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- This is Lucia Chappelle.
- And Greg Gordon. And you're listening to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine on *After Hours*.
- Right here on Pacifica Radio 90.1 FM KPFT Houston.
- Welcome to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon.
- And I'm Lucia Chappelle. Acapulco melts Guadalajara's cold shoulder.
- Dirty laundry soils Iowa City Pride.
- While Holland's pink Saturday brightens Eastern Europe.
- All that and more now that you've discovered *This Way Out*.

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- I'm Mark Saccomano.
- And I'm Cindy Friedman.
- With *News Wrap*, a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending July 13, 1991.

The International Lesbian and Gay Association, ILGA, was able to draw 130 delegates from about 30 countries to its 13th World Conference in Mexico during the first week in July, despite a last minute relocation from Guadalajara to Acapulco.

After Guadalajara's mayor, county president and state governor threatened to deny police protection, to arrest delegates, and to close hotels serving the conference, the state of Guerrero provided the Acapulco conference site free. The conference hotel there posted a 10 foot banner at its main entrance welcoming the delegates and anti-conference protest was confined to a bus sign and a demonstration by about 20 people.

Because some delegates were unable to revise their plans to make the site change, this meeting was unable to hold elections or to amend ILGA's constitution. Such actions must await the 1992 meeting in Paris.

- In Poland, the Prime Minister has fired the deputy health minister for making homophobic and AIDS-phobic remarks on television. But the country's president and a cardinal are objecting. Kazimierz Kapera had said that gays were perverts and that non-gays did not need to be concerned about AIDS.

Kapera's dismissal drew protest from President Lech Walesa and from Jozef Cardinal Glemp, who criticized proclaimers of tolerance and called sin the most frequent source of contracting the AIDS virus.

- Taiwan has its first lesbian organization, Woman zhi Jian, which means "between us." The group is working to set up social activities and a hotline, and to translate information about lesbianism. Their logo is the Chinese characters for two women, turned sideways and facing one another.

- The Netherlands has agreed to provide refuge for two gays fleeing from government oppression in their native Romania. [? Christian ?] [? Constantin ?] [? Irvin ?] and [? Marion ?] [? Lupu ?] had filed for political asylum, but were able to gain expedited approval by changing their request to one for humanitarian asylum. Having had to move from shelters twice, they've now found a home in the Hague, and say they will not return to Romania under any circumstances.

- Despite pressure from the Euro court to change its anti-gay and lesbian laws, the government of the Isle of Man voted overwhelmingly to increase sodomy penalties to a maximum of life imprisonment. A judge hearing the cases of 13 men under the new law prescribed as sentences ranging from community service hours to a year in jail, stating, his sentences should reflect the overall disgust the community felt at their behavior.

- The nomination of Black US Appeals Court Judge Clarence Thomas may be another attempt by George Bush to push the US Supreme Court further to the right. We asked Mark Hale, assistant editor of *BLK*, the US Black lesbian and gay news magazine, to comment on what Thomas's confirmation might mean for the lesbian and gay community.

- It doesn't look good in terms of lesbian and gay rights, women's rights. His fundamentalist background and his religious beliefs don't look too kindly on lesbian and gay issues. It really angers me too to see how President Bush could find a Black person to wave in front of us as if we're supposed to applaud him for finding a hand puppet to his own belief system. It frightens me not just as a gay man or a Black man, or a gay man of color, but it frightens me for this country to see what he's doing with the Supreme Court, to see how he's playing games with our government, how he's playing games with our lives, with our civil rights.

I'm disappointed that there were conservative lesbians and gays who backed George Bush in the first place, calling him a man who respected the right to privacy. And now look what we've ended up with.

- California's anti-discrimination bill, AB 101, has passed the full state assembly by one vote more than the minimum required. Despite a major lobbying campaign by the religious right, passage came after an hour and a half of heated debate. The bill has also passed through a Senate committee and awaits a full Senate floor vote before going on to Governor Pete Wilson for his probable signature.

- In Boston, Massachusetts, the city council rejected proposed domestic partnership legislation. A council committee prevented a revision of the bill considered more likely to pass from going on to the full council, instead passing on the stronger original version of the bill that received only two yea votes on the floor.

- If you're in, then you're out is the paradoxical conclusion of a Minnesota appeals court as it overturned an earlier victory by Dignity, the gay and lesbian Roman Catholic organization. In a case that began in 1987, a lower court had awarded damages to Dignity under local anti-discrimination rules after the church's Newman Center refused to continue renting meeting space to them.

The appeals panel has now ruled that Dignity functions as a part of the church, which has a right to enforce, quote, "conformity to certain standards of conduct and morals among its members", end quote. That is protected by constitutional guarantees of separation of church and state.

- News of gay and lesbian Pride Month observances continue to come in. In Burlington, Vermont, over 400 gay men, lesbians and friends held a march and rally on June 22. Organizers believe passage of a state hate crimes law last year has encouraged new levels of activism. Burlington police were hired to provide security and the city's mayor addressed the rally.

- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania held its first Pride parade since 1980 on June 23, the same day Washington DC gays and lesbians marched for the 16th time. The 20th annual Pride event in Atlanta, Georgia on June 24 drew about 10,000 marchers and 30,000 spectators, and was described by participants as "the biggest and the best".

- US Air Force captain Greg Greeley, whose discharge was delayed after he appeared in Washington DC's lesbian and gay Pride parade, did receive an honorable discharge a day later than planned. Among those protesting the Air Force's detention of Greeley for questioning was Massachusetts US Congressman Joseph Kennedy, who spoke out from the House floor about what he called a witch hunt by the Pentagon.

- And finally, gays and lesbians not only are everywhere, we've been everywhere as well, as demonstrated by a series of homoerotic carvings on Roman lamps dug up recently in Israel. *Biblical Archeology Review*, a publication for archeologists and Bible scholars, polled its subscribers as to whether or not to run pictures of the find. The poll didn't resolve the issue, however, as responses came back in equal numbers on both sides of the question. So what's a publisher to do? *Biblical Archeology Review* took a tip from the gay press and produced its July/August issue with the prurient pottery appearing in a pullout section.

- That's News Wrap for the week ending July 13, 1991, compiled from publications and broadcast throughout the world, and written by Cindy Friedman.

- Remember, an informed community is a strong community. Find out what's happening in your area by monitoring your local gay and lesbian media. For *This Way Out*, I'm Cindy Friedman.

- And I'm Mark Saccamano.

- 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 a 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 have a little boy. And I would hate for my little boy to be like that. Those are animals.

- I think it's terrible. If I had a rock, I'd throw it at them.

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- All the queers want equal rights.

- Why don't you [INAUDIBLE] God made us to do it.

- Is your mother and father [? lezzy ?]?

- They need help. Any person who is gay is sick.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Children learn to hate from their parents, to hate other people and themselves, which is why the 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.

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- You're listening to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. With Greg Gordon, I'm Lucia Chappelle. Gay and Lesbian Pride Week in Iowa City, Iowa was marred by a controversial television news report that played on the often repeated gerbil myth. Erik Nycklemoe prepared this report.

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- [INAUDIBLE] dykes and queens.

- We're straight, but not narrow. We're straight, but not narrow.

- About 300 people showed up for the Gay and Lesbian Pride Rally in Iowa City in late June. Iowa Public Radio producer John Deeth recalls the scene.

- It was like a lot of rallies I cover in Iowa City. There were speeches. One of the keynote speakers was a Vice Dean of the University. She's been out of the closet less than a year, I believe. And it was one of her first major public speeches as a lesbian. And then everybody marched through downtown. It was a great day. And people were happy and they had a boombox. And they were literally dancing in the streets.

- Most reporters on the scene saw the story that way, with some reports noting a small group of well-known conservative counter-protesters in attendance. But KGAN, Eastern Iowa's CBS affiliate, told a different story.

During the 6:00 PM news, the anchor provided this teaser.

- --also part of the celebration, but today's rally was not without controversy. We'll have more on that story tonight at 10:00.

- The 10:00 report had a different flavor.

- John Miller reports some protesters used this day to oppose certain sexual practices among some gay men. A warning-- this story is graphic.

- Thousands of gerbils die every year because of a particular practice that certain, not all, but some gay men engage in.

- You think you're making some funny point about gay people?

- No. Gerbils [INAUDIBLE]

- You just insult them by coming to the parade, you insult us.

- A brief exchange of words broke out between gay and animal rights activists. And organizers of today's event say it's all part of a larger problem.

- This was treated as an actual news story. This was treated as a straight up, no kidding, this is the news in eastern Iowa tonight.

- University of Iowa business school advisor, Kim Painter, is an open lesbian and a columnist for *The Daily Iowan*, which is the campus newspaper.

- It was really a stunning act of malfeasance for them to run this story, because it presented something that is proven as false as something that was true. And we were blown out of the water by that.

- Harold Brunvand, Professor of English at the University of Utah, agrees.

- I think it's appalling that this story is still going around. I first heard it in the early '80s, and it was a kind of generic story. I called it the colorectal mouse.

- Brunvand is the author of the best selling book, *The Mexican Pet*, and is writing his fifth book on urban legends.

- And it just started out this guy comes into emergency to have this animal removed, and it was a mouse in the version I heard. And I'm aware-- I don't know if you are, that the story with specific sorts of details-- the gerbil is shaved or declawed or hopped up with drugs or something, and how it's inserted. And as far as I know, it's never been medically proven that it's happened. I've looked up medical articles on rectal obstructions, for example, that list all kinds of actual cases. And I've never seen one authenticated.

- Rich Herbst, general manager of the Cedar Rapids CBS affiliate, defends the way his station handled the story.

- We covered the event as it happened and as it unfolded. And the appearance by the fellow that characterized himself as an animal rights activist got in the middle of the rally of some sort, caused enough of a ruckus that the police showed up, and it became news. And we covered it.

- Again, Iowa Public Radio reporter, John Deeth.

- I didn't put it in my story. First of all, there were only three people involved as counterprotesters. They were way on the edge of the crowd. Nobody even really seemed to notice them. I didn't even think it was part of the story. If 30 people had shown up, maybe. But not for three people.

Second of all, one of those three people was a man by the name of Jeffrey Renander, who's very well known in Iowa City. He's the editor of a newspaper called *The Campus Review*. It's a very, very conservative paper. It's modeled after *The Dartmouth Review*.

He got in some national trouble a while back. He ran a cartoon in *The Campus Review* depicting Bart Simpson saying, back off faggot and he was sued by the Gay People's Union and by the copyright holders of *The Simpsons*. So he's rather well known in Iowa City, and he had a gerbil quilt was him as a parody of the AIDS quilt. So that's the kind of presentation he was making. He certainly isn't an animal rights activist. I think anybody who's been covering news in Iowa City for more than a week knows who Jeffrey Renander is.

- Despite Renander's notoriety, Herbst defends the story. He did, however, admit a journalistic error was made.

- I think if there was a mistake made, it is that we had, as we have on the weekends, we have the younger reporters, the less experienced reporters, who for all of how well known Renander may be, he didn't know who he was, and didn't feel it was necessary to check.
- Rick Graf is a longtime activist in the Iowa City gay and lesbian community.
- The one day we set aside for this is the one day we'd at least like some balanced and fair coverage to counterbalance much of the negative publicity we get throughout the rest of the year. So they weren't portraying controversy on the TV station. They were making, creating controversy themselves.
- Kim Painter says, urban legends like the gerbil myth may seem ridiculous, but can have serious consequences.

- It's the kind of lie that is a very dangerous lie, because it can incite people to do things they otherwise would not do to other human beings, because they deem them so bad by virtue of what they've heard about them, that they suspend their normal rules of conduct. And in this case, the target of that suspension of the normal rules of conduct is said to be gay men. And it's astonishing that a reputable-- supposedly reputable news organization, the local CBS affiliate, would engage in that kind of thing. And if they claim ignorance of this person, if they claim ignorance of the fact that this story was thoroughly illegitimate, then there's something wrong with their notion of what good media people are.

- For *This Way Out*, I'm Erik Nycklemoe in Iowa City.

- Erik Nycklemoe reports that Cedar Rapids Iowa CBS TV network affiliate KGAN continues to defend its coverage in replies to those who have sent written complaints to the station. And as if to add fuel to the fire, *The Campus Review's* gerbil quilt has been on public display throughout orientation week on campus in the University of Iowa's Student Union building.

Embattled lesbian and gay activists say that they're preparing to file a formal complaint against KGAN TV with the US Federal Communications Commission, and that they'll also lodge a complaint against Jeffrey Renander's *Campus Review* with the university's human rights commission.

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Now that the walls around Eastern Europe have crumbled, a group from Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania were invited to Holland for a week of lesbian and gay pride they won't soon forget. Helene Rosenbluth filed this report from the Netherlands.

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- In what many refer to as the gay capital of Europe, Holland had no demonstration this year. Instead, a celebration. Thousands of people gathered just outside of Amsterdam in a small town called Alkmaar.

The parade drew friendly smiles from strangers lining the route, oompah bands provided the tempo, and even the police followed suit by wrapping their horses with appropriate bindings, for this was Pink Saturday. And oddly enough, not unlike any other Saturday in Holland, for nowhere are gays and lesbians integrated so smoothly into society.

Just a few weeks ago, the first official marriage between two women was performed in [INAUDIBLE] in the east of Holland. However, this is a far cry from the way most lesbians and gays live in other parts of Europe. [INAUDIBLE] sees this as an opportunity to organize a potent force to support gays and lesbians in their search for human rights under new democracies in Eastern Europe.

- We have established contacts with groups in most of the European countries, most of the East European countries. And it's going OK. Most of the Eastern European countries, except Romania-- and to Romania today we have spent most attention, because in Romania in the criminal code, there are still two articles, article 200 and 204, which are the most repressive in all of Europe. You can get about one to 15 years of prison just because of homosexual lifestyle or homosexual contact.

- Over 1,000 postcards were distributed to the crowds addressed to the Romanian President, demanding a repeal of the repressive legislation. In Czechoslovakia, however, the laws have been changed as recently as this year. Now, gays and lesbians are not discriminated against, that is, officially. But it isn't that easy to change people's attitudes, especially after 40 years under a totalitarian regime.

Olga [INAUDIBLE] lives in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, and was invited to Holland along with a contingent of other gays and lesbians from Eastern Europe.

- Lesbian life in Czechoslovakia, you can't speak about it, because there is no official lesbian life. For example, I'm living with my two daughters and with my girlfriend, six years together in one flat. And we have a lot of troubles. People hate us. For example, they don't want their children to be friendly with my children. You know? They are writing letters to town hall, or to authorities of the town. It's a fight, but we are accustomed to it, you know. People are not tolerant. But it's intolerant society. So I think that perhaps now the frontiers are open, we can go abroad and many foreigners will come to our country. So I think that this influence will change the thinking of people. I hope.

[NON-ENGLISH SINGING]

- As part of the Rose Front Organization for Gay Pride Day, Olga has been traveling around Holland for a week with a contingent of gays and lesbians from Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Romania. Being out here is a totally new experience.

- It's nice. It's wonderful, you know, that people are smiling all the time, and even they are proud to be lesbian or gay. You know? And it's a very funny feeling for me to be proud of it, because in our country, it's to be like something like a punishment, or what. And they are even now taking us like ill people.

- Thomas [INAUDIBLE] from Utrecht was partly responsible for bringing this group to Holland. He thinks that it is crucial that lesbians and gays have a safe haven to go to, to be able to experience a sense of freedom.

- To be out and themselves here, it's great. But when they find out what they can do here, I think a little bit [INAUDIBLE] also in their own [INAUDIBLE] show a little bit more of themselves, to use a little bit more of their freedom, because I think there's more possible than they do at the moment. But of course, they're anxious. The same as we are in Holland. We were quite anxious in the '50s to show ourselves, to come out and these kind of things. But because so many people did in the '50s and '60s to come out, the gay people have much more freedom now. So I think that there will be an impulse for these people too, just to come out a little bit more. And this will be stimulation to, I think. I hope so.

- As I walked along, I could feel the temper of the land as if the country's motto was implanted on the rich green lawns of even this small town. Their motto, freedom and tolerance.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Sometimes it feels like it's the only country where I could live. Sometimes I'm just proud of the fact that I'm Dutch because it's such a good place to be gay.

- Can you tell me what your t-shirt says?
- Well today's item was homosexuality and Eastern Europe, and on my t-shirt says, love without borders.
- Can you say it in Dutch?
- [SPEAKING DUTCH]
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- Yeah. That's right.
- For *This Way Out*, I'm Helene Rosenbluth in the Netherlands.

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- Thanks for choosing *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Cindy Friedman, Mark Saccomano, Erik Nycklemoe, and Helene Rosenbluth contributed program material. Thanks also to Alan Bell of BLK.
- Don Henley and Jackie DeShannon performed some of the music you heard. And Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.
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- And Greg Gordon. And we thank you for listening on WRUW Cleveland, WMPG Gorham, and KFAI Minneapolis Saint Paul.
- Among others.
- And for supporting this local community radio station.
- Stay tuned.

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- Every Saturday night at midnight on *After Hours*, we play music.

Hi. Welcome to fantasy land. It's a land created by Ronald and Nancy Reagan, and continuing to be built by George and Barbara Bush. And don't forget our master construction maker, Jesse Helms. Locally, people like Dr. Steven Hotze, and our 10 young friends from the Woodlands, not to mention their churches and parents and schools, who continue to teach hate and bigotry and violence.

It's a world where everything that goes wrong, we can blame it on the fags and the queers and the atheists and everybody else that doesn't fit in our [INAUDIBLE].

It's a world where drugs are eating our children alive, except for the ones that are starving to death because we don't have enough money to feed them. But we do have enough money to go bomb Saddam Hussein. OK, George, OK, George.

Hang on just a minute, boys and girls, because we're going to take you to fantasy land. Please make sure mom and dad are sleeping, because we sure don't want to scare the hell out of them. And all the rest of you hateful queens, turn your recorders on, because this is *After Hours* and it's going to be a good show.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Now they're scared, Mary.

- They should be. I am too.

- They don't know what's going to happen. I'm in a real good mood. Can't you tell?

- Yeah.

- Somebody just called up and said, is this the fag show?

- Oh, one of those.

- And I said, yeah, this is the head fag speaking. What the hell do you want, you hateful queen? They just hung up.

- I'll bet.

- It's probably somebody from the Woodlands. Actually, they're not all from the Woodlands. They're from like Beaumont and Port Arthur and Montrose, and right here in Montrose-- did you realize that there are people that hate us just as much as those kids that came down from the Woodlands?

- Oh, yeah.

- They're everywhere.

- And we're all over in those places too.

- They're everywhere. People who promote hatred and homophobia and bigotry, people who say it's OK to go out and just kill people who are different, and we just keep dancing. That's what we're going to do right now, baby, just dance.

- Dancing.

- Hell yes. We certainly don't want to alarm anybody. We certainly don't want to tell the truth because that's just going to make somebody mad. That's the last thing I want. So we're just going to listen to music. How's that?

- Oh.

- You know that's not true. I want to say hello to all my friends from New York City. Wow.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFA?

- Come on out. Join us. Bring a friend.

- What do you think about the turnout so far?

- Well, it's never enough. Never enough. Never enough.

- They've got to understand something. They've got to understand something. We are not talking about crotch politics. This is not a movement from the waist down. We are talking about our right to love, and to choose, and to live, and I don't care about straight politics, and I don't care about straight understanding. You'd better hear me in Washington. We are demanding. We are demanding our civil rights.

Say it so they can hear you in the capitol. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back.

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- Gay rights.

- When do we want them?

- Now.

- What do we want?

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- OK. Now I'd better play a song for the gay community.

- That wasn't?

- No, Mary, that was for those hateful homophobic people that don't like us.

- Oh.

- But now we'll play something for our gay brothers and sisters. OK?

- OK.

- Because this is how the majority of them feel. Actually, it's not, but I'm in a bad mood.

- Oh.

- You ready?

- I'm ready.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- *After Hours* radio, celebrating whatever the hell it is we're celebrating from the heart of Montrose, 90.1 FM KPFT Houston. We're here.

- And we're queer.

- We certainly are. And we're going to buy into all that garbage that you feed us and the church feeds us, and the schools feed us that we really don't count, and we just chose to be queer because we like being beat up by society and the church, and our friends, and our schools, and our employers, and our families. We chose to be, you know, shattered, battered around. It's the sex we want. That's all it is, the sex. That's all we want. You're right.

So we're just going to knock ourselves out and dance until we can't dance no more. That's what it's all about. The American way. Is it? Well, I don't know. Let's see.

There are no natural resources anymore, because we've used all of those up. There's no more money, because we've used all that up. There's no more sanity left in Washington, because they used all that up. I guess they're right. Let's just use it all up until there ain't nothing left. That's what they want.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Yeah.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Yeah.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

If you're not gay, you can play this game too. Because they do this to Blacks, and women, and Hispanics. And they've got us all fighting each other, you know? While the government is like, screwing us all royally. So I hope you enjoy it. I know I do.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Come on. All you hateful Bible beaters call in and tell us that we're going to hell. We haven't heard from you yet. 526-4000. We know you hate us, but we just can't wait to hear from you. Goddamn it, call us. Come on. Dial the number.

Hey, you faggot. You're going to hell. Yeah, we know. We know. Thanks for calling. Have a great life and pray for me, please, would you?

See, we chose to be gay, right?

- Oh, yeah, sure.

- We chose to be ignored and hated by our families. We chose to be turned on and thrown out by the church. We decided one day, hey, you know what? I think I'll be queer because I understand that the church don't want nothing to do with them, and neither do their families. And I know they'll be-- I know once I tell everybody that I'm gay, most of the people I work with will just look at me and go, ew, he's a queer. And my family, most of them won't want anything to do with me. That sounds like a good idea. Yeah, I guess I'll be gay.

I know I'll live life in like bathhouses and bookstores and dark, filthy places like that. Yeah, that sounds good. That's the kind of life I want. Be alone most of the time, never be able to fall in love and have the things that everybody else has got. Yeah, that sounds like a great life. I can't wait to be gay. Which way to Montrose?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Let's see. And he said if I was Black I could play this game? Because we know they don't like us niggers either. They don't like them faggots and they don't like the niggers and we know they don't like the Hispanics, or what do they call them? There's got to be a name for those Mexicans. What do those hateful bigot homophobic racists, what do they call Mexicans? What do they call Mexicans? Quick. Wetbacks?

- Spics.

- Spics. There you go. Well, spics can play along too.

- I hate those words. I hate them.

- I do too.

- Those are words that hurt.

- I'm just in a real bad mood. You know why I'm in such a bad mood?

- No, why?

- Oh, because Paul Broussard was killed over on West Drew and the churches didn't come out and say how awful it was. You're supposed to say that's not true, because some churches did come out and say that's not what should happen, right?

- For him. It's not like--

- There were a group of like 50 ministers that went over there and said, this is wrong, right?

- Yes.

- But the new superintendent at HISD said teaching hatred and ignorance to our children is wrong. And we're just not going to tolerate it. We know that 10% of the kids in this school district are gay and lesbian and we're going to give them the tools that they need to grow up and be healthy, happy human beings.

- He said that?

- Wrong. He said, one, two, three, shake your body down.

- The thing of it is.

- Yeah.
- There were people being killed, hate crimes occurring before Paul Broussard. So what happens to the memories of all those people?
- Who cares? I just saw a movie last night that you need to go see.
- Yeah?
- It's called *The Long Walk Home*. It stars Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek. And it's all about Sissy Spacek is a nice white woman who lives in Montgomery, Alabama. And her husband is very successful. And Whoopi Goldberg is her maid and they live on opposite sides of town.
- What's the time frame here?
- 1959.
- Oh. One day in Montgomery, there was a little Black woman who said, no, I'm not giving up my seat on the bus. And it turned into a citywide boycott that brought the city of Montgomery to its knees. And this is all the story of how the Blacks in Montgomery refused to ride the buses, and how they banded together and make something called the Civil Rights Movement work.

And it goes on to see how Whoopi Goldberg takes Sissy Spacek's children on a picnic in the park. And the policeman comes and throws the nigger out of the park. And then when Sissy Spacek calls to complain about it, she tells the police commissioner, your hateful policeman came down and threw my children out of the park. And he was rude to my children. I mean, she completely ignores the fact that it was Whoopi Goldberg, as a maid, who was thrown out of the park.

- Yeah.
- And she makes the police officer come out and apologize to the kids and to the maid for his actions. But as the story progresses, the boycott, of course, went forward and was a great success. And Whoopi Goldberg is shown walking all the way across town to her job because they just-- the Blacks refused to ride the buses in Montgomery. And they refused to play the white man's game.

And throughout the picture, Sissy Spacek wants to and begins to understand how Whoopi Goldberg is feeling. And Whoopi Goldberg has worked for her family for 10 years as a maid and she tells her-- Sissy Spacek is telling her when she was a child, she took a trip with her school and they went to Seattle, Washington, I believe.

And she said all these white rich little girls jumped into a pool in Seattle, and they were playing with all these other children until two Black boys came and got into the pool with them. And all the young women from Atlanta and Montgomery jumped out and ran. And she said she could remember looking at the kids from Seattle and how they all just played together as children.

And she seemed to say, in the early '40s and '30s, whenever this took place, she was a young kid when it happened, that it really didn't seem to bother these other kids and she couldn't understand why it bothered her so much that they--