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Coming up on 12 noon on rural radio or 90.1 FM KPFT in Houston Good afternoon. Today's programming regular scheduled programming will be preempted so that we may bring you live to 1993 March on Washington for lesbian, gay, and bi equal rights and liberation. Pacifica will be providing the coverage. We now go live to Washington with Larry Bansky.



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Back here live in Washington DC Larry Minsky with K. Clinton in the 1993 march on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation throughout the rest of this broadcast are going to be hearing a lot of booming noise in the background when we talk, because we are approximately what 20 yards away from the enormous main stage and it's rock stadium style speakers. But we hope you'll be able to hear us because we hope we'll have some interesting things to say we're joined right now by Tory Osborne, the Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Tory Osborne yesterday in that profile in the New York Times, you told something of the story of how difficult it was for you to come out as a lesbian. And I wonder if you could share some of that with our listeners.



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My story is much different from other people's I mean, it's a story of somebody who recognized my attraction for women when I was a teenager, and was really afraid of it and ashamed of it and sort of hid in the recesses of the closet, I went out and found a boyfriend within a month after having my sort of first sexual lesbian sexual encounter and, and sort of had no sexual relation with him at least had a boyfriend to sort of prove I was straight it was it. You know, it's it's sort of still recall some shame when I think about it. I mean, it was it was tough, it was tough for three or four years, I feel lucky that I came out in the early part of the 70s, when women's liberation really gave a kind of a there was a blip in time when in fact, it was okay to be a lesbian. And it was at that time that I, you know, came out. And so we're in the middle of women's music and culture and a kind of burgeoning lesbian wing of the women's movement. And so that easier, but the first few years were very tough and and it was tough. When I came out to my folks, I didn't go home for six years I didn't I talked to my mom two or three times in New York Times story was a little wrong about that. But my mom called me and mom called me yesterday morning, and we discussed it. But it's it was tough. And I always say to people, you

know, come out early and come out often come out early to your parents, because it's really hard for a lot of parents, but they do most of them do get through it. And I always encourage people to do that.



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People in cosmopolitan areas have that option more than people who aren't there are a lot of people listening to this broadcast today who were listening in small towns and cities across the United States. For them, it can be a personally dangerous, professionally dangerous act to come out. What do you say to that?



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I say that, I think it's really important wherever you are, to consider the sense of freedom that you have. When you come out. It is generally better. It's tough. Of course, it can be personally dangerous. It's dangerous in urban America either. But I really want I think we have got to come out I think we have got to come out wherever we are. We have to see ourselves as part of a of a growing movement of people who are proud of who they are. And I know it's tough, but I mean, people have got to do it. Otherwise we will continue to face the kind of hatred and discrimination because it's only when we come out that people realize who we are that we begin to to make some progress.



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Osborn, thank you very much for joining us. I cut you off for the first of what will probably be many times Caitlin. We want to go to the stage now. Because the rally is beginning Dierdre McCalla singer Olivia record recording artists is about to perform. We'll be hearing more from you Tory Osborne from the stage a little later on. I understand. Thanks a lot. We'll be right back to the stage Deirdre McCallum



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Joe there's clearly something not quite right between the podium and us and possibly between the podium and the speakers out there as well which are broadcasting. So we'll get back to the podium in a little while. Meanwhile, joining us here at the Pacifica anchor desk, can we call it the Pacifica anchor desk? That's

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it. Well, you know, we were getting such nice feedback. They're like, we're getting twice the price. We're getting more bang for the buck with this rally. You can hear it twice,

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double music. While in producer and host of the weekly one hour radio magazine gay dreams. WX. PN in Philadelphia, is radio documentary was heard by many of our Pacifica listeners on friendly fire lesbians and gays in the military. And he's also the CO anchor of Pacific as coverage of the Senate Armed Services Committee hearings, gays and lesbians in the military, which is beginning again this week on the 29th on Thursday, is that correct? That's right, Larry.

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On Thursday, we expect it to begin, and things could change. But that's the word right now.

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So many of these same stations, listeners will hear once again, the non committee hearings on lesbians and gays in the military. Bert, what more they have to say?

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Well, this time around, supposedly is going to be the experience of other countries with allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military. And we don't expect the hearings to be any less one sided than they were before. And we've had some foreshadowing of that. In the last hearings, are people listening at DC hearing? Oh, absolutely. Well, I don't know. I don't know. I know that. A gay man named Ron Rob Garabedian was standing behind Dan Coats after the second set of hearings on the unit cohesion, where it was not made clear that homosexuality the presence of homosexuals would destroy unit cohesion. And yet Dan Coats of Indiana, Illinois, I don't remember Indiana, Indiana, went and said that it was definitely going to destroy that they had found in these hearings that we they were going to destroy unit cohesion. And Rob Garabedian stood behind him and called him a liar. Right on camera.



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He's great. That's what a minute golden moment for sure. But let me ask you this, a colleague of ours the other day, was on a Pacifica station and being interviewed about his book about lesbians and gays in the middle of serving in the military. This was Frank Brown and his books not about that. It's about the culture of desire, but he was talking about that and he said, there's been issues basically over this battle settled, it's gonna they're gonna, you know, they're gonna reach a compromise. It's going to be okay. Would you agree with him? Yeah, unfortunately,



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I believe the compromise is going to be to continue with the present situation where they won't ask you are you homosexual when you're allowed in? And they won't be allowed to ask you are you homosexual while you're in but you know, you've asked a drill sergeant in bootcamp, you know, who suspects that you're a faggot, you're going to tell him that he's not going to suspect something. What are they going to do in the case of Kyle Harney in Philadelphia, who's shipmates found a letter they went through his belongings and found a letter and then they knew he was gay. What are you gonna say? Well, your drill sergeant, your CEO didn't ask you. So that's gonna be the end of it. I don't think so. We are



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going to shortly go back to the stage and bring you Representative Henry Waxman who is about to address the crowd. And we hope our audio is equal to the task, is it yet? We do not have it yet? Well, in that case, we're gonna go to Julie Dresden, who is out in the crowd, have the March at the lead portion of the March we believe. Let's go to Julie Drizzy. Now Julie, are you with us?



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Julie Dresden is who we're trying to get to in the crowd. Julie Dresden is with the older gays and lesbians I understand. And somewhere in that massive organization, or disorganization, that represents the march right now. She is on a cellular telephone and we hope to bring her to us, Julie Dresden. No, well, we have each other let's just sing or something. good songs.



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No actually go to work. But I just wanted to point out where for a little bit of ambiance for those in who were unfortunate enough not to make it the Washington the place is just bursting with new leaves and blue sky and God is smiling on homosexuality today. And I also want to share that I have been watching a volleyball game full of shirtless sweaty Marines, I believe by their hair cuts over to my right. Just so that you know what it looks like here on the mall.



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Well, we and we have a wonderful group as I walked over here, they were gays in the millenary mill,



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group of men. And yesterday I was at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force fundraiser called honoring our allies and forging our future and it was a tribute to the very outspoken and coming out gays in the military. And it was a wonderful moment, at the end, a very big surprise to everybody. There were the I kept calling him the poster child, but actually he was the top soldier, the soldier, the soldier of the year, and he came out he's gonna speak here later on today I speak here later today, it was such a moving experience, everybody was shocked we could make we could see his life flashing before our eyes, it was a very moving, wonderful



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moment. Very interesting to see how they handle that. And



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he wrote an article, an op ed piece in today's New York Times, as a matter of fact, discussing that experience was interviewed in the Washington Post, he seems to be quite nervous about the experience, because he now intends he thinks they're just going to throw him out of the military soldier of the year or no soldier of the year. Well,



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the compromise today is that they're not going to throw him out, they're going to put him on unpaid leave. Imagine something like that. I don't know. I didn't know. But I don't know exactly what the situation is. I was covering all kinds of other things this weekend. But they're gonna have to make an awfully strong case with this one, that it's bad for morale.



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But you know, what happened? I think last night was for he was very, very nervous before he truly came out. But I think what people are finding is that they have friends when they come out, it's not going to be the lonely experience, that we've been told it's going to be that he was embraced warmly by people who have gone through the experience as well. And who were

already to support him. He said, You know, I won't be raging radical, and everybody was like, Yeah, put in a couple of weeks, you'll be you could, we can say, you know, we're gonna give them spray, spray paint cans, you know, be out there. But I think that he's that people who are coming out, know that they're coming into a really warm community of people,

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but afford it. But Bert Weiland is the circumstance in these hearings on Capitol Hill, which is three blocks to our west, here, we can see the Capitol out of the right side of our eyes, you're looking straight at it. Do you think the non committee is open to hearing from people like him?

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Not necessarily, it'd be it's very interesting to me that they're planning to take the hearings out to the military bases themselves to hear what the soldiers have to say what the lowly personnel have to say, because I wonder how many gay people are gonna be able to come out and say, Well, I'm gay. And this is, in my experience, or even worse, yet, those that are not gay, but are supportive of lifting the ban, that they're losing their careers ruining their own lives by supporting the so they're very much one sided. And it's just a charade, I believe. And that's why it's important that we're carrying this on Pacifica. And we're able to give the other side of the story that people are not going to hear during the hearings.

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And I think also that we have so many wonderful organizations now that are going to who are very organized, and they will know what's going to happen. And we will figure out a way to deal with you know, this off base kind of periodic base, kind of asking a question.

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Joining us setup typical microphones is David mixer, a political adviser to President Clinton, who will be addressing this crowd a little bit later on. Welcome Mr. Exner to our nationwide broadcast.

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It's like to be here on such an incredible day.

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What has been your experience of the day so far? Where have you been? Well, I've

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started off this morning with a friend who has AIDS who all of us recommended that he not make the trip, because we didn't think he could make it. And he looked at us in California, and he said, If I die in Washington, DC, I die one step closer to freedom. So we got his wheelchair ready and got him all set up and got him taken care of on the trolley. And that's what we did this morning.



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As you know, there's been a great deal of controversy about whether or not President Clinton would either attend or address this rally. And ultimately, the position that's been reached is that a statement from him is going to be read by Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi sometime little later on. And of course, we'll be bringing that to our coast to coast audience here on Pacifica. Did that disappoint you? The President isn't here either in voice or in body?



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Well, I'm not so concerned that he isn't at the rally. I really am extremely disappointed that he's not in Washington, DC. You know, and the Congress, by the way, is not in Washington, we've had a huge evacuation of politicians as the city. As we flew in, they got on the planes and flew out. You know, a million people are coming here some of their life savings, some of them very fragile health practitioner government to correct a great injustice. They should be here. They should be in town to accept our petition for freedom.



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What about the appointing of the so called AIDS czar? I understand that the meeting that President Clinton had with the leaders from the gay and lesbian community the other week, he actually asked people in the room for suggestions, you know, anybody would be a good eight star and said that he's having trouble filling that person. Is that a realistic attitude? As far as you're concerned that there's nobody can



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take that post? No, I don't think there's any trouble filling that post. I think the battle is over how powerful it will be. This community was a powerful one who can pick up and call on cabinet officials, the CDC, the FDA and NIH, not a weak one. And I think there's some people in this administration who are reluctant to have a powerful aides are in the White House that will have a mind of their own and a vision of their own. And so I mean, I think there's been plenty of talk, plenty of candidates that have an AIDS or and we need one now. Every day we go without one. Every day we go about a Manhattan Project, another person dies.



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David, what after and you're



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speaking, yes, I am between three and four today. And then what?



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What are you taking back out of this March.



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I'm a much richer and freer person today. What it does does is a transformation on each and every one of us who are walking today, there's just almost no way possible to describe the sense of freedom one feels at last. You know, I spent the first 30 years of my life hating myself contemplating suicide, and not thinking I was as good as any other American. And today, I know, I'm as good as any other American and maybe even a little better, because I'm part of the gay and lesbian community.



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I just want to point out that the Washington Times, which has been known to be very gay friendly, pointed out, or our benefit that Bill Clinton said that it's not proper for a president, that figurehead to attend the march such as this. And yet the Washington Times pointed out that President George Bush sent representatives, one of them being the Vice President, Dan Quayle to pro life anti abortion rallies. Are we going to be taking Bill Clinton to task for this? Or is it a matter of letting it go and just go on from here,



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you know, I really want him to be in this town. I think everybody in this March wants him to be in town. But I don't want a phone call or a video to be on the same par with us not having an HR, I don't want it to be on the same par is he going to call senators up to the White House and help convince them that we need an executive order and they should not over? override it in the Senate. And I don't want to put it on the same par as getting AIDS funding. It would be fantastic. He if he was here, he should be here. I want him here. But I'm not putting the same importance on it as our freedom or as a cure for



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AIDS. David mitzner, thank you very much for joining us today. Thank you. I'm very delighted to be here next to you all. Thank you, David, political adviser to President Clinton, longtime activist in the Los Angeles political community. We're now going to go to the stage where Akiko Carver a 16 year old middle class nice agent died she's described on the program is going to be talking to us he is from the Seattle youth caucus.



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Half a million people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki killed, raped and tortured 1000s In Vietnam, as well as Korea and Grenada and bombed in place inhumane sanctions in Iraq that killed over 200,000 people. So if this is your country, it's because you're white. When you talk about lifting the ban, you're telling me that non white queers are expendable. Working to allow gays in the military is happening over our dead bodies. Look at the fact that 60% of the military is composed of non white people, racist economics force us to join were the cannon fodder of America while having to kill our non white sisters and brothers around the world. And you're not fighting to get these issues addressed. You're fighting for more career choices for white lesbians and gays, you're not fighting against economic apartheid. You're fighting for Marga Calomiris pension, the nglt and the Human Rights Campaign fund aren't fighting for human rights. They're fighting against homophobia as an obstacle towards white power. And it makes me so sad to see many non white queers working for that fight. The politics of the queer movement have watered down to nothing. This movement started with a riot, and it needs to end with one but all we can do is walk down the street and sit in a park, a million suicidal fools in one city, we won't fight for true liberation, because that would mean fighting against capitalism in the United States government. It means revolution. instead. Instead, we're content to let a few rich white bags determine this movements agenda, and to let them ask for a few minor concessions, like lifting the ban in the military. So let me say it again. If you want gays in the military, it's because you're racist. And if you believe that this is your country, it's because you're white. When you talk about America's enemy across the line, you're talking about me and my family. When supporting the military. You've already named me your enemy, and you can make damn sure I'll fight you like one. fight racism, bad the military All right.



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That was Akiko Carver of the ACT UP Seattle youth caucus. And we'll go back to the emcee on the stage right now who's Pam Hall.



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Betancourt, and here to speak as a voice for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth across our nation. Troy Benton Cole from Boston is a member of the executive board of Prout, a gay youth services agency. Welcome, Troy, who in one year has taken the lead and lesbian, gay and bisexual youth movements.



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Thank you very much. I am so very honored to be here today, to represent the youth of our community. Today is the day when, when our community celebrates itself. We're here and we're proud of who we are. But imagine for a minute that you're able to return to Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village. Imagine that you're able to sit down with those who participated in the riots. And you're able to tell them all of the things that have happened to our community. Can you imagine telling them that in 24 years, homosexuality would no longer be considered a psychological disorder, that some states and cities would have laws to protect gays and

lesbians from discrimination, that there would be openly gay and lesbian politicians who could run for office and when that people were out, and openly gay and lesbian at the highest levels of education, government, entertainment and business, that there would be lesbian and gay you social service agencies, such as proud in Boston, glass in Los Angeles, horizons in Chicago, and I YG in Indianapolis, that there would be openly gay teachers and students working together to change school policies that our community was active and diverse, with gay Democrats, as well as Republicans, with drag queens and Leatherman mothers, fathers, sisters brothers, with the very young and the very old that the gay and lesbian community helped elect a president. And could they imagine that they were on the verge of allowing gays and lesbians in the military. If we could go back and let them know that more change would occur in the next two decades, that occurred in the last 2000 years, they would probably say that we were crazy, that in 1993, we were no longer feeling bad about ourselves. And hiding out in bars and bathhouses that we were no longer prisoners in our own closets. But on April 25 1993, would march on Washington DC, over 1 million strong. Vision is a hard thing to have for some people. And for most just getting to the weekend as as far as as far as people can get. It may seem hard for us to realize just how far we've come until we put ourselves in the shoes of those who fought before us. Now that I've asked you to imagine the past response to the future, to the present, I want you to react to the President's response to the future. Let me use my imagination. In 2017. When many of us we returned to the state of New Columbia, formerly known as Washington, DC, I'll be 41 years old, and I'm afraid to ask how old some of you will be, but that's okay. In 2017, the world would be a very different place for the gay lesbian and bisexual community. Imagine that efforts to hold a march in the state of New Colombia would fail. Because gays and lesbians will be so accepted into the mainstream society. In 2017, it will be hard to remember the fight to get gays in the military because the commander of the armed forces is a gay man. And by 2017, to openly gay candidates would have run for president and the head of the Armed Services Committee, currently held by Sam Nunn, will be a lesbian. The first openly gay Supreme Court judge is well respected throughout the country. And by 2017, gay youth organizations will no longer be needed. And all youth want access to equal rights and opportunities. I want you to come back in 24 years to see if I'm right. But you know, we don't have to leave it to the future to our imagination. If you really want to see our community's future. All you have to do is take a minute, open your eyes and look into the eyes of a gay youth because that is where you will see your history and your future. The future of this community or the gay community isn't its youth, gay youth as options, next challenge and our greatest asset. This is no time for fear. And it's a time for courage. We've come so far, and I speak for generations to come, who has a vision for the future, because we have so far to go for the lesbian gay community. Let us begin by supporting gay and lesbian youth. And I'm very proud to be here tonight, today. And thank you very much.



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Thank you. The Boston alliance for gay and lesbian youth, addressing the enormous crowd which is beginning to build here on the Mall in Washington, DC, the head of the march left approximately an hour and a half ago, from a site which is about two miles away by foot going past the White House and with that march right now is Julie Dresden, who is producer of Pacific as national news. Julie, where are you now and how the marches doing



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about the people who are participating in the market into the mall. We're up to a point now

where a lot of gay and lesbian veterans have come through the last group that came through with some people in military uniform and fatigues with a flag that said, Don't tread on me. I've also seen a really wonderful group of people with a sign that said lift the ban on gays and the millenary. It was a group of about 30 men wearing very colorful hats. There's a very large contingent of gay and lesbian youth very loud, big signs, representing high schools and junior High's they've already poured into the mall. And a large group of families men, women and their children of all ages who've already made it to the end of the march a giant contingent of people with AIDS many in wheelchairs have already come thrilled. I did spend a little bit of time with the older lesbians group who had I think perhaps the best cheer I've heard so far, Larry, it went to 468. How do you know your grandma's straight and where I met a 74 year old Ruth Silva from the San Francisco area. This is her second gay rights march. And she's very excited to be here. She and some friends got into an RV and drove here. Isabel wills 75 year old from Miami, it's her first march. And she says, You know at this age, you can do anything you want. All of these older lesbians are wearing white outfits with the lavender sashes. And I met a really wonderful woman, a Corky Harper 72 year old from Virginia, who remembered Stonewall though she wasn't there. She's been out to her family for about 20 years. It's very exciting for a lot of these older women who are here, a lot of them have gray hair. Some of them are wheelchairs. Some of them are walking and canes, but for many of them, this is their very first lesbian gay March and they're in their 60s or 70s. It's a really exciting experience for them. I even met one woman who does lay out for Sports Illustrated. Here's a 56 year old woman participating in the march.



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Julie, thank you very much. We're gonna get back to you a little later on and our other reporters in the march right now we're going to go to the podium back here at the stage approximately, well probably a mile and maybe two hours from where you are by walk and by March. The group in process is singing right now let's join the Washington DC singing group in the process your live at the 1993 march on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation. We'll be back in 30 seconds with Mayor David Dinkins and interview with Patricia Ireland and much much more stay tuned



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Back here live in Washington DC Larry Minsky with Pacifica radios nationwide coverage which will continue till 6pm East Coast time tonight for 1993 March on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation case you just joined us it's a beautiful day getting a little less beautiful as the hours go on. The speakers have been talking and music up there for about a half hour we'll continue all afternoon. We'll be going back and forth to them on the podium. And to our interviews here and our reporters in the field. Joining us for this segment is Elaine Rosenbluth producer with Pacifica radio since 1975 winner of numerous awards We'll be talking to her in a little while but first we're going to hear from New York City Mayor David Dinkins.



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What a turnout. I'm particularly proud of the baths of turnout from the city and state of New York. Some 200,000 stole I believe in an America that does not discriminate because of sexual orientation. But there's a movement out there in the country, spearheaded by Pat Robertson. He called the Equal Rights Amendment to the Iowa State Constitution, anti family. He went on to say, and I quote him, it's about a socialist anti family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbian. This is what Mr. Robinson and his followers believe about progressive members of our nation. But I stand with you today because the preamble to the United States Constitution begins with the words we the people. And many have given their lives to ensure that these words embraced every single American discrimination cannot be tolerated under any circumstances. And that's why the President's call for permitting gays and lesbians to serve our country by serving in the military is so important. It's got to be no segregation, whatever, integrated completely within the Armed Forces of the United States. I campaign for Mayor on a platform of unity. Our city of New York is a gorgeous mosaic. And I'm proud of the appointments I've made over the last three and a half years. Under my administration, we've appointed more gays and lesbians, Latinos, Asians, African Americans and women than any prior administration. And never, never in the history of our state, the history of our city city of New York, have there been so many open lesbians and gays serving in high ranking positions. We've also instituted a domestic partnership registration program. The first of its kind in the history of our city. Intended to recognize all of the diverse family structures that exist, and 1000s of long term committed and caring relationships among gays, lesbians and bisexuals. Let me conclude with a blessing from the former state poet laureate, Audrey Lord, who wrote I leave you the will to fight. The desire to live the right to anger, to love to joy to transform silence into language and action. I leave you a litany for survival. God bless you keep the faith.



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New York City Mayor David Dinkins resplendent in his lavender, Christopher Street Festival 1992 cap on the stage here at the March in Washington, DC. We'll be going back to that stage very shortly. But right now we are joined at our Pacific microphones by Patricia Ireland, the National Organization for Women. Thank you very much for being with us today. Patricia Ireland. Let me ask you right off the bat here, your organization has been involved in reproductive rights struggles very heavily for the past few years, there seems to be an assumption that reproductive rights struggles with the assumption of power of the Clinton administration are no longer number one on the agenda. And indeed, today we're at a march of who knows how many people hundreds of 1000s of the very minimum for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation. We don't have a mark here as we've had in the past of 100,000 or more people for reproductive rights. What's your assessment of that situation?



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I think that we have to guard against any complacency that says that our reproductive freedom is one with the victory of Bill Clinton in the elections. We saw the same violence that's used against a gay man like Alan Schindler, beaten to death in Japan by his fellow sailors that is also used against Dr. David gun shot to death in the back by an anti abortion terrorist in Pensacola,

Florida. We still face common enemies, we still face common violence, and a Congress that still has hatch Helms and hide despite all of the women that we elected, we still have a long way to go on reproductive freedom and on lesbian gay rights.



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Hold on Helene. We're getting you on the mic here.



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someplace. Hi, there. Patricia. Let me ask you something else about the inclusion of lesbians into the National Organization for Women. Way back in 79 when gays and lesbians were marching here on Washington, it wasn't something that National Organization for Women really took part in very openly How far has now come in terms of being supportive to gays and lesbians? Well, I would contest



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your assessment of what we did in 1979. Remember, it's been since 1971. Before many of these national lesbian and gay organizations were even formed before some of the people here today even knew how to walk much less March 1971. Now was out front a lesbian and gay rights as part of our feminist agenda, not something separate from but integrated with the demand for equal pay for women's work and reproductive freedom and freedom from violence and harassment. We know that all women are injured by homophobia. It's a very powerful weapon. It's used against us. And I think that in the same way that now has been very involved in organizing this March and the march in 87. We still, of course, struggle against homophobia, just as we struggle against racism and sexism in our movement in our organization in our society as a whole.



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I want to thank you very much. We're gonna be hearing from you on the podium in a little while. Right now we are gonna go to that podium where Phil Wilson, the founder of the black gay and lesbian Leadership Forum, in Los Angeles is speaking Phil Wilson.



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Children in North Carolina and 1954 were a part of the dream. The Strom Thurmond, who tried to undermine the civil rights marches in 1963 is the same Strom Thurmond who's trying to undermine lesbian and gay men in the military and 1993 were a part of that dream 15 years ago, bad Parker as where will you be when they come? They will come in business suits, he said, to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs. And I must ask you, where will you be bad warned that they would not come close and brown and swastikas. The time and knee for Rouses are over. Today. I must take assessments, look to you and ask Where will you be when they come? Because they are here. They have names like Jesse Helms, Randall cherry,

Clarence Thomas, Colin Powell and Sam Nunn. The time at NI for ruses are over. They are winning the battle with over gays and lesbians in the military. They codified hate and violence in Colorado, the immigration ban on people with HIV is worse than ever, and patients are dying every day and concentration camps and Guantanamo Bay with self righteous sanctity, they are ready to x away our right to life. It is not enough to march on Washington on one Sunday, every five years. There were 750,000 of us and 1987. And the next day they pass the helms amendment. We must resist every attempt to move us backwards. We have an obligation to ourselves and to all America. We must want march on Washington. But we must march on Avenue New York, Sacramento, California at Denver, Colorado. We must write letters send telegrams make telephone calls, we must make our voices heard and City Halls state houses, both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue and both sides of the aisle. The Human Rights struggle for lesbian and gay people is a part of America's unfinished business. It is a part of the unfinished civil rights agenda. People are asking us, what do we want? We want to prevent people from getting HIV. We want adequate care for people with AIDS. We want a cure. We want access for all Americans. We want to work without look fear of losing our jobs, because of who we are. We want to live without fear of losing our homes because of who we are. We want to live without fear of losing our lives to violence because of who we are. We want what every American wants, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We want America to really be America. It is really a simple matter of adjust of justice. President Clinton said he has a vision of America and you're a part of it. So I must ask you about your vision. And who's a part of it? Are your lesbian sisters a part of the vision? Are your gay brothers of color, a part of the vision are your brothers and sisters For those living with AIDS, a part of the vision are your sisters fighting for the right to control their bodies, a part of the vision. Because if we are not all a part of the vision, the vision is an illusion. And we need no more illusions. Today I say to African Americans across this country, as you work to fulfill the dream, make sure that we are part of the dream, because if we're not all a part of the dream, then you're turning the dream into a nightmare. Today, we march but the dream today we marched with a vision. We march for justice, keep on marching, keep on March and keep on marching. Don't let Jessie M turn you around, keep on marching. Don't let Sam Nunn turn you around, keep on marching. Don't let Colin Powell Jerry around, keep on marching, keep on marching, keep our mouth shut. Freedom is ours.



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Bill Wilson of Los Angeles founder of the black gay and lesbian Leadership Forum and the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, co chair of the California Life lobby, Phil Wilson, the crowd which is still building here on the Mall as the March left some hour and 45 minutes ago from its formation site, to the west of the Washington Monument some two miles from its ultimate goal. It's impossible to estimate the size of the crowd in case you're wondering about that million figure maybe later on today. We'll figure out where that came from originally. But there'll be no way for us to tell you how many people are here. It's just enormous hundreds of 1000s of people, I think that's safe to say. And when they do get here, they will find it extremely difficult to find any place to sit on the Mall within sight of the stage, which is once again three miles or three miles three blocks east of the Capitol, on the mall, about a quarter of the way between the Capitol and the Washington Monument. The the distance that the marches will cover will be greater force than the distance that is straight line as the crow flies because they are going past the White House as we've heard before a White House which is empty today of Bill Clinton and his family and indeed all politicians have left Washington. And we're going back to a speaker now on the podium. We have a reporter on the phone first however, Juan Mendez WBI in New York is joining us from that March and we're talking about one who got

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okay, I'm here on the N squared delegation, which has become a white, white international squared delegation because the only Colombian Human Rights Project that people of color group, like you can hear in the background right now. He's a member of the World Congress, gay and lesbian Jewish organizations. And among them is an aura congregation of New York City Of War in the middle of the controversy right now. Trying to get a permit to march in the Jewish parade. That seems to be a continuing issue this year. Different ethnic groups get the margin in their native gray.

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Okay, well, I'm Thank you very much, we'll get back to you in a while right now we're gonna go to the stage and Romanovsky and Phillips, who have begun to perform

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brings up a real moral dilemma for me personally, because while on the one hand, I really believe that we should drop the ban on gays in the military, what I think we should really do is simply ban the military, then everything would be fine.

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Be all of you can be you can do.

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Well, as occasionally happens to us in the radio business, we have been informed that Romanovsky and Philips are about to use language that we cannot broadcast and the lack of window of opportunity that the Federal Communications Commission gives us to broadcast. So we are regretfully going to not be able to bring you that music. And if you don't like that, once you let your government know at some point because we don't like it either. I think people are mature enough to handle such material. But we have many radio station licenses in jeopardy and we don't feel like spending hundreds of 1000s of dollars that we don't have trying to defend them. So our apologies to those of you out there who wanted to hear romanovski and Phillips but we cannot bring you this particular selection. We can however bring you Phil Wilson, we just brought you speaking from the stage very passionately about the situation in the United States, and especially about the situation of racism and Phil Wilson come to us from California, where of course we have many listeners are right now. Would you say the situation is any better in California? For people who are lesbians and gays, especially in the Los Angeles area than it is elsewhere in the United States,

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I think certainly in areas where there are large numbers of gay and lesbian people, that it is

I think certainly in areas where there are large numbers of gay and lesbian people, that it is easier to live. Now, unfortunately, the that doesn't mean that the oppression is any less, it means that we can carve out ghettos in which we can protect ourselves. And I don't think that's good for gay and lesbian people. And I don't think that's good for America. You know, it is bad for America for us to create more and more ghettos that separate us. We need to create America will more of us come together.

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It was wonderful to see Jesse Jackson at the beginning of the march. What kind of support are we going to see now and the grassroots black, African American movements in our smaller cities?

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I think that there's certainly a gap between the African American civil rights leadership and many people in the African American community. And I think that the leadership has done what leaders are supposed to do, they have led, it is now the responsibility for African American gays and lesbians to join in with that battle. Until and we need to become more visible, we need to tell our mothers and our fathers and our sisters and our brothers and our neighbors and our colleagues, that we are one with you.

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Is it better? Do you think do you think that families are more supportive? Now?

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Is it harder? I think that it's a mixed bag, I think that one thing is for sure that the legacy of the African American community is one of support, we have survived because we have understood how important it is to support each other. We have survived slavery, and we've survived Jim Crow, and we've survived the urban ghettos, and we've survived the current violence that's an accurate against African Americans, both internally and externally. Because we understand how important it is to support each other. Sometimes we lose, we lose sight of that, you know, but in our core, you know, we understand that and I think that is what will get us through this issue.

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So Kiko Carver was the 16 year old young woman from AQAP, Seattle, who spoke earlier about a half an hour from the podium, to give a very impassioned speech about how this whole movement just on March is, for and by white, gay males, rich, white, gay males. What's your feeling on that perspective?



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Well, you know, obviously, there are a lot of white gay men involved now. But the reality is that we are often we're often unable to see the contribution that people of color and women are making in this effort. The truth of the matter is that needs Dean Smith is a very powerful African American lesbian, that Derrick Livingston is a very powerful African American gay man, you know, and, and Pat Hussein and Gregory Adams. Now, these are people of color, they're in the leadership of this March, you know, and, and because of our oppression, sometimes we don't see them and we don't recognize them, and we need to do a better job.



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Phil Wilson, thank you very much for joining us today on Pacifica. So Wilson is an activist in Los Angeles and founder of the black gay and lesbian Leadership Forum. Among other things. I'm Larry Minsky here with Bert Rylan and Helling Rosen booth and case you wondered what happened to K Clinton. Throw her off the broadcast, she had to go up to the stage because she's going to be speaking up there in a little while. And she left us about 20 minutes ago, I suppose I should have mentioned that when the land moved in. We are going to be going back to the stage and to our field reporters in a moment. Right now, I want to tell people that they're listening to Pacific as national coverage of the 1993 march on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation, Mary Banský, Bert Weiland and Helene Rosen group at this time, and this is coverage that urgently needs your support. And I'd like to ask you to express that support now by calling us and making a pledge to keep this broadcast going. The reason why this broadcast needs to be kept going is that we have no other way to pay for it. But through contributions from you the listeners and the contributions from you the listeners have to be pledged this has been a very controversial and difficult broadcast for us to bring to you. And when I say controversial that means because we had to put out a lot of money for it. Money that we didn't have. And many of us who thought it was extremely important for us to bring this nationwide to Pacifica listeners cited the fact that dating back to the early 1970s In Berkeley when the first game in his radio show went on the air and I'm proud to say I had something to do with that his manager at KPFA Berkeley at the time. Starting with that fact we have been in the leadership at Pacific and at our affiliate stations like stations like WX pm in Philadelphia where Bert Weiland works. I mean Rosenbluth in Los Angeles been doing programming to 1975 Pacifica has been in the vanguard. We are not going to drop this topic right now this struggle right now. We can't afford to. It's too critical and money. When it's critical. We go to you the listeners as you know, please Call now and make a pledge of 2550 \$75 or more to Pacifica at 1-800-497-3223. That's 1-800-497-3223 we cannot take much time. As you've already seen this broadcast is jam packed with material from the podium, from the field from our guests here, etc. We can't take much time asking you for money. We hope you'll take 60 seconds or less out of your busy day make that call say you're making a pledge to Pacifica. Now for a \$75 pledge, you can get a copy of timeline, a 90 minute tape produced by Greg Gordon producer this way out nationally syndicated gay lesbian radio program history of significant events in Lesbian and Gay History from 1969 to the early 1980s, including the Stonewall riots and Anita Bryant. Election of Harvey Milk, first lesbian gay march on DC here in 1979, which we're gonna be talking about later. That's for a \$75 pledge for \$150. We are very pleased and proud to be able to offer as a premium to you. When you pledge that \$150 In your pay it a copy of a book just out conduct unbecoming Randy Schultz is monumental study of gays and lesbians in the US military, which I've just started reading. And we're so grateful. Randy Schultz. I'm sure it's listening to us today in Oakland, California and following this March. Thank you, Randy. For your generosity, we have very few copies of this book \$150 pledge of course, the book doesn't

cost \$150 You can get it for \$30 in the stores. When you give \$150 or more to Pacifica. We are as a premium thank you gift able to give you a copy of that book today. So call us right now get a copy of that book just off the press \$150 tax deductible donation 1-800-497-3223. This broadcast is costing us 1000s of dollars. We got about \$2,700 from donors who pledged it to us on the contingency that we'd be able to match it from other people, we need to more than match it. We need to triple it to pay these costs. And if we don't what happens. We're told next time we want to broadcast anything about gay and lesbian topics nationwide, they're probably not be sufficient interest. Or if we want to do a civil rights marches we definitely want to do in August, when there'll be an anniversary March the 30th anniversary of Martin Luther King's famous March on Washington and 63. Well, the listeners aren't that interested in pledge the money. We think you're interested. We think you're deeply concerned. And we think \$150 donation is not too much to ask that phone number again. 1-800-497-3223 1-800-497-3223 please write it down and call it in the next few minutes. And we thank you very much. You want to go back immediately to the podium. Now we're Michael Keller to speak.



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Michael Keller, one of the great heroes of our movement,



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Michael Keller here to throne silent during moved audience on the Mall in Washington, DC. This is specific radio's continuing coverage of the march in Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation. I'd like to remind our listeners one more time to support this March. Please call us and make a pledge to Pacifica at one 804 973 to 231-800-4973 223. We're going to be back and talk a little about Michael Callen in a moment. First, we're going to give our stations 60 seconds to identify themselves.