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Let me I don't know but I believe I'll be home by Christmas Joseph, Stephen was a midshipman at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He performed at the top of his class commanded a battalion of over 1000 men, and had been accepted for an elite postgraduate training school. The Academy discharged seven, just six weeks before his graduation, denying him his commission and his diploma, they had found out that he is homosexual. His is a textbook example of the extraordinary stresses suffered by many gay you,



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I definitely think that the limitations of our society impose a great deal of stress on any gay person, any gay young person trying to deal with our identity, there are very few people that they can talk to, to discuss these things openly. They have very little support from the media, the general media in those areas we normally turn to, to educate ourselves. For me, it was much more stressful, I think, than most because it was coupled with the fact that I was losing essentially, all of the goals that I had been working for over a period of, you know, almost six years, and my coming out involved being forced to tell my parents by telephone, during the same time that I was being stripped of my military rank, and denied my college diploma, and also denied the opportunity to fulfill the career that I had trained diligently for for a number of years. So it was certainly I think, probably more stressful than most, and certainly not a pleasant experience.



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Every time the military studies the subject of homosexuality, however, it comes up with data that contradicts current policy. Congressman studs office got hold of one such report.



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It was a report that they commissioned, that was completed by PERS Erec, which stands for Defense personnel Security Research and Education Center in Monterey, California, because the Pentagon wanted to find out what kind of people they might look be aware of, would be potential spy threats. And one of the first studies they commissioned was a study to answer the question are gays particular risks for security breaches or are gays likely are more likely to be spies and straights, and they completed the study in December of 88, which said unequivocally that gays present no more security risk than anyone else does. And as a matter of fact, not only are they perfectly fine security risks, but they are also suitable for military service in all other aspects that there really is no reason for kicking gays out or barring gays from entering the service.

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The Pentagon tried to bury the report and denied that it even existed because the report concluded that the Pentagon's own anti gay policy is wrong. But the policy still exists, both on paper and in practice. Kate Dyer believes that the Pentagon policy is ripe for change.

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It can come in three ways really, it can come from the Congress, through the passage of the gay civil rights bill would certainly force the military to bring its policy a lot into line with federal discrimination law. It could also come through the courts by striking down the policy as unconstitutional. And it could come through an executive order by the president much the same way that are precisely the same way that the military was integrated racially, and President Bush or president to follow him could write in with one line sign sign a policy statement that directs DOD to get rid of 13 32.14. I think that really the the most likely is that last one.

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So the first way to end the policy is through Congress. Dr. Pol Camacho is Associate Director of the William Joyner Center for the Study of war and social consequences at the University of Massachusetts. Camacho was instrumental in getting a congressional hearing in 1989, where gay and lesbian veterans testified for the first time about their issues

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after you got all said and done which Two main issues that they were talking about one was discrimination. And the second one was aids, health care. So they wanted to participate in the conference. I said, Look, why don't we be able that we can probably do this. If we keep the issues focused on health, I don't use these words of words Miyuki chi, like the words shocked me the words I knew were going to shock some people elsewhere and caused a lot of turmoil and the conference, I didn't want that. So I said, well put it on the health issue thing, but then I can't be I'm a coward. I didn't go to Vietnam to fight for discrimination. And I mean, that wasn't in the ballpark. So I realized I was being a coward and that I couldn't stand there and accept the fact of discrimination by not allowing them to declare their ratio, but Congress



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hasn't acted yet on the testimony. The second way to change the Pentagon policy is through the courts.



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I wish I was back in the army. The army was pleased to find Roman soldiers and why Hey, the wax you dressed in slacks, dancing Cheek to Cheek advanced.



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former sergeant hurry, Watkins sued the army for discharging him because of his homosexuality. He based his argument on the fact that army officials had known throughout his 15 years of service that he was gay, and had continually praised his service. In November 1990, the United States Supreme Court awarded Watkins an honorable discharge with full retirement benefits and back pay to the time he was discharged for homosexuality.



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It hasn't set a precedent in of itself. But I think anytime you'd have an openly gay person that is told by the Supreme Court in this country that they can remain on active duty, you're starting to see change come about as a result of this decision. I am, as far as I know, the first openly gay person who was ever who was openly gay from the time that they entered the service, dealt with the DoD policy throughout their military career, has been credited with more than 22 years active duty service and allowed to retire without the fact that they're a gay being detrimental to that military career. I think that is absolutely wonderful. But I certainly hope that in the very near future, I won't be the last



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even though wagons won his case, the Pentagon anti gay policy persists, and the remaining way to change it is through executive order. There's a precedent for this.



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And 1948 16 years before the signing of the Civil Rights Act, President Harry Truman forced the Pentagon to retreat from its anti black policies by ordering the racial integration of the military. The Pentagon, it used the same arguments to keep from admitting blacks that it uses now to refuse to admit homosexuals, problems of morale, discipline and deployment. Gay army retired First Sergeant Bruce mol Rainey,



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the military is an authoritarian organization, if it had been up to military, blacks would never come in service. What happened was the political leadership, the President and the Congress ordered it. And so they were given no choice no matter. So your most soldiers will obey orders. They may not like the orders, but the options are you bury or so you get service. And just like when they integrated, desegregated the army after World War Two integrated black units or white Yes, again, was the same objection as well. A white soldier is not going to obey a black officer or a black NCO. And they're not going to like one another. They're going to fight and all that the orders were given and said, This is what's going to happen. And it happened, as long as the Congress and the President or whoever issued the order has the courage to demand compliance with the orders and take appropriate actions if they're not obeyed. Now, maybe, maybe relief somebody or whatever. It could happen, just like when women would integrated into the army in the 70s. So they broke up the old WAC companies, because a lot of opposition from a lot of mails about it, and I'm sure there were a lot of problems, but yours were given. And like you said, you salute the march



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on. Johnny Phelps was an Army WAC during World War Two. After the war, she worked in the office of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, supervising all movement of motor vehicles within the occupied zone of Europe. One day the general called her into his office and said, it's been reported to me that there are lesbians in the WAC battalion. I want you to find them and give me a list. We've got to get rid of them. Phelps responded, sir, if the general pleases. I'll be happy to check into this and make you a list. But you've got to know when you get the list back. My name is going to be first. The general secretary at the time was Standing next to Phelps. She said, Sir, if the general pleases Sergeant Phelps will have to be second on the list because mine will be first. You see, I'm going to type it. Phelps told the general that many of the personnel which included the highest ranking and most decorated WAC battalion anywhere in the world, his file clerks, typists and section commanders would also appear on the list. The general said, forget that order. Forget about it. And that's the last day ever heard on the matter. Johnny Phelps is still alive today. Now a lesbian activist Phelps still doesn't have much hope for the gays and lesbians returning from the Persian Gulf,



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they're gonna be kicked out as soon as they come home from what not because they didn't serve well. But because they're gay or lesbian. And I really have a concern that in this, this time, which is 40 years after, or 50 years after the time when I was in the military, and they were witch hunting them, they're still doing it. They make a make a study. They do all those wonderful things, which makes the gay community feel like at last, we're getting somewhere and they do nothing about it, they still kick them out. I think that gays and lesbians and heterosexual women as well as man should have all of the honor and all of the glory if there is any. That's coming to them regardless of what their sexual orientation isn't regardless of what this their their gender is.



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Don't be a statistic. Help end the HIV epidemic. Get tested. The CDC says:

But in America, there's always hope that discrimination will come to an end. The Supreme Court has upheld the right to discriminate against homosexuals. But the nation's highest court once upheld the right to enslave blacks. Change may come slowly, but it comes just the same. Colleges all over the country are threatening to throw ROTC off campus unless the Pentagon drops its anti gay policies. 40 congressmen sent a letter to President Bush this year asking that the policy be dropped. And the President himself recently gave a posthumous commendation to Air Force First Lieutenant Leonard Matt Lavich, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran discharged for homosexuality in 1975. According to a poll commissioned in April by the Human Rights Campaign fund, the country's largest gay rights group, a clear majority of Americans favor allowing gays and lesbians to serve in the military and an astounding 90% disagree with discharging those returning from the Persian Gulf. Soon perhaps the anti gay policies will go the way of the anti black policies that the Pentagon held on to so dearly for over 200 years. The higher you build your barrier the taller become bother you take



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unfriendly fire lesbians and gays in the military was produced by Bert Weiland with Julie driven at W XP and Philadelphia. You thought there



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Jewel Gray 13:52

Okay, we're back. We thought you'd appreciate that. Maybe educate yourself or someone else with that. A lot of people didn't know about the was it Eisenhower was Eisenhower and his secretary and that little incident that happened then I want to take a moment to remind you that this show and every show I do I dedicate to the men and women at the Baron Care Center. And it's done with love and speaking of love recently, a friend of mine passed away. He had AIDS and they some friends. He was my team leader when I was a volunteer with the AIDS Foundation, and never a gentler person I will ever meet I'm sure one of the most considered men I've ever met and that's that's a great compliment coming from from me. Intelligent, warm, supportive. I'm going to miss him greatly, although we didn't get to spend a lot of time, lately together, he moved in one direction and on another, his life touching mine when it did for three years that we knew each other and spent time together, it really affected the direction in which my life has gone. And I want to take a second and say to his memory, that I will miss him, and our friends will miss him. Tonight, a bunch of the friends got together and had dinner, I was unable to make it but they celebrated his life. And I want to celebrate by playing the song. It's called, if ever you need me, and it's by Chris McKay. And we'll go through we'll go to this way



Scott Lewis 16:05

you're listening to after hours of continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1. FM



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



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And I'm Lucia Chapelle, Minnesota Senate Gaines gay spearhead, San Francisco reaches a mournful milestone and amendment to arrested but hate criminals still on the loose all



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that and more because you've discovered this way out.



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I'm Cindy Friedman.



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And I'm Mark sock Amana with news wrap

 **Speaker 13 17:33**

a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending January 16 1993. Openly gay State Senator Alan Speier was elected and sworn in as president of the Minnesota Senate this month after 20 years in the State Senate. He's the most senior openly gay elected official in the United States, as well as the first to hold a top leadership position in a state legislature. He'll be the chief state senate author of a Minnesota lesbian and gay rights bill this

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year. Also sworn in under sadder circumstances was openly gay Vermont State Representative Ron Squires. The State House voted a rules change to enable the speaker of the house and the house clerk to go to squires hospital bed to perform the swearing in for a second term of office at 41. squires is seriously ill with complications of AIDS.

 **Speaker 13 18:28**

Padraig Flynn has left his post as Ireland's Minister for Justice to be sworn in this month as Ireland's European Commissioner, activist see this as good news and bad news. Good news for Irish gays and lesbians who can hope for a more progressive justice minister to be appointed from the Labour Party, perhaps one and we'll finally get around to eliminating Western Europe's last sodomy law and perhaps bad news for gays and lesbians throughout the European community. Since in his new post, the less than sympathetic Flynn will be responsible for questions of immigration, employment and social rights. However, fund is only expected to serve two years since the Treaty of Maastricht requires a new commission to take office in January 1995.

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When the world psychiatric association meets in Brazil in June, it will consider a resolution that homosexuality implies no impairment in judgment, stability or capabilities. The American Psychiatric Association Board of Trustees voted last month to submit the resolution. An

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internal investigation of possible corruption at Norway's government owned Oil Company step oil also gathered information on employees sexual orientation. Stat oils chief executive Harold Norvik, admitted the information should not have been collected. Member of Parliament your gun Cosmo called for a police investigation of the improper data collection

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and South Korea. the state prosecutor in Seoul has banned Sarah's luck. a novel includina a

lesbian affair. Author ma Kwang Soo, a professor of literature is facing obscenity charges.

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A high school senior has been charged with attempted murder and a presumed gay bashing in the usually gay friendly Southern California resort town of Laguna Beach. Prosecutors have been asked to file a hate crime charge against the suspected assailant. 18 year old Jeffrey Michael Raines, a former high school football player. He's currently in jail with bail set at \$250,000. The 230 pound rains allegedly threw his 120 pound victim down on the rocky beach, kicking him and bashing his head so badly the police at first were not even able to determine his race. Victim Lok Minh Truong was finally identified through his ownership of a car park nearby. At last report he was in critical condition with a fractured skull and facial injuries. Laguna Beach Police Sergeant Greg Bart says the attack took place on a beach below a street that has three gay bars in the immediate vicinity.

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The suspect Mr. rains and at least one other individual were down on the beach. Whereupon a verbal altercation ensued between the victim and the two individuals. At some point, Mr. Raines, threw the victim down onto the rocks and then at that point proceeded to stop and kick him in the head.

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Three other young men rode to the beach in the car with rains to were arrested in connection with the case. Although police believe reigns was the only one directly involved in the assault. Witnesses differ as to whether the assault was intended as a gay bashing, but one claims Raines had said earlier. Let's go down to mountain street to get some fags. The Laguna Beach City Council called an emergency meeting the day of the assault to discuss the situation. Openly gay city council member Robert Gentry says the incident shows there's a need for more education and accurate information to stem hate crimes against gays. I'm horrified.

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And I'm horrified that in 1993 There's a person with so much hate in his heart that he could attempt to kill somebody just because of who he is.

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Massachusetts pioneering Governor's Commission on gay and lesbian youth announced its first project this week, in conjunction with the state's Department of Health. The Commission kicked off a campaign to train gay and lesbian teens to teach their peers to avoid suicide, alcoholism and AIDS. The trainers will receive a stipend for their work and ongoing training including a statewide conference. The program is believed to be the first state sponsored gay and lesbian teen health campaign in the US.

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The San Diego school board voted unanimously this week to ban the Boy Scouts of America from in school activities during the school day until the scouts stop discriminating against gays and lesbians. 3000 Boys and 11 of San Diego's 152 schools have been involved in these programs. After school use of the school facilities is granted to the scouts by the State Education Code.

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And finally, six weeks after Colorado voters eliminated gay and lesbian rights by passing amendment to Denver's public television station K B. D, I programmed an evening of gay themed shows as part of its pledge drive. KBDI General Manager Ted credentials didn't take this step without some trepidation. As he told the media, we thought we might get more bomb threats than pledges. Well, not only was the evening not a bomb, the number of pledges exceeded the station's pledge drive goals for the night.

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That's news wrap for the week ending January 16 1993. Follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community

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news wrap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman, for this way out. I'm Mark Sakamoto

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and I'm Cindy Friedman. This is amendment to step the heat state debate once again with Mark Sakamoto. I'm Cindy Friedman.

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Do the plaintiffs have a reasonable probability given all the law that the court has examined? Do they have a reasonable probability of proving that amendment two is unconstitutional? beyond a reasonable doubt? Yes, the motions for preliminary injunction are granted and the defendants the defendants the governor of the state of Colorado and the Attorney General of the State of Colorado are enjoined from declaring amendment to enforce and are enjoined from enforcing amendment to until further order court. This court is in recess.

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Colorado's 450,000 gays and lesbians won a reprieve in a packed Denver courtroom on January 15. District Court Judge Jeffrey Bayless issued a preliminary injunction against amendment to the ballot initiative passed in November to deny lesbians gays and bisexuals legal status as a protected minority. Bayless action prevents amendment two from taking effect until he decides the lawsuit challenging it after hearings expected to begin in August. After hearing for days of testimony. Bayless found that Colorado gays and lesbians were in danger of immediate and irreparable harm in the form of evictions from their homes and loss of their jobs. The injunction affirms the merit of the case against amendment to the immediate effect of the decision is to continue existing civil rights protections for gays and lesbians in state insurance regulations and in the cities of aspen, Boulder and Denver. However, state Solicitor General Tim Tim KOVITCH required by law to defend the amendment will probably appeal Bayless ruling to the state Supreme Court. Colorado tourism bureaus are hoping the injunction will slow the movement to boycott the state. Glad la the Los Angeles chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has already determined to be less aggressive in supporting the boycott and other organizations are reconsidering their positions. However, American Civil Liberties Union Staff Attorney John Davidson remarked that until amendment two is overturned, anyone who lives in Colorado has to wonder whether or not the government there can protect them in any way. And while amendment two is now on hold, it continues to create turmoil.



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The anti violence project of the gay and lesbian community center of Colorado noted an increase in homophobic attacks after amendment two was approved for the ballot with a tripling of reported attacks since its passage. At the end of December ethnic car was found stabbed to death, the first gay man murdered since the vote but the fourth unsolved gay stabbing death in the Capitol Hill area of Denver in 1992. Police have no suspects and are not committed to the idea that the four murders are related. There were arrests and two other Denver murders of gays in 1992.



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A lesbian identified as TJ told the Denver Post that she was beaten by two women in a parking lot late last month before the eyes of her two children and her pregnant sister. The women determined TJ is a lesbian by the bumper stickers on her car. TJ says her six year old daughter has been so traumatized by the event that she now always asks her when she leaves the house. You didn't forget your mace Did you mom? Police refused to classify this attack as a hate crime.



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A Colorado Springs therapist who is not a lesbian but who belongs to a group called the citizens project which has opposed amendment to was attacked in her own office. The attacker sneaked up behind Ruth Williams knocked her unconscious with a vase sprayed her in the face with tear gas dumped a pot of coffee honor and scratch to crosses on her body with a knife. The attacker stuck the bloody knife to a citizens project flyer called Freedom watch and sprayed paint on Williams citizens project bumper sticker reading celebrate diversity. The attacker also use red spray paint to write on Williams office walls, seek God REPENT and STOP evil.

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Another woman identified as a lier reported being pushed off a bus in nearby Lakewood early last month by two teens because she was wearing a no one to button. One teen was stomping on her until an elderly man came to her aid.

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This has been amendment to step the hate state debate with Cindy Friedman, I'm Mark Sokka, Mano.

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Speaker 23 29:30

New York City leads the US with a reported 31,000 deaths from AIDS. Los Angeles places second with 12,000. But in per capita deaths, San Francisco occupies the number one position. Less than two weeks before Bill Clinton's inauguration is the 42nd US president San Francisco noted a grim milestone in its own history. The 10,000 recorded aids death. Mayor Frank Jordan ordered the flags over City Hall to fly at half mast and called for Five minutes of silent reflection throughout the city, Judith Kahan has more.

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Stacy Walters press aide to Mayor Jordan says aid services were completely neglected during the Reagan Bush years, but she is hopeful for an improvement with the election of Governor Clinton.

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The mayor will be going back to Washington DC later this month to the US Conference of Mayors and at that time, he will be presenting a package requesting increases in the Ryan White CARE Act funds for local governments throughout the United States.

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The Ryan White CARE funds are earmarked for health services for people with AIDS. Mike Salinas is news editor of the Bay Area reporter that 23 year old San Francisco gay weekly. According to Salinas, the number of people who have died of AIDS in San Francisco is well over 10,000. He estimates the city passed that figure about nine months ago. Selena says many of his own friends have died from AIDS. And he's seen the gay community become much more somber and introspective.

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Every day, obituaries come in into this paper. And there are people dying in there that were born 10 years after I was. I'm 35 years old. I don't consider myself you know, an elderly person. And yet there are people that were born in the late 60s and occasionally in the 70s, whose obituaries run on the pages of this paper that is obscene. And it's never far from anyone's mind.



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San Francisco General Hospital opened the nation's first AIDS ward in 1983. Experimental at first, the ward proved successful and became a model for treating aids. Deon Jones has been head nurse of the inpatient aids Ward since its inception.



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I think what's significant in San Francisco in this 10,000 Number is that San Francisco has the highest concentration of HIV infected individuals in the US it doesn't have the largest number, but it has the highest concentration in relationship to the patient population. And it has certainly transformed our hospital and our community in profound ways.



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That's Deon Jones of San Francisco General Hospital.



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I'm Judith Chohan.



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US President George Bush was inaugurated in January 1989.



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It's a nation that's America today. Nothing really changing. It's just something that we to the children we all love best wishes is one thing.



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These are some of the very real problems that community faces, people are fired from their jobs every day, people lose custody of their kids. Our relationships are not recognized. There is enormous amount of violence against lesbians and gay men and the violence appears to be on

the rise. There are witch hunts that are going on in the military that targets lesbian and gay soldiers and service members. That senseless policy has to go of course, George



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Bush could eliminate the whole policy with the stroke of a pen. But writing a letter to George Bush is probably just about as effective as bottling it up and throwing it into the Colorado River. The National Commission



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on AIDS issued its long awaited report on the disease this past week. And the document is highly critical of President Bush and ex President Reagan for their lack of leadership on AIDS issues.



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Exactly this chain themselves to White House gates and invaded the US Capitol at unprecedented two day action demanding better leadership by the federal government on health care initiatives.



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We put things up on the White House, we've obviously left a message for George Bush. When I came into office, the first year, an increase we spent \$2.3 billion this year 4.9 billion. That's a total lie. He adds the costs of Medicare Medicaid to that number, which they don't do for any other disease. They don't do that for cancer. So it's basically lying. St.



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George Bush has come out explicitly against lesbian and gay parenting in a recent exclusive interview with The New York Times. Bush said quote, I can't accept as normal lifestyle people of the same sex being parents. I don't accept that as Normal and quote,



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I'm here today to voice my support for choice and my opposition to George Bush and his archaic white affluent male ideology on family values.



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What you say?



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Back, US Vice President and reelection candidate Dan Quayle recently appeared on a local morning news program in Los Angeles.



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We are the ones that have implemented a non discrimination policy when it comes to gays and lesbians. That is our administration's record. And we're proud of that record. We're proud of that record. We're proud of that record.



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That's a total lie.



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Influential conservative Republican Marvin Liebman recently came out as a gay man at the age of 67. In a recent interview with the mainstream publication that New York Newsday Lieberman took issue with vice president Dan Quayle's assertion that being gay is a choice when interviewer Gabrielle Rotolo asked leaving if he had chosen to be gay leave and responded, No more than Quayle chose to be dumb.



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The administration of outgoing US President George Bush has been pulling some nasty tricks in its final days. But perhaps the unkindest cut of all was the selection of the White House Christmas tree. The 18 foot evergreen was personally selected by two White House staff sent across the country at taxpayers expense to the one place in the US where it's illegal for gays and lesbians to do so much as hold hands in public, Springfield Oregon.



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Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton is calling for an all out effort to find a cure for AIDS. In an emotional speech to gay rights activists in Los Angeles Clinton contrasted President Bush's record on aids to his own,



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major speech on aids to a group of Americans who may not share at every word friend who needs to hear the message.



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Clinton also promised in the same speech that he would rescind the ban on gays and lesbians in the US military and hire many more gays and lesbians for high level government jobs in his administration than in the current one.



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I like your smile shall the taco



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I'm fed up with politicians in Washington lecturing the rest of us about family values. Or too long politicians have told the most of us that are doing all right, that what's really wrong with America is the rest of us. Them. Them the minorities, them, the liberals, them, the poor them, the homeless them the people with disabilities them the game, we've gotten to where we've nearly filmed ourselves today. Down and they mirror us there is no them there is only us. With high hopes, and brave hearts, and massive numbers, the American people have voted to make a new beginning to face problems too long ignored, from age to the environment, to the conversion of our economy from a defense to domestic economic giant. This victory was more than a victory of party. It was a victory for the people who work hard and play by the rules of victory for the people who feel left out and left behind. But people who had never voted before the people who haven't voted in 20 years, the people who've never voted for a Democrat, but people who have given up hope all of them together are saying we want our future back and I intend to help you. We're all in this together and we will rise or fall together. That has been my message to the American people and for the past 13 months. And it will be my message for the next four years. Together. We can do it. Together we can make the country that we love everything it was meant to be. I still believe in a place called God bless America. Thank you



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