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Welcome back to Pacifica radios continuing live coverage of the March on Washington for lesbian gay and bi equal rights and liberation Mary Pinsky here with you is Burke Weiland and Helene Rosenbluth. Our co host Kate Clinton is actually the stage emcee for this segment. She will be back with us a little later on. Bert Weiland and Helene Rosenbluth, we've got to say something about Michael Callen and his reception here by the audience. Burt you produce a program of weekly radio magazine in Philadelphia gay dreams. And I understand Michael Collins quite popular with your

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last dollar that's on love, don't need a reason is the most requested song on gay dreams. And people just adore him. I've had him on gay dreams several times that it's most moving part of this as it Michael has been so instrumental as part of the musical establishment in the gay and lesbian community but also just a spiritual component and emotional and political component unmatched by anybody who's in full health. And now he's not going to last too much longer.

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And the amazing thing too, for people who can't see what we are seeing here, the whole beginning part I would say about the first 50 rows are filled with people with AIDS and their loved ones. When Michael Callen was singing, all you could see were arms around each other tears coming down the faces because it is so true that people do not have time. And a cure for AIDS has got to be imminent. It was most movie moments and people with AIDS were in the front of the march, people who did all that they could knowing quite well that this very well will be the last March on Washington they will ever see. And it's so wonderful that they are here and that their supporters are here. Michael Callen

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is someone who survived with AIDS a long time longer than most people have over 11



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years, I believe. And he's written a book called Surviving aids. He was the founder, one of the founders, the people with AIDS coalition and their newsletter, and part of a group of about six people that met in Colorado about 10 or 11 years ago, to determine how the gay and lesbian community would respond to the epidemic. He's never been one to stand by and let things happen. He just takes the bull by the horns, how



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has he survived?



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He has had, he has refused AZT, he has gone on to alternative treatments. He has been very bold in trying any kind of new treatment, a lot of nutrition going against Western medicine and there are a lot of very brave people with AIDS that are trying to do the same thing because they just don't trust the medical establishment for reasons that we all know. Because who the medical establishment is hooked into the drug and pharmaceutical companies and whether or not they are getting the proper support from government to find a cure and not just more money going to drugs.



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Glenn Rosenbluth and Bert Weiland. Thank you very much. We are going to go to the stage now and our nominal co host here on the Pacifica broadcast who is now up in front of the massive crowd here K plenty.



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My name is Kate Rodham Clinton. My brother is the president of this country and I am his lesbian sister. It's a pleasure to be here I come from the great state of Massachusetts. proudly represented by openly gay representatives, Gary studs and Barney Frank. I account from the town of Providence town. And I would like to dedicate this portion of the show that I'm doing to a friend of mine who is a person living with eggs. It couldn't make it here today. I would like to dedicate my show to Chris Iop from Provincetown, Massachusetts shout out Hello Chris. Thank you very much. The parade organizers. The March organizers have told me that they have upgraded the entire March. There are so many people here that it is no longer the March on Washington. It is the mingle on Washington. This is the national mingle on Washington at one point you will all be asked to just turn around. Our first speaker today has been an activist for 27 years in the women's the gay and lesbian civil rights movement. You saw her in the media last week meeting with President Clinton. She is the executive director of the National lesbian and gay Task Force please welcome Tori Osborne.



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Before I begin, I want to introduce a new and powerful and important friend to the lesbian and gay civil rights movement. I want you to give a warm welcome to the CEO on Apple computers, John Sculley.



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He flew here especially to be here with you my name is Torie US born and I am one proud lesbian today I'm here to talk about the future. But I need to start with a past first. Not so long ago, people actually believed that in order to have power in America, you had to be white. You had to be a man. And you had to be straight, all lies. In the 60s, the Civil Rights Movement fought the lie that you had to be white, the women's movement of the seven days revolutionize the very concept of power. And let us remember today that it was lesbian leadership who created that measure.



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And in 1969, those brave drag queens and working class dikes at Stonewall laid siege to the last slide and catapulted us towards this moment in history into this movement that reclaims our right to love and to desire. Who knows. By 19. By 1980, our movement was growing. We had begun to come out, and we had begun to fight for our rights. And then we began to die. At first, just a few and then in terrifying numbers 1000s 10s of 1000s shunned by society, betrayed by America's leaders. At the beginning of the 1980s we stood alone, outcasts forsaken by family, lacking community, frightened and frustrated and furious. In fighting for our very lives, we began to link arms as never before, around bedsides in street demonstrations in service organizations, before committees of Congress, and yes 1000s of wakes and funerals and memorial services that should have driven us insane, but only drove us closer together. And so the sorrow and the rage have propelled us out of the closets of fear and denial and into the sunlight of community. And we came out in greater numbers than ever before. And each person who came out every single one of you added to our straight. Well, my friends, if the 1980s was the decade of coming out, the 90s will be the decade of coming home. Coming home America, with our heads held high, not as strangers but as the people we are your daughters and sons, your doctors and carpenters and teachers, captains of industry and captains in the army. America. We are coming home



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we're coming home for Hanukkah, and Christmas and Kwanzaa for Easter and Passover and Ramadan, Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July. America, we're coming home



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we're walking home. We're flying home and we're going to drive



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home. Our powerful message

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and you're listening to Pacific as national coverage of the march for gay and lesbian and bi rights here in Washington DC and joining us live is Jesse Jackson, thank you so much for joining us here at this

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is the place to be today in America. A million plus people standing together to fulfill the American promise. equal protection under the law. It is as ancient as the struggle when the founding writers of the Constitution and rather narrow conception of humanity. The terminal on the white male land owners had the right to vote. That was racist and classes. White men who didn't own land could vote. African American three fifths of human being by the definition could not vote. Native Americans could not live. People who were who were gay had to go on the ground. They just denied humanity to a whole body of people. And that's the spirit of fascism. It is one of elimination, the same Hitler who would not recognize the feats of Jesse Owens and Joe Lewis, because they were blocked a few years was killing Jews and Gypsies, then gays. So the idea of elimination is the spirit of fascism. The idea of inclusion and expansion is the spirit of America at its best,

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Reverend Jackson, Reverend Jackson, how well received you think that message would be in the various churches where you preach from coast to coast and African American communities? How well do you think the equivalency of lesbian gay and bi equal rights and liberation and African American civil rights struggled to be accepted?

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If the if the message is equal protection under the law, it goes over well, if the message is in discrimination, based upon the race or sex or religion or religious orientation that goes over well, if the issue is attics, and lunatic friends behavior, that's a reaction, meaning for a woman to come to church and Sam free that will take off her blouse and bra. That's the sort of loop. So we need not flaunt our sexuality will be a man, woman gay, lesbian. In my judgment, the issue today is fundamentally about equal protection under the law with no basis for quarantining somebody, because of their particular interest orientation.

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Reverend Jackson, we've heard a lot from General Colin Powell, for instance, that our claims are not legitimate claims that this is not legit, a legitimate civil rights movement and the far right fundamentalist Christian right is saying that we are undermining legitimate civil rights struggle. How would you respond to that?



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Well, you know, why give a person who was a doctor or physicist or lawyer, I, taxpayer, or veteran of a foreign war a demerit? Because he or she is gay. And then give Koresh a heterosexual Bible totin him singing many merits watches 100 People that are dead. That's irrational. If people who are gay don't pay less taxes on April 15. People who are gay are able to fly a plane and you need a pilot. The people who are gay can be doctors in the form delicate surgeons save your life. Why can't they extend and see a bullet if necessary to defend the vulnerable of our country? That's just irrational thinking. We must simply do the difficult thing. Play the game by one set of rules force given between blacks and gays that mean if White gays have had to come out of the closet, decline their sexuality. Blacks would never have the closet. We were born without walls without roofs. We've always known what it was like to be vulnerable to be exposed to face to roll when. And I can tell you having been out in that role when I've been slaves double standards is just not right. To for one American to push another America out from under the umbrella we all should get an umbrella of protection.



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Reverend Jackson later on this summer. As you know there's an anniversary march to schedule right here in Washington DC 30th anniversary of Martin Luther King's led famous March in 1963. What's it going to take to get a crowd like this out for a march like that?



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You know, then march was the overflow the result of activities that some that led up to it. It didn't happen. Top down didn't have unilateral NAFTA all



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you had the mid game was him until June 11 About a year,



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there were people in jails and 300 cities around the country. The marksman a speech was given by the US for the government in China to Jews in the black ribbon search bar in some Muslim grave in Mississippi at that time. So the context of that March was one of great tension, as is the context of this mark. Yeah, it was not one of the great memories but real need, can you have a body of people who feel the pain of discrimination, somebody's been lose your military service status because of their sexual orientation, you cannot get a job. On that basis. were beaten by the police. On that basis. Well, that is a legitimate pain and need is the basis of 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. Clement 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 to cut jobs, the job that's not killing the stimulus plan, on the one hand, push it more jobs to Mexico on the map to plan and increase beliefs protected 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 for change, because we in that extent we're getting with rhetoric with going backwards.

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Thank you very much. Reverend Jesse Jackson, for joining us here today.

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Family mobilized.

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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's 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. No, NIH is incapable of operating in time of Crisis, Emergency or play. 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 Bill de 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 that 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 help? 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 to While we are dying, Donna do nothings through Leila is a lesbian, and I know it, and she knows it. And 1000s of lesbian from coast to coast know it. So why is she denying it so vehemently 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 41, that's 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, 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 discussion, 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 rose about cared about Jews. Roosevelt's that all the right thing and the desperate Jews Belfort 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 bill the welfare and Hillary the Welch's wife and Donna do nothing we must fight and make them a point low 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 mall 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 activists one of the first founders of act up speaking here at the March on Washington. And, as usual have controversy in his wake Helene Rosenbluth and Bert violin. His first of all stating that he knows and everyone knows that Donna Shalala is a lesbian and Ed conch is a gay man Donna Shalala has denied at Roatan Lee most recently in a feature piece on 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 is 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 some people's aren't

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totally counterproductive I have to credit them. We needed an ACT UP movement we need a queer nation movement 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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Also just want to let people know at home what this place looks like. It is wonderful. I

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mean, how many people are caring act up signs we should run about?

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Okay, I want you to 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 blinking 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 started between the stage and the Washington Monument is wall to wall people all we're seeing is wall to wall people I've 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 they

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are actually starting on that other side so they may end up going back to where they started people

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who probably actually if people are still at the beginning of March they may not ever get to March they may be just didn't 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 or rather, we will hear from musicians like Margie 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.

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Back here live in Washington DC the 1993 march on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation Larry density with Kellyanne Rosenbluth and Bert Weiland. We're gonna go to the podium to Kate Clinton.

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Please welcome the congresswoman from Colorado Pat

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Schroeder.

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Good afternoon. 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 him how it is. We are here to warn people that the tragedy that hit our state couldn't 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 to 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 to 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 then 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 people of color contingent, which included Asian and Native American and 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 Rena.



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I, the contingent was 1313.



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And you just arrived. Yeah. So that means that means the of course there are 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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Our 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 are resolved 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 and 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 in America. We take responsibility to act, and we are resolved to win. 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 win. 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 a Happy March.



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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 the lien Rosenbluth and Venus Thrash. Kaeleen Rosenbluth coming from KPFK, Los Angeles. Bemis fresh from Pacifica station WPF. W in Washington. Helene, there was already been a lot of difference in people who have interviewed here and people have spoken on the stage about the role of the Clinton administration, Larry Clinton, Larry, Larry Kramer, and others saying has made any difference. Mr. McFeely. And David mixed in 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 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 didn't 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 the gays and lesbians are like all people, there are all fringes from all different kinds. 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 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 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 and NAACP join this movement because we to await the fulfilling of America's promises. We are so We'll hear 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 Patreon who has died for 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 lifting the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. We empower our president getting to a point and Azar now, and we challenge 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 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 as the newly appointed Executive Director of the NAACP, Reverend Ventshade



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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 stand with you, we stand with you



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some of our some of my colleagues in the Church Committee, some of my colleagues in the civil rights community wanted to know, Ben, while you're going to today's demonstration, it is clear why we are here. My wife, Martha and I, were 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're not only here for today, we will be here for the long term. And I want to ask something from all of you. As NAACP stands 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 pay for health care as the fight for the development of our communities. And if you stand 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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to defeat that bad amendment number nine. Where's 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 mind 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 gather today, in this nation's capitol as an old civil rights leader, 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 never forget. And his framing was, can a free democratic society escape its races past and evolve into a just and righteous society? Is the Constitution a living breathing instrument with power? Is it just a paper tiger? That judges that faces the Freedom and Justice on skin color, way of gender on majority attitudes? I'm sorry to report, my friends, that even though 30 years have passed, America is still seeking the answers to these questions. And that is why the NAACP is here today. Because as Martin said, justice denied anywhere, diminishes justice, everywhere. And let me remind you that many of the same forces that were Martin fools are your foes and are the same force that we fight in the civil rights community every day. And that's why the NAACP and I hope you will remember to and never forget the words of Mark Nemo, during the prophetic days of the perilous times of Nazi Germany. What he said they came for the Jews. And I didn't speak out because I wasn't a Jew. They came for the Catholics. And I didn't speak out because I was Protestant. They came for the trade unionists. And I didn't speak out, because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for me. And there was no one left to speak out.



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That's why my brothers and sisters, the NAACP will not sit in silence, while our fellow Americans are denied full citizenship because of their sexual orientation. That's why we support full civil rights and social justice for all individuals, irregardless of their sexual orientation. And finally, my brothers and sisters, we are with you today because the NAACP is 85 years of history of fighting on righteousness and injustice will not permit us not to be here. And we are with you. We are with you. Godspeed.



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Dr. William Gibson, chairman of the NAACP, speaking to the crowd here in Washington where the sun has now come out big and strong in the sky and the temperature has shot up probably into the upper 70s and lower 80s. The wind has somewhat died down and people on the mall are therefore making. And those are the rear of the march who have not yet left the assembly

point. I wish they were here and maybe sometime before this is over, they will get here. This is one of three marches on Washington that have taken place for similar causes. The first march on Washington for gay and lesbian rights was in 1979, just 10 years after the events in New York City known as the Stonewall Rebellion. That rally at the 1979 march was also broadcast by Pacifica radio stations across the country. A volunteer crew of producers technicians and hosts called themselves the Stonewall media collective. West Warner was one of them

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organizers estimated that 250,000 demonstrators were in Washington DC in 1979. For the first march on Washington, a number that is nowadays exceeded annually in gay and lesbian rights demonstrations in major cities around the United States. The speeches that October afternoon in 1979, are remarkable for their similarities to those heard today. Some demands made by gay rights activists have changed little in the intervening 14 years. But the omissions are striking. There was no queer nation, no act up, and no one had yet heard of AIDS. The terrible epidemic that is since devastated the gay community. Organizer, Steve all reminded demonstrators that the occasion of the 1979 march was already an important anniversary

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10 years ago, on a sultry summer night in New York City, gay people fought back for the first time. We proclaim to the world that the centuries old tradition of bigotry and persecution to which we had possibly submitted would no longer be tolerated. There was

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almost no mainstream media coverage that year, and few celebrities lent their support. This was years before a million dollar fundraisers that now attract movie stars and presidential candidates. Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden sent a telegram, as did Joan Baez. Congressman Ted Weiss was one who was there,

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equal justice will come to the gay community a lot sooner. After today. Thank you very, very much.

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In 1979, and Anita Bryant was a symbol of homophobia. Jerry Falwell organized a prayer meeting across the river in Virginia. Jimmy Carter was in the White House. And Ronald Reagan was not yet on the national political scene. Speaker Charlotte Bunche had this prediction for the 1980s.

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If they thought that we were everywhere in the 1970s, waiting basically the 1980s. We will drip along numbers in the streets, we'll call drip alarm numbers in the offices and the churches, in their homes, and in our own. And furthermore, in the 1980s, waving they see us at the Democratic Convention, and maybe even the Republican convention. And while they see us in the local and state elections, and while they see us in the media, and of course they've always been seeing us and they're gonna have to go on seeing our leadership and arts and culture for a long time.

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Allen Ginsberg, Meg, Christian, Holly near and poet Audrey Lorde. Were there 30 years

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ago, the first time I came to Washington, my family and I couldn't eat ice cream in a drugstore hair because we were black. Now since then, I have come to Washington many times to demonstrate and to testify to different aspects of myself and my beliefs. I am proud to raise my voice here this day as a black lesbian feminist, committed to a struggle for a world where all our children can grow free from the diseases of racism, of sexism, of classism and of homophobia, for those oppressions are inseparable. For not one of us will ever be free until we are all free.

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I've been out since age 12. And I'm 18 now, it's really amazing. It's kind of like the Woodstock of the gay movement.

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CJ and Steve, two gay teenagers from Iowa at the 1979 march on Washington for gay and lesbian rights, they would be 32 years old now. Now, in the spirit of full disclosure, I was 25 years old in 1979 and had come out to my parents just three weeks before the March on Washington that year. My mother asked me not to do anything to public. Yet there I was part of something called the Stonewall media collective, helping to produce the live radio coverage of the rally. We producers were brought together by Washington DC freelance producer Bill Bogan, now dead of AIDS. Just a few weeks after the rally, I met Rob, we celebrate our 40th anniversary this year. And he joins me today in this crowd, the size and spirit of which we could not have imagined and 14 years ago. This is West Horner in Washington.

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Indeed, nobody could have this specific radios continuing live coverage of the 1993 march in Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and deliberation, programming that urgently needs your support, which we would like you to express now by calling our 800 number and

making a pledge to help us pay for this coverage, which has been enormously expensive. We don't have much time to ask you for money. We want to go back to the stage very quickly, because it's very shortly we're going to be hearing Nancy Pelosi delivering the message that President Clinton did not come here together to deliver, we'd like to be able to bring that to you. We'd like you first however, to call and show your support at 1-800-497-3223 1-800-497-3223. We're asking for 2550 75 or \$150 tax deductible donations to Pacifica. If you pledge \$150, you will get it as a premium a thank you gift from us a copy of Randy Schultz has just released book, gays and lesbians in the US military conduct unbecoming which is already on the bestseller list and is already waiting down my baggage here in Washington as I've just started. To get into it. It's a very detailed very thorough and very moving account from the several 100 pages I've already read the number to call 1-800-497-3223. For \$75 pledge you can get a copy of timeline producer Greg Gordon of KPFK, who works with our co host, Dr. Helene Rosenbluth, co producer of this way out nationally syndicated gay lesbian radio program contains actual news reports from the Stonewall riots and Anita Bryant, lesbian, gay march on Washington, 1979 and much, much more. That's for a \$75 pledge. But even if you're pledging \$25 \$50, whatever, we need to hear from you now 1-800-497-3223 1-800-497-3223 Please call right away.

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And the reason you're gonna call is because you the Pacific audience out there have been supporting this kind of programming for many, many years because Pacifica was the first place you heard gay and lesbian radio. And it's because of some of the truth. The troubadours out there people like Greg Gordon, who I personally want to thank as the father of gay and lesbian radio, within LA, and I'm talking nationally, he was he was one of the people who, who really formed the had the national idea to take gay and lesbian radio out there, and he did it and I warmly send you hugs from here. And lucid Chappelle continues to do this way out.

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1-800-497-3223 is the number to call 1-800-497-3223 We're gonna have to go into a 62nd break very soon to Bert, while and you wanted to say, Well, I

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wanted to say that I think Greg Gordon has the answer. Have a great day radio, we love him. But I want to say that just three short years ago, I suddenly discovered that I could produce this thing radio, but I was producing all gay and lesbian radio and there was no outlet outside of Philadelphia for me to put this on the air and I got interested in the military story and no other public radio network would take it. It wasn't of interest to them. It wasn't newsworthy, Pacifica picked it up. And they carry all of my stuff just about all of my stuff. And they really been a great boon to my career and to the gay and lesbian public radio outlets. And for that, I would say call 1-800-497-3223 and pledge now and

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we have a lot of expenses. This broadcast is very expensive, the satellite time, the engineering time etc. We really need your help folks. We have nobody but you to turn to you will not hear credits to underwriters, large foundations etc. At the end of this program, we credit you 1-800-497-3223 We are going to pause now for 60 seconds to allow our sin stations to identify themselves. When we come back. We'll have that statement from President Clinton by Nancy Pelosi music and much much more that number again to call while we're in this break and please do call 1-800-497-3223



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