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from eight to 11 and here what you've been missing through my head or light



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This is Lucien Chapelle and Greg Gordon, and you're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio agazi After hours, right? International lesbian and gay radio magazine for the week ending June 24 1990. On Greg Gordon. The big story this week was the sixth International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco during the next half hour we'll have a few highlights from coverage of the five day event by Pacifica radio.



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San Francisco that's where they all congregate Don't you know



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300,000 dead from aids were in Georgia



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From the Moscone Center in San Francisco it's the largest meeting ever held on a single disease with six international AIDS conference. The AIDS summit of the year I Mike and clay with Amy Goodman. Over 15,000 People from all over the globe have converged on San Francisco to exchange information on the latest developments in the epidemic of our times. AIDS has now been reported in over 150 nations around the globe, and over 10 million people are now believed to be harboring the virus that leads to AIDS. That virus is called the Human Immunodeficiency Virus or HIV. The AIDS Summit is primarily a meeting of scientists, doctors and drug companies. Those drug companies have set up booths to display and promote their wares in a massive exhibition hall.



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Opening Ceremonies for the conference were marked by the arrest of ad protesters. Speeches began inside Moscone Center four to 500 Angry activists stormed the police barricade outside the building. Police threatened protesters with their nightsticks but many still lined up to jump the barriers.



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Can I ask why you're going over? Because I've lost too damn many friends to this disease. And decisions are being made about their lives that they have no participation in at all.



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Why are you going over? Because this conference is not addressing the issues of the people with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, and they're shutting them out. Why are you going over? Why am I going over? Because I can't get inside and it's necessary in order to add this this genocide, you know, and it's got to be done. Somebody's got to do it. Too many people have died. Somebody has to do this a stunt has to be taken.



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Are you going? Why he wants to because people with AIDS need to have access to all the discourse that's happening right now around the AIDS epidemic if they can't talk about it, who can? Why are you personally living with a RC Ark and fighting for my life.



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Protesters were also angry over US immigration policies that restrict the entry of HIV positive people into the country. That same issue arose inside Moscone uniting researchers and delegates. Dr. June Osborne do Dean of the University of Michiqan School of Public Health and

the chair of the National congressional commission on AIDS, dedicated her opening address to those who stayed away out of conscience or fear to the absent



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participants. I would like to say how sorry I am and how embarrassed as an American that our country whose tradition serves as a proud beacon for emerging democracies should persist in such misguided and irrational current policy.



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But the high point of the opening ceremonies came when Peter Staley backed up called on his fellow activists to come to the front of the convention hall, several dozen people walked up and stood quietly arms on each other's shoulders, some kissed their friends who were up there also, then Staley addressed the rest of the audience, some 10,000 delegates



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at this moment. There are others just like us, who are trying to get into this conference, but are being barred by the billy clubs of San Francisco police 375 is not enough. And there are still others like us who are trying to get through customs at the San Francisco Airport, but are being detained instead because they are gay. And these same customs agents are under orders to keep a lookout for AZT and people's luggage. If you're found with any you're put on the next plane out of the country, there is a man that could have prevented these absurdities. This man has said that he would like to see a kinder, gentler nation. This man has said that he's appalled at the discrimination that people living with HIV disease face in this nation. Meanwhile, an agency which the same man is supposedly in charge of is blatantly practicing just such discrimination. I am of course referring to the Immigration and Naturalization Service the ins, it's hard to fathom. The industrialized nation with the highest incidence of HIV infection among its people attempts to bar HIV at its borders. There is a man that could end this insanity with a stroke of a pen. But he won't. He believes that this ins policy will stem the spread of HIV along with federally funded educational campaigns that read as though they've been written by Cardinal O'Connor and withholding any funds from needle exchange or even bleach distribution programs. I ask all of you now you were asked to stand earlier in silence we're going to do something different we're going to stand act up style if you believe that the President ins policy barring people with lived living with HIV disease from entering this country is useless as a health policy and discriminatory as well. Please stand now and remain standing



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All right, now pulled up all right.



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Okay.



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Now I'd like to ask you to join us in vocal vocalizing our collective anger. Join us in a chant against the man who could bring down the INS barriers join us in a chant against the man who has decided to show his commitment to fighting aids by refusing to be here today. Instead, he is at this very moment in North Carolina, attending a fundraiser for the homophobic author of The INS barriers that pig in the Senate known as Jesse Helms. Join us in this chant 300,000 dead from AIDS. Where is George 300,000 dead from AIDS? Where is George 300,000 dead from aids were in George 300,000 dead from aids were in charge 300,000 dead for made where is George? Shame? Shame, shame, shame. Shame



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Thank you, you can sit down. You can all now consider yourselves members of ACT UP



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While at times we may offend you remember as well that like you act up has succeeded in prolonging the lives of 1000s of people living with HIV disease.



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Accelerated drug approval process marketing approval for dhpp early access to DDI, parallel track, a lower price on AZT, our own needle distribution programs in New York and San Francisco. These are just some of our victories in the war against AIDS. Can we all before it's too late, begin to understand each other? Will we realize that we share similar motivations? Can we try at least this week to bridge the widening gap between us? Thank you.



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And we've been listening to Peter Staley of act up in New York who gave one of the most dramatic and stirring speeches in the opening ceremonies. One man



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who won't be in San Francisco this week is gay author and activist Larry Kramer, he founded the largest nonprofit aids group in the world. It's called Gay Men's Health Crisis. And it's in New York City. While he won't be at the conference, he's here on Pacifica today by phone from his home in Manhattan, Larry Kramer, why are you so angry?



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Well, I don't understand why everybody else isn't as angry as I am. We have a plague going on that nobody seems to be paying much attention to certainly not that idiot could no White House. We're talking now about 8 million people infected with the AIDS virus around the world that's no longer an epidemic that's a plague. In New York, one out of 25 people is going to come down with AIDS in the next few years. That's a lot. One new HIV infection every 60 seconds, that's a lot. The President still has refused to put anybody in charge or to expedite a cure or the NIH has refused to test anything beyond AZT for all those people out there who may be taking AZT and thinks that there's a cure on the pipeline. Behind it at the NIH, they're mistaken. All kinds of science that we thought was being done isn't being done. This conference that's going on in San Francisco right now, is not only a zoo, it's a joke, because I'm not to be angry about.



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It sounds like a lot to be angry about. You've been quoted as saying a few things. One is you want to see an aid tsar. The other is you'd like to see a project similar to the Manhattan Project, where scientists come together around this country to come up with a cure.



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These are not original ideas. By the way, the business of the SAR SAR is a bad word. There's got to be somebody put in charge, basically. And there have been six official government reports that have begged George Bush to put somebody in charge. The Office of the Congress, the Academy of Science, surgeon, general Koop, the Reagan aids Commission, the Bush, Bush aids commission all put out very strong words saying, President please lead please put somebody in charge the there's the research is uncoordinated. The funding cycles are inefficient. There are so many committees and committees within committees and peer review committees and committees within those committees that nobody can sort them all out. And certainly they don't have to make any decisions. Washington is at a complete Nutter standstill in terms of AES. There's no coordination, there must be 30 agencies who were all which are all working on AES that don't get along with each other or don't know what the other one is doing. It's just a bureaucratic nightmare. When you have to go out there and try and find something.



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I just want to say I think that the term the meant using the Manhattan Project is an interesting idea. During the 40s, the US government pulled together all the top scientific minds of the country in one place to create Well, basically the ultimate death weapon. And yet now when people are calling for all the great minds to come together to come up with a cure for life, we seem to run into this.



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By the way, there are any number of prominent scientists who believe that that is not out of the question. And the most prominent scientist who has called for a Manhattan Project is Dr. David Baltimore, was president of Rockefeller University and as the Nobel Prize Laureate

himself. So I'm just sending up ideas that are basically had been had been put there before by others. I just don't understand what's happened to this country into this world that people can literally die in the streets by the numbers that they're being allowed to die. And nobody in Washington is paying any attention to them.



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Well, we've got a representative of the federal government here, we've got Dr. James Curran who heads up the AIDS unit at the Centers for Disease Control. What's your response? Why isn't the government responding in the way that Larry Kramer says they should be?



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Hi, Larry. Well, First of all, I represent the Centers for Disease Control, not to the government, per se. I think that we've got a problem of complacency that's worldwide. We are having 40,000 cases of AIDS reported to the CDC in the past 12 months. Clearly, that's an underestimate of the number of seriously ill people who've been diagnosed in the past year, more than twice that many people are currently under care for serious illness related to AIDS and over a million people, at least half of whom have serious damage to their immune system already in the United States. Question,



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Jim. When when? Why don't you put that information out? When you put out the figures that say that, that they're lower than last year or the zoom to decline in figures, you never say that it's under reporting, you never say that most doctors that look, an awful lot of patients never even see a doctor that a lot of doctors will not report patients anymore. But a lot of patients don't want to even be reported, and that your figures are quite frankly, a joke.



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Well, Larry, they're not a joke, but they are an underestimate. And we say that, but I think part of the problem that we're dealing with, with AIDS generally, is a general feeling in the American public, that AIDS is behind us. And people want it to be behind us. It is our job to point out that that's not true people like



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you don't get out there and say help. It's worse than anybody imagined. We're going under, you all just go on as business as usual. I don't understand what's wrong with the leadership and all these agencies. No one opens their mouth. You're all terrified of speaking up, you know, more than anybody else in this world how awful everything is. And yet you don't say so.



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There are two, I think trends that are particularly disturbing. One is that he doesn't respond to that. Well, Larry, I'm responding by doing what you want me to do. And that is to tell people how serious the problem is, rather than defend myself against attack. I mean, the thing is, the problem is a very serious problem. It is it is going up very rapidly in most countries of the world and it's expanding rapidly outside the major metropolitan areas in the United States. One trend is particularly disturbing is that while trends of aids may be close to leveling off at disastrous levels in cities like San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles, they are going up dramatically in the small cities and rural areas and other major metropolitan areas in the United States where the press coverage and media coverage and attention is not as great as it is in New York, California and dc

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we have tried everything why I've called for protests and violence in San Francisco is that we have no other alternative. We have tried everything to move this monster system. We have protested we have lobbied we have tried calm negotiations inside. We have done everything except kidnap somebody. We cannot get use S obese to move the system is intransigent.

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That was a conversation between Dr. James Curran of the Centers for Disease Control and by phone AIDS activists, Larry Kramer, the moderators were Amy Goodman and Mike alkali. You're listening to a special edition of this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon. Hundreds of members of act up the AIDS coalition to unleash power came from all over the United States to stage carefully planned demonstrations both inside the Moscone Center convention site and on the streets during the five days of the conference on Sunday, June 24. The last day of the conference, US Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Louis Sullivan was scheduled to give the closing address act up was in the hall to provide a less than welcome reception. Here's Mary found Cray with some of the sounds from Dr. Sullivan's reception committee.

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Noise in this room is incredible members of backup are standing up all over the room. Yellow and Black posters. Turn your back one by one delegates around me are also rising some of them just to see what's happening. Some of them apparently in solidarity. So we're unable to see that the television itself that members have positioned themselves in all corners of the room. They've all got their back turn to the stage and they're chanting and calling on other delegates to do the same. Several people around me are doing the same. I'm going to ask one woman why she's closer to you. Can you tell me why you got your back? Well what anyone wants is continuing. No more work. We want.

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Asked up kept that up throughout Sullivan speech. The delegates were really unable to hear any thing that Solomon had to say. But what he had to say was nothing new. Mike Alkalyn and

Amy Goodman summed up the five day conference this way, the phrase



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that comes to my mind is democracy and science, the democratization of science, that might sound like a pretty fancy, but that's what we're really dealing with here. People saying they're taking control people who the science that the science that's being researched is directly affecting, saying, We want to have some say in how the products of the science are inflicted upon us.



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I think one of the interesting aspects that's come up constantly, day in day out, is that act up has their act together. When they when they come face to face with scientists, even though they dress quite differently, scientists are in their ties and their gray suits, and the ACT UP or in their punk outfits and their rings. And they're there when they speak and open their mouth up and you close your eyes, they are talking on the same level. They're using the same terminology, they have gone into the into the depth and the background and understand exactly what's going on.



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And I think the scientists are very impressed. These people are saying that the act of activists are very important. I was speaking with one scientist from the University of Washington who had come to present a paper today. And he was at a press conference, when asked how he felt about the activists, he said he was impressed by them that he is in his laboratory, he works with his patients, and he doesn't have the global picture. They force it on him. I think overall,



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if you look at the last five days is the movement the forward movement on on treatment and therapies for it to end this epidemic. At the most there's been some very small steps forward there. They've talked about some movements in therapy in vaccines, for example, there's not about 30 different vaccines that they're working on. Some people are saying five years from now, some people are saying 10 years from now. So it's a very slow step forward. As when it comes to drug therapies, the AC T is still number one, nobody really said that it's going to be any different even though compound Q there's one that's made from the Chinese to cover cucumber route, it may be moving into the next step. So it's been a very slow process. To me, it's been this what how it just ended here was Louis Sullivan, who really could not be heard within the within the the the conference room itself, people there, the delegates, the 10,000 delegates, they were standing up on their chairs trying to hear and all they were just streamers going on and some some papers even thrown at Sullivan. So I think it's just as coming together the scientific community and the people who are most affected by the epidemic. To me, they're, they're almost to the point that they're acting like maybe like kamikaze squads. I mean, they're dying out there. And the government after a decade still is not doing the things that they say they're supposed to be doing.



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And finally, I spoke late Sunday evening with Kevin Farrell, a member of ACT UP Los Angeles, the dust is now very settling in San Francisco, and the conference is over and act up as acted up. It's last in San Francisco around the conference. How did things go generally in and what do you think was accomplished by all the various ACT UP activities?



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Well, I think my my general feeling about things is that they went very well that we had a week of actions around the conference where people representing 40 groups, but the main groups been Chicago, Seattle, New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. worked very well together. We got along well, personally. And we got our message across in the streets of San Francisco as well as the inside. The big news here right now is how well, people from the research and data and treatment committees from the various act UPS worked with the researchers inside we were participants in panels. We, we asked questions we were sought out for our opinions on on research and treatment, and healthcare related questions. At the same time, we operated in the streets, and we were very successful in getting the messages across that we set out to convey to the general public into conference goers. During the week, for example, on Wednesday, we wanted the message to be that access, access for people to clinical trials to new drugs to the healthcare system, and to the conference and all that got across very well to people on Friday, we wanted to talk specifically about the access of women and people of color to clinical trials. And that was the news. We had 147 arrests in the streets on Friday. Were there



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any injuries? Were there any real, real battles with with the police on any of the demonstrations?



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Wednesday was very confrontational when we rattled the barricades. Many of the police officers on the front lines use their batons to smash people's fingers on the police lines. We had two very seriously injured arms. We had a number of broken fingers, sprained ligaments, but we had nothing that was or they constituted very, very serious injuries or overnight stays in the hospital. The police generally were cooperative. They followed their new crowd control manual, but they were police and they overreacted. There was a great deal of homophobia among police officers.



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How did the unity march go?



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On Saturday went very well. We're estimating 10 to 12,000 people marched from City Hall to Justin Herman Plaza behind the Embarcadero. I



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also understand Kevin that many of the themes repeated the speeches of the the rally at the end of the unity march, stressed the need for general health care in this country that AIDS is simply one example.



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He I think that that was that was a message that was very positively conveyed that many people feel that what the AIDS crisis has done is called attention to the disastrous state of health care in the United States. And a number of speakers addressed that yesterday at Justin Herman Plaza during the rally. And then today we went Secretary of Health and Human Services. Louis Sullivan got up to speak, we shouted him down. And we prevented him from speaking although he spoke from the from the podium after participating in the process for four days and not disrupting the scientific process. The so called scientific process that many said was occurring here. In San Francisco, we decided to, to not accept the Secretary of Health and Human Services rhetoric. And the theme for the demonstration today was no more words, we want action. And it was a message a very powerful message that I think we conveyed successfully.



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Kevin's a member of backup, Los Angeles, thank you very, very much for checking in with us. Late on Sunday evening, as I said before, as the dust is sort of barely settled in San Francisco and have a safe trip back from San Francisco, and I'm sure we'll be talking again, okay,



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Greg take care of you. So



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it's much too soon after the end of the 16th International AIDS Conference in San Francisco to provide any kind of comprehensive analysis of what was accomplished. One observation, however, can be made after up which has come under fire from certain segments of a lesbian and gay community, most certainly acquitted themselves quite well during the past five days in San Francisco. For this way out, I'm Greg Gordon. We'll be back next time with news wrap and our regular rundown of features and until then as well.



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favorite favorite there sodomy song Romanovsky?



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Oh, yes. And I just had to play the Three Stooges.



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And none of you could guess what those words were beeped out next to Jesse Helms where George Bush was busy enjoying a few cocktails in North Carolina while the state of people all around the world was being discussed and considered,



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you know, that's the thing. He doesn't say anything for so long and comes out with this great speech that I was expected to commission that that was that we played the beginning of the show. And now this I mean,



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few facts about Jessie 65% of the good senators, campaign funds come from outside the state of North Carolina. This is a national office kind of figure we're looking at North Carolinians vote him in and vote him out. 65% of his money comes at one of the protests. Any money in



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South Carolina, North Carolina, North Carolina. That's



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why you don't want the fine people if you smoke, what a filthy habit. I can't imagine where you picked that up. But one of the pickets and I don't know if it's true or false, if you're gonna smoke at all don't smoke Marlboros because the fine people that bring us that product, help neck roll Jesse Helms right and the man who gave me that particular pamphlet, then proceeded to bum one of my camels off. Apparently, camels are clear.



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I see. Why did we do that as as gay and lesbian people? Why do we do what and before we answer that joining us on the show this morning is Sean



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Gilson. Gilson, Gilson.



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Better Sean Gilson or Kenan Gilson. I'm gonna lose all the names. He was Sean. Yeah. Sounds from Austin. Calm and to be Sean, you know, not from



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Texas. That's true. That's true. That's okay.



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But Sean's our news director and he was at the National AIDS conference in San Francisco on the international International Aids annual annual International give me the damn title. What is it? What was it girl?



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I don't know. I wasn't there was an



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international conference on a



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was held in San Francisco, by the way.



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Thank you. gave us all even the press these nice little Asprey bags very fashionable. It's my new purse. It's supplanted my old one from a tape machine. And I just wonder, though, you know, when you got a conference like that going on, and you're given a spree, I don't know, the

money to provide, say 14,000 of these bags are what? Oh, you know, how many homeless people is that AZT for two or three months? Care about? That's something you got to think about. Listen, something's the



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question. The question I was going to ask is, why do we as gay and lesbian people continue to give our money to folks that don't like us? I read something in the TW T last week that said, if you were looking for photographs from the celebration, or what was it, they had that AstroWorld Gay Day at Astro? Yes, not to look for them in the in the twit, because AstroWorld said that if someone took photographs, and they published them in a gay publication as they would sue us, yes. Because who AstroWorld was going to sue the twit for publishing photographs from Gay Day at AstroWorld.



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Rented that space, we did we



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did say it's okay to have it there. But they don't want it publicized.



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They want our money, but they don't want, right,



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Fred, one of us is going to spit on the water slides and disease the entire



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cold day in hell before I go to AstroWorld. Why



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do we continue to do that, though? I mean, why don't I well, not before Randles came to their senses. They we saw gay people drive in and go down there and shop.



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That made me very angry because I was with ACT UP, marching up and down. And I saw that

and I saw people I knew



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the Jimmy urine.



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And I gotta give you folks credit for pulling that off. Because that's one of those times where some actual change was enacted, which kind of brings him back and we were listening before because safety and numbers. If they know how many of us there are. That can be an intimidating force, when they're going to screw around.



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It made us feel good, because so many times we do lots of actions and it doesn't work. That's true. We don't get a reaction or we don't get the change. Why?



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Why do we though, allow ourselves to be tortured by these hateful, straight people that don't want us around anyway,



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it's the old inner homophobia. He said, I'm gay. So I deserve to get beaten up. I deserve



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all of you who are not out the handbook on the light homosexual that is closely resembles a straight person as possible.



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Hey, you know, I pay taxes just like any other American and I demand to be treated the same way. Period,



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and you deserve nothing less.



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There you go. You know, when we were in Disney World this past week, we went to the Hall of Presidents. It's a long running Disney show and Magic Kingdom. And Abraham Lincoln got up and talked about the problems the country was facing with slavery and that issue and how that if the Constitution and the Bill of Rights did not provide protection for each one of us that we should tear it up and start all over. And for three years, almost three years, we've been telling you that the Constitution begins with the words we the people, and that we the people includes gay and lesbian people. But for some reason, somewhere along the line, we've let some folks like Jesse Helms and Pat Robinson and Jerry Falwell, lay Bibles down on top of the Constitution and just say, Yeah, okay, that's we'll just wimp out and go away and not constantly trouble because somebody might not like them, you may find out around their senses sooner or later the outcome



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800 years old, when it happens.



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Why, why why do we let that happen? And even we do that to ourselves. I mean, yes, it's no secret to anybody that listens to this show that I love to go the tubs because I like seeing naked people and pretty people and jumping on people. That's my business. But what kills me about going to the baths is that you go into the tubs now and they've got the lights on real bright. You know, like, maybe if we turn the lights on real bright, no one would really have sex, it may be that you just get on there and give them your money. So you can walk around,



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and we'll do the exercise equipment, surely,



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do you see what I mean? And you talk to people that run those places. And they say, well, it's really not sex. It's really not a bathhouse anymore. It's like a health club. And we're just going to take your money and you come in here and pretend like you're working out when we really know what you're doing, but just don't talk about it. And I'm like, Girl, let me on top of City Hall. I don't give a damn who knows what I'm doing in here. If they don't like it, screw them.



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We are gay and lesbian people and we are here to celebrate ourselves. sexuality and who doesn't



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like sex?



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well those straight folks don't like us talking about it you can do it just don't talk about it. Oh please



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strike people



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straight people there's a new movie at the greenlit that was it a river? It there's a new movie called The straight people



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here they come under Hills another golf



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course straight people terrifying their own children living in a world only they can understand. They'll bugs you. They'll bug your mind. Straight people. You'll see them in breakfast books across the country smoking cigarettes, drinking martinis, driving two cars, both street people you'll join them hanging out at redemption centers licking glue, we're making deals with total strangers, law street people. You'll be inside their minds as they say



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anything more from the supermarket.



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Straight now playing in patios and parking lots everywhere. From paranoid victorious this movie has been rated x the unknown positively no one admitted



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this call for the straight folks who don't mind gays, but wish they weren't so blatant.



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You know, some people got a lot of nerves. Sometimes I don't believe that things I see in here. Have you met the woman who shocked by two women kissing and in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant. But gays shouldn't be blinded. Or the straight couple sits next to you in a movie. And he can't hear the dialogue because of the sound effects. But gays shouldn't be blatant. And a woman in your office, spend your whole lunch hour talking about her new bikini drawers and how much her husband likes them. But gays shouldn't be blamed. Or the hip check in your class. rattling a mile a minute while you're trying to get stoned in the John about the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend. But gays shouldn't be blatant. You go in a public bathroom. And all over the walls. There's John loves Mary Janice digs Richard Pepe loves the Lawrence etc. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Or you go to an amusement park, and there's a tunnel of love and pictures. The streets painted on the front and grinning couples coming in and out. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Fact is blatant Heterosexuals are all over the place. Supermarkets, movies, at work, in church, in books on television every day and night. Every place even in gave us and they want gay men and women to go hide in the closets. So to use straight folks, I say Sure. I'll go if you go to, but I'm polite. So after you



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pat Parker,



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well, you know how we feel about it?



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Well, it's not only that, you know, Torch Song Trilogy? Do you remember that movie in the scene where Harvey was talking to his mother? Yeah. And he said, How would you feel if you grew up in a world that said that you were gay and that that you were supposed to and you knew that you weren't gay? Yeah. You know what I'm saying? What if things were reversed? And you were asking me about the pride, the pride? Yeah. The festivities that were held down with? What was it at last weekend? Star



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Day? Yeah,



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I felt, you know, honest to God. Why didn't say Jimmy other than the heat other than the heat? I felt like I felt at my father's funeral. Yes, I felt like the bastard that came home for the funeral. The faggot that was there that was really a son, but nobody wanted her to be there. Does that make any sense? Yes,



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it does. And isn't it outrageous that we divide ourselves in that way when we have Jesse Helms and George Bush to do it for us? Isn't



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that crazy?



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It's outrageous.



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I mean, I go wrong. Community has been doing that to us for years ago violin concert centuries, divide and conquer. Why do we do it to ourselves?



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I go home and face my family and they know that I'm family, but they don't want me there and I know that they don't want me there yet. I stay there and take that abuse. And then I go to this this supposedly Gay Pride function and don't feel welcomed by the beat. People that organized it, and they ignore us and act like we're gonna go away and don't like me personally. So they say, Well screw you and screw your radio station, you don't exist, and they're not hurting me child, they're hurting you because you listen every week, you can't come out and you know

that what we're telling you is the truth. You're the only reason we're here. I don't give a damn about those people. It's our carry milks. They're not gay leaders. They're offensive. And we got rid of the people that were trying to screw up their parade for you in the beginning, and it got us into a little hot water. But that's fine. That's what radio is all about. Especially Pacifica radio. We probably are a little place in that little lady went back over there in Alabama, and she's written or flyers, or whatever the hell it is. She does over there. And we had a wonderful parade. Right? It's the truth, Mary, and you know it? Yes, yeah. And you know, when the names project came to town, and they wouldn't talk to those damned activists, because nobody liked those people. You know, who the little queer dispatcher was that went over to the Georgia brown convention center and said, Let's listen, this is what we want to do. And that's fine. If they want to give each other awards and rewrite history so that it only has their names. I don't give a damn. Doesn't mean nothing to me. But I'll be damned if I sit around and let them slap you in the face. They're not going to do it any more kids. And I'm fed up with it. And I wish we could come on every week and just play Pat Parker over and over and over and over and play Michael Callen over and over and over and over. And to hell with Whitney Houston, if you want to hear Paula Abdul, well switch the station. If you want to hear the top 40 Turn it to somebody else, because you're not gonna hear



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it. I'm tired. That's right, baby, you may hear the gay top 40. But I'm tired



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of laying in bed and jerking off by myself. And there's a world full of men out there that are pretty. And just because the gay community doesn't have its act together. There's no reason I should be laying there. But myself. I was thinking the other day I was in Florida, and that was bath house full of 30 or 40 people and I thought tiled there between 30 and 40 million gay people where the hell are they?



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Makes you wonder,



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you know, Pat Robinson said, such a well organized movement where the hell are they now may



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the international homosexual conspiracy, love that expression?



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Please, the gay and lesbian switchboard has to has to beg for money just about passed the hat every month just to get the rent money. We are broke.



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Child, I don't understand it. And what you said earlier is the truth. We're, we're killing each other. Yeah. I mean, we don't have to worry about George Bush and Jesse Helms, I mean, we've got people right around the neighborhood that are trying to stab us in the back who are supposed to be our friends on our side fighting for the same thing they say, but doesn't act like it. I mean, you know, I used to be worried about the police taking a shot at me, and that police don't care who you're sleeping with and go to work. And they asked me to be why I'm worried about some of these clauses down without homosexuals coming in and taking a shot at me. That's what I worry about now. Because you know why? Our own worst enemy? They can't stand it that we're so out. And we're so proud and we're so free and we're so honest with ourselves. That's what they don't like they cannot stand it.



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It's not supposed to work. We're supposed to wait for 40 or 50 years. Look to the churches are to the future.



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No, baby. The future is



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now I wish Rob bridges would call and inspire me. I bought Rob bridges a t shirt by the way in Florida. Yeah. So I gotta go see him. But he wrote a letter to the he wrote a letter to the DWT last week talking about the future and where we're going and without the



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letter that you're mentioned, and yeah, yeah, I liked that letter.



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He said he didn't write about me working for the police department because he was afraid they would edit it out.



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Possibly.



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It wasn't wonderful. And I read it very bad,



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gay. Or, God forbid, we talk about gay people that are out and happy and having a good life.



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You know, no matter waiting for another century,



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we got to talk about whether it was with a beer bust and what the specials are,



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no matter what you are what's above board and being yourself



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five to six 4005 to six KPFT. We're talking to Sean and Sean's, our news director and spent the week before last right. I guess it was week. Last week. San Francisco. Yeah, we talked more about I think because I was in the parade and then we went to Florida for a week and I'm really like, zapped and



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it just got in tonight. Well,



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I came back I was down there and there were some beautiful people and the queens in Florida have no really organized community. I mean, they don't have a parade. Well in Orlando. They have a bathhouse, three bars, a bookstore and a shop kind of like Lobo and Inklings all in the same building. That's it on the same blocks. Surrounded by a big tall fence, and they have their own security guards and as soon as you pull out of the parking lot you get harassed by the police in Florida



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is 800 years old. That's why the Florida Legislature if we periodically check our scary comes up with some rather amazing pieces of legislation



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might be worse than



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we we've been reading in the paper about what the federal judges in Florida did with two Live Crew and the album nasties they want to be. I was talking to one of the guys at one of the at the bookstore, the adult bookstore there in this complex and he said that now they have the movie pink flamingos, is that right? That's the divine with divine



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where she keeps saying,



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can we say that? We just did? I think well, what's your name said it with divine on fresh air. Played that tape Terry



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Gross can say we can. So



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anyway, that's what happened. And when he was telling us that a explorer scout from the police department there and in Orlando came in and rented that movie, and now they have a judge that has declared it obscene. So it's going to court and what they're what they're following. What they found on this guy was that the movie was not labeled as an adult film. And they supposedly they have this law that you have to buy these little stickers to put on each videos. Of course,



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it's not an adult film. It's one of the most deliciously adolescent films ever made. It sets the tone for a generation of filmmakers.



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Here we go. I mean, if we start with pink flamingos, where are we going to end up?



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They all censorship thing? Five



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to six 4005 to six KPFT we've also got a complete copy of the speech. Was it a speech sort of it was sort of a speech that Dr. Louis Sullivan tried to deliver fresh from



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DC elocution school. It's very formal of the AIDS conference crank it up though, because I think this is gonna excite you. I do you



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saw to hear saw just a second or two of it on on the news. And as we did with the George Bush speech on AIDS, as we did with the March on Washington, as we did with the celebration of life rally, as we do with every damn thing we broadcast here in Pacifica, we try to bring you every last word. So we're gonna run that entire speech for you. And it is very exciting. If you're involved in act up, you should have a copy of this to run on your like recorder when you wake up in the morning and listen to it as you go to bed at night, right?



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This was jacked up, you don't need that.



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This is one of the best staged actions that I've seen it and no one knew what to expect. And again, you know, just kind of to set it up for people that were just joining us. Think about this. Every other head of state, wherever the International AIDS Conference was held, has appeared to deliver the address. The George Bush too busy at a Jesse Helms fundraiser slurping cocktails in North Carolina sends his chief health advisor Louis Sullivan, who if you listen to what he actually says, as irritating as how he says it may be it's a reasonably progressive speech. No one on the floor of the convention heard it. The only reason that you can hear it on Pacifica is

because of Louis was hunched over the microphone, because he was bound and determined to deliver the speech. It was interesting to watch how he had obviously decided that no matter what he was going to speak



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on C span the the entire thing. It was incredible. He did not acknowledge that anyone else was in the room.



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It was in a recording studio.



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It was incredible. Jimmy I know you didn't see it. No, I didn't. But they ran the video of the speech on C span and its entirety and it was incredible. The man didn't flinch. Other than when he was dodging paper and whatever it was whatever it was they threw at him. But he just kept going well,



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they were throwing rules of silence equals death stickers, ah, yes.



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Throwing rolls at me. But also it's



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there was something you know, sort of personally encouraging to me, though, that a lot of these people were not gay people that were not going to listen to this. You know, a lot of them were healthcare professionals that were just at the conference. And we're as unsalted as the HIV concerned community was by this this surrogate presenting the speech it was which says nothing. It's got progressive overtones to it, but you don't hear any actual figures that mean anything. That is at all convincing that the administration takes this scourge? Seriously,



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it was just like a horse and pony show, right?





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Keep in mind, folks that, you know, a lot of us in the gay community feel like the population has been decimated by AIDS. 90% of the people who are HIV infected on the face of this planet are still alive today. You ain't seen nothing yet.



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Yeah, but like what you were saying earlier, I'm HIV, HIV positive. And I've been hearing a lot of nothing from politicians for



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a long time, as long as this has been going on. And if you don't speak out, that's what we're gonna get folks. Your friends, your families. This is a curable thing. That was the most ominous thing that I heard week after week, already, the medical community is cranked up to make this into another cancer. You know what I mean? income generating for decades per person. I kept hearing. Well, we I don't think we can find a cure. But we might be able to make it a manageable illness. Yes, meaning costing you 1000s and 1000s of dollars for the rest of your life. That's where we're headed. Unless you speak out about it. Now.



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We've got Dr. Sullivan's remarks coming up in just a few minutes. We want to invite you to stay with us if if you have someone that you know that listens is not listening, you need to call them because this is one of the most important things we'll be playing for a while. Only because it's I don't know why wound no one listens. Sometimes that Well, I don't I say that. But I know it's not true. But I have to go to work Tuesday, and I will look at the faces of men and women who I know are gay and lesbian having blue uniforms on their bodies, but they just can't come out because for some reason, they're just not going to take that step. San Francisco. Like sad. Can we talk later about the gay police officer? San Francisco? Good. Because we need to take a break get to just before we we begin this way out. I mean, just before we listen to Dr. Solomon's remarks, and we do want to invite you to call us at five to six 4000 Or five to six KPFT regrets, we're going to open the phone lines. And we want to know what you think about this speech. While you think about living in a country that says you're free yet, you're really not quite free. What do you think about living in a state that insults us with a sodomy law where you don't actually go to jail, and you get a fine of less than \$200 It's just like,



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it's literally less than littering. If you're gonna



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give me a fine put me and put me in jail or give me a fine or something. Don't just slap me with a little \$200 Fine. I mean, just this week alone in Florida, I violated the sodomy law about

100,000 times. So 100,000 times 200. No wonder you're so tired. Girl. I'm just wore out. But we'll talk about that, too. I just I don't understand. I know why they don't send you to prison. I mean, why would you lock up a gay man who's openly gay and wants to do you know what in a prison? Where are you? It's for me that I'll want it.



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My first lover came out to his parents and was promptly sent off to a Christian boarding school, prime young ages 16 and had a much better High School tenure, public school. had only I had the courage to do the same.



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couple of seconds before too, and we'll be back in just a second to listen to Dr. Solomon's attempted remarks. And we want to invite you to stay with us. Sean Gilson joins us our news director, he was at the AIDS conference. And of course, we'll be waiting for your phone calls. So hang on. We'll be right back



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when the yeasty girls are on the radio. Now we want to talk about sex. But we're not allowed because FCC is cracking down hard. You want everything to sound just like a Hallmark card. They won't even let us talk about number two. And I wonder what they call it when they get it on the shoot. We know what would they use them but we can't say it because FCC is full of both women Heastie girls and we're here to say that you better do something and right away. Yeah, you better wake up and start using your head because your first amendment rights are just about dead. Well, the FCC will tell you Oh, haven't you heard they think that freedom of speech is a dirty word. Well, they use he's got a message for the people who agree with the stupid regulations of the FCC. You think your kids would be corrupted if they hear about poo? There's nothing wrong with them. We think the problem is you biology is neat. We like our bodies just fine. You're telling us yesterday Well, we say you might call it a free country but it feels like a prison. So right the Federal Communication Commission in Japan and paper ready because here's the address 1919 M Street, Northwest Washington, DC 20036. So tell them that they're stupid. Yeah, tell them that they're destroying our expression because they think it's outrageous. Tell them that they're living in the dark ages, whether yeasty girls and we're here to say we want the FCC to go away. Yeah, go away.



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If you only had a moment, and the world was listening, what would you say about On peace