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Okay, and we're back. We're KPFT Houston. This is after hours a continuing tradition. And you're listening to World Radio for the people. Has that people, all of them? Hundreds and 1000s of them listening to us right now? Yeah. So get the good dish girl. All right. We do have a couple of things we need to put in people's ears. And

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we need to do that emergency broadcasting, don't we? This is a test. This is a test of emergency abroad.

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No, no, no, no, no,

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we don't need to do that.

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But we need to know how to do it. Did you get that memo in the box

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and in the event of an emergency you would have been instructed returned to your for what they have turned to their mother in screen. So anyway, so Scott, tell us what you're gonna do for your birthday this year. Now that you're legal.



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Now that I'm now that I'm old enough to drink? Nothing. I have to work.



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We have a violin playing



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out. I have to work tomorrow and I'm very upset about it. But



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why don't you like to eat and have place to live?



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Yeah, that's the truth. Let me tell you. If I make tonight what I made tomorrow night. I mean, if I'm vice versa.



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I've said that many times. Girl. If I



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do too. If I do as well tomorrow night as I did tonight, then I guess it'll be worth it.



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I don't think you need to press your luck. You to do too. Good two nights in a row. It comes once a year.



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I listen. I listen. One of us is married and one of us isn't. Oh, somebody on the husband HUD. There's another poor



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poor measurable So



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did he get out of that institution yet?



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Oh, you mean Middle School? He just graduated?



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What was his name again? Are you just numbering them? What's his name? Mike.



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I don't want to say his name. I might have three of them out there.



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Listen, you're talking.



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You're no better than that. What's going on? Those cats are crazy. His name Mary is James. Okay.



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Well, James,



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tell us about Mary James.



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No, Mary James got married January James is my mother. Yeah, no, I



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talked to her mother last week. She's very pleasant. woman she is



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very she's very pleasant.



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Very highly of you. Oh, yeah. She did. You didn't straighten yourself up. She's gonna knock you on a jury.



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It was a big tree. It was a real tall tree. But that's another story.



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Well tell us what it's like to be 22 Young and then love and it's your birthday? What the hell are you doing here with two middle aged old Frank's like Jimmy? I



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don't know. I wasn't supposed to be here. That's what we're you tried your name but you still want to get here. You weren't here 40 minutes late. It's



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not like it's radio ring.



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I'm so glad I'm here. We'll talk about James in a minute. But I'm so glad I'm here because I came in and I didn't even see it. Um, so I had the worst night at work. And I came in and Jimmy who's the most wonderful there's a big birthday cake here



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Jimmy said the same thing about unified took the tamp time in trouble to have bought him okay.



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There's a big birthday cake out there for me and candles and a credit provocative little card. Yeah, let's see the car look at this. How much you get out of a birthday and you open it up? Depends on how much you put in and let's see go long thing boy he has plenty to put in that knee



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clarify there are Christian listeners.



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He had a very long nose.



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Yes, he has big feet and you know what they say about men with big feet.



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Big shoes. That's right.



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So I just so had I'd rather be here than anywhere because I because because this is the only cake I'm gonna get nobody will this I go over to Kroger and buy my damn self Well, which has happened



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to me out of braccia Bundt cake with some of that white stuff on the top.



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It felt really at home then.



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Why don't we go this music. We've been playing different kinds of music tonight. And I want to if you'll move so I can. Yes. You can hear me in the microphone. What are you going to play? So

I've got some women's music that has been favorites on after they get to



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talk about James will tell we really



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weren't interested. We're gonna talk



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about him later.



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Okay, we'll put him on the lady to put a All right. We'll go from swamp style to sex I got I don't know him so he shouldn't be offended.



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Anyway, we're gonna put something in your ear first and then we're gonna go to some special women's music. So have



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a cutie Apandi



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there's one sticking out of the machine. Yes.



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In 1987 over 650,000 lesbians, gays, their families and friends converged in Washington DC for four days of lobbying, celebration protests and remembrance. It was the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of this country. On April 25 1993, we will march again, this is Deborah Bell, the National organizer of the 1993 march on Washington for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation. Join us in the nation's capitol as we take a stand against discrimination and make a call for justice to find out more call 1-800-832-2889.



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dreamed I saw Lucinda Williams walking towards me on the sidewalk. As she approached I could hear her singing from my portable radio. And I was happy



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dreams and echoes Wednesday evenings from 10 till midnight here on KPFT Houston



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Oh, you know, we just have a couple of minutes so we go to



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this way out. Yeah. And I did want the real thing. I did want to push a little thing actually, it's the Royal Sovereign and Imperial little, the single star of Houston. No, these are big girls Sunny. But it's a great group that does nothing but fundraise. And they I mean, they raise funds year in year out. Everybody Everybody wears funds for the switchboard. They have raised funds for the systems found in Colt 45 So you name



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it I'm sure we can get him to sponsor you a bus ticket out of town. Anyway,



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please you've already paid for that twice. Emperors that I keep sending them back



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to card Merrick I'm trying Giovanni Lemond and Empress the ninth Regina Dane invite you to invest investiture nine a whole new world Sunday March 6 ceremonies will begin at seven o'clock pm at the BRB time. Is that clear? Okay, we'll be talking about that more but it's a great ceremony lots of fun and it's it's gives the community the opportunity to say thanks to a great organization



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think they do a fundraiser for town meeting too? Sure. We need money desperately to get going.



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I've been meaning to talk to you about this I wish you quit hockey and your own personal agenda.



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Oh yeah I'm a media queen. I hear this all the time I'm I have my own personal agenda. And And all I'm doing it is for myself and hate to be on the news



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it should you know your own personal junior year should you know encompass also regular haircare I've noticed growing out



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what I read her growing out in a big way I'm broke Mary I don't have any money. My girl charges 60 bucks every time my hair girl on



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your on your hair. Why she charged 60 enough to validate or something cost me 55 \$60 Every time I go charges you 55 \$60 to dye your hair



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to dye it and cut it. Whoa



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she saw you come and girl



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you can go to Sally's Beauty Supply and get a Bala read oh and come out looking like you. Oh honey, you wish you would? You don't even have enough attitude. Looking like me? Don't start on me. \$60 That's I mean Well, okay, it's nice.



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So where should I go?



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I'll talk Walgreens Mary



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or come over to my house. I have a nice plastic bag. I think it would fit your head just fine. No drawstrings on the bottom bullet really cyclists. Now, it's been a month since we've been together on the radio and a lot has happened since then. And I think y'all might be avoiding the issue but we're gonna have to bring it up tonight. Talk about it. What gays in the military. Oh, Welcome



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I said nothing about it on this here radio station so Oh yeah 15



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seconds till we go to this way out



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this way out and then we'll I think that's what we should talk about



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because I have you know like I said last time we were together I want to do a soap box every time as if I hadn't been on one already whenever this way doubt is over and I'm gonna read miss Colin Powell and her beats real well because I am overheard



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All right yay and here is this a way out





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Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon



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and I'm Lucia Chapelle. Serbian side, surprising sanction scapegoats



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Gibraltar, sodomy rock expected to roll



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and Clinton's ban bust marches onto a bitter battlefield.



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All that and more now that you've discovered this way out. US President Bill Clinton made history on January 29 1993, your portions of his afternoon press conference.



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That afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. The debate over whether to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military has to put it mildly sparked a great deal of interest over the last few days. Today, as you know, I have reached an agreement, at least with Senator Nan as Senator Mitchell about how we will proceed in the next few days. But first I'd like to explain what I believe about this issue and why and what I have decided to do. After a long conversation and a very good one with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and discussions with several members of Congress. The issue is not whether there should be homosexuals in the military, everyone concedes that there are the issue is whether men and women who can and have served with real distinction should be excluded from military service solely on the basis of their status. And I believe they should not. The principle on which I base this position is this. I believe that American citizens who want to serve their country should be able to do so unless their conduct disqualifies them from doing so. I have asked the Secretary of Defense to submit by July the 15th. A draft executive order after full consultation with military and congressional leaders and concerned individuals outside of the government, which would end the present policy of excuse me of this exclusion from military service solely on the basis of sexual orientation, and at the same time, establish rigorous standards regarding sexual conduct to be applied to all military personnel. This draft orders will be accompanied by a study conducted during the next six months on the real practical problems that would be involved in this revision of policies. The change cannot and should not be accomplished overnight. It does require extensive consultation with the Joint Chiefs, experts in the Congress and in the legal community, joined by my administration and others. We consulted closely to date and will do so in the future. During that process, interim measures will be placed into effect which I hope again sharpen the focus of this debate. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have agreed to remove the question regarding

one's sexual orientation from future version of the enlistment application. And it will not be asked in the interim. We also all agree that a very high standard of conduct can and must be applied. So the single area of this agreement is this should someone be able to serve their country in uniform? If they say they are homosexuals, but they do nothing which it violates the code of conduct or undermines unit cohesion or morale. Apart from that statement. That is what all the furor for the last few days has been about And the practical and not insignificant issues raised by that issue are what will be studied in the next six months. Through this period ending July 15, the Department of Justice will seek continuances. And pending court cases involving reinstatement and administrative separation under current department of defense policies, based on status alone will be stayed pending completion of this review, the final discharge in cases based only on status will be suspended until the President has an opportunity to review and act upon the final recommendations of the Secretary of Defense with respect to the current policy. In the meantime, a member whose discharge has been suspended by the Attorney General will be separated from active duty and placed in standby reserve until the final report of the Secretary of Defense. And the final action of the President



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obviously didn't attend the first week of your administration, given your promise to have the laser focus on the economy to be seen around the country is military gay rights week. I wonder if in retrospect, you think you should have done things differently to avoid that?



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I don't know how I could have done that. The Joint Chiefs asked for a meeting about a number of issues, which this was only one, we spent a lot of time talking about other things. This issue was not put forward in this context by me it was put forward by the people in the Senate who are opposed to any change of the policy no matter what the facts are. And I think that was their right to do but they control the timing of this not me.



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Two questions, first of all, just to make sure that we're clear on this July 15, this happens, period, regardless of what comes out at this hearing, is that correct? The ban will be issued or will be lifted rally.



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That is my position. And my my position is that I still embrace the principle and I think it should be done. The position of those who are opposed to me is that they think that the problem will be so overwhelming, everybody with good sense will change their position. I don't expect to do that. And I certainly think in the next six months, as people start to work through and talk it through, a lot of the legitimate practical issues will be raised and dealt with in a more rational environment that is less charged. That is certainly what I hope will happen.



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Thank you. This way out in Philadelphia, for a while and President Clinton's firm stance on his intention to lift the ban on gays in the military caused an unexpected cure last week among elected officials and the American public like White House and congressional switchboards jammed with citizens calling to voice their disapproval by margins of 10 to one against allowing homosexuals to serve openly alongside heterosexual in the military. The idea that this has been done for some great noble cause, I mean, it's been done without any consideration of national security



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Haley Barbour, the new chairman of the Republican National Committee, nobody has



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asked the experts, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, nobody cares in the administration apparently their advice. It's a political payoff to one of the more powerful special interest groups in the Democratic Party. Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and a member of the President's own party stood firmly with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in opposition to Clinton's declared policy as commander in chief of the armed forces,



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as I've said on a number of occasions on the floor of the United States Senate and other places. I agree with the current policy. If there's one thing I've learned on military matters in my 20 years with serving in the United States Senate and working with the military virtually every day, it is that our Armed Forces function well, if we respect and support their basic requirements for cohesion and effectiveness. resolving this conflict between individual rights and the basic needs of our military is always difficult. But our nation has had an effective military because we have achieved an acceptable balance over the years. This balance must be maintained.



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I just came from Washington DC, spent a number of days there on the hill lobbying



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Miriam benjarong, National President of gay lesbian bisexual Veterans of America has been fighting the Pentagon's anti gay policy since she was discharged as a lesbian. 20 years ago,



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I had no concept of what Nancy journey was like other than through films. I encountered hatred and bias on the part of many elected officials, congressmen and senators. And for the first time, I know what it must have been like to be in Nazi Germany,



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despite the fact that President Clinton reached the compromise with powerful opponents late in the week. Some activists remain confident that he is not wavering on the final outcome. There's no sign that President Clinton has wavered at all. Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign fund, the nation's largest gay rights organization based in Washington, DC. He believes strongly in principle that this discrimination against lesbian and gay Americans in the military has to come to an end. And that's why he's held firm despite major opposition from Senator Nunn and from the Pentagon. According to a compromise agreement between the President and opponents of lifting the ban, court proceedings against those discharged for being homosexual will be delayed. They will still, however, be removed from active duty and transferred instead to standby reserve, where they will receive no more pay and no benefits. 30 year old Marine Sergeant Justin LZ stationed at Camp Lagoon in North Carolina came out of the closet as a gay man on ABC News on Friday night. Owl the with 10 years service behind him at organize the chapter of the National Gay veterans group in 1992. He went public because he's dissatisfied with the outcome of Clinton's moves this past week, we didn't accomplish what we wanted to accomplish, which was stopped the witch hunts stopped investigation, because the military for the next six months is going to cause hell for allies of the gays and lesbians in the military. According to The New York Times, the Department of Defense is circulating a list of about 30 issues upon which a compromise may be based among them is a proposal to segregate homosexual troops into their own unit, barring them from combat, as heterosexual women are now Gregory King, that is not a compromise. What that is is a step backwards towards segregation and Jim Crow laws. Our country is over that lesbian and gay people are already integrated into every area of military life. All we're asking is that they be able to tell the truth. So what minimum compromise would the gay and lesbian community find acceptable? Miriam, Ben Shalom,



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and then the band Absolutely, with rigorous codes of conduct to be unilaterally enforced across the board against all members of service in terms of what behavior is expected of them what constitutes misconduct, but an absolute ban. Furthermore, I would like to see a special commission set up that would be dealing with people who have received gave discharges by reason of witch hunts, or whatever to see whether their discharges could be upgraded, and at the very least, the awarding of veterans benefits.



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As it stands, the President and his opponents have agreed to wait until July before making any definitive moves. Conservative Republicans in Congress are threatening to attach an amendment codifying the anti gay ban to a popular bill providing for family and medical leave, which is expected to come up for a vote early this week. Crucial votes were lost. However, when the President and Senator Nunn reached their compromise agreement. A court decision

in the case of gay Navy Petty Officer keep mine holds, declaring the anti gay ban unconstitutional also put a damper on the anti gay bash Fest in Washington. I'm feeling ecstatic about it. Mine hold it goes to prove all law enforcement said that the



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policy is unconstitutional. That's what gays and lesbians have had to put up with for many years. And the Joint Chiefs of Staff because of their vocal homophobia have fostered somewhat of a hostile environment. And they have created a lot of fears among people in the military. And I certainly hope they turn around and start working hard to alleviate those fears, and they're going to have to be educated themselves.



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The next move seems to be congressional hearings is set to begin in March for this way out in Philadelphia. But while when



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you say either, and I say either you say neither, and I say neither either, either. Neither let's call the whole thing off. You like potato, but I liked potato. You'd like tomato when I like tomato, Potato, potato, tomato tomahto. Let's call the whole thing off.



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Anyone tuning into the TV networks Sunday morning and afternoon Public Affairs talk shows could not get away from this issue



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barring gay men and lesbians from combat is a little bit strange.



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For example, openly gay Congress member Barney Frank discuss the Clinton plan with Indiana Senator Dan Coates on the CBS TV program Face the Nation.



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I have heard people say, Oh, you were in a group, you shouldn't be asking for special preference. Here are people who are saying, we think we should have to put our lives on the line to defend our country the same as anyone else. And to be told no, no. If there's a national

emergency if this country has national needs that require people to risk their lives, you're exempt. I think that's kind of backwards.



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First of all, what we're talking about here in this change of policy, is the difference between open homosexuality in the military and a policy where excluded homosexuals. I have no doubt that some served but they were discreet. They obviously stayed in the closet. No one knew that they were homosexual. They've been living together in the barracks, but they indicate that they are homosexual it wasn't a problem in the barracks was there's going to be a problem with all older homosexuality. What about the privacy right with the heterosexual who don't want to be in a shower they will be one who by definition, but in sexually interested in you vote acknowledge that heterosexuals and homosexuals in the military now showering together, we're talking about a very practical aspect at the consequences that result from humans living together where the sexual element sexual attraction is, is at



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play, I have to point out to people that gay men and straight men have been sharing dormitories, showers, health clubs, for a very long time. I mean, we don't have ourselves dry cleaned. We've been taking showers for a long time, the notion that somehow gay people will be unable to control their sexual urges, I think is exactly backwards, they will still be living in an atmosphere in which being gay and lesbian will not be a favored status. I don't think most of them are going to acknowledge their sexuality. They simply are asking that if they do their job like anyone else, they not be kicked out. But you would add to that, I would hope the kind of code that the Army, Navy and Air Force should have had so you won't have more tail books. Yes, you should protect anyone against even the suggestion of harassment. We all acknowledge there have been gay men and lesbians in the military for many, many years. And this pattern of sexual harassment simply isn't there.



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With so many gay men, and so little time, it never has been an obsession of mine to try and pursue heterosexual men. The ones who are real, or the ones who that kind of the sides not attracted to me. I like my lovers as queer as can be. Sexual. Mr. Chenault away.



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Don't think Bill Clinton is a stupid man politically. Did Bill Clinton understand that this was politically controversial? Yeah, people I would hope would stop underestimating this man politically. And for him to make a decision on principle. And in terms of timing, he had no option because either he let the military continue to kick out brave young men and women who have done nothing wrong, except to be gay. He allowed that to happen to have them be kicked out because the military was doing that. Or he said don't do it. Now I don't see what option he had.

And it does seem to me among all the Wiseguy, handicapping a president maybe ought to be given some credit for having made a decision on principle that really shouldn't drop out of our analysis altogether.



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Listening to homophobes, like Indiana Senator Dan Coates leads one to conclude that the infamous unrelenting sex drive of gays must be nothing compared to the lustful cravings of heterosexual men. So why do they insist on projecting their uncontrollable urges onto gays? And when was the last time you remember hearing outspoken public disagreement with their commander in Chiefs decisions coming from the Joint Chiefs of Staff? The possible answers to these questions and many others may be revealed during the next six months. But right now, the question is, what else has been going on in our world?



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I'm Brian Nunez and I'm Cindy Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news in reflecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending January 30 1993. The Serbian government is blaming gays and lesbians among others for the economic sanctions other nations are currently enforcing against it. Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic said the boycott is the result of an international conspiracy, including powerful international homosexual organizations, as well as the US Muslim nations Zionists and the Vatican. Another leading politician rattlesnake avec said, quote, Our opposition is under the direct influence of international organizations of masons and homosexuals and quote, countries observing the economic sanctions against Serbia say they are protesting Serbian aggression against Bosnia Herzegovina and Croatia.



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The repeal of Gibraltar sodomy law was expected to be a Christmas gift for gay men there, but the House of Assembly declared its holiday recess before the required third formal hearing for the bill. Public support for repeal is strong though and repeal is expected soon.



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In Late December a Frankfurt Germany district court ordered city registrar's to accept marriage applications from three SAME GENDER couples, and they coordinated action in August, hundreds of gay and lesbian couples across Germany had applied for marriage licenses, and many of them filed lawsuits after those applications were refused the Frankfort registry plans to appeal the Court order. The Clinton



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administration nominated its first open lesbian or gay to a high federal office this week, San Francisco supervisor Roberta Acton Berg was named to serve as an assistant secretary for fair

housing in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Carol Berg was active in the Clinton campaign and drafted the lesbian and gay rights plank in the 1992 Democratic Party platform. Her appointment requires confirmation by the Senate.

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A new federal bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation was introduced in the US Congress on the first day of its new session. HR 431, the proposed Civil Rights Act of 1993. Unlike earlier attempts at national protections for gays and lesbians, is not an amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which protects racial, ethnic and religious minorities. That proposed amendment never came to a floor vote. HR 431 is a standalone measure dealing with sexual orientation, whether actual or perceived as a separate issue. In its preliminary form. It offers protections in employment, education, credit, housing, the sale of goods or services, public facilities, and federally assisted programs and activities. The initial sponsors of HR 431 are representatives Don Edwards and Henry Waxman of California, Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, Gerald Nadler of New York and open gays Barney Frank and Gary Studds of Massachusetts. 83 co-sponsors of the previous gay and lesbian civil rights measure continue as members of the current congress and can be expected to support HR 431. Nadler believes there is a strong possibility the bill will come to a floor vote in the House perhaps this year and pass. The measure would no doubt have a more difficult time winning passage in the Senate. If enacted HR 431 would take precedence over local legislation and would nullify Colorado's amendment to which denies legal recognition of gays, lesbians and bisexuals as minorities.

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It's estimated that more than 3000 gays and lesbians visited Aspen, Colorado last week for the 16th annual Aspen gay ski week, dividing not only the city's residents but also gay and lesbian ski buffs across the country. Aspen was one of three Colorado cities with an ordinance protecting lesbians and gays from discrimination before all such protections were overturned in November when the state's voters passed amendment two. Among those taking the opportunity to visit Aspen during the week were both Denver Ku Klux Klan leader Sean Slater, who protested the January 15 court injunction delaying the implementation of amendment two and openly gay former major league baseball umpire Dave Pallone, who addressed the Aspen high school student body. Gay ski week, participants protested against amendment two with a candlelight march through the downtown area. The event attracted several 100 people.

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According to Newsweek magazine campaigns are now underway to place amendment to style initiatives on ballots in 11 states, California, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Ohio and Washington. But campaigns for statewide gay and lesbian rights protections are underway in some of those same states. In Washington an anti-discrimination bill being introduced by openly gay State Representative Cal Anderson is viewed as having a good chance of passage this year. Similar measures have failed in the state for more than a decade. Not only this Washington's freshman Governor Mike Lowry strongly supports the bill. His first executive order prohibited discrimination against gays and lesbians by the state government.

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It's time Minnesota is the name of the organization lobbying for passage of statewide lesbian and gay rights protections. They're led by openly gay state senate president Alan Speier and openly lesbian State Representative Karen Clark. They believe the measure will easily make it to the Senate floor and likely passed there by a narrow margin in the house. They believe it will be a very close vote to get the bill out of committee and onto the floor, where passage will be and their words difficult but absolutely achievable with a strong community effort.