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SPEAKERS

Diane Williams, Greg Gordon, Randy Fields, Lucy Chappelle, Ray Hill



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Hola. The most for this way out this is John Bilbray recent victories and setbacks in the struggle for lesbian and gay rights in Latin America was the focus of a presentation by Enrique RCS a Latin American coordinator of the International gay and lesbian Human Rights Commission, the San Francisco based organization which promotes the rights of gays and lesbians worldwide. The IG I HRC, has mobilized protests against the wave of anti gay murders in Mexico, and the recently enacted anti sodomy laws in Nicaragua, and has successfully fought for legal recognition of the first significant gay organization in Argentina, as well as documenting the unprecedented wave of homophobic violence in Brazil. Welcome and ODK How would you characterize the general situation in Latin America right now as it concerns the human rights of gays and lesbians?



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I think there is no one answer to that question. Because they're absolutely different. The situation in the south of South America and Central America, and in Mexico and in the north of South America, I think the most dangerous and dramatic situation it's in Colombia and Ecuador and in Mexico now, there are death squads that are shooting transvestites gay men, and sometimes lesbians in Colombian and Ecuador. These are the most dangerous situations.



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What do you mean, exactly? By death squads



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by paramilitary groups? Supposedly, we think there has some connections with the place there. There are groups that are trying to do the social cleansing in the society, they're trying to eliminate what is considered disabled people,



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the unclean as it were, yeah.



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In Mexico recently, we have mothers in Mexico City and in other different cities in other states of Mexico in Wahaca, in Guadalajara. And in the state of Chiapas recently, you know, that was approved a an anti sodomy law by the National Assembly in Nicaragua, and was ratified by the President of the country, Violetta tomorrow, and in Brazil, is an incredible amount of assassinations of gaming and transvestites. Although Brazil is known among the Latin American countries as the country where there are more liberal situation for gay and lesbians, there is a hidden genocide. We have recorded their 1200 murders, mainly by Hustler's. Although in some years, I'm talking about 87 and 88. There were dead squads that were murdering gay men and transvestites in some cities, in the big cities in Brazil.



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By contrast, one of the bright lights apparently in Latin America right now is the situation in Argentina, you I know personally have had some success in the case of Argentina, being that you are Argentinian. Also,



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the main gay group in Argentina community, almost six other container was having a long legal fight with different stages of the judicial system first and Tina. And in the last stage and talking about the Supreme Court of Justice, they were denied legal status. We are the Human Rights Commission here make demonstrations protesting against the situation when precedent men in BC this country and we made exactly the same when he was in Europe, in France and Belgium. We put a lot of pressure on the Argentinian government and finally they decided to give legal recognition to check only the homosexual Argentina. Now there are new gay groups there and they have just have their first gay March parade. They're having like a legal problem. eyes for gay and some gay issues. Yeah a little Renaissance we read an important amount of money from the American Foundation for AIDS research \$300,000 that they go into receive the first year, the same amount the second year and the third year \$250,000 This is the most important amount of money for Latin gay groups that are working with AIDS we get all these only for the gay community in Argentina.



Greg Gordon 05:32

More of John Breaux prays conversation with anybody get a cease a Latin American coordinator of the International gay and lesbian Human Rights Commission next time on display out



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freedom the red of blacks the criminals prostitutes pansies ball hooligans, juvenile delinquent lesbians on the left wastes freedom from the patches and the unions from the gypsies and the Jews from the love from the light



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no special rights for the homosexual don't support discrimination don't sign



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up I'm not for them Oh, it's all good or ask me where's the pigs?



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The Oregon lesbian and gay community is fighting for its life. Um, Barbara Bernstein. The Oregon Citizens Alliance or OCA, a right wing Christian group has filed a ballot initiative that would amend the state constitution to declare that homosexuality is abnormal and perverse and prohibit any government monies from promoting facilitating or encouraging homosexuality. 115,000 petition signatures were validated putting the no special rights initiative on this November's ballot,



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trying to stop government promotion of homosexuality in the state of Oregon. They passed gay rights legislation in the City of Portland last November giving minority status civil rights to homeless homosexual confetti. I want this gives them special status based on their homosexual behavior.



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July 3 was the deadline for the Oregon Citizens Alliance to turn in the petition signatures they had been gathering since January. They plan to major media event at the state capitol as they delivered their boxes of petitions to the Secretary of State's office, but we're upstaged by State Representative gales Shibley, Oregon's first openly gay state legislator who pulled together about 20 of her colleagues for an impromptu press conference before the OCA arrived.



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The OCA is seeking to make Oregon the first state in this country to take away rights that citizens currently enjoy allowing gays and lesbians in this state, taxpaying law abiding citizens to be stripped of their inalienable rights.



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I'm not trying to legislate



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discrimination. Mon may Bong is the chairman of the American Citizens Alliance, we are trying to stop



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the political agenda of the homosexual community by making it impossible for them to obtain civil rights minority classification to stop them from using government resources to promote their behavior, and to prevent them from presenting homosexuality to children in the public schools.



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According to Melbourne. If this ballot measure passes, teachers who are perceived to be gay or lesbian could be fired from their jobs. The language of the measure states that schools will be required to teach that homosexuality is abnormal and perverse. Opponents of the measure pointed out that books by gays and lesbians as well as any gay positive books could be removed from libraries. The OCA talks about protecting traditional family values and preventing homosexuals from receiving special rights. Donna Redwing, the executive director of the lesbian community project in Portland sees his rhetoric as inflammatory and dishonest. I



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believe that the Oregon Citizens Alliance attack on gay and lesbian rights is really a barometer of how well we're doing. But I think people have to be clear that the rights that gay and lesbian people have acquired over the last few years are only the right to be free from discrimination in areas like employment, and housing and public accommodation. Those are not special rights. Those are the rights that should be accorded every citizen of this country.



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Bias crimes are on the rise in Oregon. There have been numerous death threats, break ins to community organizations and physical assaults. activists and community leaders blamed this increase on the hatred being incited by the OCA initiative campaign. OCA is Chairman Ion may bond claims that it is the OCA that has been discriminated against and harassed



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Of course we are all familiar with the tactics of the right wing conservative think tanks as they

Of course, we are all familiar with the tactics of the militant homosexuals themselves as they also work to keep the initiative off the ballot. Vandalism, intimidation right Assmann assault, slander, or constant hindrance.



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A lot of the things that have happened to gay and lesbian people because of the Oregon Citizens Alliance. They have claimed



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as their own Donna Red Wing of the lesbian community project and



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it reminds me of domestic violence situations and incest situations how the perpetrator talks like the victim.



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The Oregon Citizens Alliance blamed societal problems on the permissiveness of the 60s. Scott Lively is the OCS communications director, the very



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type of permissiveness that we're fighting against with the homosexual movement is the same type of attitude that's caused us the problems with drug abuse. So we need to draw the line when it comes to permissiveness.



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Sometimes I get tired of having to even think about the OCA and others like them.



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Kathleen Sadat, a lesbian activist and assistant to a Portland City Commissioner spoke at the rally in Salem, Oregon, the day after the OCA initiative was officially designated ballot measure nine



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but my tiredness falls away when I remember what is real. What is real is that these jerks want

to control all aspects of my life. What else is real is that I'm going to get these jerks out of my life.



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The Christian right is using Oregon as a test site for its agenda and strategies. Mon may Bong



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I predict that the no special election initiative will win in November, and it will be used as a national model in 1994. In many other states, for



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widening spectrum of Oregonians a proceeding ballot measure nine is an attack on the rights of all Oregonians not just gays and lesbians, civil rights groups mainstream religious denominations labor unions politicians, including many Republicans and most mainstream professional groups have come out against measure nine by trying to make the lesbian and gay community disappear. The Christian right has mobilized the brightest based community coalition that has ever worked together in order to know all nine for this way out. Oh, this is Sparta Bernstein in Portland Oregon,



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Greg Gordon 12:01

oh nine. Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week at City Friedman Brian Nunez, Rob Atkinson, John Breaux, cray and Barbara Bernstein contributed program material. Thanks also to Graham Underhill and Donald Herman, the Tom Robinson band and Holly mirror with Mercedes Joseph perform some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.



Lucy Chappelle 12:48

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now y'all please stay tuned.

D Diane Williams 13:35

Okay, and guess what, folks? We are back after hours on KPFT 90.1 FM, and we're glad to start with us. We have some friends in the studio tonight. Among them Randy fields. Hi, Randy. Hello, Dan. Can we hear you can we hear you Okay, can you might want to move that mic up just a little bit. Randy's here besides the fact that he's a wonderful guy and a friend of all because he's really active with he's real active with queer nation and act up and many other activist groups. I've heard tell that you know, you're involved with many organizations even and including the commies. Is it true? Yes, it's true. I'm Tommy kami. Coming pinko, queer

R Randy Fields 14:28

federal pinko commie fg

D Diane Williams 14:31

that's you. Okay. Well, that's important. It's important to know these things. And I'm glad you wear that label proudly. Thank you. I want to know a little bit about what's happening with you. And what, what's going on with with qn what's happening with queer folks in coordination. I personally have not been to a meeting and a couple weeks and I want to know what's happening. What's what's happening out there in queer Houston right now that we need to know about. I need to take action on. Well Heaviside deep breath

R Randy Fields 15:05

let's see. Well, we're really at this point everybody's pretty tired out from the convention I'll know if ever all y'all all you good courts out there saw the the police riot on the on the opening

night of the convention but we were all attacked by the police yours truly was had to run from a from a policeman that was yelling, quote, run fagot run. So I ran I ran is I ran I was there. Right now Qn is where we are set where we are resetting our priorities.

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Diane Williams 15:42

And we're really trying to deal with that. I know just looking in the paper. This is Friday, September 25, Metropolitan section of the Houston Chronicle. And on the front of that section, it says protesters say HPD errors admitted and the in a little box that has a quote from a nice Parker, the the matron saint of lesbian activists. A nice, it says to me, it's saying that unless you can, unless you get caught on videotape, the police can do what they want. And basically I'll say that again really quickly. It says to me, it's saying that unless you get caught on videotape, the police can do what they want. And that's the bottom line for me. The bottom line for me is that there was a march a protest in a demonstration scheduled from North McGregor and Fannin to go to the Astrodome. During this March. It was loud and proud and wonderful and exuberant. And it was very empowering and very positive. We walked through the medical center of Houston, which is one of the most well known medical centers across the world. We walked past the Women's Hospital with a group of 50 women with signs saying, Say it women get AIDS, and women die six times faster. And just some really empowering statements on signs. It made for excellent visuals and main for people to be aware of the crisis and the intense feelings about the situation. And yet what happened after that is the only thing that's been talked about. What happened after that was that we were corralled into a very small arena at Gate Four of the Astrodome. And we were herded in there by groups of officers on horseback. They would not let us leave. And they did we we engaged in civil disobedience. We had a die in which means you lay down on the ground passively, and don't move until you decide to get up and move. I mean, it's very common. There were a couple of instigators there that threw little 10 ounce plastic Ozarka empty water bottles.

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Randy Fields 17:58

That way all of two ounces.

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Diane Williams 18:00

Yeah. Not even that, I'm sure. And basically, the police took that as incentive and initiative and a reason for them to get as brutal as they wanted to. And I saw them, you know, chasing people I saw people running in fear and hysteria. It was a very frightening experience. It was one of the most frightening experiences I think I've ever witnessed. And I think that it's just being ignored. And no one is taking it seriously. There's a panel that was put together which is what this article is about. It says the Houston Police Captain responsible for monitoring the AIDS activist March during the Republican National Convention admitted he made mistakes during their confrontation with officers. Three gay rights activist said Thursday, but they said the observations of Dale brown police Special Operations head who supervised officers during the ruckus, were not solicited when police chief Sam nutria Nucci investigated the incident. The three activists Chris Beck and a nice Parker and Ray Hill, said that this exclusion is further proof that Nietzsche whitewashed his report, so as to place police in the best possible light. The report, which relied on videotaped accounts and police statements, commended the officers

handling of their encounter with activists outside the Astrodome on August 17. To me it's saying that unless you get caught on videotape the police can do what they want, said Parker who ran for city council last fall. It's telling officers we won't investigate and we won't follow up. Police spokesman Rick's Hartley said that new Chia new tea or brown neither one of them wanted to respond. The report has come. The report has become the biggest test of new cheese eight month reign as 11 of the 15. Council members have said his investigation was one sided. They also said that he should have interviewed marchers and independent observers with the Clark Reed Foundation. In the American Civil Liberties Union who offer substantially different versions of the confrontation, marchers and independent observers claimed they were struck with billy clubs and charged by horse mountain officers who tried to disband them. It goes on and I won't read the whole thing. But basically it says police say no unnecessary force was used, and that they followed normal procedures. Brown, the police, Dale Brown, made his admissions to Chris bacon. And I think that that's how we know about it. You know, that's how it was printed.

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Randy Fields 20:38

If there's no normal police procedure, all I can say to all the courts out there is beware of police officers in large groups.

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Diane Williams 20:45

That's the truth. We have been really trying hard to work with the police department, we have gained so much and we have worked. You know, there's so many people out there that don't want to work with the system. And I would love to work with the system. Frankly, I would love to work with them. I think it would be great if we could work with a system to you know, be empowered and you know, get the necessary gains and goals that we need. But if the system is going to do this to us unfairly, unnecessarily brutally humiliatingly painful things. People were taking the hospital, people were given first aid. I mean, it was just incredible. I've never seen anything like it. abuse of power by people in uniforms. And it was totally whitewash there was nobody basically held accountable for their actions.

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Randy Fields 21:35

Well, you know, something, something, something else that I know, this is a controversy, even in the queer community is people people are saying, people have approached me numerous times about that they saw somebody on TV burning an American flag and a few barriers. So what you know, so who cares if we brought you know, if I have to burn 150,000 American flags, to let George Bush know that I don't appreciate his murders, AIDS policies, and I'll do it.

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Diane Williams 22:03

It's a symbol folks. It's a symbol. It's a symbol that I hope we should all be very proud of, we should think it'd be wonderful for us to be proud of our country. We have an excellent country here, the best that I know of, but at the very same time, certain policies that our country

partakes in, is offensive to depart to a part of our country. So those people who feel the need to do this, that does not give somebody a free pass to go beat them up, especially not people in authority.

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Randy Fields 22:37

Well, you know, you know, so that something else your article said was, do the police have to get caught on videotape. If anybody remembers recently, the police were caught on videotape beating somebody up and all four of them were acquitted.

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Diane Williams 22:53

That's right. That's right. I want to talk a little bit about to about the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance. I know that you're pretty involved with that. And that was a personal kind of pet peeve with me for a really long time. I've had to step back recently. But can you tell me a little bit about the situation with the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance? Briefly for our listeners, the greater Houston AIDS Alliance is a body that was designed to help facilitate the funding of grants, government and private grants to HIV service providers. And recently, we've had all kinds of ruckus and hubbub about it, can you?

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Randy Fields 23:33

Well, I believe it was in July, Judge John Lindsay, who by the way, is a white heterosexual male Republican who had probably doesn't even know a single person with AIDS, nor does he want to know a person with AIDS. And he decided, when ever but when almost all the AIDS activists were out of town. And in Amsterdam, he where he sneaky politics, he's he's specifically time to serve, everybody would be gone.

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Diane Williams 24:02

He took the funding away from the Greater Houston he took well,

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Randy Fields 24:05

he didn't take all the funding, he tried to take all the funding, but he took all the Ryan White, all the Ron White model to but right Ron White title two funds from the from the alliance. And so and then, they also we just found this out recently, they, after they're trying

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Diane Williams 24:23

to I know that they're trying to they were at one time trying to acquire all the paperwork, all the names of clients, all the names of people that the service provider service that were connected with that particular title. And in fact, they did do that. And it turns out that that's a breach of confidentiality. So the fact

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Randy Fields 24:44

that in fact, they went they went to they went into the office into the greater Houston AIDS Alliance office about one o'clock in the morning and took all the files. So if you're a person with HIV and in Harris County Now, John Lin Xion Steve Radek and the rest of this fascist probably know what you're seeking to know what know what your name is and where they can find you.

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Diane Williams 25:06

Now, well, supposedly, a lot of people claim that it's not a breach of confidentiality because the same people knew about it before that knew about it. Now it's very, very debatable that many people in the community feel like all as well and all is okay. To me. I think that is absolutely not all as well all as okay, if only because of the powers taken away from the agencies that are HIV service providers and now is given to people who are not HIV service providers, you know, who are county commissioners and Commissioners Court people so act up is going to be yes taking those guys on

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Randy Fields 25:52

tomorrow. Tomorrow there's a a press conference at three o'clock by the Fair AIDS Action Committee Act Up is also a sponsor of this they're going to it's going to be a press conference and ACT UP is going to be doing are doing doing the ACT UP thing so everybody come to the firehouse FAR, FAR house at a 1413 Westheimer at three o'clock tomorrow. If you want to see act up in action.

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Diane Williams 26:21

And well, we'll be there I know. A lot of people will be there

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Randy Fields 26:23

also. Also I don't know I don't I don't know if you've heard this rumor Diane, but I heard it I heard a rumor that the Grim Reaper may appear at Commissioner's court next Tuesday. You never know. never can tell.

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Diane Williams 26:34

Never can tell it's true. What do you know about Coming Out Day Do you know anything about the National Coming Out Day It's October 11. Now if there's any plans for that yet,

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Randy Fields 26:44

understand Qn is planning a party I'm not sure what the what the plans are a bit uncertain. They're planning a party

D Diane Williams 26:51

what's happening what's on the qn calendar? What do you know of that you can talk about

R Randy Fields 26:56

I don't think we have anything any specific thing on the roof and

D Diane Williams 26:59

we can be talking about on the radio I know that that's right. Okay, well while we gather and regroup got some more information from the paper for you got some information from the new voice we're gonna go to a song and coming right up we have one of my favorites I just love this I love this cut. I love this I love the song so much it's consolidated unity of oppression.

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KPFT Houston,

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open gates up. Did you miss me? Jimmy I SEE that you found a new friend. Warden come down his mellow because I'm back home and Hans live again.

R Ray Hill 27:57

KPFT is prison program is devoted to cops courts, jails, prison and probation and parole and the other minutiae of the criminal justice system. Tune in every Sunday afternoon from three to five, kickback, listen up, and hear what you've been missing.

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God tailor made shirts with them. at all it's gonna cost is 10 years of my life.

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Citizens United for rehabilitation of errands or cure believes that building more prisons is not a solution to crime. Cure is a group of concerned citizens who meet once a month to discuss positive strategies for dealing with crime and rehabilitating errands or ex offenders. Cure is not

a group of polarized individuals but an assembly of people from different political sectors, each interested in improving their community finding solutions that will promote revolving door policies. The members of cure invite you to get interested, become an active member of cure by attending meetings, the third Sunday of each month 5:30pm at Charlie's coffee shop 1102 Westheimer in the Montrose for more information right cure, Post Office Box 944 Manville Texas 77578.

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Diane Williams 29:30

And you're listening to KPFT after hours on 90.1 a continuing continuing tradition. And we're here talking with Randy fields we're going over community events get your pens and pencils out ladies and gentlemen. There's a couple of people I want to say hi to quickly if I can find the piece of paper that I wrote down all their names on among them is Tracy Darby. Hi. Hi Tracy hope you're listening. And Darby if you're sleep well Wake up, wake. Okay. I also want to say hi to Betty and Barbara. Thanks for listening. Martha, hope you were listening earlier. I don't know if you're listening now or not also a friend that I haven't seen in ages. Susan that I saw over at the Nance the other night. Hi, Susan. I want to thank Matt who's in the office. He's answering our phones this evening. Hear it? Five to six KPFT or 523 KPFT. What is the number here 652 6k P F T, please give us a call. I did get a call a little while ago from somebody who called wanting to talk about a play that he'd just seen in curtains called well horniness had had an excellent run for like, five weeks or something. And then they had to bring it back because it was so popular and everyone wanted to see it. They said it was I said it was excellent. It's kind of a spoof on live radio. And it's called the wealth horniness. And it's it curtains, theater 3722, Washington. It's right near heights Boulevard shows Fridays, running Fridays and Saturdays through October 17 at 11pm. And the phone number for more information is 8624548. Okay, let's see. Randy, what else are you involved with? I know that you have been an active member of Q Patrol. And I know that you hang with jewel sometimes at the care center. Is that not true? That's right. Tony, thank How do you what do you think about the Q Patrol?

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Randy Fields 31:33

We've we've been very successful. We are gay bashing has dropped dramatically and the Montrose there were since we started Q Patrol.

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Diane Williams 31:44

The the training and everything is just been excellent. I'm really impressed with the people that have been through it. So I'm really excited about that. I've got some information here from the voice as well as TW T magazine and anything else we have here. As usual, we have our Skate Night info. Get your pens out for this a roller skating is Monday, October 5 and Monday, October 19. And Monday, October 26 are having a Halloween party nightmare on wheels costume skate. And these skates are 730 to 10:30pm. And the they're close to the public, but the admission is \$5 and that does include your skates. And it's a trade winds, trade winds roller rink and that's west 34th and highway 290. That's not really too far. It's it's really close in as a matter of fact, I scannings on Tuesdays, and that's October 13 Eight to 10pm and it is open to the public and it's at the Galleria ice skate. September The skate color was black October it's red for wearing Rando white designating you as a skating homo. Where your red to go ice skating at the

Galleria Galveston there's a train and skate or bike trip Sunday, September 27. Gosh, you know, that's tomorrow. That's really early 1030 in the morning. And there's also the roll Athan for the AIDS Foundation. And that Sunday, November 8, I'm sure we'll be hearing lots more about that in the future. I have some information here from Dream cats. I have a lot of stuff happening. Nasty disposition, which is basically the dream cats. Third, pigs dance third episode of pigs dance. It's extended and it's be it is at Coombe house, Fridays and Saturdays at 10:30pm. Beginning again September 25. And let's see it says if you have yet to see this collection of outrageous vignettes and which even the set changes have earned applause Don't miss this call. 949091 Okay, 9949091 Please go by and, and patronize and patronize those people because they love us. I'm gonna give you some stuff to read, if you don't mind, if you want to check out that it's a it's a sodomy law in Kentucky. If you want to read about that just a little bit for us and give us your views. Randy,

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Randy Fields 34:21

the Kentucky Supreme Court struck down the state's anti sodomy law Thursday ruling that it violates the constitutional rights of homosexuals. We need not sympathize agree with or even understand the sexual preference of homosexuals in order to recognize their right to equal treatment before the bar of criminal justice. Before to three opinions said the courts the center so the ruling will promote homosexuality. Law bar hidden that's promote homosexuality. The law bar deviant sexual intercourse with another person in the same sex. Well, what exactly is this deviant

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Diane Williams 34:57

and who's who says what's right and how I ever tried it. That's right.

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Randy Fields 35:01

There is no Kentucky law against adultery, fornication or deviant sexual intercourse between heterosexuals. According to the American Civil Liberties Union that Kentucky court joined its counterparts in New York and Pennsylvania rulings that anti sodomy laws violated privacy rights. Similar decisions have been returned by lower courts in Texas and Michigan in 1986. The US Supreme Court upheld Georgia's anti sodomy law. Yeah, yes. Is everybody out there familiar with Bowers V.

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Diane Williams 35:30

Hardwick? No explaining to us Randy.

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Randy Fields 35:34

And in Bowers versus Hardwick as to what as the court case they're referring to, but in 86, a policeman in Atlanta, walked into this man's house. First thing early in the morning, he, for some outrageous thing about he forgot to go to court to pay a traffic ticket or something. And

didn't even have a search warrant, walked into his house, walked all the way to the back to the back bedroom and open the door and then saw this guy, Michael Hardwick, in in bed with somebody else and charged him with the sodomy laws and Supreme Court found nothing wrong with that.

 Diane Williams 36:12

That's ridiculous. And part of part of what happened is, you know, they, they let me restart. Part of what's really wrong here is that a certain group of people are trying to tell the country at large, what is morally right. And people's morals are different. We are supposed to be the melting pot of America is supposed to be the great melting pot, people come here from all over the only natives we have or Native Americans and look how they're treated. And the bottom line is, no one should have the right to tell anyone else how to live their lives. Now, when it's endangering each other, such as a criminal act like, you know, stealing or something like that, you know, that's, that's something that's legal, and, and it's harmful, and it should be stopped. Even practices, sexual practices that some people would say are morally wrong, like homosexuality, no one should be able to say, whether that is, is legally right or wrong, because it's not known how it starts. It's not known for sure anything about it. And as we all know, it's ridiculous to assume that. And I think that people are missing the point. That's the point that people are missing. Gay people, gay lesbian people just kind of know that innately. And we know it to be true, but we don't think about it. We don't say that. This is what the problem is. That's right. And we need to step out and get more active in that. Oh,

 Randy Fields 37:51

you know, what I what I want to tell Patrick Buchanan's, and Pat Robertson's of the world is they always make a big deal about it, whether it's a choice. So what if it is, you know, I mean, in no way say that the Bible says it's wrong. But my point is, the Bible doesn't say that homosexuality is wrong. And if it does, so, it's not, you know, oh, it

 Diane Williams 38:11

doesn't matter. If you're an atheist, I can tell you that. I mean, I'm a gay Christian. So it does matter. And the Bible to me, I mean, doesn't say anything about homosexuality being wrong. But if you're an atheist, or if you're Buddhist, or, you know, God forbid, your person from a Persian country these days are from the Persian Gulf, or, you know, God forbid, you're from some Asian country that doesn't speak English and worships 16 gods for every breeze that blows. So

 Randy Fields 38:42

well, you know, you know, I'm sure I'm sure everybody heard Pat Buchanan's famous comment about taking back our country and our culture in the Republican convention. But I've got news I'm sure I'm, I feel quite sure that pets probably live Pat Buchanan probably listens to this show. So I've got a message for him. Guess what, Mary? It's my country to just as much right to be here as is you do and

D Diane Williams 39:04

that's right. And I want to tell you, Pat, Randy's wearing a tie. Okay. That's right. He's not on naked radio right now. He's wearing a tie. This young man has a tie on. And I want to tell you, it's impressive. Did you have a due date this this evening? No. Do you have a thing to go to? Because you look really nice. By the way listen

R Randy Fields 39:22

to I went to listen to force myself to listen to an hour of Andrew Sullivan at the gRPC dinner.

D Diane Williams 39:30

That's right. How did that go? And tell us tell us about it. Andrew Sullivan is a gay Republican person.

R Randy Fields 39:37

He's openly gay editor of the New Republic. Right? And he's very conservative and

D Diane Williams 39:43

it didn't didn't rock your boat.

R Randy Fields 39:45

Did not rock my boat at all. He did. Stated basically that he was anti choice. I mean, he wouldn't didn't have the guts to come out and say it with all these. You know, you know, I mean, I kind of thought he would because there were only a few women in the audience but you know, I mean, I'm certainly just as pro choice and more pro choice. And some women I know, you know, but I'm not impressed if it fails me how a person can call themselves gay and conservative at the same time they just did this debate, it doesn't, you know, well, I

D Diane Williams 40:17

can see how somebody can call themselves again, conservative, what I don't see is how somebody can call themselves gay and then not want to be treated equally. And in a lot of ways, that's what that particular person does. For me. I do know some gay Republicans that I respect to the utmost. And the reason that I respect them is because they are working to change their party, parts of their party are positive. And I'm gonna say there, because I'm known Democrat, it's true. Parts of their party are very wonderful, you know, there's so many good things about it. But other parts, you know, if I'm going to have to be stuck in a primary,

when I'm going where I'm going to have to do an either or situation. It's going to be democratic for me. So basically, if you're working to gain equality within your system of government or your structure, that's the important part. As long as you are doing something, you're not sitting there doing nothing. sitting in on your tush. That's right. We have some more info here from the new voice. We've got a lot of information as it regards the act of March and rally. Yes. And we briefly talked about that before, but I want to go into it in a little bit since a little bit more since. Since it's written up so well in in so many different places. How did how did you personally get involved with doing that? I mean, what made you want to do that? How active were you during the Republican convention? And what do you think about all that?

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Randy Fields 41:56

Well, I was very I was I was I was very active with the defending clinics against those Operation Rescue what I call Christo fascists.

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Diane Williams 42:07

I call them pseudo Christian. Yes, yes.

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Randy Fields 42:10

I was I was physically assaulted more than once by an operation rescue member. And finally at finally figured out what to do to keep them away from me one was pushing me to the middle of Friday before the convention over it. I don't know if everybody saw on TV it over to A to Z clinic, pitched battle over there. Well, that was being pushed by one of them and he wouldn't stop and I kept asking him to stop pushing me and I finally said, Okay, you could better get back I have AIDS. He did to sort of you know, it felt it anytime you were attacked by a Christian. Just tell them that you have even if you don't just tell them that you're HIV positive and they won't get nowhere near you.