kidding. I'm so angry about this whole thing. And it's not that I don't support the troops, you know what I mean? And I don't love our country and all that, because I do. I watched something, I was flipping between CNN and C-SPAN, because those are about the only two things I watch.

Sometimes on the hour and the half hour. I turn on headline news to catch what the main things are they're pumping out to us. And as I was flipping through the channels, there was a hockey game or a baseball game or some game somewhere. And they were singing the national anthem and people were waving their flags and cheering.

And there was a big sign that said "No Flag Burners Here." And I thought, what insanity. That's the same kind of insanity that has the people of Iraq dying right now, because they're following this idiot Hussein. Who by the way, personally, I think, is like the biggest coward in the world because he's not attacking military enemies.

No, he's bombing women and children in Israel who have nothing to do with this. He's trying to drag them into this war. And I think he's a big coward for even attacking women and children. But anyway. They were waving these flags and the signs said "No Flag Burners Here."

And it just struck me as these are the same kind of people who would march right off into the cliff with George Bush, and all of his CIA folks and all those ideas and I listen to a briefing from the Pentagon. And they said that we were bombing 2-- they were dropping 2000 payloads, right, in each trip per day.

And out of the 2000 plus places that we had bombed, the Pentagon released video of four targets that we had successfully hit. So it kind of makes you think. If we've bombed 6 at least 6,000 times 4, that's between 24,000 and 25,000 bombs, right?

- Uh-huh.

- And we've gotten pictures of four successful hits. What about all those-- where all those are the bombs going?

- I think that they're-- I think the others have been successful. They're just not going to release that information to the public.

- Plus, as a gay man who's had friends die from AIDS and the government refuses to give us any money for AIDS research, I'm furious to find out that each one of those little bombs costs about \$1,000,000 apiece.

- \$1 million.

- Apiece.

- The cost of the war has gone up from when we were in, just in the Persian Gulf, not in combat. It was \$70 million a day.

- Yeah.

- It's now up to \$1 billion a day.
- Each bomb is a million dollars apiece.
- The Ryan White Bill that passed was originally slated for \$800 million. And it was cut to like \$148 million. That's the emergency money for AIDS in this country.
- And you're sure about the figure for the cost? Because I haven't looked. I haven't checked to see.
- Of which cost?
- The war. It's a billion dollars a day?
- That's what I heard.
- At least.
- Yeah, that's what they've been saying. I don't know, that's not an official government figure.
- And bless their souls, they've only lost two planes and 4-- Child, one life is too much to lose. I said earlier, I love the country and I love being able to do free speech radio like this and I'm proud to be an American.

And I wave my flag just as much as anybody else. I would probably burn my flag in some cases. But we live in a country that protects us. There's something called the Constitution.

And we would fight like hell hopefully to preserve that. But I'm sad today, as a member of the human race, to think that this is all we can do is kick each other in the face and destroy. And that's sad.

We're nine years-- is that right? Away from the 21st century.

- We're talking about--
- And we haven't learned anything more than we did 2000 years ago. Insanity. Yeah.
- We're talking about a new world order. That's what George Bush is talking about and the way it's starting off is with a war. I find that just incredible.
- Well. It's 7 minutes until 2. And we are taking your calls at 526-5738, 526-KPFT.
- We sure are.
- It's-- I don't know, I get bogged down, I guess. Because you get up and you go to work 5 days a week and you're there. And it never changes and the crap just piles up. And then you come do this for free. And then you turn around and it's the same old thing.

But I'm thankful for this 4 hours every week. Because as a gay man, we can come in here and do things that we couldn't have done, perhaps five years ago and even 10 years ago.

And it's funny, as we were sitting here earlier, talking with Larry Lingle and Rob Bridges, the new president and vice president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, I was struck, sort of, not really surprised but sort of shocked back into reality when Larry said that they had thrown a birthday party for Craig Washington in his home the week that he had come down here.

And there were people there in that house in that party telling Craig Washington that they should avoid Buddy Johnston and avoid the station. And that makes me angry. But in a way it makes me proud because Craig Washington came and stayed with us for two hours.

- Yeah. We expected him for about 10 or 15 minutes. He sat the whole show.

- When people said that he wouldn't come. And Frank reported earlier in the news about the People's March in Austin. And I really do believe that Dr. King would have been there with us, I really believe that Dr. King would have stood with us in the movement that we're in now.

And I really believe that Dr. King would be speaking out now against the war in the Middle East, just as he did against the Vietnam War. We've talked about Dr. King and his death, and I said this last week and I'll say it this week and I'll continue to say it, that they killed Dr. King because he spoke out against the war and because he was so vocal against the war.

We're going to listen to his last sermon about 3 o'clock this morning in celebration of his birth. And it's a sermon called the Drum-Major Instinct. And we heard part of that at the beginning of the show. But Dr. King was really, really, really ragging this country and the government did not like that.

And they did not want to hear that and that's why they put him to death. And that's what's important for you to understand, that as long as you're sitting around, not rocking the boat, you're a good homosexual and you just go to those bars and baths and bookstores and you're real quiet and you don't stand up for yourself at work, everything will be fine.

But when you do stand up, they want to try to squish you down. As you heard in *This Way Out* before we were zapped off the air, they were talking about a man who was openly gay and how he could not be blackmailed. Someone asked me at HPD one day, how come they don't bother you. I said, what are they going to do. What are they going to do?

- Right.

- And what are we going to do?

- You don't have a secret. Because you're open

- Well, that's the truth. So what are we going to do? Are we just going to sit around and let people like Dr. Hotze and Mark Weaver and Jesse Helms run our lives? Well, the answer to that is, yes, most of us are. Because we're good homosexuals. But I'm glad there are a lot of not-so-good homosexuals out there.

And you're the one we need to call that, 526-5738, 526-KPFT and make a pledge of support that will keep the station on the air for the next few months. That's funny too, because we're trying to raise \$150,000 in this two-week marathon which has been hampered by the war, which has been hampered by the technical problems that we've had.

But it's really important to understand that KPFT and Pacifica Radio are the ones that bring you 5 hours of March from the nation's capital for Gay and Lesbian Rights. It's important to know that KPFT and Pacifica Radio are the ones that brought you the Harvey Milk rally live from the steps of City Hall in 1988.

And continue to bring you, not just *After Hours*, but *Wilde 'N Stein* and *Breakthrough* and there are no other places in the city that you can turn to hear this. And if you don't support it then, you're letting those people win. And I just will take off for a couple of weeks after the marathon and reflect back on why people didn't call.

And why no one pledged and I want you to make a liar out of me and call in now and support yourself and your life. And support the station that does things for you that you enjoy. We could just be playing music and having fun. We did all that last week and the money came. And this week, the money's not coming. So I guess we have to remind you how important it is for you to do that.

And not just because of the coverage that we're getting on the Persian Gulf but just how important KPFT is to you every day of your life. How you can be driving around and hear the promos that we make, talking about the show. And you know that on Saturday night, we're going to be here for you.

But we can't do that without your support and we really need to hear from you. So call us at 526-5738, 526-KPFT. I'm still waiting for somebody to call outside of the Houston area on our brand new toll-free number, 1-800-333-5738 or 1-800-333-KPFT. And I do believe that Jimmy's got some pledges too. But we're off?

- We're off.

- OK. How long did we go off, Richard? Oh, girl. OK.

- We're off.

- Boy, they sure are listening.