

- Like this. Nothing. Hey, there's this note here from Carlton because Carlton calls all the time.
  - Yeah, how's he doing?
  - He says, buddy, why don't you have more Black-oriented comics, music, and guests? Janet Jackson, Whoopi Goldberg, the show seems to be oriented to White gays. Please comment. Well Carlton, maybe you didn't hear we started the show with 2 Live Crew tonight. It has nothing to do with White people. 2 Live Crew band in the USA. Maybe a couple of weeks ago, you didn't hear we started with Dr. Martin Luther King speaking out against the Vietnam War.
  - Which we do a lot. Sweet Honey in the Rock.
  - We have played Sweet Honey in the Rock, we have played Tracy Chapman until she's come out our ears because I love Tracy Chapman. I would play her every week, but people called and said, please quit playing Tracy Chapman.
  - And if it was up to me, I'd play Sylvester every week.
  - We play Sylvester all the time. Jimmy and Frank and Mike Leone played Sylvester last week. And we play Gladys Knight & the Pips all the time.
  - You bet.
  - And we've played speeches that Whoopi Goldberg did at the National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights where she said the F word and said the F president. And Mary, we don't do a lot more because we can't do much more. I got in trouble a couple of years ago for talking more about South Africa and what was going on down there when Mandela was in jail than I did for talking about gay rights. And we would love to have the Black community more involved in what's going on, but unfortunately, that's not the case.
  - We've had Elto on the show.
  - Well, that's true, Elto was there.
  - Yeah, and did a live performance.
  - But the Pride Week Committee has been trying for years, at least four years that I know of, to reach out to the Black community, and a lot of it is not there. I don't know why. I wish that it was. And if you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can reach the community, please call and let us know and you could save the day for thousands of people.
- Because I've seen Mac meetings and Pride Week meetings and all other kind of meetings where people sit around and talk about how are we going to reach the Black community. Because we know that there are Black gay and lesbian people out there. In fact, I've done several shows with Hitaji talking about that very same thing and how are we going to reach Black gay and lesbian people.
- I don't understand why the Black community is not there for themselves. But if you stop and think about it Carlton, the White community is not there either. I mean, we're here and talking about gay rights, but you know as well as I do that the majority of the gay community is out at the bars and the bookstores and the bars and they really could give a damn less about *After Hours*. And when it was time for Marathon, we had 1,004 people-- well, 104,000. 104,954 people that called in pledges.
- No, that's dollars.

- OK, \$104,000. But 2,043 people called in pledges. So in the city of over five million people in the metropolitan area, only 2000, which isn't even 1%, not even 1%, called in to pledge to the radio station. We had how many pledges, nine or 10?

Something like that.

For *After Hours*. That's why I'm so crazy, that's why I'm so angry because nobody supports the show. And it's not me. I mean, I'm talking about they don't support themselves. I sat next to a woman at work who's straight, and she's chasing every cop down at HPD. But if I speak to a police officer who I think is cute and he looks at me because he thinks maybe I'm cute and we go out to dinner, oh baby, the things that they will say. But it's OK for straight people to go around and screw everybody and sleep with everybody, and that's OK because that's what men do.

But it just hacks me that we can't be ourselves. Well, I do. I don't give a damn who knows that I'm gay down at the Houston Police Department. It's funny because one time we were doing the show and somebody called up and said, we're going to call down there and tell them there's a homosexual working for them. I said, child, call down there and ask if there's anybody that doesn't know it.

- That's right.

- I wish more people knew it, maybe I could get a date out of it. Anyway, we read that essay. And who wrote that again, Jimmy, before we do the news?

- That was done by a 13-year-old Sandra Corcoran from Johnston Middle School.

- It was very nice.

- And I like that last part about the first thing we have to do is understanding. Obviously, Sandra has-- she's had a lot of understanding in her life.

- Well, Carlton, I hope you understand where I'm coming from. I wish that there were Black gay and lesbian artists like Elton and others on record that we could play. But there's not. I mean, Romanovsky and Phillips are slightly popular, but they starve. We play Nanci Griffith's music and somebody said, I wish she'd come out of the closet. If Nanci Griffith came out of the closet, nobody would buy her records and then she would probably starve.

So maybe the gay and lesbian community needs to sit down and take a real close look at what's going on and understand that there are gay and lesbian people like me who are out and don't really care and our lives are wonderful, except for the fact that we're frustrated as hell at looking at you, not you Carlton, but you listening and you hiding thinking that nobody knows and that your secret is safe. Your secret isn't safe with anybody. Everybody knows.

I can understand why Perry Watkins is so angry at the Army because being the company queer is no big deal when that there are other gay and lesbian people that are suffering and hurting because they can't come out as far as you are. I see it on the faces of people at work. And I know there are gay police officers in the Houston Police Department, but not ever has anybody called me and said, hey buddy, I support what you're doing. I'm really behind you and I thank you because I'm gay myself. And maybe someday I can come out and be as open as you are. And that makes me very, very angry.

It also makes me angry to see that the government is dropping bombs that cost over \$1,000,000 apiece by the truckloads and people like Stephen Little are dying with no money or very little money going to AIDS. And it makes me crazy to read letters in the paper like I read this week in the Post that said, why do these gay people keep saying their heroes died and they're lost to AIDS when it's their own disease and their own lifestyle that caused that? And that's garbage and it needs to be stopped. And the only way we can stop it is to speak out.

- A gay disease. Tell that to all the Africans. There are villages with only very young people and very old people because all of the adults have died.

- It's just ignorance that we're fighting. That's why we get so mad. And we have to come down here every week and have a good time and act like everything's OK. We really don't. We have a good time because if we came in here and told you the truth, you wouldn't listen. But anyway, we'll just keep hammering away, and one of these days, somebody's going to wake up and realize that what we've done here was for the good.

It makes me crazy to hear people like, I can't think of his name, from Lobo, Larry Lingle. Sat here a couple of weeks ago and said that he was at Craig Washington-- Craig Washington was at his house for a birthday party for Craig when they were on their way to KPFT, and gay people told Craig Washington to stay away from me because I wasn't to be trusted. They didn't like me.

Here I'm openly gay, working as an openly gay person in the Houston Police Department, and I get no respect from the so-called gay leadership of Houston. And they're a joke. They're the gay leadership under people like Jim Owens who rewrite gay history to include only themselves, and they get angry when I tell you about it. And if I told you the truth about what was going on in the gay and lesbian community and what really got us here, it would get me and a lot of other people in trouble.

- And I remember that night that Craig Washington did come to the show. We expected him to stay for about 15 minutes. At the time, the show was only running two hours. He stayed the whole show.

- And if I remember, Craig Washington is Black.

- As I recall. He also did a promo for the show and he also said he would come back at any time.

- Anyway, I think the community needs to quit stabbing itself in the back and we need to try to work together. Of course, that's not going to happen. So realistically, what we should do is just mix up some cyanide and take it like Jim Jones did and I'll just drop dead in the streets because nobody really gives a damn and things are not going to get any better.

Of course, we're not going to do that. We're going to keep fighting and pushing and let people like Stephen Hotze yell and scream and throw rocks at us and all those good Christians throw bibles at us until finally one day they just get tired of yelling and tired of screaming and they just give up and let us live our lives.

- Which is all we want in the first place.

- I was listening to 93Q the other day on the way to work, and I heard their new character Randy, who is very, very flamboyantly queer. And Randy was their little movie reviewer. And I was really, really disappointed in 93Q and John Lander and the *Q Morning Zoo*. To think that they would have to lower themselves to such crap to broadcast on the radio to get people to listen, I was very, very offended.

And I started to call down there and tell John Lander and the *Q Morning Zoo*, hey, I'm the guy that works for the police department that's openly gay and I do a gay radio program. And I really did like the *Q Zoo* until I heard this is crap. And now I'm real disappointed in it because you're not any better than Stephens and Pruitt and Moby and all those other homophobic people where you think you have to use racism and sexism and homophobia and bigotry and ignorance and everything else to get a laugh and it's not funny. And it's just real sad. I didn't call them because they really don't give a damn, did you know it?

- Probably not.

- And we've got our little four hours on Sunday morning to tell you everything's going to be OK and we're going to try. Anyway, we'll come back after the news and play some music and act like everything's OK because all those people will be coming home from the bars and they'll be just a little bit high and a little bit drunk. And if we start talking real serious about it too, it'll scare the hell out of them.

So we won't do that. We'll get back to playing some of the Three Stooges stuff and some real funny stuff so everybody can have a good laugh. And they'll all go home and then they'll pass out. And then about 3:00, we'll get serious again and tell you what's really going on. Anyway, Frank will be here with the news in just a second, so hang on.

- This community radio station thanks you for your pledge. You should have received a statement in the mail by now. Please pay your pledge as soon as you can so you won't forget. You can call 526-KPFT to charge your pledge by phone if you wish. This broadcast is made possible by you.

- If we don't teach our children hatred and prejudice, they just might not learn them at all. A message from this station and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

- Ladies and gentlemen, the following is a subliminal commercial.

- Hi, I'm Dr. Totsy-Hotsy. First off, I want to say I have nothing against disgusting sodomites and homosexuals.

- Kill them all.

- Even though my mother hates them, I'm a doctor, so I can maintain neutral perspective.

- They are evil.

- I have nothing against KPFT. But if it were any good, wouldn't a reputable media mogul buy it? If you care about the health of Houston, don't call 526-5738.

- 526-KPFT.

- And pledge your support.

- Long distance, 1-800-333-KPFT.

- Instead, support my group, ATLP.

Help eliminate lesbians and faggots.

- And make Houston a safe place to live again.

- And the Blacks and the Spanish.

- Don't call 526-5738.

- And the Democrats.

- I can't stand it. They make me afraid.

- Afraid of myself.

- Don't call 526-5738.

- 526-KPFT.

- If you don't support KPFT, maybe they'll go away.

- Then I'll be safe.

- Actually, Marathon's over. And if you did call and make a pledge, send your money. And if you didn't, call now because we're going to take your pledges from now on. Every week, we're going to be asking for your support because that's what makes it all happen. And if you really believe in what we're doing, then you should help support it.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- This is *Afterwards* for February 3rd. I'm Frank White. The Gay and Lesbian March on Austin will be held on March 17, 1991. The plans are getting a little more solid, and on March 16th, that's the night before the march, there will be a concert on the UT campus, including the Montrose singer's Heart Song, and it will be hosted by the Capital City Men's Chorus.

The Metropolitan Community Church is having a Mardi Gras scavenger hunt, and you're going to be able to collect all the trash and trinkets that you get at Mardi Gras. And it's going to benefit their building fund. They're trying to build a new church. And they've sent out a wonderful package, a beautiful brochure explaining the objectives of the church and what their ministry is. And if you can support them, do so. You can find out more about it by contacting the church.

This article ran in the Montrose Voice this week, and I feel that it's important to read you this article. Relations among local anti-war activists have become less than peaceful, and once again, ACT UP Houston's Leslie Perez is at the center of controversy. A statement released by a group given credit for staging several recent peace demonstrations in Houston shows the Houston Coalition to Stopping Intervention in the Middle East taking pains to disassociate itself from another group with a similar name, the latter headed by Leslie Perez, your long-time protest buddy local Communist Party leader Travis Moralez.

The radicals reportedly incurred the disapproval of the larger group when Perez tore up a US flag during a recent demonstration. The Coalition's statement of goals and policies list four goals and states that the group opposes symbols of anti-patriotism and was reportedly brought on by behavior during the demonstration by members of Perez's group, People to Stop US aggression in the Middle East.

The statement also asked the media and the public to note that if groups that participate in violent actions attend Coalition events, they be presented as separate alternative protesters that do not in any way reflect the tactics of the peace movement as a whole and the Coalition in particular. It is not the policy of our Coalition to participate in flag burning, obscenity, or violence. We oppose these actions on the grounds that they are not consistent with our policy of non-violence, the letter continues.

Previously at a protest organized by the Coalition Saturday, January 19th, a coordinator warned the crowd that the persons engaging in actions inappropriate to the group's non-violent timbre would be expelled from the demonstration. The group's declaration urges the observers take note of the following. The Coalition supports the US troops in the fields and wants all of them to return home safely as soon as possible. We therefore call on President Bush to pull our troops immediately out of the Middle East.

As an alternative to armed violent conflict, the Coalition instead calls for a peaceful negotiated solution of this conflict under the appropriate auspices. The Coalition deplores the waste of tens of millions of our dollars per day on this conflict and suggests that we instead use our money to rebuild our nation. We want to use our money for human needs, not war.

Finally, in order to reduce our dependency on foreign oil, to eliminate armed intervention, to protect the availability of necessary resources, and to make more money available to our communities by making production more efficient, we call for a coordinated and fully funded effort to develop alternative energy sources. Perez countered the criticisms by charging that the Coalition was against any type of direct action.

I think the reason that that statement was issued is that we're a direct action group. But if you're going to call it a protest, well, you have to do something or what's the point? She also said she believes ACT UP has a reason to be involved in the protest. People keep saying the war isn't an AIDS issue. It is an AIDS issue. We're sending millions of dollars into this war that the US should be spending on AIDS, she charges.

In other ACT UP news, there's going to be a protest tomorrow at the Emanuel Temple at 6600 North Main Street beginning at 10:30. During the fall of 1990, a Christian fundamentalist set calling itself Be Fruitful and Multiply headquartered in Palestine Texas produced and aired a homophobic AIDS-phobic television broadcast, which was shown on Warner Cable's community access channel in Houston. The bigoted broadcast was entitled Todd's Greatest Regret.

Through thorough investigation procedures, Lesley Perez, president of ACT UP Houston, has determined that a local fundamentalist Christian church located in Houston at 6600 North Main Street at Aurora was also responsible for the program's airing. Todd's Greatest Regret focused on a young man's life during his final days with AIDS. In this show, the young man's mother and a non-related member of the fundamentalist sect prodded Todd not only to recant his homosexual lifestyle, but also took advantage of his weakened state to have him renounce the sin of homosexuality.

In the film, Todd's own mother made the statement that she had actually prayed that her son would get AIDS so that he would be brought back to Jesus. She claimed that her prayers had been answered. ACT UP encourages everyone in the community to set aside their differences on Sunday morning, February 3, 1991, and join the picket against organized homophobia and AIDS-phobia. Join the peaceful demonstration on the sidewalk in front of the Emanuel temple at 6600 North Main Street beginning at 10:30. For further information about this and other scheduled ACT UP events, call 433-2924.

Body Positive has received funding support. The grants and fundraising committee of Body Positive has announced that they've been notified that several of their programs have received funding in 1991. A grant of \$10,000 was received from the Houston NAMES Project to continue their Buddy Program. The Buddy Program provides free counseling to clients who have been recently tested seropositive.

Funding for the monthly newsletter, *Positively*, has been received in the amount of \$20,000 for 1991 from DIFFA. The monies will allow Body Positive to provide the newsletter to more clients, to upgrade the quality of the newsletter, and increase the editorial staff. The newsletter is sent out free of charge to over 1,400 individuals and at public locations throughout Houston.

The National Weather Association in Houston will have a meeting on Thursday, February 7th at 8:00 PM at the CNN Cafe. This will be the first meeting since the chapter was approved and will include the election of permanent officers. The Montrose Activity Center is sponsoring I believe it's the first gay Film Festival to ever come to Houston. And it's going to start-- I believe it starts on first week in February. I'm wrong, the first week of March. And there's approximately 30 films.

Some of them we've seen like *Desert Hearts* on cable TV. Others have never been seen in Houston. There's one as old as 1932, a German film. *Common Threads* will also be shown. There are many good titles. It's an important event and I think we all need to get out and support this. It will be held at the Rice Media Center. You can contact them at 527-4853. Buddy is pointing to the number. But that's all the news for this week.

This has been *Afterwards* for February 3rd. I just wanted to say that if you've got any information, please start sending it to us here at the station. We depend on you for information. In the recent weeks with the war in the Middle East, the press has not had any gay articles.

- It's because there's no news. There's just bombings.

- There's bombings, and they fill this space with that news.

- And pictures of the bombings and maps of where they're going to bomb next.

- And there's no gay news. So you don't get it if I don't get it. And so if you've got information, it would be really nice to start having only local news.

- So you mean write it and send it to us?

- Write it, send it to us. If we can verify it, we'll do it.

- To *After Hours*.

- Yeah, to *After Hours* 419 Lovett.

- Houston, Texas 77006. Or you can call us 24 Hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at the *After Hours* hotline. It's area code 7135294636. Right?

- Right.

- Well, thanks Frank. I want to go see this film festival. I won't get to see all of it because a lot of it is in the evening and I work in the evening. But there are a lot of good films on the weekends and other things.

- You work till what time?

- 10:00.

- 10:00. So a lot of them you can see because they have an unusual schedule where some of them don't begin until 11:00 PM.

- Oh, really?

- Yeah.

- I didn't know that.

- Yeah. So that would be good.

- Well, I'll mark that on my calendar.

- You could see *Because the Dawn* at 11:00 PM. Oh no, you can't. You'll be here. It's on Saturday.

- Another Saturday night and I ain't got no body. I got some money but no, that's another song. Anyway, no war stories? You don't have anything on the war? It's just awful. That's what's in store weekend.

- War is awful. There was something really wonderful that happened last week, and that was the march-- not the march, the protest in San Francisco.

- Which Pacifica carried live for about five hours.
- Five hours. It was beautiful.
- There's a report on it on *This Way Out* today.
- Good. You'll probably hear Cleve Jones.
- Coming here in just a couple of minutes. Hopefully, you'll hear Cleve Jones. I don't know what they've got.
- I hope they do because he was great.
- Anyway, thanks and we'll see you in a little bit. Stick around, OK? You can help us bitch about the world. Somebody said they would like to hear positive things about the gay community. People are listening and they'll get the wrong idea about gay people. They only hear criticism. A lot of good things happen in the community, and that's what listeners need to know about.
- Well, tell us about them then.
- Come down here, girl, for 4 and 1/2 years and do this every Saturday night and you'll get critical. I'm telling you.
- I wish they'd call us and tell us the good things.
- Well, maybe we'll do that after 2 o'clock. How's that? So stick around and we'll try that. Hang on. You're listening *After Hours* radio, celebrating live from the heart of Montrose on 90.1 FM KPFT Houston. *This Way Out* with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chappelle coming up in just a second. So stay with us.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- 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.
- President Bush has given us a lot of reasons for fighting this war as the administration casts about for new ways to market Operation Desert Storm.
- I'm ready to go serve my country and go with my unit to the Persian Gulf. When I get back, I don't want to be discharged because of the fact that I'm a lesbian.
- The US government can find billions of dollars keeping the war machine alive. But in the 10 years that we've been living with this AIDS crisis, they can't come up with the money to fight this war at home.
- 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 Lucia Chappelle.
- And I'm Greg Gordon. Gays and lesbians want to serve and want troops home.
- Progress reported on liberation of Europe.



- And US military defines its most disposable soldiers.

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

- I'm Mark Saccomano.

- And I'm Cindy Friedman.

- With *News Wrap*, a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending January 26, 1991. The US military is saying it will hold to its traditional policy of excluding homosexuals from military service. Earlier this month, Pentagon spokesman Lieutenant Commander Ken Satterfield was quoted in the media as having said that discharges of gays and lesbians would be deferred until after the Gulf crisis under their so-called stop loss policy.

More recently, Brigadier General M.G. Vergamini, the Defense Department's director for manpower and personnel, has called those media reports preposterous and categorically untrue. Quote, the procedures currently in place would defer separations from the armed forces only for fairly minor infractions. In no way would we consider delaying separation of someone, say, who had been accused of rape or who had admitted that he was homosexual.

The policy that homosexuality is incompatible with military service remains in effect, period. It's preposterous to think we would allow homosexuals to serve in active duty in the Persian Gulf, unquote.

- Meanwhile, some gay and lesbian activists are turning their energies to protesting the war. Earlier this month, about 500 peace demonstrators stopped traffic at a major intersection in the predominantly gay Castro District of San Francisco. About half of the demonstrators were thought to be heterosexuals, but ACT UP and Queer Nation were highly visible with signs carrying slogans like fight AIDS not Arabs and Pansy for Peace.

San Francisco's Queer Nation group has developed an offshoot called Queer Peace, and a new group has sprung up that calls itself DAGGER for Dykes and Gay Guys Emergency Response. Both groups plan to present a gay and lesbian presence at upcoming anti-war demonstrations.

- Delegates to the annual European regional conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association last month in Copenhagen reported some hopeful news. Switzerland and Iceland are expected to amend laws to equalize the age of consent for homosexuals and heterosexuals. Ireland has agreed to abide by a two-year-old European Court of Human Rights decision striking down its sodomy law. Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden are all believed to be moving towards legalization of same gender marriages.

On a darker note, the International Lesbian and Gay Association also reported that gay and lesbian rights activists in Cyprus will be facing serious resistance from the Cypriot Orthodox Church, whose members make up almost 80% of the island's population. Even as the European Human Rights Commission has agreed to consider a challenge to Cyprus's sodomy law, church leader Chrysostomos has stated he will excommunicate all known Cypriot gays and gay sympathizers and will refuse them burial.

- In Brazil, the County of Rio de Janeiro has banned discrimination based on sexual orientation according to the Costa Rican gay newspaper Confidencial. A spokesman for ATOBA, Brazil's five-year-old gay and lesbian rights organization, called the legislation a small gain but expressed concern as to how effective it would be in practice.

Apparently, gays are still particularly vulnerable to arrest for indecent conduct and may be too afraid of exposure in a very homophobic society to use the anti-discrimination law. The spokesman called the occurrence of anti-gay murders in Brazil epidemic and noted that transvestites are required to carry official identification confirming they are cross-dressers.

- The International Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays or PFLAG has selected Philadelphia Lutheran Pastor Thomas H Solomon to serve as the organization's first executive director. Speaking to 400 delegates attending the group's ninth annual convention, Solomon said my gay son's coming out nearly ripped our family apart. But in the long run, with PFLAG's information and support, his homosexuality drew our family closer together. That is a goal for which I would strive for all families with lesbian and gay members.

- Pioneering gay organizer Charles Rowland died last month at the age of 74. Rowland was a founder in 1950 of the Mattachine Society, a semi-underground gay rights organization often credited with starting the gay rights movement in the United States. Another Mattachine founder, Harry Hay called Rowland the group's great organizer and says Mattachine would not have survived its early days without him.

In 1953, Rowland helped found One, the first openly sold gay magazine in the US. In 1956, he started the short-lived Church of One Brotherhood, the first documented gay church in the United States. In 1982, Rowland founded Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Celebration Theater, serving as its manager until his health began to fail in 1990.

- ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power now has about 30 members in Brussels, Belgium. They told Telkel and [INAUDIBLE], they are more interested in actions than media images, and that they plan to combine direct action with effective behind-the-scenes work. The group is critical of Belgian AIDS organizations for letting government funding shape their policies and equally critical of gay bars for refusing to acknowledge the reality of AIDS.

- Briefly in other news from around the world. In Brno, Czechoslovakia, the gay publication Lambda reports gang violence against gays. In at least one incident, the attackers shouted Nazi slogans.

- In the United Kingdom, the publication Capital Gay reports there's a police crackdown on sex in public restrooms on the Isle of Man. 17 men were arrested recently in what are there called cottages and were required by police to name other gays, who in turn were questioned about their sexual habits. Sodomy convictions on the Isle of Man can lead to life imprisonment.

- In Tennessee, the United Methodist church announced that openly gay minister James Hawk will probably not be assigned a congregation. Hawk told church officials he was gay but celibate when he was ordained two years ago. But Reverend Pat Albright, head of the church's board of ordained ministry said, even if we take an extremely liberal view, there's still the question, is there a congregation that would accept him?

- In Washington DC, over 100 members of Dignity, the gay and lesbian Catholic organization, wore lavender armbands to a mass at Saint Mary's in protest of the church's eviction of regular prayer meetings for people with HIV and AIDS.

- In Hanover, Germany, the gay publication Magnus reports that two men are beating and raping gay men seeking sex in the parks. One seduces the victim and convinces him to be handcuffed to a tree, after which both attackers rape the victim.

- The University of California has granted funds to social sciences bibliographic Daniel Tsang to collect and analyze government surveillance files on lesbians and gays. Tsang has been carrying out this research for the last 10 years. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has already promised him 17,000 pages of files compiled in the 1950s and '60s.

- In New York, the six ACT UP members convicted of disrupting a 1989 mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral have been given sentences ranging from 56 to 70 hours of community service. ACT UP spokesman had believed judge Jilliane Ferdinand was biased against them, and expressed surprise that the so-called Safe Sex Six received such light sentences.

- In Boston, Positively Hot Productions is marketing a calendar whose photo models are all men infected with HIV. It's described as an effort to show that HIV positive men can still be hot and appealing. It's also a fundraiser for the Boston Living Center Studio, an artist-in-residence program for people with HIV and AIDS. With more news from the AIDS front, here's Mary VanClay.

- An AIDS researcher in Colorado is challenging a state law that requires him to give health officials the names of HIV infected people in his clinical trial studies. Dr. Robert Schooley does not report the names of his subjects, a standard research practice. Schooley concedes that state officials probably could keep his list of names confidential.

- But that's not the issue. The issue really is what people perceive might happen. And if people are concerned about that, I think it's crucial that we not frighten them out of the clinical trial system.

- Schooley says current Colorado law could jeopardize AIDS research by driving patients away. Both sides have appealed to the National Institutes of Health, which funds Schooley's studies, for a recommendation on the conflict. AIDS activists disrupted national TV coverage of the Persian Gulf War on Tuesday to protest the lack of media coverage of AIDS. Seven protesters interrupted taping of the *MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*, some chaining themselves to the desk.

Other protesters got onto the set of the *CBS Evening News* chanting fight AIDS, not Arabs before Dan Rather directed a commercial break. ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, said it did not organize the demonstrations, but it does support them. ACT UP's spokesperson Stuart Tom says the activists probably would have demonstrated even if the news had not been dominated by the Persian Gulf War.

- The war underscores a point, and that's that the US government can find billions of dollars to spend keeping the war machine alive. But in the 10 years that we've been living with this AIDS crisis, they can't come up with the money to fight this war at home.

- The protesters were arrested but promised to engage in further demonstrations against the media. In San Francisco, I'm Mary VanClay.

- That's *News Wrap* for the week ending January 26, 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.

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- Just days before she was scheduled to depart for active duty in the Persian Gulf, Donna Jackson, an army reservist from Las Vegas, Nevada told her military commanders that she is a lesbian and that she wanted to serve in what has now erupted into the Persian Gulf War. For *This Way Out*, I'm Burt Whalen. Jackson's request is believed to be the first direct challenge to the military ban on gays and lesbians in the current armed forces mobilization for the US role in the Gulf. Did Jackson sign up with some ulterior motive knowing she was a lesbian from the start?

- No, I wasn't sure of myself then. I was young, fresh out of high school, and like most other people who are fresh out of high school, not sure of what they want to do with their lives. And I joined to travel and to find myself. I really knew about it a year ago when I met my current lover Christie, and I just knew when I saw her this was it and I fell in love.

- You were not having sex with anybody in your unit or your company or anybody in the military.

- Oh no, I don't allow myself to date or see people I work with.

- So you weren't preying on 18-year-old recruits and forcing them to have sex with you and et cetera, et cetera, all the things that the Pentagon would accuse you of.

- No, that's ridiculous.

- Why don't you tell us your story as it happened recently.

- My reserve unit was activated on the 27th of December. That was down in San Diego. And we were still down in San Diego for about a week. And on the 30th of December, my lover Christie and I, we went into my commander, Colonel Lindner's office, and we let him know that I was a lesbian and we were in a loving relationship. And it was real relaxed and he took it in stride like no big deal.

On the 2nd of January, we were bus loaded up to Fort Ord, which is up North. And we were up here for about a week. Up here, I've heard horror stories about people who've come out in the service and been kicked out, people like those lesbians back in Parris Island, South Carolina, who were thrown in jail. So it was a lot of fear behind my coming out, but I just knew that I had to come out because of the fact that war was imminent and that we were going to be heading over to the Middle East.

So on the 7th of January, I wrote a statement to my commander for him to acknowledge the fact that I was a lesbian. I had sought out advice up at Fort Ord from the military legal people, and what they told me was that I would probably be deployed with my unit, I would be used for the purposes of Desert Shield and everything, and that when I got back, they would kick me out because I was a lesbian. That's exactly what I was told.

So I was outraged at that. I was upset. I thought it was totally unacceptable. So I made it known to my commander, Colonel Lindner, I want to serve as an out lesbian and I'm ready to go serve my country and go with my unit to the Persian Gulf. And I'd like acknowledgment that when I get back, I don't want to be discharged because of the fact that I'm a lesbian. And I didn't hear anything.

So on the 9th of January, which is two days later, we faxed a letter over to the post commander, a Major General Jerry A White with the basic same statement, trying to get his acknowledgment of the fact that my command was aware that I'm a lesbian, that I want to serve my country, and I'm ready to go fight, and that I didn't want to be kicked out when I came back and I didn't want it to be a hassle.

And then Saturday morning when we showed back up for formation, I was pulled out of my unit, which totally blew me away. It was very unexpected for me. I had no idea that-- I was pulled out of my unit. I was reassigned to a permanent duty station there at Fort Ord. And I just I just cried. It hits me off and on. It's real emotional that I was detached from all my friends and all my support.

- So you were a good soldier.

- Yeah. I've never had any type of runups with the legal or any type of bad things. I've never been court martialed. I've never had any bad type of record. I've always been a good hard worker. That's what everyone says, that's what I say, that's how I believe. And I wanted to be who I was. And see, in the reserves, you have your whole other life. My life with Christie and myself. We're just real open, we're who we are, and going to do the reserves one weekend a month is not a problem.

But when the military became full-time for me, where that was my life I was like having to go in the closet and hide who I was, and that wasn't acceptable to me. I want to be able to talk about my lover, I wanted to be able to say, I'm in love with the woman, and not have to play a game of, my boyfriend this or my boyfriend that.

- But do you think that would have adversely affected morale if you had been--
- Oh no, not at all. As a matter of fact, a lot of people from my unit have met Christie and they were very supportive. It was like no big deal. So you're gay, so what?
- So there's that lie also from the Pentagon that it affects morale adversely.
- That's what they say in the policy. But we work so closely with each other. I mean, people either accept you or don't. They just generalize the policy for everyone and they automatically assume that's how people feel. And I don't feel it's necessarily true because I've got nothing but support from all the people I've worked with. I haven't had any harassment, I haven't had any bad talking or talking behind my back about it. They wanted me to go with them. Instead, I was pulled, removed, and attached to this other unit and then processed very quickly for discharge.
- You were discharged on Thursday, January 17th. And my immediate question is why did you give in so quickly? Why did you agree to be processed so quickly instead of fighting it?
- Having spoke with my attorney, there are other cases pending right now dealing with the same situation. My case wouldn't necessarily push it one way or another. It's a shame that-- it's the military's loss. I think that if all the gays and lesbians in the service stood up and came out of the closet and said, this is who we are, the military would have to change their policy, either change their policy or suffer a severe loss in manpower.
- That's right. Would you have considered yourself or called yourself a lesbian activist before all this happened?
- Oh no, not at all. I don't find myself political or like an activist in any way, shape, or form.
- Do you think you're going to be an activist now?
- Possibly, yes. I think this has made me more geared towards that.
- Well, we'll look forward to hearing more from you in the future I hope.
- Oh yeah, definitely.
- Donna Jackson, I'd like to thank you.
- Oh, no problem.
- For *This Way Out* in Philadelphia, I'm Bert Whalen.
- You've tuned in to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine.

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- Depending on who did the counting, between 300,000 and half a million people marched for peace on both coasts of the United States this past Saturday. In Washington DC, about 250,000 filled the Capitol Mall, and in San Francisco, AIDS Quilt organizer Cleve Jones was one of the featured speakers.

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- President Bush has given us a lot of reasons for fighting this war. Those reasons seem to change with every week that passes as the administration casts about for new ways to market Operation Desert Storm. The president says that we must defend the sovereign nation of Kuwait. But we know that Kuwait is a fascist feudal state carved out of Iraq by the British War Office in 1922 to deny Iraq access to the Persian Gulf. I ask you, must American men and women now die to defend Kuwait?

President Bush says that Saddam Hussein is Hitler, that his ruthless aggression must be stopped. But we know that Saddam was armed by America, that even as Saddam was blasting Iran and gassing the Kurds, Reagan and Bush were selling him weapons. Now I ask you, must American men and women now die for the arms merchants greed?

- No.

- President Bush says that Saddam must not be allowed to control the oil fields. But we know that it was King Fahd of Saudi Arabia who turned off the tap in 1973 and every politician in this land trumpeted that America would never again depend on foreign oil. I ask you, must American men and women now die because our leaders failed to produce an energy plan?

- No.

- And President Bush tells us that we must enforce the United Nations resolutions. But we know that those resolutions were bought and paid for with dollars, marks, and yen. And we remember other resolutions ignored by Washington condemning the invasions of Panama and Grenada. I ask you, must American men and women now die to pay for those resolutions?

- No.

- And President Bush told us, the American people, that this bloody war is about jobs. But we know that a decade of Reagan and Bush did more than any Mideast dictator to drive US jobs overseas, close factories, and bankrupt savings and loans. I ask you, must American men and women now die for the failure of Reaganomics?

- No.

- President Bush claims that this war is required to maintain the balance of the New World Order. But we know that Bush's new world order is nothing more than a fantasy of empire with America as policeman of the world. I ask you, must American men and women now die to fulfill George Bush's Imperial ambitions?

- No.

- We live in San Francisco, a city on the front line of one of the wars America has been losing here at home. 7,000 San Franciscans have been killed by AIDS in the past 10 years, more San Franciscans than died in all of the wars of the last century. We know that today over 100,000 Americans have been killed by AIDS, more sons and daughters than were killed in the entire Vietnam War. Two million Americans are now infected with HIV, and for us, the future is bleak.

We who live here at the epicenter of the AIDS epidemic have learned some bitter lessons about our government in the past 10 years. But in this time of great sorrow, the most important lesson we have learned is that life and love are sacred, precious beyond words, beyond any expression. There are wars worth fighting, wars worth winning, and we the American people are ready to fight them.

A war to save our cities, a war to conquer disease, a war to build schools and rescue our children from despair, a war for clean air and water, a war against bigotry and ignorance, a war for parks and playgrounds and homes. These are the wars America must not lose. These are the wars worth fighting. The wars are here at home in America. No blood for oil. Bring the troops home. Thank you. Keep fighting.

- An enthusiastic reception here for Cleve Jones of the NAMES Project and long-time gay activist here in San Francisco. You're listening to Pacifica radio's coverage of the January 26 mobilization to bring the troops home now.

- Thanks for choosing *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Cindy Friedman, Mark Saccomano, Mary VanClay, and Bert Wyland contributed program material. Thanks also to Pacifica Radio, Mike Alcalay, and John Zay.

- Ritchie Valens, Holly Near, and the New Haven Women's Liberation Rock Band performed some of the music you heard, and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.

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- You know stars of music really don't benefit from being pigeonholed. I'm Michael Union. On my eclectic program *Carioca*, I try to break down some of the artificial walls between different types of music. I try to devote part of each program to a particular artist, but I also have several continuing series by a varied list of musicians. Each program also features some long-forgotten but still fun recordings from the '78 RPM era.

By the way, the name Carioca comes from a dance featured in the 1933 film *Flying Down to Rio*, and I try to celebrate the 1930s Hollywood musical on most programs. Carioca is unique and it might be your program. Tune in Tuesday mornings 3:00 AM to 6:00 AM and find out for yourself only on KPFT Houston FM, 90.1.

- And thanks Mike for being here last week.

- You betcha.

- You saved the day because I was home dying. Well, actually I didn't die. I had to go to work on Monday.

- We're certainly glad you're back though because it isn't *After Hours* without Buddy.

- Oh, really? Yeah, well.

- In the heat of the night.

- In the heat of the night, we have blues for you on 90.1 FM KPFT Houston, Texas 4:00 AM Sundays.

- In the heat of the night.

- Those blues ladies will be here about 4 o'clock, so you need to stay tuned for that.

- I remember an incident four years ago when I was walking through an amusement park holding hands with my lover and was called queer by a child six years old. And from that day forward, I've been all too aware of who the child molesters in the society are.

- These are gay and lesbian people singing out here. What's your reaction to that?

- I have a little boy, and I would hate for my little boy to be like that. Those are animals.

- I think it's terrible. I had a rocket thrown at us.

- All the queers want equal rights.

- Why don't you do things the way God made us? Is your mother and father lazy?

- They need help.

- Any person who is gay is sick.

- Look at 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 stop for a 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 at your hair.
  - Glass at your feet, in your face, in 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.