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Okay, we want to go back to the stage Oh to Robert Blake



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God bless all of you, God bless all of you.



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i I'm deeply honored to be asked to be here. I'm, I'm getting to be an old geezer at this radical shift, and I just got to the point where I don't care anymore. So I'm gonna tell you what's in my heart. Going back from the 50s, whether it was up in Berkeley, or Isla Vista, or wherever it was, it seems I spent my whole life fighting one man, Ronald Reagan. And somehow, rather, it seems that he's convinced America that our money is his, that when he gets when we give him the money, he takes it and he spends it on Star Wars. Well, we have to go out and raise dollars and quarters and nickels to fight a disease is killing all of us. I don't know how that happened. But it has to stop. Now. There can be no more Star Wars. Not one more person.



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I'm ashamed to live in America. And tell my daughter be careful when you go out tonight. Cuz she could make love and it could cost you your life. You could die from it. I went out and I fought to stop the Vietnam War because I didn't want my son to come home in a body bag. And now I gotta worry about where he goes and what he does. Because he could die. From that. What kind of America we live in, in there have been times when I've been very, very proud to be an American. And also times when we killed our own children, on Kent State, and other terrible things. And I don't think I've ever lived with anything in America, worse than AIDS. It affects every living human being. We're all terrified of the fact that our federal government ignores us completely. They expect us to do it. Well, the hell with them. It's our money. And they have to spend it on us. Now. No more bombs. We need hospitals. We don't need 1000s We need billions.



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The federal government has not spent as much on AIDS as they've spent on one nuclear submarine. Think about that, man. Just think about that our country and our money. And we have to worry that we're gonna die. That no matter how much education we give each other, that ain't gonna save us. That ain't gonna cure us. It has to disappear. And the federal government has to make it disappear. Imagine with me, if you will. I'm going to stop now. But there's one thought I would like to leave all of you with if I get shot tomorrow. The one thing I'd like all of you to think about is just imagine like John Lennon, God bless John Lennon said Imagine all the people imagine if half of all the elected offices here in Washington, were filled with women. Imagine if half of all of the appointed jobs from the Secretary of State on down were women. Imagine every city job, every county job, every state job, half of them filled with women. Would we be here today fighting for our rights? Would we have to beg for love for for for nourishment for nurturing? I think not. I want this land to be given into the hands of the people who Could nurture us back to health. Just think, what's the most important thing in the news today that our gladiators are on strike, and won't go out and kill each other on the weekends for us. That's what we've done. That's what we care about. We spend four times more money trying to cure baldness than we do on trying to cure AIDS. Think about it. I pray that God somehow gives us the wisdom, the knowledge, the understanding, to help women get to the place where they need to be now. God bless you all for listening.



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Okay, yes, Margaret Johnson, who is working on the civil disobedience on Tuesday at the Supreme Court has come by and Margaret, why don't you tell us how things are looking at any anticipation of how many people are going to participate?



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Most looking really good. We've trained over six 600 people all around the country in affinity groups that are already here. And we train a couple of new affinity groups Saturday. And we have a lot of houses in town. And we're planning with trainers from all over the country here that are going to be training people tomorrow. We don't really have a hard count of numbers yet. But we're expecting hundreds and hundreds of lesbians and gay men to gather at the Supreme Court on Tuesday.



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Can you just sort of talk some about what are the issues people want to raise through this action on Tuesday?



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Well, the Supreme Court, in their hardware virus decision indicated that we are criminals in the privacy of their own home. They criminalized our personal relationships, so that in many states in the country now the Supreme Court has said it's okay for the states and cities to pass laws,

which in effect, say that we commit an act of civil disobedience, when we love who we choose to love. And so what we're doing is coming to the Supreme Court in a nonviolent civil disobedience which we're calling out and outraged for life, love and liberation. And what we're going to do is approach the Supreme Court in the walk the steps and take to the Supreme Court into the country by our actions, that we are out and outrageous that we are not criminals, that we will love who we love when we love and it is absolutely nobody's business.



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What do you anticipate the response of the I guess, the various police authorities in this area to the actions going to be? Well, we've



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done a lot of work with the place and in fact, we have raised the police's consciousness and trained them about age and and about homophobia. We have a lot of people with AIDS involved in the civil disobedience. And we don't really know what their response is going to be, but we expect their response to be non violent, as well as our action to be non violent.



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From Washington, this is the Pacific a report for Tuesday, October 13 1987. In the news tonight, Costa Rican President Oscar Arias wins the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to bring peace to Central America. The Reagan Administration presses on with its campaign to fund the country's despite the Central American peace plan, a presidential candidate is killed in Haiti and gay and lesbian activist take their fight for equal rights to the steps of the Supreme Court. More than 800 gay and lesbian rights activists were arrested in front of the Supreme Court today. They were demanding equal rights for gays and lesbians and an end to laws that make sodomy a crime. Last year in the now famous Bowers versus Hardwick case, the Supreme Court upheld a Georgia sodomy law. Heidi's emak was at the Supreme Court today and filed this report. It was



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a militant and spirited protest today in front of the US Supreme Court as 3000 gays and lesbians faced a court that has upheld the decision making sodomy or sex and other than the missionary position illegal 500 Washington police wearing white rubber gloves stood in lines in front of the court, one by one large affinity groups of lesbians and gays walked over and sat on the steps of the court. When they could they broke through police lines, thereby breaking the law. Lauren Ioriana was one of many people with AIDS, who got arrested to call for better funding for people with AIDS and to protest the courts. Treatment of gays and lesbians are those



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of us who are left behind to mourn. What we get is yellow rubber gloves. Worse yet, what we get is people who are yellow rubber gloves minded and we are going to make history today we

get is people who are yellow rubber gloves minded and we are going to make history today we are going to leave our mark on the steps of the supreme floor. We are never going to go away and today is just the beginning not the end.

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Today's civil disobedience action was surely the largest in gay and lesbian history. And maybe even in the history of arrests at the Supreme Court. Many came to draw attention To the AIDS issue, others in response to last year's Georgia sodomy decision, they say Bowers versus Hardwick keeps them criminals committing civil disobedience every week of their lives. Fred Buttner of Key West Florida,

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what it's mad, really to everyone is that they, they just don't have any privacy in their own bedrooms.

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Gays and lesbians consider themselves constitutional ghosts. Without the legal rights of most US citizens and custody cases. For example, gays and lesbians are often denied custody of their own children.

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And the lesbian mother and I lost custody of my children about 10 years ago because of that. And since the Hardwick versus Bowers decision, even more or less been mothers who are losing custody,

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I have been a very good parent and a decent person. And my son has lived with my lover and I for five years, and we have provided a very loving household for him. And he wants to be with us. And my ex wife has said that she she's made up all kinds of excuses of why he can't and it all boils down to the fact that it's because I told her that IV

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during this past week of protests and marches in Washington, DC, lesbian and gay activists have worked in march together and what is looking like a new spirit of cooperation and solidarity.

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It's been one of the most moving experiences of my life. I'm very touched by the holy bat. We are a people we are a nation. Can we could be one.



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I think the major thing is that this has got to be the last civil rights campaign. I mean, how can we still be questioning anybody's equality anywhere?



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Hi, Newseum. Pacifica news. Washington was incredible



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this morning when they were lining up to march with their contingency and somebody said the people who are supposed to be behind Texas I don't know where they are, but get behind them and use heard a shout go up 50 to 100, maybe 200 flags of texting people.



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We're gonna go to the stage now. And here's Troy Perry. Reverend Troy Perry.



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I have waited for this day. You all have to forgive me but yesterday I had a run in with a group of fundamentalist and I loved every minute of it. I am so tired of that group telling us we're going to die and go to hell. Yesterday they started with me. You're going to hell? Finally somebody said to me, why don't you give them hell? No. I'm going to give them heaven. I want to tell you that right now. Yesterday, I upset them. When their press conference I walked him with my lover took him and kiss them sprayer in the mouth. I do it again for you today.



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Oliver Philip to Blake now would you turn to somebody kiss them right now right now be affectionate with somebody all over this mall right now.



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Today, we are marching. today. We are here. For the half a million people who are as far back as I can see to the Washington Monument. The 30,000 people who have died with AIDS and the 1000s who are living with AIDS. We are here today for three little boys in Arcadia, Florida, who

are burned out of their home. For Ryan White, a young man dying of AIDS in Kokomo, Indiana. We marched today. For two little baby girls that I've dealt with today who are here with AIDS. We're marching for them



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even those who have died, they're marching with us today. They're here with us.



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To the US government, we say Shame, shame. Shame.



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to the US Supreme Court today, we tell you, you will never ever get us to go back to the closet. Millions of Americans are burning those pauses down. We're saying we will continue to be The people we are, if you have told me a few years ago, that we could have ended up with a half a million people in Washington, DC, I would have called you a liar. But as we started planning this March, I said, we can't wait another five years, we can't wait another two years. With this disease, there will be even more of us who will have to face death. And you know what, you are three brothers, and you showed up and how faithful I am. If there's one thing America has to understand that we will be affectionate, we will be ourselves. We love each other. When I saw Whoopi Goldberg, pushing someone in a wheelchair with AIDS, I'll tell you it stopped me. But I see the brothers and sisters who are sitting in front of me, the women, the children who are here with AIDS, America, wake up. This is the most loving group of people in Europe right here



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we're never going back. I tell you today, when you leave here, be affectionate with each other. I've been told sometimes when AIDS first started, I would go into hospitals, I would visit AIDS patients, they would try to get me to put on gloves to put on masks from the very first I said no way. I will embrace my brothers and my sisters. That's all there is to it. We all love until people when you get ready to leave to go back to your cities, do something for me. When you go to get on board the airplanes. Once you're seated, reach over and touch each other. My lover Filipina when we travel on airplanes, we put our arms around each other not to do anything, but to be affectionate as we naturally are. And I'm going to tell you something I've discovered once that plane takes off, that cape puts you off, you're stuck, where you're going. Don't let anybody take that away from you.



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I could talk all day, but I'm gonna stop. I'm going to tell you now that I have a group of women who are up here with me. The wonderful thing about the gay lesbian community is we're teaching the heterosexual community how men and women can really love each other. below the waist. And I heard that would make me some noise. I'm a Church preacher. When I get

started, you know, I was good emotional music. It is my duty to tell you that we have raised about \$100,000. And we can, there are people that are going to be passing among you with black trash bags, white or white trash bags with black lining one of the wild away with lambda rising T shirts. Please help us pay this rally off as SR Boone comes to help me enjoy the music.

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Got sister boom going in the background. That's a women's percussion group from the Bay Area. And while they're playing, we're gonna hear from touchdown driver who's from Somerville and she's going to talk a little bit about some of her conversations with parents who are here of lesbians and gays, Tatiana? Yeah,

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I talked to several people from different contingents of parents flag parents and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and gays. I remember in 1979 When I saw people who were parents, I was that was the thing that moved me the most of the gay person to see parents groups here as supporting us. And today they're here and even greater numbers. And the thing that I think struck me the most about talking to them was that they pointed out to me that parents are the bridge between gay people and straight people really, they're the people who are most able to convey having gone through a transition themselves and learning to accept their gay to children, they're best able to convey the importance of dignity and rights for gay people. And it still moves me a lot to say the

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short for it.

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I know this may sound a little self serving for an ex Pacifica radio manager who happens to be openly gay and currently a broadcaster on my local Pacifica station by the name of Ray Hill. Right. This is Ray Hill. And if you're listening to this program, either an insult I'm a satellite farmer if your station has taped delayed it, you owe your appreciation to the listener sponsors of the Pacifica stations. There are five such stations WBI, WPF, W WP FKRW, WPF, a and KPFT. And so, I would encourage those of you who are listening by satellite to please make your contributions This is done by volunteers from the various Pacifica radio stations and in memory of those from each of the radio collectives of gay programs who have died of AIDS, Mike mish of Houston and others. I want to thank you for listening and I would encourage you to support Pacifica foundation for your liberation and freedom to the world.

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ladies and gentlemen, one of the major speakers for this rally. We have to remember our friends, and who are here with us in solidarity. It is my deep personal honor as a fellow Hispanic to introduce our next speaker, a man who is like the late Martin Luther King Jr. Wasn't is to the black community. This man is to America's Hispanic community, and man of the people, a man of peace and for all repress people. The President of the United Farm Workers Union of America, a courageous man that is standing here with us this afternoon. And I think the correct way to bring it on the stage is boy God grapes, boy God grapes, boy, God, great boy, cod grapes, ladies and gentlemen, Cesar Chavez.

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Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Nicole. Brothers and sisters. Our movement has been supporting lesbian and then gay rights for over 20 years. Were supporting lesbian gay rights. When 10 People were a crowd. Let me tell you how that started. In 1965, in Delano, California in the central San Joaquin Valley, our Union started a strike against grape growers. After a little while, the growers began to beat up our people. The police began to jail our people. We were not known. And no one would come to our support. We were hungry and frightened and they need our help. And last get any gay people came from San Francisco to help us then we shall never forget that.

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And there started there that started a solidarity cooperation between our two movements. The officers and the members of our union, indoors your list of demands. We want civil rights for lesbian and gay people as we want civil rights for farmworkers and all other people that need civil rights. Now we need we know only two out that we need to Protect the fundamental constitutional right of privacy, we support that demand. Because in supporting your demand for privacy, and supporting your demand to keep that fundamental constitutional right for yourselves, we're also supporting that and keeping it for ourselves too. We stand with you, in asking for a presidential order to ban job discrimination in the government, in the military, and in the right to immigrate to this country. And where demand we stand with you and all your other demands. But I want to address quickly, two grave problems that are confronting the lesbian, gay, and the farm worker communities of cars, aches, and we stand with you and we join, asking for a massive increase in funding for AIDS education, AIDS research, and patient care. And we say that it's got to be done right now. Right now, we cannot wait one more second. We've got to have money, we've got to have funding, we got to stop we've got to attack aids. The other problem it's connected is the problem of pesticides. Pesticides that I use in agriculture, that pollute the air, the water, the earth. Best pesticides, residues that are found in the tissue of newborn infants, and even in mother's milk, pesticides that are everywhere. They're in the vineyards. They're in the water and the air and the earth, and even in the grapes that are in the supermarkets. And we feel we feel very strongly that pesticide residue and the food we eat contributes to the breakdown of the immune system. And they're connected. And we've got to do something about pesticides to protect ourselves.

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We stand with you today in solidarity, never forgetting that you came to our aid. never forgetting that that that support that you gave us earlier movement opened our eyes to your problems and develop that solidarity in the movies existed for all these years. Brothers and sisters, we also need your help. We also suffered discrimination, and unjust jailings and not rise to be able to vote in Super better elections to determine whether we're now should have a union and the best way. The best way to help us with the cancer and the birth defects that are attacking and destroying our families is for you to not eat grapes. Now we ask you to boycott grapes. Don't boycott the wines. And don't boycott the raisins by blood got the fresh grapes, the green grapes, the red grapes, the black grapes, the seedless grapes, and the grace was safe. Please boycott grapes. Let's together let's march together. Let's let's end the problems and boy we both face together we can do it. This is an enormous crowd. It's an amazing crowd. I cannot see the end of it. When everything is said and done. This may be the biggest crowd in the history of this of this city. Thank you very much

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Hello, I wish you could be up here I see it. It's so incredible. This is one of the largest marches that has been in this city in years. They can't help but get the message where we're everywhere and where.

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Today, we meet at a turning point for all of our lives. We've begun to feel the realities of what makes our community Great. All of us have the obligation shin and the responsibility to begin a new society a society that actually works to support our community. Realizing that in order to live up to our potential we must live up to our lives our brothers and our sisters lives for

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and I would like to introduce you now to a wonderful gay comic from San Francisco. You saw him on the life and times of Harvey Milk a rousing welcome please, for Mr. Tom Ammiano.

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Listen, for the benefit of the straight media this whole performance is being closed caption for

the heterosexual impaired



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you know, I'm originally from Newark, New Jersey. Where toxic waste is considered a fast food. I went to California in 1962. In gay history that's post hardware pre boutique. I thought that I was closeted. It's called the Michael Jackson illusion. People asked me if Michael Jackson is gay. I say I can't say but if Jessica Hahn slept with him, she'd still be a virgin. Michael Jackson is in that vault not in the closet. The Vault can only be opened by Geraldo Rivera.



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I'm Italian and there's an Italian word is called Arjuna it means aggravation with nausea. It's how I feel about Ronald Reagan. Our President Ronald Reagan was gonna be here today, but he had to attend a parent of gays meeting.



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I like to bring on our next guest. A very, very small woman in stature but with a big big heart responsible for a lot of safe sex education in Silverlake in the LA area. You've seen her in the movie poltergeist. Zelda Rubinstein.



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Thank you. Hello. I can't tell you how emotional it feels at seeing this most gorgeous crowd. I know it's more than 650,000 I've got that kind of vision Yeah, what was that? I don't need another one of those. You know, when I came here, they gave me this wristband and I looked down at it and it said, emergency. That is how I feel about what's being done today. The people here everyone who is fighting for their civil rights everyone who is vulnerable to AIDS and that is every one of us have a real emergency. And we all need to have that emergency attended to right now. Now, I was very moved by the names project this morning, I was one of the riggers. And when I saw the quilts being unfurled, I could only liken it to a battlefield, where every person who has died of AIDS has their own little plot. And it is a living reminder of how great the need is, and how hard the battle is, and will probably continue to be for a while. I wanted to compliment this crowd on on its dignity and conducting this event today, all of today's events and wanted. I wanted to encourage you to maintain that same level of dignity as you continue with the events further on in the week, I think. Yes, just take us up to the stage I truly does need no introduction to you. Reverend Jesse Jackson.



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Love you. Let me express my thanks. And my delight to have this opportunity to share with you today this minute concerned Americans in one place, seeking to affirm their humanity, this is the right place to be.

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You have asked for the participation of those who care. And I'm here because I care.

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In 1963, that was a giant march in front of Lincoln Memorial. And I was there because I can April 25. That was a tremendous march to say no to intervention in Central America and free South Africa. And I was there because I can

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I was with farmers an hour earlier this morning. It cost their backs against the wall. And I stand with them. Because I can't. And you got here tonight in tremendous numbers of 10s of 1000s. And I'm here tonight because because I can't come? Because you asked me. I come because I disagree with those who tried to divide us who want to isolate you or me or anyone else who is different. America is not a blanket. all one color of uncut cloth. All red or white or blue. America is a quilt made up of many patches, many pieces, many colors, many sizes, many textures. But everybody fits. Everybody counts. Everybody must have equal protection under the law in the real America

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there are those who would isolate differences, desecrate our humanity and then justify their inhumanity just as the Nazis did, but the yellow stars and pink triangles. It was not right in Nazi Germany. Surely it's not right in America.

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We gather today to say we insist on equal protection under the law for every American for workers rights, for civil rights, for women's rights, for the rights of religious freedom, the rights of individual privacy, for the rights of sexual preference, we come together for rights for the American people.

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We're the gather today to say that the quality of the constitution of our great country, the Liberty and choices of every American has been protected and must be under the law. We come together today to say no more violence. No more economic violence. 38 million

Americans have lost their jobs. Since 1973.



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Nothing is wrong with American worker. Something is wrong with the formula the week after the election in November, in Detroit, GM announced closing 11 plants and 30,000 jobs. The same week they opened up 30,000 jobs in South Korea.



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South Korea does not have better labor, just cheap labor. And then don't get angry with the South Koreans. They did not take our jobs. GM took our jobs to South Korea to use repress labor to cut organized labor. We come together today to say end economic violence farmers driven from their land 650,000 farmers, these farmers have fed America and they fed the world. They deserve fair prices and have a ton of their land. If we can bail out Continental Bank and bail out New York and bail out human Bella Japan, we can bail out the fender farmer less in economic violence



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No more violence against women.



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No more violence against women who are raped and beaten, low more battered women in our nation.



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No more violence against minorities. No more killings at Howard Beach. No more rock throwing in Forsyth County, Georgia. No more killings of Asian Americans. No more violence against Muslims and gay men. And violence in the violence against everybody in the violence the unkindness and the mean this just everybody.



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We come together today because of intelligent people who are caring people. Our agenda is not an unlimited agenda. Just as blacks cannot just be concerned about blacks, or Hispanics about Hispanics or Asians about Asians or women about women workers about workers are gays and lesbians about gays and lesbians. We must be concerned about those things that frighten and threaten all of us less in the AIDS crisis. Don't run. Don't be afraid. Let's fight there. Let's find a killer disease less than AIDS. Let's come together across the world.



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Today, we come here in unmistakable numbers. By conservative estimates, there are more than a half million people here today, that message cannot be lost. That message cannot be lost. We come to say today aids as a crisis affects every American AIDS is an international medical crisis. It cannot be nationalized. Right rates cannot be localized. It cannot be moralized age cannot be isolated. It cannot be left as a burden, a burden of any one group we the people who want a more perfect union must put money in research. We must put our minds together we must even the AIDS virus, the AIDS crisis and stop death and give life a chance.



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You're Michael chance, give life a chance.



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My friends we can fight AIDS. Not with fear. We can fight AIDS, love of meanness. We can find aids. Not by turning on each other. We can find aids not be by being unkind and uncaring. And it says that we can find aids if we can. We fought every reading disease. When our minds had the will to fight. We must fight AIDS and every form of death. Let's give life a chance.



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We can insist for more money spent on research and treatment. We can insist on education, understanding and prevention. Above all, insist on commitment by people who care commitment to find the cure phase commitment to civil rights and vision health care for people with AIDS or any other disease at all. 8 million Americans have no insurance. Another 50 million have inadequate insurance. Only our nation and South Africa does not have a national health system we deserve in this nation and national health system for those who are sick of whatever disease a melodem club or a yarn that they might get well



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we're here today. Because we need to be here today. We need not die alone in solitary pain. Let's come together and state the case. As well We the People. We're here today based on common ground, some of this place because the auto workers some of this place because they're teachers, steel workers, or farmers or electronics or rubber or textile, or black or brown, or gay or lesbian or female, whatever the reason is, they are displaced.



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And those who are displaced must have the good judgment, the time to each other, putting the plant gate closes.

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When the farm forecloses. When the hospital will not admit you, the lights go out. And when the lights go out, you cannot use race, or sex, or sex preference, or religion for Christ, because all people take on amazing similarities in the dark, less in the darkness, and the light of justice and health care and education and life for everybody.

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My friends today, on this note, I continue my journey from here from either this morning

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to Washington this afternoon to New Hampshire tonight. My challenge is that we find common ground from various backgrounds. Let's find common ground. The common ground, about humanity. About desire for life. liberty, the pursuit of happiness, equal protection under the law. Let's find common ground. Let's not dwell on our distinctions. Let's focus on the ties that bind. Let's focus on Common Ground. Every generation has had to fight and this generation must fight. But we must fight. Let's fight the rights fight and not fight each other. We must fight

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let's fight at the gate that pulls on workers without notice. Let's fight at the shipyard put goods made by repressed labor and the cut organized labor.

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Let's fight at the schoolyard we're good mind couldn't be admitted. Because they couldn't pay tuition and couldn't get a scholarship and teachers couldn't get paid it we must fight. Let's fight together at the farm foreclosure and give farmers a chance if we must fight Let's fight together. At the hospital plus a mother died in the admissions office because they didn't have a green or yellow card to go upstairs to bed those waiting for the risk to get sick. If we must fight. Let's fight the job and farms and health care and justice. If we must fight the shoe the Goshi ation of the confrontation in Central America. If we must find

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less free South Africa if we must fight less you human race. Oh the nuclear race if we must fight for the soul. I'm going back to the Middle East, the Persian Gulf we have a strong military and weak policies guided missiles misguided leadership



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were divided over the policy in the Middle East. We should not be the battle over supporting our servicemen and women who are trying to fight against these odds. They are ours. They are Americans. They are young people who deserve a decent policy. And the commander in chief who makes sense. The policy may be wrong, but our soldiers, a sound people, and they deserve to live.



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They deserve to live. So my friends, as I seek job peace, justice and fairness. I am running official as of yesterday, with God's help, and your support for President of United States of America, I will I will.



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I will decide. If you want a government of compassion, let me serve you the president who cares? Let me serve. Today. I stand with you. election time you stand with me. And together, we will make a difference together. That will be compassion and care and jobs and peace and justice. God bless you. God bless you. God bless you.



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I'm Jesse Jackson.



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And that was the Reverend Jesse Jackson, and now officially a candidate for the presidency of the United States. He was speaking at the National march on Washington for lesbian and gay rights. It's quite a quite a moment here at the rally. There are still a number of speakers left to speak at the rally. But unfortunately, we are coming to the end of our tape delay satellite broadcast. Produced by Pacifica radio. We want you to know that Pacifica radio will continue taping the rest of the rally for later broadcast. Right now. I want to turn to a very long list of people that we have to thank our reporters included David McCartney Gary Peterson Alan Ross Maj. Kaplan Diana Berg jonzac Brian DeWitt, Tony crabs, Tatiana Schreiber, Susan Husky aviya subtalar victorious stellar, Geoffrey bibble. Jessica Tojo Kiki Redick Cindy Friedman, Steve Valens George Atkinson, Michael sponsor Eduardo are truly Helene Rosenbluth, Sally O'Brien, Marnie Samuelson, and David Wynyard. Dan Fenton was the Technical Director, assisted by Steve Barker and BBA T productions, Bill wax, Jeff Yubico, Judy shimmer and Robin McCall. We'd also like to thank the staffs of the five Pacifica stations. We'd like to thank Bill Thomas and David Sonica of the Pacifica Foundation, and also the March on Washington committee for their assistance. This program was produced for Pacific radio by Greg Gordon and Lucia Chapelle, speaking.



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Sometimes it gets too hard to feel all the joy in the face of all the pain we have, but there's healing within our hearts. It's coming alive in me was against saying in trouble



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to get gay and lesbian activists wasted no time today following yesterday's massive march on Washington. They held what was called a gay Congress to develop strategy for the future. Judy Schimmel has details.



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Yesterday's March and rally by an estimated half million gays, lesbians and their supporters was the biggest movement of feet in US history. Today's meeting of the gay Congress was a smaller movement of ideas and directions, but no less important in the mind of gay Americans. Organizers called it the beginning of a process they hope will lead to the first session of gay policymakers in 1988. The idea for a gay Congress came from Texas activist Ray Hill. He opened the session with assurances that there would be disagree remit, but that those who brought the idea to life would remain inspired by yesterday's March.



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We are not here to tell the Congress who or what it is, but to make it possible for the Congress by a lengthy and elaborate committee process to come together and decide who and what it is. The diversity



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among gays and lesbians is very much like those of all US citizens, their issues differ. AIDS treatment takes high priority for men. Child Custody is a concern to gay parents. Racism tops the agenda for many minority gays and harassment affects them all. As he offered a multi step proposal for shaping a policymaking body. He will call for representation based on region instead of gay population density.



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Congress shall be composed of one gay male and one lesbian delegate from each of the United States congressional districts, the District of Columbia and the United States occupied some would say territories divided or combined to match the population equivalent to a congressional district.



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By selecting delegates along congressional lines. He said gays living away from cultural centers like New York and San Francisco could have their voices heard. He also urged a 20% ethnic representation to ensure minority participation. Then the audience took its turn to express their concerns of how a delicate body could adequately reflect a gay community.

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The Congress has suggested based on the present congressional districts, I find very exciting, particularly since there is a sub paragraph there that each of those would be a unit is that correct? Back at home,

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I firmly disagree with race analysis, that there is nothing ideological about having a congress this Congress

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will be a way for us to share purposes, agenda, knowledge, and all kinds of things that we don't have all across the country want to add implementation, because I've been in enough conferences to know this great to pass wonderful resolutions, but we need to add implementation that after we adopt what will get adopted its put into action.

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Voting on hills proposals began within minutes of the first debate. Those attending the founders meeting agreed that forming a Congress would serve their emerging civil rights movement. They accepted the proposal that representation be equally divided among gay men and women. And they prepared to meet again together and in their respective homes to build a political base from which to launch social change. Judy Schimmel, Pacifica News, Washington