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is the base of the organization. That's why some of the people are here today because they need to be here.



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So that's kind of a long way of saying I gather that you don't think that at this time, we're gonna be able to see a million people or however many hundreds of 1000s There are



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1000s I hear but for different reasons, we still have other needs after all last week. Mr. Clinton was not here today who should be here. The Congress which is not here today, but should be here. This started last week to do about three things I thought devastating one was two jobs the job that's not killing the stimulus plan on the one hand, pushing more jobs to Mexico on the NAFTA plan, an increase police protecting my \$200 million and shift the scene from LA to Waco, Texas. My God, it's time for people to act, to move to fight the change because we let extent we're getting with rhetoric, but going backwards.



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Thank you very much, Reverend Jesse Jackson, for joining us here today. I was gonna be



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like a family. Keep hope alive.



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You are a part of the family for sure. We're gonna go back to the podium right now. We're gay activist playwright, Larry Kramer is addressing this massive crowd.



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Far worse, there is no head of AIDS research. Stupid Ted Kennedy, has pushed an appallingly dumb plan through a blind and ignorant Congress that establishes yet another bureaucracy at NIH. When Will everyone realize that as constituted, there has never been a cure for any major illness that has ever come out of NIH. NIH is incapable of operating in time of Crisis, Emergency or plague. But who listens to us we who understand what's wrong with the AIDS Research Program, and have ideas how to make it work. Hillary bill the Welch's wife has placed on her health panel, not one single aids expert Dr. Anthony Fauci, for better or for worse, the government's leading point man on AIDS has during these past six months, received not one single phone call or summons to a meeting from builder welcher or Hillary the Welch's wife, or Donna do nothing or any of their many lackeys. This is appalling. Not one single person of importance at the White House or in the entire health bureaucracy has cared enough to call Dr. Fauci and ask him, how's it going? What do you need to cure this plague? What can we do to hell? This comes at a time when very important scientific breakthroughs are occurring that need to be pursued immediately. Time is being pissed away. Just like under Reagan, Bush. Nothing is any different. What kind of inhumanity is this? This is yet another president, and yet another health secretary who do not care about AIDS. Why are we kissing this President's ass?



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He may be saying all the right things, but he isn't doing anything. While we are dying. Donna do nothing. So Leila is a lesbian, and I know it and she knows it. And 1000s of lesbian from coast to coast know it. So why are she denying itself vehement ly and helping us so little? We do not need another Ed cops ruining our lives.



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Dr Hazeltine at Harvard now predicts 1 billion people will be HIV infected by the new century. When I started yelling, there were 41 cases. A 41 has become 1 billion. And still no one is addressing this with the attention and urgency it deserves. This new president made us promises. We are a viable way important voting bloc, he made us promises we paid for those promises. And he has done nothing to implement these promises, or to even discuss with us the possibility of implementing these promises. We have been completely shut out from any discussions, which is bad enough, until you realize there aren't even any discussions going on. We are being intentionally allowed to die. Can't you see this? My brothers and sisters, this is genocide, the intentional killing of gays and people of color. There is a new Holocaust Museum just over there. This is our holocaust. Bill the welcher cares as much about homosexuals as Roosevelt cared about Jews. Roosevelt said all the right things, and the desperate Jews fell for it hook line and sinker. And when they woke up when the war was over 6 million of their brothers and sisters were dead. And now there's a museum for them over there. Martin Luther King said, if a man doesn't have something worth fighting for, he might just as well not live. We must fight build a welfare and Hillary the Welch's wife and Donna do nothing we must fight and make them appoint Laurel Weicker as a czar and give Fauci emergency powers to undertake the research he must perform to find his cure. Oh, my brothers and sisters, embrace the danger of

life. We are here we are alive. We are together. We are united to future We have waited so long to live is here on this small on this very day. Not only can we do it, we have done it. But now harder than ever. We must act up, fight back. Fight AIDS. Thank you.



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That was Larry Kramer. Noted playwright works like the normal heart activist. One of the first founders act up speaking here at the March on Washington. And we, as usual, have controversy in his wake. Helene Rosenbluth and Burke Whelan his first of all, stating that he knows and everyone knows that Donna Shalala is a lesbian and Ed Koch is a gay man Donna Shalala has denied at Rohtang Lee most recently in a feature piece in New Yorker this week. What about that?



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Well, I think it's really a shame for a white man to stand up there and out. Women when women have a right to say no, in all matters, especially in the bedroom. And it's up to her if she is to decide when and if to come out. And it has been very controversial here, as well as the whole issue of saying whether or not we should support this president who quote says a lot about doing things for AIDS and actually not doing anything but the reality is he's been in office less than 100 days give them a break. Well, I'd



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like to know what what purpose does it serve to out these people? I mean, even if Shalala was a lesbian bed couch is a gay man. How many lives is that information going to save? It's not going to save any and what happens is he gives them the opportunity to fend off the attack to put up a shield and and and decoy and talk about another issue rather than focusing on the AIDS issue. And I would think that that's what he would want them to focus upon rather than the fact that someone is gay or not gay, who cares?



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What about Larry Kramer's role in the struggle as we might call it for gay lesbian and bi equal rights and liberation, making somewhat loose cannon charges like this? Do you think that that discredit someone peoples are



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totally counterproductive? I have to credit them. We needed an ACT UP movement. We need a queer nation but we need that radical left to force issues but to do some of the totally irresponsible things, some of the comments that he's made. He was in Philadelphia a year ago calling for violence. I don't believe that our movement needs to depend upon violence to do these things. And and he's also said that act up is dead. You know, he's turned around and tried to kill The child that he created himself so sometimes I think maybe he's a little bit too far out.



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Once I just want to let people know at home what this place looks like it is wonderful I many,



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many people are caring act up signs we should be strong about.



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Okay, I want you to know that I got off at the train stop metro stop at about 12:40am at Federal Triangle and got to the beginning of the March saw Reverend Jesse Jackson with a swarm of people hold linking arms arm and arm down Pennsylvania Avenue. It was a sight it was absolutely glorious. However, there was no way to tell how many people are here because they're still coming in. And it is almost 230 Here. Eastern time. I was here in 87, the Parks Department only estimated 250,000 Well, we all know it was much more than that. We estimated between 600,750 1000 People are still coming in the end of the march is not in here yet folks. We can see between the stage and the Washington Monument is wall to wall people. All we're seeing is wall to wall people if they might have to be on the other side of the Washington Monument before the end of the March comes in. No question. We'll keep you posted folks,



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the Washington Monument is about a mile away from the stage. And so what Helene is saying is there's a mile of humanity solidly packed into the mall. And we know that the end,



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actually starting on that other side. So they may end up going back to where they started. People



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will probably actually, if people are still at the beginning of the March they may not ever get to March they may be just in a large crowd. Because that's that's the dynamic when you get this many people. We're gonna pause momentarily to let our stations identify themselves. You are listening to Pacifica radios march on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation. Still to come. We will be hearing we think from representative Pat Schroeder, certainly from the Reverend Ben Chavis, who is here Nancy Pelosi delivering the message from President Clinton that he would not come here to deliver or call us up to deliver and we have phones here he could have called us but no after him or her rather, we will hear from musicians like Marty Adam and Chris Williamson and Holly beer, David mixer whom we interviewed

earlier, and many, many more. So stay tuned. We'll be back in 60 seconds. Back here live in Washington DC the 1993 march on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation Larry Pinsky with Helene Rosenbluth and Bert Weiland. We're gonna go to the podium to kick Clinton.

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Please welcome the congresswoman from Colorado

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shredder. Good afternoon.

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Good afternoon.

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I hope I hope every one of you looks for one minute around you. And watch because you'll see people from Colorado everywhere. We may be under siege at home. But we are out here in numbers Colorado scream, tell them how it is. We are here to warn people that the tragedy that hit our state could hit anywhere. And that's what you are why it is so important. You are here today for this March. Because your rights come as an American. We should not let state by state play with your rights. You should not have to be nomads moving around, looking for wherever you can move to live openly and freely. That is your birthright. Remember, as we stand in this great capital of this wonderful nation, when we say the Pledge of Allegiance, we say with liberty and justice for all. Well what part of all don't people understand? We mean all.

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I am here to salute you to say you want to be part of this country. You want to be part of the military. You want the ban lifted. I can't imagine how shocked people would be if you were saying just the opposite. It is time we do the right thing. Catch up With the rest of America, go forward with the Civil Rights actions that were started in this great city and include everybody once and for all. Come to Colorado, help us educate people. Make sure we do this at the national level. And let us move forward into the 90s to make sure we never go backwards again. And that hate becomes a four letter word we will not tolerate. Thank you very much.



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Congresswoman Pat Schroeder holding up a big poster on the podium saying Uncle Sam wants you to end the military ban. Congresswoman Pat Schroeder of Colorado Joining us now is Venus thrash creator and co host of homegirls perspective right here on Pacifica station WPF W in Washington. Also one of the hosts of the Sophie's parlor show. Venus welcome. You have just finished marching What was it like?



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Besides hot, it was great. It was the most beautiful experience that I've ever had. I marched with the people of color contingent of which included Asian and Native Americans, Latinos, and African Americans and much much more. It was beautiful. We all marched together. And I never felt so much unity



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before you were right in the towards the front of the march Marina I contingent was 1313 then you just arrived. Yeah. So that means that means the first 98 Different contingents, we should remind people and that means that as we've been saying throughout this, the crowd is enormous. The people at the end of the march may, in fact, not get to march but they're certainly hearing the speeches because there are speakers set up way back to the loudspeaker setup way back to the Washington Monument. We're gonna go quickly to the podium now we're Tim McFeely, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign fund, co founder of The Boston lesbian and gay political alliance is speaking Tim McFeely.



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Of this March is the collective power of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people everywhere to take responsibility for ourselves and for our communities. We are here to say to each other, that we will take responsibility for the problems that face our communities, and we our resolve to win. Reciting the grievances is easy. Nine more people dead every hour in this country from AIDS, one in eight women in this country diagnosed with breast cancer and no one knows why. Scores of hard working gay, lesbian and bisexual people fired from their jobs every day. Hundreds of patriotic Americans are forced out of the Armed Forces of the United States every year 1/3 of gay and lesbian and bisexual teenagers contemplating or attempting suicide, it's too easy to recite the list of grievances and easier to blame them on others. But today we say to each other, and to the millions more not here with us that we will take responsibility for the problems that face us. And we are resolved to when we take responsibility for our own health, safety and civil rights. We will stay after the march and lobby Congress to support President Clinton in his resolve to end the institutionalized bigotry against gay, lesbian and bisexual people from serving in this country's armed forces. Recognizing the enormous positive difference President Clinton has made in bringing this issue before America. We will write to our senators and members of Congress to pass a comprehensive federal civil rights bill and end discrimination in America. We will engage our energies in an unending pursuit of a serious war against HIV. We will walk the halls of Congress until we see more federal dollars allocated to fight breast Then cervical cancers, we will pressure the administration and the legislatures in

this country to end the physical violence against our people, and the psychic violence against our youth and America. We take responsibility to act, and we are resolved to when our community has always had serious and legitimate grievances. In the past, we were told these problems were our fault, and we responded with shame. Now too often we see problems and we respond with blame. Today, we look at each other and pledge responsibility, and we are resolved to when no one should leave this march today feeling powerful or fulfilled, unless he or she has written their senators and Congress persons demanding an end to the ban against gay lesbians and bisexual Americans serving in the military in this country. Finally, today, we say to all of America, that we are not here to take but to give. We are not here to demand but to serve. We are not here for our own, but for all of America. Thank you very much. Have I have the mark?

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Tim McFeely of the Human Rights Campaign fund addressing this enormous and still growing crowd here in Washington DC in our live coverage on Pacifica, radio Larry Minsky here now with Leanne Rosenberg and Venus Thresh Lane Rosenbluth coming from KPFK, Los Angeles, Davis, fresh from Pacifica station WPF W in Washington. Helene, there was already been a lot of difference between people who have interviewed here and people who've spoken on the stage about the role of the Clinton administration, Larry Clinton, Larry, Larry Kramer, and others saying has made any difference between Mr. McFeely and David Nixon earlier saying it's made a great deal of difference. I

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think that's true. I think that most people that I've been talking to this past weekend, pretty much say the same thing. Why are we continuing to to really ask for miracles when there's less than he's been in office less than 100 days? Let's give this president a chance. We've gotten much more in this very brief amount of time than we've gotten in 12 years of Republicans. So I think that that, yes, people are impatient. We've waited for many, many, many years to to gain gay and lesbian rights and to get more money allocated to AIDS research. But Rome wasn't built in a day. So let's see what happens. I want to just mention one thing. Sure. The press coverage here has changed drastically from what happened in 87. And 87. You could barely see anything going on in the press. That wasn't a total exaggeration that went for clearly the most bizarre people that were here and gays and lesbians are like all people, there are all fringes from all different times. But there was always been amongst the press to go for the glamour, if you will, the glitz. And that did not happen this year, the front page of the Sunday, Washington Post had wonderful coverage. It showed the people marching yesterday doing hands across the Capitol. It showed the quilts the the names project and new names that were added to the quilt on the lawn yesterday. It was glorious, it was spectacular.

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We have to go back to the podium and Helene Rupert Richardson, the president of the NAACP, is going to be introduced. Let's see what's happening up there.



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And that among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These basic rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness represent America's problems, promise to all of our children, not just to those who have a certain sexual orientation. We in NAACP Jain this movement because we to await the fulfilling of America's promises we assemble here today, because we know that as long as your rights to freedom are denied, ours are not secure. We further understand that discrimination in any form, not only affects the victim but the perpetrator. As discrimination is morally wrong. We greet you in the name of every patriotic who has died from these causes. We believe very strongly that to deny our lesbian and gay brothers and sisters full freedom robs them of the promise of life and liberty. We call upon President Clinton to come out of the closet of duplicity by left During the ban on gays and lesbians in the military, we empower our president getting to a point on AIDS czar now. And we challenged him to work with the Congress for the development and introduction and passage of a gay rights bill. We pledge our continued support and invite you to join forces with us and our causes for freedom. You will hear now from the newly appointed Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The torch has been passed from the progressive Dr. Benjamin Hooks, and hold on to your everything because we've got a dynamo and Dr. Benjamin shavings



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that was not a Rupert Richardson but uh, Ruth Richardson incorrect in our program, Ruth Richardson, president of the NAACP are in here is the newly appointed Executive Director of the NAACP, Reverend Ben Chavis.



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That our nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States of America, the NAACP, stands with our gay, lesbian and bisexual sisters and brothers, we love you. We stand with you



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some of my some of my colleagues in the Church Committee, some of my colleagues in the civil rights community wanted to know where you go into today's demonstration, it is clear why we are here. My wife, Martha and I, we stand, we must be against all forms of discrimination, we must be against all forms of injustice, we must be against all forms of treating people unfairly, because of their race, because of their class of because of their sexual orientation. So we are very clear why we are here. And we are not only here for today. We are be here for the long term. And I want to as something of all of you. As NAACP stays with you today. We want you to stand with us as we fight against racism in America.



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We want you to stand with us as we fight against apartheid in South Africa.



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We want you to stand with us as we fight for jobs as we fight for education as we fight for healthcare as the play for the development of our communities. And if he stayed with us, if we stand together, we will win redress for all of our peoples. God bless you. God bless you.



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Reverend Ben Chavis, on the podium here in Washington. You will be followed we believe by Dr. William Gibson, the chairman of the NAACP



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defeat that bad amendment number. Louisiana are we going to pass a gay rights ordinance. This legislature this year in ACP is with you. Our next speaker is the visionary fighting chairman of our National Board of Directors who introduced our pro gay rights resolution and NAACP and fought for his past its passage. He has had visions far beyond his years. And he has a team that's going to work with him to make great things happen for all Americans. Dr. William F. Gibson.



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Good evening, my brothers and sisters. I'm happy to see this magnificent turnout here today. This March has come a long way since I first talked to Nadine Smith in January and agreed to speak here today. Today, there are 1000s 1000s and a million projected to fight for the rights of the community here today. As we gathered today in this nation's capital as their own set The rights lead. I remember a summer almost 30 years ago, when Dr. Martin Luther King gave a speech in the city, not too many blocks away with a key few simple phrases, he framed the key questions of the civil rights movement in a way that the world will know