

[THEME MUSIC]

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

- OK, Mary. Where are you girl? Get over there, Mary. Oh, there you go.

- Yes.

- I want to remind you that we're marathoning just before we go into the news.

- You betcha. We need them bucks.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. We're here.

- And we're queer.

- I'm that faggot that works for the Houston Police Department.

- And I'm that faggot who doesn't work at all.

[LAUGHTER]

- Anyway--

- And what?

- And I'm the straight guy that hangs out with all these faggots.

[LAUGHTER]

- He's our token straight guy this morning.

- No, we have two token straights tonight.

- Oh, we do?

- Yeah.

- Well our other token straight didn't count because he's a family straight.

- Oh, OK.

- He's part of the family guy.

- Well, he is, actually.

- Anyway, so where are we? Or are we anywhere? We know we're here.

- We have, yeah.

- And we know we're queer, most of us.

- Most of us.

[LAUGHTER]

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. It's a marathon. Go ahead.

- We have \$520--

- Let the straight guy talk.

- That's right, let the straight guy talk. And actually, the *After Hours* listeners did come through, and we did get \$200 while the news is on.

- Yay! [CLAPPING]

- All RIGHT

RINGING

- We need \$980 more.

- Well, actually, we need more than that. Because we really want to blow their socks out of the water.

- OK.

- Well.

- Then we need \$6,000,980.

- [LAUGHS]

- Yes, we--

- We need--

- --do.

- --\$69 million. No, we need money. 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

- That's right.

- Do we have anybody to thank for real?

- We sure do. I have a major list of people here to thank.

- OK, go ahead.

- Ray and Mike anonymous.

- No, Mike's not anonymous. I just talked to him.

- Oh, I'm sorry. OK, well, I wasn't sure. So that would be Mike Harvell who--

- Hey, Mike!

- --was formerly Mike Anonymous.

- Thank you, Mike.

- Oh, Madden Ben Williams, Douglas Foxworth--

- Thank you, Doug.

- --Mont Schmidt, Henry-- and I'm not going to butcher your last name live on the air.

- Yeah, go ahead!

- Oh, OK.

[LAUGHTER]

Well--

- He's straight!

- No, I'm not.

- He's a straight guy. He can't read it anyway. [LAUGHS]

- Go ahead and try.

- And John from the video store.

- Hey, that's John from the video store. I've been there--

- And Elissa.

- --watching movies.

- Oh.

- Elissa.

- Hey, you weren't watching those homo movies, were you?

- Yeah.

- I only go there for the movies.

- OK.

- And the refreshments in the back.

- Yes.

- And Elissa wanted to say when she called that this was the first time she had ever heard a program like this on the radio, and she really liked it.

- Oh, good.

- Thanks, Elissa.

- And actually, Mont is a first-time listener, and he thinks it's great.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

- I love it, all these virgins tonight.

- *After Hours* in Pacifica radio bringing you gay and lesbian news public information, all kinds of goodies.

- Living proof you can't get this anywhere else.

- Carrying on and campaigning.

- And I'm telling you, see, we get real serious the first hour. The second hour, we give you the news. Girl, hang on by 3:00 and 4:00, we'll be screaming Tammy Bakker names.

[LAUGHTER]

It'll be fun. Anyway, thanks for the lobby update.

- Sure.

- We'll talk to you later. Turn that queen off-- oh, that straight guy off.

- Straight guy. Straight guy.

- Anyway, Frank's here with the news. And he'll do that right after this.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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- 526-5738, 526-KPFT, that's the number to call. Or 1-800-- what is it? What is it? 1-800-- here it is. I can't read it. Yes, I can. 1-800-333-5738. Thank you very much, Frank. Now sit down and do the news.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- This is *Afterwards* for the week of January 13. I'm Frank White. Homophobic, racist, sexist, comic Andrew Dice Clay will attempt to appear in the Summit on January 18, 1991. To date, the scheduled demonstrations and actions against radio station KLOL, Coca-Cola, and the Summit have not been covered by the gay media in Houston, other than here on *After Hours*.

Since our last report, some exciting things have occurred. The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus sent out a press release, and it's with excitement that I would like to read it to you. "GLPC calls for community protest against the Dice man. The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus is seeking interested individuals and community organizations in the formation of a city-wide protest action against the appearance of sexist and homophobic comic, Andrew Dice Clay.

Clay, nationally known for his hate-mongering humor against women, gays, lesbians, Jews, and other minority groups, is scheduled for a January 18 appearance at the Summit, sponsored by radio station KLOL and Coca-Cola. "Andrew Dice Clay is not welcome here," stated Dennis Spencer, GLPC president. "I hope that he would have learned his lesson from Dallas last summer, but evidently, he has not."

He's referring to a grassroots boycott effort of Dallas human rights groups in August of 1990, which resulted in the cancellation of Clay's scheduled performance in that city. Our recent election efforts have proven, once and for all, that gay-baiting and sexism does not work in Texas. We hope all concerned citizens will join us in condemning ignorance and hatred by opposing the appearance of this racist, homophobic bigot.

GLPC board members urge all interested persons to contact Mr. Pat Vance, station manager of KLOL at 510 Lovett in Montrose, that's 526-6855, and the local Coca-Cola distributor and tell them that corporate sponsorship of hatred and bigotry will not be tolerated in Houston.

At press time, the Houston chapter of Queer Nation will join the GLPC as an official sponsor of a community protest action against the Clay appearance. Concerned individuals may contact Harry Livesay with GLPC at 923-3008, or David Fowler with Queer Nation at 529-0100.

A protest is being planned for the night of the show and will take place at the corner of the Southwest Freeway and Buffalo Speedway. An integral part of this diverse coalition is Houston Area NOW. Contact 668-9008, and a member of NOW will give you more information on the planned action.

I phoned Coca-Cola and spoke to their customer relations department, who then referred me to their marketing department. The name of the man you must speak to in the marketing department is Mike Hagan, and he can be reached at 669-3151 during regular business hours. Again, the name is Mike Hagan and his number is 669-3151.

Call on Monday and tell them that you aren't pleased with their choice to sponsor such an event and that you can only take the sponsorship of this event to mean that they endure sexism, racism, and homophobia, which Andrew Dice Clay represents. The only solution is for Coca-Cola to withdraw its support of this show.

- 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 better hear me in Washington! We are demanding! We are demanding our civil rights!

[CHEERING]

- In San Francisco last summer, a group of 2,000 gay men and lesbians marched through the front doors of an exclusive downtown department store, rode the escalators up to the top floor, and back down, and then exited through the doors which they entered the store. The entire time this protest was occurring, the marchers were chanting a very clever slogan-- "We're here, we're queer, and we're not going shopping."

This action, which I just described, was instrumented by a faction of Queer Nation and was very effective in raising the awareness level of the non-gay population to the sheer numbers of homosexuals in the city of San Francisco. The city of Houston now has a Queer Nation chapter. David Fowler has been instrumental in forming this long-needed organization.

All next week, you will get to show the city of Houston what the Queer Nation is about by being vocal in your protest of Andrew Dice Clay, by calling KLOL, Coca-Cola, and the Summit. Houston's gay community must mobilize against this hatred and bigotry. I spoke to David Fowler and liked what I heard him saying. David has been active in gay politics in Houston for years and he believes that we have been working within the system for 10 years now, and very little has changed.

He also said that he believes that the only time things change is when large vocal groups show up at council meetings the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, or wherever decisions are being made. He believes that this presence makes the politicians very nervous and that this is the only time that things get accomplished.

I asked him about the structure of this organization, and he said there is none. The main purpose of Queer Nation is to sensitize the community in Houston. Stickers and posters will be available with the slogans such as, "We're here, we're queer, so get used to it." Queer Nation will unapologetically announce the gay and lesbian presence in Houston.

Channel 2, KPRC, airs a show on Friday nights called *Night Flight*. I tuned in in the middle of a comedian's act, only to hear a string of jokes which defamed all homosexuals. I do not know the name of this entertainer, and if anyone was watching last night and knows his name, please call me here at the station. This show airs on KPRC Channel 2 at 2:00 AM. KPRC's phone number is 771-4631. Add them to the list of people you're going to call on Monday.

You don't hear Black jokes on TV anymore, and it's not because the world's consciousness level was elevated. It's because Blacks became very angry and said, you won't do this to us anymore. Whenever a racist joke is made, the people who made the jokes pay the consequences. We have a lot to learn from our Black brothers and sisters.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Ann Richards will be sworn in as governor of the state of Texas on Tuesday, January 15, 1991 in Austin. The people's march to the Capitol is expected to attract approximately 20,000 people. The gay contingency of the march will be meeting at the corner of Riverside and South 1st Street. Bring banners and flags.

The night before the inauguration, the Austin Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby will sponsor a hospitality suite at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Austin. This day will be very important day for all Texans. Nationally, this day marks the final 24 Hours of the deadline for Saddam Hussein to withdraw all troops from Kuwait.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas has argued in the Senate that we should allow more time for the economic sanctions to work. He believes that we lose nothing by waiting, and that possibly, Iraq would be weaker if we wait longer. According to the Constitution, the president does not have the power to declare war. This power rests with the Congress.

A federal judge in Los Angeles ruled that the anti-obscenity clause in grants by the National Endowment for the Arts is unconstitutional. This is the type of obstacle in the path of the exercise of fundamental speech rights that the Constitution will not tolerate, said US District Judge John Davies. He found that the clause was vague and that it would force artists to steer clear of anything that might be considered obscene.

Afterwards is the only place you will hear stories that tell the truth about Judge Jon Lindsay and the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance. After we ran our story on KPFT and people became aware of the problems involved with the appointments made by Judge Jon Lindsay to the panel formed to decide on the spending of the Ryan White care funds, something happened.

Of the 55-member panel, there had to be a special appointment of one male homosexual. This is not good enough, Mr Lindsay. You did not pick a single gay person to fill the category of a non-elected community leader, which sends out a clear message to the gay community. And that message is, that you believe that there are no gay community leaders.

I do not believe that the makeup of this panel meets the requirements set down by the law and we ask to have the funding reviewed on the basis that a sexual preference bias exists. In Harris County, 90% of all AIDS cases are gay males. We are only asking for fair representation. 16 positions on this panel are filled by people representing pediatric and hemophiliacs.

In Texas, there are only 30 known cases of pediatric hemophiliacs with AIDS. I believe that this number is also disproportionate. We must remember that we are not talking numbers, we are talking human lives when it comes to delivering care to those who most need these services. This is serious business. And I believe that it is necessary to have radio stations such as KPFT on the air so that the truth can be told.

Listener-sponsored stations are free to speak the truth because they don't have to worry about sponsors pulling their ads or canceling contracts. So call us this morning and pledge.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Well, we've got one item here on our calendar for this week, and it's going to be happening on Thursday at the Brazos River Bottom in Houston. It's the 5th Annual Miss Montrose Pageant. That's January 17 at 8:00 PM. And the hosts are Miss Montrose Aretha LaBelle, Lady Victoria Lust, and I think she's the candidate for Empress Number 7. The proceeds are going to go to Colt 45's general charity fund and the Houston Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

So it sounds like that would be really a lot of fun. And that's it for the calendar for this week.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT, that's the number to call.

- Yeah.

- And you're right. You're not going to get gay and lesbian news, not like this, anywhere else in this city. So let's check with the lobby before we go to this way out.

- Well--

- Let's see what's going on out there.

- We're making progress. We really are making progress. We have a total of \$760.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Come on, guys. This is the time to call. Make a pledge. Don't let some jerk like Steven Hotze keep us back.

- When was the last time you turned on the TV and a network TV station gave you any of the news along the lines of what you just heard?

- Didn't you see the protests today? Did you see the protest, Frank, today of the judge's house that ruled 2106 unconstitutional?

- Oh, I heard about that.

- And they were picketing his house?

- Yes.

- How can we let those homophobic, racist bigots get away with that? This is your chance. Pick up the phone and let the people here know that this is important to you.

- Yeah, get out your plastic and call.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. It's going to make you feel great.

- And we have a couple of new people to thank. We have a Mr. or Mrs. Anonymous. And we have Blanche, who is the dyke that works at HPD. So now, there's one of each there.

- That's Blanca.

- Blanca. I'm sorry.

[LAUGHTER]

I'm sorry.

- And she said, please tell them I'm the dyke that works, and she is.

- OK.

- And she's--

- Well, that's great.

- --beautiful, lovely lady.

- Oh, so there's another one at HPD.

- Yes.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

- And there's another one right here. Someone who decided to use their plastic to pledge to KPFT made a super generous pledge. And this person would be Angie, I'll be willing to bet. Or I could be wrong.

- At any rate, we--

- See, if you were gay, you could read those names.

- Yeah, that must be it. That must be it.

- Yeah, you're straight. You can't read gay writing.

[LAUGHTER]

- It must have affect my eyes or something. I don't know.

- 526-57-- well, have you been doing that? Because mama said, if you keep doing that, you're going to need glasses.

- You'll go blind, I know.

- We all wear glasses in here.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

- He is pretty hairy.

- I know. Don't let those clowns get away with it. Call now. 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

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- (CHANTING) For love, 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!

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

- Yeah. Come on out! [LAUGHS] Join us. Bring a friend.

- What do you think about the turnout so far?

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

[MUSICAL TONES]

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- 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 Chappell.

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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 Greg Gordon.

- And I'm Lucia Chappell. 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*.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- 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, 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 orientation to his bishop, is the first openly gay minister to demand an appointment.
- Pennsylvania has passed legislation protecting confidentiality of HIV test results. The law requires that no HIV-related test can be performed without prior written consent of the subject and prevents health workers from disclosing a subject's HIV status.
- The city of Cambridge, Massachusetts has passed legislation requiring installation of condom vending machines at hotels, motels, restaurants, and bars.
- In Minnesota, a gay man has won a judgment of almost \$45,000 in damages from his AIDS-phobic employer. Lyle Pierce was fired by the DiMa Adult Bookstore for insubordination when he refused to provide his HIV test results. The judge called the firing, quote, "intentional discrimination by an employer carried out in the most offensive manner." close quote, and fined DiMa \$25,000 in addition to the damages to be paid to Pierce.
- In New York, the state's highest court ruled last month that insurance companies will be able to require people applying for coverage to prove they are not infected with HIV. The ruling upheld a lower court decision that the state superintendent of insurance acted beyond the limits of his authority when he laid down rules in 1987 barring insurance companies from testing for HIV. This leaves California as the only state in the US where insurers cannot require HIV tests.
- In Connecticut, a federal magistrate has ratified a settlement in the class action lawsuit by prisoners with AIDS against the Department of Corrections. The settlement guarantees prisoners' access to medical treatment, AIDS drugs, and nutrition programs, as well as protecting the confidentiality of their medical records.
- Writers of the popular US evening soap opera, *Thirtysomething*, are donating their advance payments for a book of the show's scripts to the American Foundation for AIDS Research. The collection of scripts from the first three seasons includes the controversial episode featuring gay characters.
- And finally, Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy, Ernest Covarrubias, has a very serious job to perform, but one with some humorous aspects to it. Covarrubias is the senior deputy in charge of classifying prisoners. A significant part of his work is recognizing the roughly 350 gay inmates who are separated from the general prison population to protect them from violence and sexual exploitation.

With the assistance of gay activist David Glascock, who monitors the county's screening and treatment of gay inmates for the American Civil Liberties Union, Covarrubias has achieved some of the safest conditions for gay inmates to be found in the United States. The greatest challenge faced by Covarrubias is screening out homophobes who pretend to be gay in order to attack gays, including neo-Nazis gang members, Skinheads and Satanists.

You can more or less tell when someone comes in who's real musclebound that they're faking when they act effeminate, Covarrubias told the *Los Angeles Times*. But you can't just go by looks. There are some gay men who look as masculine as anyone. To meet the challenge, Covarrubias has studied gay culture in detail, despite harassment from other deputies questioning his own sexual orientation.

As a result, while the phony gay may know the name of a gay bar, Covarrubias knows the bar's location, cover charge, and decor. One screening question he uses is, what size dress do you wear? Covarrubias 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 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.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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

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- 526-5738, 526-KPFT, that's the number to call. Waiting for your pledge of support. And I want to check out there and see if anyone's called during *This Way Out*.

- Yes.

- Because it is so very important to us.

- We actually got somewhat of a response, not quite the response I really thought it deserved and what it would call. But at any rate, we're done, our total is all the way up to \$760.

- That's great.

- We are \$10 over being halfway there. So--

- Great.

- --the other half of the people who didn't call in yet can do so right now. That's right, and that's you.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT, *This Way Out*. Yes?

- Well, I was going to say, it might be time to go ahead and start bribing people a little bit because we have some goodies, some things that people have donated to the radio station that we can pass on to our listeners.

- OK, like what?

- Well, we have-- I've got the album list here in front of me. The deal here, if you'll come in and pay your pledge in person, will allow you a trip through the records and some of the stuff I just pulled out, the women's and the gay men's music here. Some of the titles, we have *All-American Boy* by Tom Wilson.

- That's a good album.

- Good classic album. Romanovsky and Phillips *Trouble in Paradise*.

- Aah.

- (HIGH-PITCHED) Ooh-oh.

- And they were just here in town. And where did you hear about it, but *After Hours*?

- Ta-da.

- Michael Callen album, *Purple Heart*.

- Oh--

- You bad--

- --girl

- --boy. That's a good one.

- I didn't know that was up there.

- Ah, you see, we have The Roches. I guess the new Roches album *Speak*. A couple of Nanci Griffith albums.

- Ooh.

- And we're going to hear from Nanci Griffith and Michael Callan here in a minute.

- And we have the *Second Annual Spring Concert* by Heart Song now available--

- No kidding.

- --on cassette.

- It's great.

- Oh, jeez. I just saw Holly Near and Ronnie Gilbert.

- Well, call now, and they'll do a deal for you out there.

Uh-uh.

526-5738, 526-KPFT. Call and make a pledge to *This Way Out* because it's real important Greg and Lucia Chapelle both volunteer their time to do *This Way Out*. It's an international program. It goes to about 300 radio stations within the United States. I don't even know how many stations around the world. They hear it everywhere. And it's very, very important that it continues.

We dedicate the 1:30 to 2:00 in the morning hour for it because it's immediately following our local news. And it's a good time for you to catch up what's going on around the world. And we know a lot of you tune in and hear it, and enjoy it, and we're really happy to bring it to you. It comes over as satellite in the backyard. And sometimes, we get stereo copies in the mail and they come and they cost money.

- Yeah.

- And that money comes from folks like you. So please go to the phone now and call us, 526-5738, 526-KPFT, and make a pledge for *This Way Out* right now. We're waiting to hear from you. 526-5738, or 526-KPFT.

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

- Criticism of the US Food and Drug Administration continues over its process of approving and releasing new AIDS drugs as alternatives to the often toxic and overpriced AZT. Mary VanClay has the latest.

- Physicians, researchers, and advocates for people with AIDS are joining together to send a message to the Food and Drug Administration. They want the federal agency to speed up the approval process for two promising antiviral drugs, ddI and ddC. The only approved anti-HIV drug on the market now is AZT, but some people with AIDS find that AZT loses its effectiveness, and many others can't tolerate the drug to begin with.

Michael Wright, a spokesperson for ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, says people with AIDS can't wait for ddI and ddC to go through years of testing.

- A normal drug takes 10 years and about \$60 to \$100 million before it's approved. We can't afford that time. I mean, those of us, like myself who are currently infected with HIV, we're dying.

- Other critics of the FDA say the organization has not given drug companies clear standards for testing new drugs. Larry Tate of San Francisco's Project Inform, an AIDS information network, says the FDA needs to revamp its standards for ddI and ddC and for all drugs that fight the life-threatening disease.

- We believe that these drugs have shown efficacy by any reasonable standard, and we believe that people need them now because they have no other options. But also, we want to set a precedent, a standard, by which other drugs for HIV can be evaluated because the traditional standards involving uses of placebo controls or four and five-year studies to see how long people survive on drugs, on one drug versus another drug, simply are not practical or ethical in this epidemic.

- Tate says that engaging the effectiveness of new drugs, the FDA should formally authorize use of blood markers such as the T-cell counts that are commonly used to measure the health of a person's immune system. Some researchers, such as Dr. Donald Abrams of the University of California at San Francisco, want the agency to authorize all new AIDS drugs as soon as they pass human safety tests.

Abrams is part of a growing consortium of physicians and people with AIDS who have signed a citizen's petition to put pressure on the FDA to speed its approval of ddI and ddC. In San Francisco, I'm Mary VanClay.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- The progress of a Bill which would change Dutch law on cohabitation is being followed closely by lesbian and gay rights activists there. From Radio Netherlands Susan Macready explains why.

- The Bill, which is almost certain to make it onto the statute books, will ensure that people living together are given the same rights as married people, regardless of their sexual orientation or the basis of their relationship. Ella Kalsbeek is a Dutch Labor MP, and one of those responsible for tabling the Bill on cohabitation.

- We have a little problem in the Netherlands. In very many laws, there are very many forms of cohabitation described. Sometimes, the law says you are alone and you have the rights of people being alone. And sometimes, when the situation has not changed, the law says you are together and you have the rights of people who are together, of people who are married. This process is going on and on and nobody knows anymore how to deal with it.

I said, let's stop trying to describe all those forms of cohabitation. Let's give people the opportunity to be described as being alone to be handled with as being alone, or as being together, or you are married. It's the same as together. So this possibility is also open for people who are not able to marry. Homosexual people, but also a brother and sister living together for a long time and feeling responsibility for each other.

- For some time now, unmarried people who live together in the same house have complained that they're not eligible to the same rights as married couples. What rights then would this new Bill offer those who live together?

- It's a lot of things. In the tax legislation, in the Social Security legislation, all those differences are made. It has to be cleaned up so that people have the same rights.

- 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. Various Dutch pressure groups have been lobbying the government to change this law. Wilhelmine [INAUDIBLE] works for the Society for Homosexual Integration. And I put it to her that homosexual marriage would no longer be necessary if the laws passed. So why would homosexuals continue to demand that marriage be made legal?

- Well, I think the main thing is that they want to make very open to everybody in society, to their parents and to everybody else, that they are a couple and that there's nothing bad about that. When you are not able to have a specific thing, you always want to have it.

And when you have it, then comes the time that you look properly at it and then, maybe, you say, well, no, it doesn't fit me. I'll give it away again. But as long as the law forbids you to have something, it's always something you're looking forward to.

- And that Bill on cohabitation is currently being discussed in the Dutch Parliament and in the media. Report was produced by Radio Netherlands, the Dutch International Service. You're

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

[MUSIC - "STEP BY STEP"]

- Gay and lesbian rights leaders in the United States are hailing the recently completed session of Congress as their most successful ever. Chuy Varela has this report.

- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force released a positive report this week on legislative issues affecting gays and lesbians throughout the country. Some of the issues that were commendable on the part of Congress, according to the task force, included the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which included strong protections for people with AIDS, and the Immigration Reform Act of 1990, which removed homosexuality as the basis for excluding immigrants and visitors.

One of the critical victories for gays and lesbians was the passage of The Hate Crimes Statistic Act, which orders the Justice Department to document hate crimes against minorities, including gays. Urvashi Vaid is executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

- That Bill was controversial in Congress because of its inclusion of sexual orientation. And indeed, it was the first Bill ever passed by Congress that addresses sexual orientation in a non-judgmental and non-derogatory manner.

- But the challenges facing gays and lesbians in the US today continues to be discrimination.

- And so there remains a crying need for passage of federal civil rights legislation that will protect gay people in employment, in housing. People are fired from their jobs everyday, people lose custody of their kids, our relationships are not recognized in every state in this country. There is enormous amount of violence against lesbians and gay men, and the violence appears to be on the rise.

These are some of the very real problems the community faces. In terms of a legislative agenda, a passage of a federal gay rights Bill is one of our top priorities in the coming years. It's going to be a multi-year process. But you can be sure, we're going to be working on it.

There are some dangerous signals coming in this climate of fiscal anxiety, from both Congress and the administration, about the future of AIDS funding. I'm very concerned that the need is going to continue to be greater than the commitment that the federal government makes to the problem.

- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force recognized some of the defeats and attacks. The National Endowment for the Arts characterized homoerotic art as obscene, and the US military continues to expel gay and lesbians from the armed forces.

- The military is one of the largest employers in this country and has an overt policy of discrimination against lesbians and gay men. They kick us out. There are witch hunts that are going on in the military, even today, that target lesbian and gay soldiers and service members, people who are qualified and trained and willing to serve. That senseless policy has to go.

And one of the things that we saw in 1990 that was very encouraging was that the Defense Department's own consultants issued reports saying that the policy has no basis, in fact, and should be eliminated.

[MUSIC - CROSBY, STILLS, AND NASH, "MILITARY MADNESS"]

- My name is Lucia Chappell.

- And I'm Greg Gordon.

- And we produce *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine.
- It's very important to support this kind of radio station because this kind of radio station is the only kind of radio station that's going to provide programming for a significant audience like gay men and lesbians.
- Commercial stations would be afraid to lose their listeners if they didn't apologize for the gay lesbian lifestyle and not just report on it.
- Unlike commercial stations, community radio does not depend upon advertising to support itself to pay the bills, to keep the transmitter going, to pay the light bills. It's you, the listener at home. And that's why, periodically, community radio stations all over the country go on the air and ask you to support the station by pledging to support the station with your dollars.
- Community radio, in short, is just a real valuable resource for you and for me. So take advantage of it and support it.
- 526-5738, 526-KPFT.
- Hey, this is Jesse. I'm from North Carolina, and I'm making America safe for empty minds. Now, you people are being asked to call 526-5738 and support this station. But let me tell you about this station-- is no good. This station puts stuff on the air that'll make you think. They got all kinds of people on this station, even them gay and lesbian people. Let me tell you, this is a station for people who think for themselves. But how are you going to know what to think if I don't tell you?

Looky here. Don't call 526-5738. Go out and get some cigarettes. If you don't call, maybe we won't have to hear this kind of radio. This is Jesse thanking you for not thinking. Don't call 526-5738 and support KPFT. Make my job easier.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- What, Mary?
- That-- who did that? What--
- Jesse Helms--
- Whoa.
- --from--
- North Carolina.
- Somewhere out there.
- Hmm.
- Anyway, we're marathoning. 526-5738, 526-KPFT. And we've only got like a minute and a half. But I want to check with the lobby and see what's going on out there.
- Well, we've got some more people to thank out here.
- Well, he's just right on the stick.
- You bet. You bet.

- Actually, Lawrence, who is with the Houston Outdoor Group and the Montrose Singers.
- Oh.
- Hey!
- --singers
- Yes.
- Thanks, Lawrence.
- He's challenging anyone in the Houston Outdoor Group or the Montrose Singers to match his pledge which was so generous, it's just amazing.
- A-ha!
- Hey, thanks for calling, baby.
- Thank you, baby.
- So what else?
- Well, we have a pledge on the line and three open telephones, three people waiting here to take your calls.
- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. And what do you get for your money? You get the truth. At least, during this program. And the truth is that we're gay and lesbian, and we're here--
- And we're queer.
- And we're not going to take any more garbage from people like Steven Hotze, or Mark Weaver, or whatever.
- And we're not going away.
- So get over it, girl.
- [LAUGHS]
- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Call now, please.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And guess what, Franklin?

- What?
- Today is her birthday.
- Oh, that's right.
- Ta-da!
- [LAUGHS]

- I'm an old queen today.
- She's 107, at least.
- 40-something, huh?
- She's-- no, that's a TV show. She's 107.
- [LAUGHS]
- Baby, I have some bad news.
- What?
- I ordered your birthday present.
- Yeah?
- And it's not here. It's right along with your Christmas.
- [LAUGHS]
- I ordered this Christmas present, this angel from Avon, and they didn't send it. So it's not here yet.
- Yeah.
- And I ordered your birthday present, and it didn't come either. But do you want your card?
- Well, yes!
- At least, you got a card.
- Aw.
- So open it up, and you'll see what you didn't get.
- Oh, OK. [LAUGHS] Well, can we talk about this on the air?
- Well, I don't know. Rip it open, girl.
- Aah! Ah! Ah.
- Now, be careful with that. Look at the front, and tell us what you see.
- I see a pair of hands, and it looks like they have just excavated a tomb in Egypt. And there's a piece of papyrus with hieroglyphics on it, and the hands are kind of brushing off the sand.
- And when you open it, it says what?