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Shawn, Buddy Johnston, Jimmy Carper

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Peace is more than just an end war. Conflicts just as deadly are raging on hidden battlefields in our hearts and minds. Let's talk real peace, racial, religious, and social, economic, peace, personal peace. Peace is possible because it begins in the heart of thought for peace from the behind faith.



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I remember an incident four years ago when I was walking through an amusement park holding hands with my lover and was called queer by the child six years old. And from that day forward, I've been all too aware of who the child molesters in this society are. These are gay and lesbian people singing out here what's your reaction to that? I



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have a little boy and I would hate for my little boy to be like that those are animals I think it's terrible had a rocket



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all the queers want equal rights Why don't the way God made us to do it your mother father let's



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hear the sounds of the waves brushed up against the sand where he's written both of your names with a heart around you we're looking at the sky burning red with a sunset. Quickly a car drives up alongside of you he stopped for red light. Suddenly the car is surrounded they

circle your blanket coming in closer bottles are thrown out of car windows, the sound of glass breaking baseball bats against metal hand grabs your hair less at your feet in your face in your eyes, across your face again and again. Die queer tell them.



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Homophobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry. Which is why as a lesbian and gay public awareness project wanted you to hear and think about this message. For more information write us at Post Office Box 65603 Los Angeles, California 90065 hole Kermit the Frog and Fozzie Bear. They are finally in order helping to clean up the environment by recycling and reducing waste. Yeah, we recycled bottles, cans, cans, Paper, paper and Snow. Snow. What's new, nothing caramel what's



J Jimmy Carper 02:22

new with you? Yo, ah,



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to find out how you can help right to make a difference. National Wildlife Federation, Washington DC 2036 Even as new jokers recycled.



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This is Vicki new president of the Texas gay Rodeo Association Houston chapter here to tell you that Texas rodeo is coming. So stay tuned after hours and KPFT.



J Jimmy Carper 02:59

I know that's right.



B Buddy Johnston 03:02

Texas, gay and lesbian rodeo coming to Houston. At the Sam Houston Coliseum this year.



J Jimmy Carper 03:10

And if you've never been to one it is Samson girl.



B Buddy Johnston 03:13

And we were talking about feeling good about yourself Yeah right



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I got to.



Buddy Johnston 03:22

I think that's one of the reasons that we do that. And one of the reasons that we bash each other and let society bash us is that we just don't feel good about ourselves. Yeah,



Jimmy Carper 03:31

yeah, it's the whole thing of if I bash somebody than I make myself feel better, or looking down on some group to make myself feel better. And you know,



Buddy Johnston 03:43

I see gay cops at work, who I know that are gay, and they just scream and yell the loudest about how the faggots are just, you know, garbage and this and that. It's that that's your first



Jimmy Carper 03:54

clue. Guilty. Dog barks.



Buddy Johnston 03:56

What were you saying, Shawn, about the gay police offices in San Francisco?



Shawn 04:01

Yeah, that was kind of interesting. Were some of the police lines. And of course, they had all these riot police around for the act of demonstrations. One morning, I had to go into our little sort of studio at in the bowels of the Moscone Center, very early in the morning, and coming against the direction that I'm walking, our four policemen, all of whom were wearing red armbands, which was the symbol that people were wearing to protest ins immigration policies. Another time I saw a woman who was wearing a pink triangle on her new uniform. And those are brave people and



Jimmy Carper 04:40

pink triangle on her police. Yes,

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Shawn 04:41

right. All right. Yeah, it was it was fabulous. It was you to get a picture that the final day I was sort of stationed outside waiting for the act of supporters to come out of the Moscone Center, unintended and they were out And I had this little radio and I was listening to KPFA. So I could tell when they were going to come in when Sullivan was done speaking. And this little, little group of riot police are standing around and listening to the radio and saying, I can't believe he's speaking at all, I can't believe he's still speaking, and started to tell me Well, you know, on this line, most of us are gay. And, you know, it puts us in kind of an awkward position because many of us are politically active off the job. But we're now in this position where we have to arrest people who are expressing our point of view. And then they pointed out this other line. And I won't quite explain in as graphic detail how these gentlemen on that line were described to me by these people. But

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Jimmy Carper 05:46

that's kind of like the old line Irish police that San Francisco was famous for.

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Shawn 05:51

Come on, you're saying that was Sean. But all right, all right. All right.

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Jimmy Carper 05:56

I know that what I'm talking about, you know, 1020 30 more years,

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Shawn 06:02

let's let's just say, not very friendly, like the gentleman who on my little montage tape that we played earlier, threatens to shove a metal barricade over on me if I step back. Also, in that, that was kind of interesting, because I was just following the ACT UP March. And I was talking to a policeman who was driving a van, and his partner sitting next to him, you know, the guy driving was totally ready to talk to me, you know, it was no problem. And here's how it works. And the officer in the passenger seat, shuts him off and says, we don't have time for an interview. Now you're on par, you could feel a lot of tension between these different factions on the force, but when you see a woman with a pink triangle on her uniform, or men in uniform with red armbands on, you know that they are able to take certain liberties that perhaps are not universally

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Buddy Johnston 07:03

got, is it ever gonna happen in Houston? It has to happen. It has to happen. You know, I was at a conference or a meeting rather than a couple of weeks ago, maybe it's been longer than that, with Chief Watson and the staff and a lot of people out of the police academy, too. And she was

With Chief Watson and the staff and a lot of people out of the police academy, too. And she was talking about how changes are going to take place in the police department because of the way the world was changing. And she thinks she said, these things will not happen, these things must happen. Because things have to change. And as a gay community, we have to let these things happen. They're already happening. I mean, my God, look at this here, we are openly gay. Going to HPD. I've got a union meeting in the morning at 10 o'clock, I got an 11 o'clock, Jesus Christ. Got to be there at 11 After being in Florida for a week. But anyway, here we are openly gay, we're going to this union meeting after they had this damned article in the post last week, which would, by the way, was a wonderful article. But I'm tired and Pride and Prejudice. We're all angry at the pride people and this march down this abandoned street that we did on Dunlavy. But that's another show on another day. But here we're going to all this yet you have all these people screaming that you can't come out and you can't be proud and look to the future and it's going to be okay someday and that

 S Shawn 08:22

I can go out and on and on and on, allegedly, our friend before this program, who tells me that I'm threatening my credibility by being on this program. I mean, does this

 J Jimmy Carper 08:31

program have some sort of bad reputation depends on who

 S Shawn 08:36

Yeah, i Apparently so.

 J Jimmy Carper 08:39

Radical, faggot.

 B Buddy Johnston 08:43

It depends on who you ask. In my mind, it

 S Shawn 08:45

was the same thing is saying, you know, I was somehow so successfully hiding my ethnicity on the air that you know, I mean, what's the difference? I mean, it's well, the same thing. It's the same name different

 B Buddy Johnston 08:59

it's the same thing though limmv now I've been doing the program for three years and I've

It's the same thing though, Jimmy. Now I've been doing the program for three years and I've been hoping and praying that press would come out that something would happen like the article that happened in the Houston and I worried for two three days after Sunday. Even from Florida you know what the hell are these people going to think? When I go back to work this week, even though I know that they know but now we're really talking about wearing earrings. Girl not only are we talking about it, it's printed in the paper. Do you see what I'm saying? The power of the press

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Jimmy Carper 09:31

before it was unspoken so it could be ignored but we didn't really

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Buddy Johnston 09:35

talk about it. It was happening in the middle of the night

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Shawn 09:38

whatever is unspoken can be used against you. You are out there is you completely disarm their entire arsenal. Yeah, that's

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Buddy Johnston 09:47

it girl. And that's what I said before. And that's what I said last Sunday and immediate. I would rather go to my grave tomorrow than take one step back into the closet that we came from. I just am not going to do and if you're in that you know how horrible that is. And what makes me crazy is that you see all these beautiful people. And I'm not talking about beautiful bodies. I'm talking about beautiful people, gay and lesbian people with wonderful minds, who contribute so much to the world that we live in living their lives in fear. And I think that stinks. I really do. And it makes me angry, and it makes me want to cuss and scream and rant and rave and get on the roof and Yellin. And

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Jimmy Carper 10:28

I'm often a so frustrating. I'm of an age where I know what that's like being frustrated, that double life of one personality at the office and other personality at home.

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Buddy Johnston 10:41

I mean, what the hell good is what the hell it is to be so out and open and then have to go home after this and get in bed by yourself. Do you see what I mean? And it's like Craig, Washington said, I don't know where he stood at. None of us are free until all of us are free until you listening. Take the step to free yourself from the closet. It doesn't make any difference how far out I am. Because you being in the closet is only holding me back.

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Shawn 11:10

And with AIDS, we are more threatened, then perhaps we ever have that action on this. The only way that anything is going to happen is if everyone in this country knows someone who is gay, and someone who is potentially threatened by this easy to not act everybody already does. If they don't know it, they do not know it.

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Buddy Johnston 11:34

So what are we going to do? Five to six 4005 to six KPFT we're getting ready to listen to Dr. Sullivan's remarks. And we're trying to find some I don't know something to hold on to. Is it worth it? Are we talking to ourselves and anybody give a damn is it like nobody cares? The only people that ever call are the people that say you're going to hell and read the Bible. And we did that a

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Jimmy Carper 11:58

couple of weeks ago, right? We're not accepting bible calls tonight.

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Buddy Johnston 12:01

Well put them on I don't care. I mean, your

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Jimmy Carper 12:07

actual arguments based on logic, so I got that call last

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Buddy Johnston 12:11

week. And the woman said that we want this and we want that and read the Bible. No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Why don't we just read the Constitution? Because I don't give a damn what the Bible says. I don't they take their Bible and trot off to church and are we

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Shawn 12:24

allowed to read the Constitution on the air I don't think

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Buddy Johnston 12:27

we can't read the constitute some of that Pacific and stuff. And now the phones are ringing. So that probably means we've got that nasty little hateful boy calling telling us we're gonna go to hell or go through we go through this air

**S** Shawn 12:42

Mark Twain letters from the earth, there's a great passage where he announces that he wants to go to hell, because after all, everyone that he's ever liked is going to be there. And so,

**B** Buddy Johnston 12:52

I mean, why bother?

**S** Shawn 12:55

any worse, there aren't going to be any cigars in heaven. So he doesn't want to go.

**B** Buddy Johnston 13:00

I just don't. I mean, I'm so goddamn frustrated. And so angry, frustrated world. And here, here, I just buried my father in April. And I'm never going to have that relationship ever again. And you know, I hope for years Well, things will be alright. And maybe someday dad will come down and it's not going to happen boys and girls, it's over.

**S** Shawn 13:22

And my mother died a year ago and my father and asked at the funeral that it was that my mother could never handle having a queer son that knocked her off. Yes. Well, I

**J** Jimmy Carper 13:35

don't have to worry about either one of those sides. When my parents found out I was gay. I was like, they don't even speak to you know, they kicked me out. You see, I don't have to deal with that crap.

**S** Shawn 13:45

You know, the results, you feel better anyway, because you are yourself on your

**J** Jimmy Carper 13:52

thigh because I choose not to be around people who do not like me for me. Period. Life is too short. So there are many people out there to love and who will love me.

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Buddy Johnston 14:06

So what do we what do we do about these queens? Like, like Jim Owens. And what's his name that Jim querries at right when Rice said they rewrote the history of the gay movement? Yes, in Houston. And those were the only two names mentioned. I mean, what do we do about that? Well, it's crap.

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Jimmy Carper 14:24

I don't really understand how that could be. There was the gay life before the two gentlemen. I recall because I was here in it. Of course, I'm an A younger than the two gentlemen

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Buddy Johnston 14:41

that's why that's why I just decided to go down to the bowels and get on my knees and do what I do best. And I just to hell with them. I don't care. They can have their little parades and they can give each other awards say that don't give a damn thing.

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Jimmy Carper 14:55

I have a different outlook on that because when it comes to Gay Pride Day, I don't care about any of that crap, I'm out there to have a good time and I do it and nothing bothers me. But

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Buddy Johnston 15:04

you know, Jimmy, the only reason I had anything to do with the parade was because because of the people that listen to the show that wanted to march with us.

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Jimmy Carper 15:10

And we had a wonderful time, we certainly saw a man with the legs was there. Who is that? Remember the man with the legs during marathon

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Buddy Johnston 15:20

girl, he was one of our faithful listeners. And he got me this letter. Anyway, here we are bitching, as usual about life. You're right. I don't, I don't know. I just am getting so far away. I, I read the letter that I wrote to Dwayne Bradley, who is the program director back in 87, running on the air the other day, and it said that we would play music and do this and that and hopefully someday we could get away from all that because I would like to come on. And just talk about how screwed up life is, and how we're getting a raw deal. And I think we're getting ripped off. And I think we need to get, you know, like the movie network mad as hell and not gonna take it anymore. And to hell with Whitney Houston and Thelma Houston or whoever the

Houston girls are, that are Carmen, or their sisters really get down to some serious stuff. And you know what I'm saying? I do know what you're saying is used for each other. And then I think well, if we don't play these songs and play all these little cutie things and you know, be real cutesy nobody will listen, but Well, we care whether they listen or not. It makes

J Jimmy Carper 16:30

the show fun. And it makes the show fun for us too.

B Buddy Johnston 16:33

But it's not fun, baby. We're not it's a lie. It's a bunch of crap. And it's not true. It's like being a Disney World. And, and Mickey Mouse comes out and everybody cheers. Yay. Everything's wonderful. And it's not one. No, it's not wonderful. I mean, we talked about we talked about this AIDS conference, and that's what we're focusing on this morning. But what about the gay men and women that were blown up in MCC our churches in the beginning of the foundation that MCC? What about the gay men and women that had been beaten to death by and left to die? This kid was murdered right over here in front of my house last a couple of years ago in January, walking home from Kroger, stabbed to death died right there on the street all by himself, just because he was in Montrose, just because they thought that he was a gay man. I mean, it's like Michael Collins says, like Jimmy Somerville says finding a cure is not the answer. I mean, we want to focus on all that this morning. But we have to try to figure out why it is we're so angry and why we're not getting anywhere. And while the rest of the world out having a good time and or they're not really having a good time. They're just

J Jimmy Carper 17:42

every sector has their problems. Don't you think?

B Buddy Johnston 17:47

I agree with that. But don't we get enough hate and, and injustice from everybody else like just the house without having to toss it on ourselves?

S Shawn 18:01

We had it before aids, we're gonna have it after AIDS. We have a lot to work on.

B Buddy Johnston 18:06

Speaking of Jesse Helms, Mike called in and I believe wanted to say something about just name's Mike, you're on line two. Are you with us?



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Yes, buddy. How are you?



Buddy Johnston 18:15

Fine. Well, I'm tired. But



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I'm not surprised by what you encountered in Florida. Because I went there three years ago to visit my brother,



Buddy Johnston 18:26

you know, it was real scary. And I thought, well, what if the police pull us over? And I thought, well, I just pull up my Houston police ID and say, Well, I work for the police department to do a good radio show. And you know, they wouldn't have believed that



S Shawn 18:38

they'd have to shoot you. They couldn't arrest you. Then.



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When I was, excuse me when I was driving around there with my brother. You know, I finally I just got so fed up. I had asked him, Is there any sign of intelligent life out here? It seems like all the cooks have just wound up in Florida. And let's hope they stay there. As far as Jesse Helms concerned. Why is it that we're not hearing any addresses on the various KPFT programs as to who we can send our checks to make sure he's not reelected?



S Shawn 19:11

We do you need to do that. While I was in California, KPFA dedicated a morning program to that very topic, which is where I got the statistic that 65% of the good senators money comes from outside the state. You're right. That's something we need to address and we will be doing that.



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Well, I need an address because I want to send a check to the senatorial candidate, the first black senatorial candidate for North Carolina.

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Jimmy Carper 19:39

Brave man. Yes,

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he is. And you know what, I don't think has a chance to I don't think too many people know this. Count North Carolina. According to the NAACP, Klan watch and anti Defamation League is the number one hate state in the country. Believe it the entire A country that number of hate crimes statistics. And while it's, it's it's amazing. And there was one other thing I wanted to mention, if there are any, if there are any pseudo Born Again Christians listening out there. Yes, Jesus Christ had a special verse for people like Jesse Helms. And for people who follow people like Jesse Helms, and that is Not everyone who says, Lord, Lord shall enter in the kingdom of heaven.

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Buddy Johnston 20:37

Wait a minute, Mike, they don't want you to read in that part.

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Yes. You know, it never feels amazing. I'm a believer in the I

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Shawn 20:43

think there are translations that have deleted it as a matter of fact.

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You know, I'm a passionate believer in the Jesus that ministers and evangelists don't want to talk about,

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Buddy Johnston 20:53

but you know what I see with things like that. I see. Jerry Jimmy Swaggart, setting in a car and a prostitute running around the car naked and people sending him millions of dollars. Like that's okay. We forgive you. The Lord forgave you. Here's another 100,000 I mean, for

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Shawn 21:08

Jim Baker drooling, chasing after naked boys, that hotel pool.



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Oh, yeah. Well, you know, after that verse, it goes on, man, he shall come to me and say, Lord, Lord, we use your name and healings and prophecy, so on and so forth. And Jesus says that I shall turn to them and say, I never knew you depart for me he workers of iniquity. How many? How many people have heard that? Not very many. I suppose.



Buddy Johnston 21:33

They don't want to hear that. What part of the city you call in from



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deep in the heart of Montrose?



Buddy Johnston 21:40

Thanks for listening baby. You know,



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there was one more thing I want to tell you. There was a Yo yo, that works across the street from me. And another radio station. I believe it's killed FM. Yeah, his name is John Downey. And I've called his program a few times to talk program. Yeah. And he's hung up on my face on both occasions. Well, one was the flag burning issue. I keep in mind, this is a ultra right wing radio station. So he gets rather than Montrose. Now, the first time I call his show,



S Shawn 22:18

look the walls and lock doors around that building compared to ours,



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you know, the first time I call this show, you know, just to give him a hard time or at the bar to see what his reaction would be. I told him, You know, I'm kind of glad their stations. Not is I kind of glad I said, you know, I find it kind of remarkable that your stations right here in the deep in the heart of the Montrose. And, you know, right after he just tried to shut me up saying that on on on. I don't say that, you know,



S Shawn 22:47

we don't want anyone to know where it is.



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But, you know, I went, I was talking about the flag burning issue, and I listed everything that, you know, I found despicable about this country from you know,



S Shawn 22:58

I hate that you call that an issue. I hate that word. I mean, 90% of the people who are HIV infected, are alive right now, and waiting for something that will help them. And we're talking about flag burning, that we're calling that an issue. That's outrageous. The



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thing about it was when I mentioned flag burning I, one of the things that I listed I found so despicable. What that flag represents is how HIV positive patients are mistreated in this country. And then I went on to list all the most despicable acts this country has performed on human beings such as slaughtering Native American Indians and slaving Africans. They don't tell you that in school now. And you know what his response was to me, Jay, Mike, you sound rather disgusted. Why don't you leave? I said, John, that is the typical response, we'll expect from people like



B Buddy Johnston 23:56

they don't teach you all that they don't teach you that when Christopher Columbus came that he had the Indians forced into slavery. And if they refuse to work, their hands were cut off. They didn't teach you that in school. That's true.



S Shawn 24:07

And fortuitously enough, the Europeans brought all sorts of viruses a contemporary parallel, that cleared the land, so to speak.



J Jimmy Carper 24:17

The one big one being the common cold that comes off, not to mention the people, by the 1000s, giving the I believe it was the Dakota Indians, gifts of blankets with smallpox, walked into it.



B Buddy Johnston 24:34

Listen, Mike, thanks for calling. 5536 4005 to six KPFT. Ingrid, you're on after hours. Hi there. You're doing a great job. Thank you. Thank you.



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I just learned they are so are very embarrassed about Senator Jeff. But you should be



Buddy Johnston 24:56

what are the people in North Carolina think about him and how does he keep getting hurt? Like, dude, if everybody's embarrassed God,



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if I know I don't know, my family, we can't figure it out. It just keeps happening. We know some days go by.



s Shawn 25:10

We know you're saying that about us.



Buddy Johnston 25:13

We can't wait on him to die. Do you think? Do you think that the gentleman running against him stands a chance of winning?



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I haven't been keeping up with it real wealth funds in in Texas, but I hope I'm gonna go back home and vote. What part of the city? I'm calling from out in the Clear Lake area. Thanks for listening.



J Jimmy Carper 25:30

Thank you.



Buddy Johnston 25:32

Bye, bye. Five to six 4005 to six KPFT. Do you want to set this thing up for us? Once again? And let's listen to this before we go to, to the main floor of the alright, this of the conference. This is the the montage you



s Shawn 25:46



Shawn 27:40

did right in the beginning. Oh, okay. That's what we're going to do. First, can you explain to so what are some of the parts that we're going to hear? Yeah, the intro that went with it for the broadcast that oops, that we haven't heard is that this was a day that act up was marching to point out the sort of? Well, while there isn't enough research on any of this, that women have been systematically eliminated from all sorts of trials, we know nothing about Woman to Woman transmission of the HIV virus. And yet at the same time, the Center for Disease Control keeps releasing these statistics about, you know, well, about 10% of the women who are HIV positive, we have no idea how they got it. Yet at the same time, there are no studies of female to female transmission. That was kind of the main thrust of this. Furthermore, when women contract the HIV virus, they get sick and die at a rate roughly four to five times faster than men do. Again, we have no idea why. And it has not been adequately researched. Incredible. It's it's a shocking statistic. And at the same time, almost any new drug trials that are available, are open almost exclusively to white men, and in some cases, men of color, but not to women.



Jimmy Carper 27:03

Oh, and I heard kind of some reasoning about that about, well, you might get pregnant or something.



Shawn 27:10

Oh, yes. Some of these trials that do include women require that the women become sterilized first. Rather? Well, I don't think we've heard much about that in the last 40 or 50 years. So at the beginning of this, it the theme is women and AIDS and what you'll hear first 140 people were arrested, by the way from backed up by the end of this, you'll hear the police dropping down these metal barricades to seal off the Moscone Center so that the conferees did not have to be interrupted in their busy dealings. Such obnoxious people.



Buddy Johnston 27:53

What do we do?



Shawn 27:55

I don't know. We didn't hear.



Buddy Johnston 27:58

Because it's live radio and the Queen screwed



Shawn 27:59

up. All right, metal grades. They're coming. Wait a minute.

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Buddy Johnston 28:03

Wait a minute. Let me get this guy. Steve. Yes. What's on your mind, baby? Well, first of all, I'd like to say I think that y'all are great. I mean, this is the second time this is only the second time I've heard y'all could work on Saturday night. I mean, I'm very impressed. Well, thank you very much. Are you short and hairy? No, don't answer that. What was that you what was on your mind?

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Well, I mean, I'm, you

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Shawn 28:26

know, I'm a college student at U of H. of age. And, you know, and I just want everybody now, you know, I mean, I'm not an activist or anything like that. But I mean, you know, the features now,

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I mean, this is the 90s You know, people are gonna start to realize that homosexuals are the same as black people. I

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Buddy Johnston 28:42

mean, we've been oppressed and afraid until now, but I mean, we're not anymore. And we're not gonna take it anymore. We're not I mean, we're not anymore. We're special or are so damn proud

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Shawn 28:51

of Amen. You know,

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Buddy Johnston 28:53

don't you love listen to young people

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Shawn 28:58

you know, I may be young and naive, but hey, I believe in when I am I have a lot of doubts about myself but I have a lot of belief and when I am

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Buddy Johnston 29:06

a baby, listen, you said you're not an activist you either are involved or you're not involved. And it sounds like you're involved here whether you like it or not girls I'm involved. I mean, I am you know, how can you help not to be you know, I mean, in this world in the world today, how can you not be involved especially when you hear things like this, right.

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You just the follow up unit. How does this work? We have the commander in charge with it. We don't have time for an interview. If

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you're gonna get hit with a barricade back in the office,

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I sympathize with the people that are marching because a lot of the people in the rest of the world are one sided and their way of thinking, since they're already squirting what we do in private via their little watchdog groups, that they should acknowledge the fact that everybody in the world has sex, otherwise, we wouldn't be here.

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And it shows two women going down on each other in a highly explicit fashion. One is in an obvious state of complete ecstasy, a woman wearing a tank top and a very attractive bracelet with her hand on the other woman's thigh, and the other woman in ecstasy is wearing also nail polish. And while we're going down on each other in ecstasy the slogan is powerful.

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What's it about him? No, it's about first of all. It's about women and AIDS, women and eight. very touchy subject, very touchy. I know very little about it. Women die faster.

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I'm from community united against violence. And I'm sort of observing and also trying to keep the police at bay a little bit. So I worked with police in the last few months to try to set up a plan that would make it so that people could demonstrate without getting hurt, we've been I would say about 75% successful in that



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you guys have our plan B what it is to get sick of trying to take your pension away from



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your conduct everyday for the state of California orders you



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all individually or on companies that are standing in the street or sitting or lying in the street will be irrelevant. I am ordering you to go onto the sidewalk immediately or you will be subject to arrest. This is your final warning.



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from this conference, I welcome the Honorable Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services



Jimmy Carper 33:38

we're listening to Paul Gilbert and one of the co chairs of this conference giving the introduction



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Dr. Solomon well we're gonna go to Mary Ben Clegg who's on the floor right now.



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There we go. The noise in this room is incredible members of act up are standing up all over the room. Yellow and Black posters saying 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. were unable to see Dr. Sullivan himself.



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Mary, can you hear us Mary? Mary.



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Cancer continuing and more and more people are standing up and so far, there's not a clear response from the delegates who are not members of act up. And very few people are actually turning their backs perhaps several dozen out of over 10,000 in the room



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and you're listening to the chant, act up, fight back. Mary, can you hear us you If I can,



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can you? Can you hear me? Can you hear the whispers on the shouts coming from all around the room?



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Yes, we can we hear you loud and clear as well as the whistles and chants



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that great. Like I said, so far, there's still no sign up Dr. Sullivan and we can't tell which actions he's coming in. But after that members have positioned themselves in all corners of the room, they've all got their back turn to the stage. And they're counting and calling on other delegates to do the same. Several people around me are doing the same. I'm going to ask one woman like she's protesting. Can you tell me why you've got your back?



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Well, what anyone wants to? Can you hear me? We can hear you clearly.



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As I said, So far this summer, fine and Sullivan, but the noise is increasing. There's a banner in the back of the room where we're trying to see from here.



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No more as



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you can tell they're champions, turn your back, turn your back on the conference, is standing silently at his podium. Everyone at the podium is quiet. They look like they're not quite sure what to do. Although, of course, they've been constructing this kind of activity. Still no sign of Dr. Fowler. Can you hear me? Can you hear the noise in the room?



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We can hear you very clearly. Mary, you can keep describing what's going on there.



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Right. Can you tell me why you're standing here today? Is the reason that President Bush did not go to a conference or meanwhile the public enemy number one cocktail party was fine, right? It's like it's a slap in the face to every gay Americans and everybody who was fighting aids in this country. That's why we denigrate salvation not addressed. And what do you think his response to you will be? Do you think he'll talk at all? I don't know. If the American people responded the American paper agreeable American people sit aside it is continuing. No more work we want.



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Mary, we hear that Louis Sullivan has now gotten to the podium is now up at the Dyess.



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Can you hear us



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we can say now he is on the stage we see a picture of him in the monitor by the way we are in the next room over Mary is right on the floor. There we see Dr. Lewis celibate.



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Hard for me to see what's going on in the very front of the room. And the noise is intense. But there still are a lot of seated delegates, I would say that the response to act up call is fairly mixed. While you're now standing up for the program needs to continue. And so you want to hear what Dr. Sullivan has to say. Thank you. So it is common to stand up with the ACA members and he's not alone. I would say at this point. Probably a third of the hall has joined act up but no more than that.



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And we are here very live at the sixth International Conference on AIDS. Dr. Lewis now



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back to the stuff pointing towards the podium. Where



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from people on the podium and they are Dr. Louis Sullivan sits and he is waiting to address this conference of over 10,000 delegates and act up protesters by the way New York act up was the only active group that decided to not boy



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George Bush was invited to this conference he has not chosen to attend



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demonstrators one of pandemonium all the rules are broken. And there's no telling how long it's going to continue right now. There's five or six very accurate measures against the demonstrators Can you still hear me?



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We can hear you very clearly.



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I was speaking with Peter Staley and he said that their plan is that Dr. Louis Sullivan will not speak will not speak today. We'll see what happens. Have you



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any kind of response from the security forces of the police? I don't know what you're gonna do



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for this week, thank you



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you remember that the border are backed up. Remember? Because Dr. Lewis solid is one of the classic examples of a mealy mouthed bureaucrat emails lovely work but he won't be reduced to oppose the HIV rate Christians on travel immigrate to the United States. He has welcomed the delegation his official capacity from the traditional values coalition, crackpot psychologists who claim to first aid by curing homosexuality and recycle psychological torture.



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You hear Dr. volver ding trying to introduce once again, Dr. Sullivan. Here comes Dr. Sullivan, we'll see what happens.



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This is my second at the first international conference. years ago, that conference was sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control, by Emory University and by the Morehouse School of Medicine. At that time, I was president of the institution. Great to join with you again today. In the 10 years, but we've known about, we have made remarkable progress. Uncovering the nature of the virus, it's me means of transmission, and raise to keep the blood supply safe. And web work to educate our citizens helping them to understand the scientific information at hand. But we need to learn so much more. And these conferences have proven to be a profound and stimulating forum or the exchange of ideas. Dr. Fauci has just eloquently and capably outlined the research for the coming decade. I'd like to focus



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stations, we won't break during this speech,



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the perfect way, how we can provide a better environment for a desert and how we can translate that research into policy. This conference was convened, because there is an undeniable value in cooperation to save lives. Let us not turn our frustrations into theater,



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protagonists and antagonists, scientists, advocates and policymakers, we cannot become symbols, driven by slogans. Using the media as a proxy, to provide high drama. We must find the compassion and the humanity to transcend this understanding. And yes, even transcend hatred and violence. The truth of the matter is that we need each other. And that will always be so until we can completely unravel the mystery of the disease. We must find the ways and domains to work together for the benefit of people with HIV and AIDS throughout the world, and to work together to prevent the spread of the virus to others. Because we know how the virus is transmitted. We must work tirelessly to We are credited with credible and persuasive, preventing inflammation. Because personal responsibility is a key factor in limiting the spread of the virus, we must work together to foster a culture of heritage. In other words, a climate of increased emphasis on health promotion, and disease prevention. Because AIDS has a devastating impact on our poor and are minority communities, we must develop culturally sensitive and relevant programs to combat the disease. The need was again underlined in a recent study in the United States by the National Task Force on a prevention of the National Association of Black and White men together, which found that black gay and bisexual men are far less likely to practice safe sex than white gay, or bisexual men. Because some experimental drugs may be useful in preventing the onset of something. And in treating the disease, we have to keep working to rapidly put those drugs into the hands of those who could benefit. Because discrimination is not medically nor morally justified. We must keep working to enforce the current anti discrimination laws and in this country to support passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, under consideration by the United States Congress. In that regard, I'd like to quote from a letter that I wrote to the honorable Thomas at school, the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the congress on May 1 of this year, and I quote, while some have proposed that workers who handle food be treated differently, under the evidence indicates that blood borne and sexually transmitted infections such as HIV, are not transmitted during the preparation, or serving of food, or beverages. food service workers infected with HIV need not be restricted from work unless they have other infections, or illnesses for which any food service worker should be restricted. Further, that any policy based on fears and misconceptions about HIV will only complicate and confused disease control offers efforts without adding any protection to the public health. And because we are constantly looking for it productively in the fight against a government, and the private sector, must be supporting our researchers and scientists with appropriate funding and facilities. We must do all of this and more. It is inevitable that aids will generate strong and passionate discussions on a wide variety of topics. That is why we must learn to listen to each other, to learn from each other, and to work together. Our frustration must never drive us to close our ears, or our heart. Instead, a must bring us together from adversity, we must seek cooperation, tolerance, understanding and caring. Compassion must be our motivation and our God. I am pleased that so many people with a have worked closely with our scientific community especially in helping to craft more compassionate policies for the approval and the distribution of drugs by the FDA, and in developing applicable research projects at the National Institutes of Health. That cooperation helps us to understand the needs of people with a and more carefully focus. Doesn't matter efforts are concerned but transcend personally and political boundaries. The growing AIDS crisis must be tackled through a global strategy. As you have heard during the conference, worldwide, over 100 countries have reported cases of AIDS to the World Health Organization. And there are projected that up to 20 million people could be infected with the virus worldwide by the year 2000. And some say that figure is underestimated. I am concerned about the spread of AIDS in developing countries. We must do all that we can to help. For example, I've read reports that in some African countries, as much as 25% of the population may be infected

with the virus. This is a catastrophe for a continent, where currently, less than \$3 annually per person is devoted to health care. That is why my department is involved with AIDS efforts in Zaire, the Ivory Coast, the Central African Republic, Kenya and many other countries worldwide. We're also working closely with many international efforts, including those sponsored by the World Health Organization. And that support is reflected by the fact that the United States is the largest contributor of funds and of manpower, to the World Health Organization's aid program. But perhaps most important assistance the United States can provide worldwide is to utilize AI biomedical research efforts to talk unknown territory. The information we uncover could be decisive in helping our citizens and citizens of other lands, fight AIDS, and other diseases. We have made strengthening our biomedical research enterprise a priority. We're challenged federally new resources and personnel to strengthen our capabilities in the biomedical, behavioral and the epidemiological sciences. The President's fiscal year 1991 budget will continue to provide substantive funding for biomedical research, an increase of \$348 million for research and development programs at the National Institutes of Health, and I'm standing right here. This figure does not include increases for research, prevention, and money for AIDS research will continue to receive substantial support. budget proposes an increase of \$109 million for research, education and prevention activities related to the AIDS crisis, bringing the total support for such activities to \$1.7 billion in fiscal year 1991. AIDS research, prevention and education ranked second only for cancer in terms of federal financial support. And this is for disease that we did not even know existed 10 years ago. But we must also remember that there is no magic price,



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no guaranteed price for success. That is part of the frustration that all of us do. Another task is to make treatment more effective. The new drug application regulatory review process has been streamlined to accommodate life threatening disease. It is evolving a more compassionate and practical system for coping with this crisis. One month ago on May 21, the Public Health Service published a proposed policy for the expanded availability of investigational new drugs through the parallel track mechanisms implemented with the cooperation of drug manufacturers. The drugs could be made available in the United States to citizens with HIV infection, who has no therapeutic alternative and who have immediately life threatening diseases and cannot participate in clinical trials. This proposed regulation was the product of a cooperative effort of a working group that included representatives of project conform the AES coalition to unleash power, the National Association of people with AIDS and representatives from my department. This shows what we can do. When we work together. We must be ever cognizant of the fact that the enemy is the virus. Let us turn our energy and our compassion for the removal of ignorance, discrimination and mistrust. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of



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challenge and controversy.



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At this moment in time, let us find the courage, wisdom to band together the AIDS epidemic

can divider or it can unite us. It can lure us into accusation, blame or hostility or it can show us our own and one another's frailty, scalability and mortality. So let us stand together united in common cars, because in the last analysis, that is what this conference is all about. And that must be our common declaration as the conference concludes. Thank you and Godspeed in your word.

J Jimmy Carper 56:48

And we've been listening to Pacific is very live recorded coverage of the sixth International AIDS Conference. That's Louis Sullivan he Secretary of Health Human Services. And Amy and I took a break and went out to see what was going on out there and I can tell you that you heard what no one on the conference floor it was able to

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hear absolute chaos out there. You heard it because the mic we're making him let's see what's happening right now. There's police lined up in the wings, San Francisco police but they did not go out on the floor. All of the active demonstrators were out there as well as people who join them delegates from the hall. And they were shouting constantly. We're gonna be going to Mary in just one second. Mary Ben clay is on the floor. Mary, can you hear us? Oh, Mary go?

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Well, if you've been able to hear any of Dr. Sullivan speeches heard a lot more than I have been making enough noise to completely drown out every word. At this point, activists are leaving the room but they were extremely busy. During the talk. I saw one man burning a poster of President Bush several was holding up huge banners saying no more words we want action. So now exiting the room. And the room is fairly clear delegates as well. There are seven state behind excusing, sir It looks to me like you did turn your bathroom presentation. Is that right? And how come forward?

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I think that was a little bit of a flop and you're back on average Americans representing what administration is represents very repressive policies. spectrum of human service. Can you tell me your name and where you're

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from and that was Mary van clay on the floor. We're having trouble keeping her there. There is so much action there on the floor. There were paper being thrown. There was a papers being held up that said turn your back there was a huge poster that said Haitian enforcement against racism stopped the killing of the African race. And that was one of the big posters or banners that were held up as Dr. Louis Sullivan spoke or tried to speak. And as we said, you heard much more than the delegates the 1000s of delegates in that hall heard because it was closely

miked, but those people only heard. Turn your backs. Shame, shame, shame. Now let's see if we can go back to the floor. You're listening to Pacifica is very live coverage of the sixth International Conference on AIDS here at the Moscone Center in downtown San Francisco. I'm Amy Goodman, with Mike alkalic Dr. Louis Sullivan will be holding a news conference apparently in just a few minutes and we'll see we've there's over 800 journalists signed up for that news conference. I heard one journalist say his camera was being knocked off its podium. He was asking for police help, but in fact, the police were not there. They were standing in the wings and there were plenty of them. Also outside. There are many police on horseback lining the outside of the Moscone Center. We're going to attempt right now to go back to Mary then clay on the floor

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Mary. Well that most of the act of demonstrators are leaving the room right now they're leaving a room about a third full of delegates, many of whom did try to stay and listen to Dr. Sullivan speech I saw many with their hands in their ears. But the act of activists right now are exiting the closing ceremonies. I'm so happy to hear their whistles and chants continuing.

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Thank you and there is Mary van clay. She's coming back right now live on the plenary floor. Yes, we can hear you.

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Right now remember, the demonstration was very successful. Sullivan was not permission from talking to the delegates.

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We can hear everything so we hear you're headed up on the escalator.