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- 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. Judge rules out Thompson for outing Kowalski.

- ILGA Conference and Mexican organizers won't be stopped.

- And outriders experience the flying anathema.

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

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- I'm Cindy Friedman.

- And I'm Mark Saccamano.

- With *NewsWrap*, a summary of some of the news and/or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending May 11, 1991.

The latest phase of Karen Thompson's continuing battle to gain legal guardianship of her seriously disabled partner Sharon Kowalski has come to a disturbing conclusion. Minnesota District Court Judge Robert Campbell has denied Thompson guardianship despite his acknowledgment that Kowalski has for two years, consistently indicated her wish to live with Thompson.

Even more remarkably, one stated basis for his decision was that Thompson had violated Kowalski's privacy by disclosing the sexual nature of their relationship.

Patty Roberts of the National Center for Lesbian Rights described the situation as a total catch-22. Thompson, herself, is reported as saying, I'm stunned that a judge can use against me things like coming out. I would have stayed in the closet if not for this case.

Kowalski was hospitalized as a result of an auto accident in 1983. In 1985, her father obtained guardianship and denied Thompson access to Kowalski. That began the legal battle that regained Thompson's visiting rights and last year, finally led the father to resign his guardianship.

Despite Thompson's unceasing efforts to stay in contact with Kowalski and Judge Campbell's own court order moving Kowalski to a rehab center in 1988, the current ruling made reference to Thompson and Kowalski as no longer being domestic partners.

Citing Thompson's involvement with other women since the accident, Campbell awarded guardianship to, quote, "a neutral third party," close quote, Karen Tomberlin. Tomberlin, said to be a practicing Roman Catholic and a friend of Kowalski's since a decade before the accident, protested Thompson's suit for guardianship earlier this year.

A spokeswoman for Thompson told the press the decision would be appealed. Plans are underway for establishment of an 800 telephone number to request the governor's intervention, while lesbian members of Queer Nation are said to be distributing Tomberlin's phone number. According to Thompson on hearing the news, Kowalski was sad.

- Back in November, we reported that *Essence*, the leading US magazine aimed at African-American women refused to print an ad promoting the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum's annual conference. Their reasoning, quote, "conservative advertisers might not approve," end quote.

When conference organizers asked the Lambda Legal defense and Education Fund to file a discrimination lawsuit against the magazine, *Essence* had a wonderful change of heart and agreed to run the ad. It did so, however, in its February issue, the same month the annual leadership conference was being held, a bit late for people to make plans to attend.

In the latest somewhat surprising development, the May issue of *Essence*, a special issue on mothers and daughters, includes a lengthy article written by the magazine's senior editor Linda Villarosa and her mother. It's called "Coming Out." And it details the process each woman went through in coming to terms with Linda's lesbianism.

The New York chapter of GLAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation calls the article intense, honest, and inspiring. Villarosa says the article was already in the works when the advertising side of the publication turned down the leadership conference ad.

- Gays and lesbians are organizing in South Africa, and they've gained support from a national student group. The new organizations include Gay and Lesbian Activists of Durban, the lesbian group Sunday's Women, and the Black group Society for Homosexuals on Campus at the University of Witwatersrand.

The National Union of South African Students passed a motion to challenge heterosexism at its recent national conference in a statement described by OLGA, the Organization of Lesbian and Gay Activists, as, quote, "the most far reaching yet adopted by a non-gay progressive organization in South Africa.

OLGA is currently protesting another statement, one made by Archbishop Desmond Tutu in a magazine interview, in which Tutu came out against discrimination but affirmed the church's stance that the only right place for sex is within opposite gender marriages.

- A 10-year breach between the two main gay and lesbian organizations in Norway is healing. Det Norske Forbundet av 1948 and Fellesrådet for Homofile og Lesbiske Organisasjoner i Norge are working towards a merger, a process they say could take two years.

The primary difference between the two groups was the degree to which they supported a leftist agenda beyond lesbian and gay rights.

- The Spanish government has awarded funds to an organization called Coordinator of Gays and Lesbians for seven major projects, including community centers in the cities of Barcelona, Madrid, and Valencia, the pink telephone helpline in Barcelona, and two new newspapers, one in the Catalan language.

- In the Netherlands, Dutch Queen Beatrix's son, Prince Friso, has been outed by the tabloid [? Trevor, ?] which repeatedly described his same-sex companion as his boyfriend.

- Former US Naval Academy Midshipman Joseph Steffan has filed an appeal seeking to remove US District Court Judge Oliver Gasch from his suit for reinstatement.

As we previously reported Gasch used the term "homo" three times in a March hearing but refused to remove himself from the case when Steffan's attorneys charged the language indicated bias. Steffan was dismissed from the academy after admitting he is gay.

- Ever since the days of the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis, gay men and lesbians have banded together for mutual support and social justice. When a group of beleaguered heterosexual students at an Iowa State University thought they had discovered a way to be out and proud, school officials managed to pull the rug out from under them.

But as *This Way Out's* Greg Hansen explains, it's a group that's bound to keep on trying.

- The anti-gay student group Heterosexual Society crossed the line of political correctness when it required members to swear that they are in fact heterosexual.

According to the campus newspaper, *Iowa State Daily*, student club's coordinator, Carol Cordell, withdrew official university recognition of Heterosexual Society because requiring such a pledge is a violation of Iowa State University's anti-discrimination policy which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The group plans to amend their constitution to regain their school's recognition, says Heterosexual Society Chairperson Deanne Bacchus. And in the spirit of true heterosexual goodwill, they will also be changing their name to one which will still let everyone know exactly where they stand-- the name, ASAP, which stands for Allied Students Against Perversion.

Reporting from Kansas City, Missouri, this is Greg Hansen for *This Way Out*.

- And finally, the US National Lesbian Conference held in late April in Atlanta, Georgia drew more than 2,400 participants, about half as many as conference organizers had hoped.

Plenary sessions of sensitivity trainings intended to combat racism and other oppressions within the lesbian community made up half the program but reportedly drew only about 1/5 of the participants, who generally appeared to be more interested in concerts, crafts booths, and a variety of workshops.

One of those workshops was presented by staff of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, who were surprised to discover that what they'd meant as a joke became its official title one which may represent the apex of new age activism, Lobbying with Crystals.

- That's *NewsWrap* for the week ending May 11, 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.

- Later in the program, an update on the 13th annual conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association and an outright Kate Millett. Next up, Mary VanClay reports on the latest stories from the AIDS front.

- The Food and Drug Administration has turned down a citizen's petition for a quick review of two promising experimental AIDS drugs, DDI and DDC. The group of nearly 200 AIDS specialists and activists had urged the FDA to make a decision on the drugs by last March.

But this week, the FDA said it still needs more data from the drug manufacturers. Barry Freehill is an AIDS treatment activist who worked on the petition to the FDA. He says the FDA is just not following its mandate to act quickly on drugs that could treat life-threatening illnesses.

- We would like to see the FDA bring to bear the resources and methodology that is mandated for drugs such as DDI and DDC for AIDS, which are classified as 1AA super priority drugs, that they bring to bear the resources that would be necessary to do a very expeditious audit of the available data, which is adequate data on safety and efficacy to get these drugs approved very quickly.

- Freehill thinks the drugs should be approved within a month. The FDA's own prediction is a decision in August for DDI, followed by a decision on DDC, perhaps by next spring. Freehill says some members of the consortium are thinking of suing the FDA to speed up that process.

San Francisco has become the largest city in the nation to offer health insurance to the unmarried partners of its city employees. This week, city and county supervisors voted unanimously to grant domestic partners the same health benefits that married couples enjoy.

One of the objections raised to such a plan came from insurance companies. They said they couldn't afford to insure the gay men in the group who might contract HIV and develop AIDS. Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg said advocates of the plan used statistics to quantify the risks, establish the payments needed to cover them, and convinced insurers to proceed with the plan.

- If they got rid of their homophobia and they got rid of the notion that they couldn't do something, because it had never been done, that we actually could quantify almost everything that needed to be looked at and put a price tag on it.

And I think that that's what this plan demonstrates. And I think when it's been successful over a period of a year or two, other insurance companies will see that it's something that can be done. And I believe that you'll find a lot more being willing to offer this kind of coverage.

- Other cities with similar plans include Berkeley, Santa Cruz, West Hollywood, and Seattle. Meanwhile, Washington, DC, New York, and Boston are considering offering benefits to domestic partners. In San Francisco, I'm Mary VanClay.

- You've tuned in to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. With Lucia Chappelle, I'm Greg Gordon.

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This year, the 13th annual conference of ILGA, the International Lesbian and Gay Association, will take place in Guadalajara, Mexico. Conference organizers say, although it is not easy putting together a gay and lesbian event in Mexico, they will be ready when participants from all over the world begin to arrive during the last days of June.

Reporter Judith Samuels was in Guadalajara recently and files this report.

- Ana Isabel Garcia, one of the conference directors, says she was surprised at last year's International Lesbian and Gay conference in Sweden, when a government official gave a welcoming address.

- [SPEAKING SPANISH]

- We told people at the conference that in Guadalajara, they wouldn't see this. Not only will the government not welcome us nor provide financial support as the Swedish government had done, but they will repress us as well

- Ana Isabel Garcia says many Europeans were afraid to have the conference in Guadalajara.

- [SPEAKING SPANISH]

- But we told them that the gay rights movement in Europe is more advanced, and you need to help us advance our movement here in Latin Americas.

- Garcia says it's important to have the international conference in Mexico because it has never taken place in a Latin American country.

She says the Mexican gay and lesbian movement will be strengthened by hosting the international event. And this conference will be more accessible to Latin American gays and lesbians, who, for economic reasons, find it difficult to attend conferences in Europe.

This spring, it was rumored in Guadalajara that the conference would not happen. The municipal president of Guadalajara, Gabriel Covarrubias Ibarra, was quoted in the city's daily as saying he would never allow the conference to take place.

But Ana Isabel Garcia says the municipal president has no legal basis to prevent it and that both the federal and state governments have assured them that there is nothing in the Constitution that could deny them the right to hold it.

Garcia says, although there have been the usual anti-gay pressures from the Catholic Church and right-wing groups, they haven't experienced any extreme repression while organizing the event.

Garcia says, they have had strong support from human rights groups, women's organizations, and intellectuals in Mexico. A mini-conference focusing on Latin American gays and lesbians is scheduled in Guadalajara just prior to the international conference that will run June 30 to July 6.

For *This Way Out*, I'm Judith Samuels.

- For more information on the conference, write to ILGA 13th Annual Conference, Post Office Box 124297, postal code 44100, Guadalajara, Mexico.
- Outright '91 brought together almost 2,000 gay and lesbian novelists, poets, journalists, and publishers. One of the distinguished keynote speakers was Kate Millett, author of *Sexual Politics*, *Flying*, *Sita*, *The Loony Bin Trip*, and numerous articles and essays.

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- First, let me say how honored and flattered I am and surprised. When you think of it, gay and lesbian writers? I mean, come on. This many people?

[LAUGHTER]

They're probably not all gay and lesbian writers. But if they were readers--

[LAUGHTER]

Truly, if I look back with the idea of being here at all is very unlikely, a conference of gay and lesbian writers. Take the word "lesbian" for example. The first time I heard the word "lesbian," I was 13 years old. And my big sister Sally's beau, whose name was Ed Rainier, said to mother-- [SIGHS] because he heard me blabbing on with my dear, dear unconvincing girlfriend, Mary Quinn, for--

[LAUGHTER]

We spoke for hours. And we were, of course, madly in love with each other. We announced it in fact to the nuns and the seniors and everyone. But we didn't know that it was lesbianism. And Ed Rainier told mother. I heard him telling her.

And I had no idea in the world what this word meant, none whatsoever. But I knew two things for sure. One, it was every anathema, and the other, it was me.

[LAUGHTER]

[APPLAUSE]

See, that word, that thing, that lesbianism-- when I was doing *Flying*, I informed my mother in a-- really, at the top of my bed, very carried away with myself. I'd just written this PhD thesis, and I decided I could be a writer. Wow. So I informed my mother I was dedicating the book to her.

And she said, oh, no, not if it has that lesbianism in it. And actually, it was that lesbianism which inspired my elder sister again and mother to hospitalize me and begin *The Loony Bin Trip*.

When I handed in *Sita* to my agent and my agent scolded me about that lesbianism in it, she said that if I insisted about writing about that sort of thing, I'd have trouble finding publishers, and we both make less money.

There were other troubles, however, troubles pertinent just to being a writer, the difficulty of forming a language, forging a language. How do you describe these acts? Even if you are willing to admit to these feelings, there was a whole sea of shame to overcome.

Every cultural inhibition one felt as a woman writer compounded, now as a lesbian, you thought you had troubles. This strange new experience without precedent, without the closed ranks of Jane Austen and the Brontes, George Eliot and Virginia Woolf, with only Sappho and a lacuna of two millennium until *The Well of Loneliness*.

[LAUGHTER]

That is a very terrifying vertical of literary tradition. Fortunately--

[LAUGHTER]

--there was Viollet-le-Duc. And there are really-- I think, the French helped us out a great deal here.

[LAUGHTER]

We must keep our Francophile roots and not be swallowed up by Anglo-Saxon writing or feeling.

[APPLAUSE]

Good. I'm glad to know that a few of you feel this way. Fortunately, in Viollet-le-Duc, I felt that someone had preceded me and thought of ways to say the unspeakable. And at first, it was sort of merely a matter of finding the courage to blurt all this out.

The reckless on fire just out of the closet effrontery to put this on paper, to record these wildly revolutionary shenanigans, that was all one could hope for, confessing, bragging, confronting, daring to be.

And there was a wonderful rush about that. And we had that for maybe 10 years. We have also now come to live with the tragic, with AIDS, with living with death, with the danger of censorship, with the possibility of a censorship that could go further into silence.

But we have already shaped what we were going to make. Slowly, a culture and a literature is being born. Slowly, a conscious tradition is being improvised. Slowly, there comes the construction of a new social being, the writer as lesbian or gay, the consciousness of a lesbian speaking to an audience.

Which audience? What audience? Was there one? Was it gay? Was it lesbian? Was it straight? Was it women, men? I'm still working on all that mystery.

And we are probably too, not only outlining and giving to readers everywhere what any new group, who come to literature, do-- and that is a fresh account of human experience that was specifically there, our own-- but we are also probably providing a special layer of wisdom and expressing a certain sensibility that is particularly our own.

Maybe if I am lucky, we can add to our pile of treasure a few grains. We have a great good fortune. We are here at the beginning. That's great luck. Into this treasure, a few grains, some more stories.

And this is what I hope to do with what remains of my life, further accounts of this love and its moments truthfully rendered. Very hard to do. Hard to perceive truly, hard to record accurately.

I have aspired to be a kind of scribe for us. To be honored so is to be treated as such. And therefore, this is a kind of summit moment for me. It also scares me to death. I am sure to let you down. Do I have responsibilities? Do you have expectations? Probably what saves us both is that it is all so new such an adventure. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE]

- That was Kate Millett speaking at Outright '91. Almost 60 tapes covering the three day conference are available from Conference Recording Service. For information in the US, you can phone 1-800-345-2010.

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- Thanks for choosing *This Way Out*, the international gay and lesbian radio magazine. This week, Cindy Friedman, Mark Saccomano, Mary VanClay, Judith Samuels, and Conference Recording Service contributed program material. Thanks also to Mike [INAUDIBLE].

- Water [? Veranco ?], Meg Christian, and Holly Near performed some of the music you heard. And Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.

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- *This Way Out* is produced by Lucia Chappelle--

- And Greg Gordon. And we thank you for listening on WEVL Memphis--

- WRUW Cleveland--

- And WHUS stores.

- Among many others.

- And for supporting this local community radio station.

- To which we ask you to please stay tuned.

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- This is *Afterwards* for the week of May 26. I'm Frank White. This week, the Harris County Hospital District announced cuts in services. The hospital district has been asking for a 6% tax increase, but they were granted an increase of half as much. The strongest opposition to the increase came from conservative County Commissioners Steve Radack and Jerry Eversole.

Some people close to the situation say they oppose the increase because it doesn't serve their constituency. They are both from outlying areas of Harris County, and most of the people they represent are insured and do not rely on the county as their primary source for medical care.

Lois Moore, head of the Harris County Hospital District said that beds will be cut across the board at all county facilities. She also said the trauma unit, which accounts for only 30% of the total patient load, will be reduced and that emergency cases will have to be sent to other hospitals.

I asked Dr. Margo Hillard when will people be turned away from Ben Taub emergency. She said that if they are en route to the hospital in an ambulance, another hospital in the area will be asked to take the overload cases. However, she added, if you show up at Ben Taub emergency room, state law requires that you be treated. No one will be turned away.

Holding rooms in the emergency area will be used for those requiring hospitalization. A person could conceivably be in the emergency area as long as 48 hours until a bed becomes available. I also ask her if she would be keeping a record of how many and how long patients were in the holding areas waiting for admission. She said that this information would not be available.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

The quality of care in the county hospitals is good, that is, if you don't die before you receive it. Lois Moore has a plan for health care for Houston, which would implement preventative medicine. This would help lower the mortality rate in PWAs and infants.

It seems that all commissioner Radack and Eversole are concerned with is a buck and not averting a health care crisis. I bet if you checked, you'd find that these two are also pro-lifers.

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The *New England Journal of Medicine* recommends mandatory AIDS testing. Dr. Marcia Angell, the executive editor, recommended both routine AIDS screening and informing sex partners of HIV-infected people.

In the article, she goes through a litany of people who have the right to know your HIV status. She never once mentions my right to privacy or the discrimination from insurance carriers, which occurs when one's HIV status is public.

She also seems to forget about all the HIV-infected health care workers who would be denied their livelihood. There are procedures to ensure that infection does not occur within the health care professions. How can knowing a person's status make these precautions any better?

It's bad enough when we have to fight the rest of the world for our rights when it comes to AIDS. But it disgusts me when people and organizations, founded for AIDS activism, turn on another AIDS organization. Leslie Perez and Don Sanders are personally responsible for blocking a fundraiser, which was planned for this weekend.

John Paul Barnich is with us tonight. John Paul is with the AIDS Foundation Houston, and he organized the Memorial Day event. Hi, John Paul. Would you give us a little bit of history behind the planning of the event called Crossroads '91?

- Yes. I think the event was planned to be a memorial to people who died of AIDS from people who love them. The initial planning stage began probably three months ago. I contacted the city and the Parks and Recreation Department and began doing a program together, whereby we would place crosses on the esplanades from Westheimer to Gray down Montrose.

- I think we're having a technical problem here. Are we back on?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- It's not coming through?

- No. Is it not coming through?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- OK, let's try this again. John Paul Barnich is with us tonight. And John Paul is with the AIDS Foundation Houston, and he organized the Memorial Day event. John Paul, could you tell us a little bit about the history and the planning that went into this event?

- Yes. I began about three months ago contacting the city to get a permit to place crosses on the esplanades down Montrose from Westheimer to West Gray. The idea was to recreate sort of the visual impact of an Arlington Cemetery.

The project was also to be a fundraiser for AIDS Foundation Houston. We would solicit donations from people if they wanted a name placed on a cross or other religious or non-religious symbol. The money would go to benefit some of the social service programs of AIDS Foundation Houston, Stone Soup, the apartment complex we have, and the McAdory House.

I received approval from the Parks and Recreation Department and proceeded with the project a week ago, Thursday. I was contacted by the Parks and Recreation Department. After the project was announced, Leslie Perez and Don Sanders sort of stormed city hall, protesting the use of crosses.

And let me stress, Frank, that this project was never designed to be a religious project. I mean, there's no hidden Christian agenda. Crosses were selected because in rows, they represent cemeteries. It was intended to be an opportunity for our community to collectively mourn the people we've lost and at the same time, raise funds for an organization, which helps fight AIDS.

After they storm city hall, they discovered a state ordinance which prohibits the use of esplanades for any sort of demonstrations. And at that point, the Memorial Day project had to be canceled. Now, we have rescheduled the project for June 5. June 5 marks the 10th anniversary of the first diagnosis of AIDS in this country.

And we're looking to hold the project at Bell Park. Will be combined with a candlelight vigil. We expect to have people there to speak, people who have been directly affected by AIDS. Again, the idea is to be a community project.

- Well, that sounds really good. As far as the AIDS Foundation Houston, is this going to be a major fundraiser for them, or is this a supplemental?

- It was designed, Frank, to be primarily a consciousness raiser and be an opportunity to alert people. In Harris County, we have had over 3,500 deaths from AIDS. AIDS is not generally newsworthy, unless something spectacular happens.

People are bored with it. We haven't found a cure. It's kind of like the mentality with the war in Vietnam as it dragged on, and you saw statistics everyday. At the same time, the disease is spreading. And this would be an attempt to alert the public that people are dying, not just statistics but real people.

- So the fundraiser then will be held on the 5th at Bell Park, at what time?

- That's what we're planning at this point, Frank. It will be held at 7:30 PM at Bell Park, which is on Montrose.

- OK. And we'll have the information next week when you get it sured up, that so-- that it's a sure thing.

- That's correct.

- I am just-- I'm just amazed that an AIDS organization such as Leslie and ACT UP would do something like this. It's almost like she's gone off the deep end. Earlier this week, I noticed that she was protesting the Queen of England. So you're in good company if you get the Queen of England and the AIDS Foundation.

And it's amazing, though, she says that she wants-- in her press release for that demonstration, she says she wants money for AIDS and then immediately, in the same week, sees to it that money for AIDS is stopped by canceling a fundraiser for an AIDS organization. I'm very confused.

- Frank, if you're implying that Elizabeth and I are both queens, I resent that. I don't deny it. I just reason with it.

- [LAUGHS].

- As far as the project, I seem to have made the atheists a little cross. They don't seem to be real happy with a symbol. And once again, I can't emphasize this strongly enough. I am not personally a Christian. There was never any hidden Christian agenda.

Again, from the onset, other symbols were available. People wishing a non-religious symbol, we would have triangles available for them. Again, the people would select whatever symbol they wanted themselves of no attempt to force anything on anyone.

- I think that the AIDS Foundation has the community support. And I think the overall community support being-- you got excellent coverage in *The Chronicle* earlier this week with a photo and an article. And I think that our community needs to come together and support this project. It's a matter of principle at this point.

- Again, Frank, this was to be an opportunity for the community to come together and to grieve collectively. I mentioned earlier that the community at large is bored with AIDS. At the same time, our community is hit everyday with someone else who's died of this disease.

And it was an attempt to allow the community to express their feelings at the same time, to demonstrate to the larger community that these are not mere statistics. These are real people who have died. They are real people who are still loved and mourned.

- That's beautiful, too. I hope that this will be a success on the 5th. And we're going to do everything here to promote it and hope that the other media in the city, the twit and the voice will also do the same because it's a worthwhile event. Thank you for being with us tonight.

- My pleasure.

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- This has been *Afterwards* for the week of May 26. I'm Frank White. Stay tuned to *After Hours* here on KPFT 90.1 FM Houston.

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- You hear the sounds of the waves brush up against the sand, where he has written both of your names with a heart around it.

- You are looking at the sky burning red with the sunset. Quickly, a car drives up alongside of you.

- You stopped for red light. Suddenly, the car is surrounded.

- They circle your blanket, coming in closer.

- Bottles are thrown out of car windows.

- The sound of glass breaking, baseball bats against metal.
- A hand grabs of your hair. Glass at your feet, in your face, and your eyes. A fist across your face again and again.
- Die, queer. Kill them! Kill them! Kill them!
- Homophobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry, which is why the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness project wanted you to hear and think about this message. For more information, write us at Post Office Box 65603, Los Angeles, California, 90065.
- The orders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village.

[PEOPLE SHOUTING]

[SHOUTING PROTEST]

- For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back!
- I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the lesbian and gay rights march-- the official count is over 500,000 strong!
- We must destroy the myths once and for all, shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out.

[CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]