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SPEAKERS

Barry Forbes



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Can you? I hear people say things today, I've never been homophobic in the past. But now I am. And I hear people using aids as an excuse for their homophobia. I don't think that's true. I think the homophobia there was there all along. And now we have to deal with the whole spectrum the gamut. That's all encompassing of AIDS. Don't you see your clients who are struggling with adolescent issues, gay issues, lesbian issues, who also happen to be HIV positive? Are they not just simply overwhelmed?



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Absolutely. Overwhelmed is a great way of saying that most of us in the gay and lesbian community are overwhelmed. I mean, we need to look at HIV even over and above what homophobia does to us. And I want to address the homophobe because it's so important. But we are suffering in our community of a disease that robs us of intimacy. It is a disease that touches two human beings kissing, all of a sudden the vacuum becomes fear. And what we have to realize is we are traumatized community. I mean, the very fact that, you know, 1520 years ago, when we went out and dated, and we did intimacy, we didn't have that horrible gnawing fear. Will this kill me? Now we do. And that affects the way we make love to each other, the way we interact with instances, absolutely, it does. And so then I want to put that in light of what happens with homophobia, the fear of being gay and lesbian. I mean, my God, we already have a disease that's killing us. And now we have an internalized fear of ourselves being gay. That in itself makes us isolated people were really afraid of each other. I want to use an example of my lover is is here with me, Jody Huckabee. And when we go shopping in the grocery store, one of the most common human experiences to people who are in love do in grocery stores, which doesn't seem like a big thing as you communicate with words. Like Oh, honey, we lived out in the burbs, you know, one crossword of saying, Oh, honey, what kind of cereal Are you getting? That's self hate. I immediately got read like, Oh, my God, did Baba hear that? You know? And what that tells us is it's not okay to be myself,



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you need to take me shopping with you. Baba would leave with an empty cart. God, I'll do your groceries. There'll be a junk food. How do you deal with a young man or woman who has yet to make up his or her mind what they want to do for the rest of their life, when they have been told that probably the rest of their life may only be three or four years that the same age they should expect to finish college, they may indeed be finishing life period.

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First thing we do, Brian is we tell them that, again, let's not let straight society teach us about success. You see, straight society has told us successful people grow up to be people with power, lots of money, and very little time for their family. So we try to do is teach them that success is about living this moment, this very moment right now, being in being able to love somebody a lot, honestly, not afraid to be yourself. What we try to do is teach them a different way to live. Because the bottom line is HIV is not going to go away. It is going to rob our community of time. People who were HIV positive don't have time to waste. And they don't have time to waste on all the mistakes, of addictions of all the horrible things that cripple relationships. I mean, basically what we see is over half of gay and lesbian relationships fall apart not because of just the addiction, but the fact that we don't like each other and we don't treat each other very well. We don't know how to be in relationship. So partly because we've not learned to do that for ourselves. Yet. We have no models, right? We have no models. All we know is to be like straight people or not be. We think that commitment as far as in a same sex relationship means a one nighter. And yet if you go to a bar, what do we find? Most of us are really lonely.

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I don't think most of the listening audience would realize I read some where a couple of years ago, some 90% of all gay men and lesbians never go to a bar a gay bar or lesbian bar that the majority of us once again the stereotype not to denigrate that person that goes to the nightclub because it is historically the safe ground our meeting area. But for the young man or woman that is at home, perhaps so repetitiously listening to this radio program tonight. I want them to know that that just what you say is the truth that there is hope out there and that there are role models, and that they need to learn to love themselves. And more importantly now with the face of AIDS, staring us ever so closely, that yes, it's young, it's good to be young and reckless and youthful, and you only have one opportunity to to do that. But they must, must listen and hear about safer sex practices. And because we can't do anything if this disease is taken away from us.

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You know, a perfect example of that is Jodi and I just stopped by Jr's this evening. And out in front of Jr's was a foundation Houston with condoms and good educational stuff about how to be safer in sex practices.

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We've got to start talking about it. Yeah, but for the other part of the listening audience that isn't the adolescence, a moment for criticism here. And this is not to criticize the AIDS Foundation, Houston. But I recently returned from the eighth and national AIDS conference in Amsterdam. We have to find ways to reach gay youth. gay youth is not legally permitted to go to J Rs, the average client that goes into Jr's has heard this message ad nauseam, they either will or will not adhere to it. And I've stood out in front of that bar and others and passed out condoms. At one point, you are only providing them with the service that they can afford on their own. We as gay men, especially have to meet, meet our gay youth, and not be afraid of being labeled pedophiles and reach out in be pure, you know, role models for them. I don't quite know how we're going to do that. But I think the first thing that we need to do is overcome our fear of being labeled a child molester. So some type of gay or lesbian, Big Brother or Big Sister program, somehow. And perhaps you have a component within your program of counseling that that's and we do, but

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one area I want to address just briefly now that you brought it up, is it's real clear that what you're not going to do is you're not going to confuse people who are pedophiles with homosexuality. And I just want to be real clear, I'm really glad you brought that up. Because we have two completely different issues. pedophilia is an illness, it's a psychological illness, and the majority of pedophiles are not gay, or lesbian individuals, right? They are straight people in our society. And 8.9 absolutely believe that. Homosexuality is NOT a mental illness. And I want to just say this, because the the adjunct to that is Where do we meet the young people, we meet them in their schools, we meet them in the places where they do. And I'll tell you an area that we need to Launch out into, we need to have gay and lesbian Scout troops. You know, it's ridiculous that we sit in a society where the American Boy Scouts say it's not alright, to be gay. You know, we need to start getting our own troops together, we need to sponsor youth activities. But part of that's our own fear. I mean, we have our own internalized homophobia, we are afraid. We are afraid to walk out into our church community and say, No, you see, we will have a youth group. And we will support our youth, you know, the young people that are coming out.

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But it takes someone making that first step, absolutely a community but part

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of it, we have to realize is that, again, we as a community, we don't support that. We don't support that we were satisfied with status quo. And the status quo won't change unless we change and

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I'm very glad that BART Loeser and others are standing out in front of the bars, helping to save Gay Men's life. And so very important, if that's what it takes, if they don't take the initiative on their own, to buy their own condoms, as long as there's some money available, if we can

their own, to buy their own condoms, as long as there's some money available, if we can provide them for them. That's good. But I'm just I'm ever increasingly frightened for that child, boy or girl who does not get accessed. And so we need to establish in the churches in the schools, and I've worked quite closely with people within H ISD. To try to achieve this. It's not going to happen anytime soon. We've made great strides on paper. So all I'm saying is we're going to have to do a lot of this very quietly and one on one and get over that reticence and that fear, make your self be a big brother or sister without you know having the t shirt printed up for grabs. Absolutely. What else would you like to tell us about your program, Rusty?



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Well See, there are a couple of other other areas I just want to touch about. And that probably is, what do you do if you're gay, lesbian, and you're young. There are a number of organizations in town that you can can outreach to. There's hache, Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection has a young people's outreach as well. And the thing is, those are safety zones. Those are zones where young people get to call and say, I need to talk to another young person. I think those are the kinds of areas that we can outreach to young people, help them in the coming out experience, because something we haven't talked about is the coming out experience is a tough experience. Young people don't kill themselves, because just because they're gay or lesbian, they kill themselves because the experience of being gay and lesbian as a teenager is horrible. So that's the kind of outreach that they really need. They need to know that there are organizations that are there for them.



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Before you continue. A lot of our audience may not know that. The Houston chapter of PFLAG has been reactivated under Gail Rickey and Carol Miller, both fine and women who are there for us and fighting very diligently. diligently and valiantly. PFLAG, they're listed, and they would welcome youth as much as they do their parents. And so there is a there's an n there also that we didn't have so a few months ago.



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And also I think youth who are interested can call the AIDS Foundation Houston as well.



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We're going to take a little break here, listen to a song, take a break, maybe get a soda and we're going to come right back with rusty Smith right after this.



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On the eve of the convention, Pacifica radio will explore the challenge from within the Republican Party regarding reproductive rights and the status of women, Pacifica and KPFT radio with vision present a national town hall meeting. Join Pacific as Larry Dubinsky as he

moderates a panel of pro choice Republicans, members of the religious right politicians and others. Your phone calls will be welcomed this Sunday at 6pm on KPFT 90.1 FM and in depth discussion of Republican views of women's issues in the workplace and in their reproductive lives. A national townhall meeting from the Republican convention here in Houston, this Sunday evening at six on KPFT 90.1 FM radio with vision.

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And we're back with rusty Smith, clinical director and organizer of the Stonewall recovery program and executive director of the tri lambda counseling associates. That's an awful lot of titles.



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when he left out, Queen. I was just sitting here thinking in the last few years. A lot of times when we have our parades all across the country, we use words like pride and proud and I think maybe one of the reasons we done that unconsciously is that there is so much shame in the gay and lesbian community. Rusty, what would you have to say about your average person that you see as a client in shame? What What role does shame play in in our lives?



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99% of all my clients are suffering from toxic shame. And when I say toxic shame, it's because we're real confused. We think shame is a good thing. We say shame on you. Our parents have shamed us because of who we are. And the bottom line is there is no room in our lives for shame. I want to talk about two differences. In our society there is enormous need for guilt. I truly believe that the society that is in power right now needs to know what guilt is about. Guilt is response to behavior. I've done something wrong. I have abused people, that's about guilt. There's no room for shame because shame is about who we are Guilt is about what we do. Shame is about who we are very good. I like the way you put that. And that's the difference. A gay person can do something wrong and that's about guilt. I can abuse another human being that's about guilt. But there is no shame in being gay. my higher power or God or whoever you

choose to believe that believe they brought you into existence, create you as a gay or lesbian person. The reason why I say that is because shame is about flaw. We believe we are a flawed people. Every time we speak, and we feel rage come up comes up is because someone told us you're not okay, Brian, you're not okay, Rusty. And what we have to do is we have to plug into the fact that guess what, I'm exactly the person I need to be a gay person. I mean, some some day, I really believe there's going to become that, that interesting day when we actually can stand in front of synagogues and churches. And we can be joined as couples in ceremonies that will respect our identities, and we will no longer have to be ashamed. Now, what's really dangerous about that is that's the shame is what we don't recognize. Is that the genesis of our problem? Absolutely, absolutely. And what happens is, we're angry, we're out of control, we drink, we use, we dope. We have all these responses, we isolate, we get depressed, we kill ourselves, because we're ashamed of who we are. And what I believe is we have to have a Regeneration. And we need to go back and we need to teach the theologians the real story of the Garden of Eden. And it wasn't about Adam and Eve. And it wasn't about Adam and Steve. It was about human beings, to creations made from God. No sexual orientation was mentioned only that there would be two human beings. And when we were created, I believe gay and lesbian and multi arrays of human beings. There was no shame. So human beings, when you talk to a two year old, and you say to a two year old, do you love yourself? What do they do? Oh, heck, yeah, they love themselves. You know, they want to poop they want to eat, they want someone to hug. And that's the bottom line. Thank God, I'm like, Brian. But the bottom line is, who taught that that two week old or that six week old baby shame? Well, human beings taught him that higher power didn't do that higher power said, Man, I love you, I create you exactly as you're supposed to be. So that's what we have to get people back in touch with. I mean, we have to erase all the horrible tapes that robbed people of respect and dignity, and reignite them with the fact that they were created. I mean, when they stand before their higher power, their higher power looks down and says, I am so glad I created you, as a gay young man, or as a lesbian, young woman.



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I mean, that's where we have to be we have to, and we can't let society do that for us. Because guess what, they won't do it. Well, how much emphasis do you bring to your clients, that they first and foremost here on Earth, irrespective of any religious belief, have the right to self define themselves, and they don't have to look to their parents or their churches. We here in America, fortunately, I've had the good fortune to not spend my entire life just in this country. We are always pegged into a slot. We either must be gay man, or lesbian. And there's a lot of reticence, and no, no no and shame over being bisexual. Fact of the matter is the majority of men who have sex with other men do not identify themselves as gay. It's society that has told us we must be pegged into this slot. And I hope within your program somewhere is room for self tailoring, and that there is not a time limit on it. You know, why should we at age 18 know what we are going to do as a profession for the rest of our lives? Why should we know that this person will live with for 50 years? And if we don't we suffer this shame that we all talk about. And, you know, an interesting thing is when you study biology, and the incident of homosexuality, it's prevalent in each in every species that has ever been studied. And I'm very proud of this fact. The higher the evolutionary chain, you go up the greater incidence of homosexuality. So what does that say about we gay men and lesbians? We just might be a little bit better than the rest of you. And there's room for some smugness. Let's let's take advantage of it and say, you know, dammit, we're



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good, right? Avoiding a narcissistic sort of center here. I did want to say one thing.



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I'm the host, you're the guest. I'll keep my place. I don't have to keep you know my objectivity.



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But what I want to say about that, Brian is I think that's an excellent point. But I think for a young person who's 14 1516, some people recognize orientation differences, as young as five and six, and that's really possible. But self definition sometimes is about fear. If I say I'm gay, at least I know what I am. If I say it, I mean, if you go on to a, you know, into eighth grade classroom and say, How many of you young men are gay? There's not gonna be



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the whole workshops come out.



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Yeah, really? Well, you know, but the point is, is that we have to realize that when we're young, we got to be open enough to explore who we are. I mean, one of the one of the fallacies of society is all gay men like to net you know, there are gay men. Well, I know you do. And I love your crochet. I



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just like what I can do with the needles. Let's see what happens. The weight and the make good hair says, God my God, don't always think the words they make your hair. At least I have it go ahead please rescue Yeah, contain



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this serious topic here.





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If we are was that a gay cat or lesbian. He was definitely bisexual. I also have a program for bisexual and gay and lesbian cats as well.



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Anything to make a buck? Okay, on a more serious note, I think anything would more, be more,



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I think it'd be more serious back to recover. But for young people, the real thing is is to be able to be supported to be exactly who they want to be. Right? You know, for most people exploring their sexuality, you're right. It may be that they will have a successful relationship with a woman and then find out later on that they are gay male, what is gay male mean? What percentage are you? But in our society, it is not okay to be something besides black and white. And if you will look at our political structure, the fact that women are struggling so severely in our society for right is about that black, right? Men have power women don't? Well, we're under that same trap. You know, it was very interesting, because I think people of color, long, long ago discovered, it's not okay to be different in the society. And so what we are taught as young, emerging gay and lesbian people is that you have to be powerful to be right. And what we have to do is realize it's okay to be in the gray areas and to be different. You know, when you go into a gay or lesbian setting, and we see people who are different than ourselves, we're the first ones to criticize them. We're even the first people to say we really don't like who they are. We need to realize that there's, there's room for everybody. You know, we need to not adopt the policies of society to say it's not alright, to be different. And so what we need to say to young gay and lesbians is explore, have fun, find out what it's like not to be black and white, explore what it means to maybe be a baseball player, as well as being a gay male



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youth hit right on a point that has been brought home to me a lot here lately, with youth that have learned that they are HIV positive. And they have peers that are just beginning to have emerging identities. They are distancing, distancing themselves from that HIV positive peer at the point that that person needs them the most, for fear of, you know, contamination by association. And I would please ask that, you know, people of all ages do that. But perhaps that youth needs that support more than anyone else. I just really don't think America is, is ready to respond to gay youth, they're going to really lose it when they realize that it is HIV infected as much as it is.



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And Brian, that's an area I want to address. And this is specifically the gay and lesbian population. We're not doing very well with our HIV population. You know, it's very unpopular to say that, but I want to, I want to clearly say this, we are not embracing our own we



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don't have to be ashamed about that would be irresponsible of Absolutely.



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Because what we have is we have a society that is even within the gay and lesbian society that is non responsive to this tragedy that's hitting our community, part of us because we'd rather turn around and look the other way. The other part is We're afraid. And there's nothing wrong with being afraid, we need to admit that, we need to admit that get honest with that. And then we need to look at the reality of the situation, we're not going to become HIV positive by hugging people and caring. And that's where we have to be. That's part of the recovery, because we have a young population that's getting ready to come into the HIV crisis, and they are coming, because much of the population that we have outside right now that's listening to us, is going to be involved in high risk sex, that's gonna be their first experience. And so we have to know is also okay, you need to exercise safer sex, but you also need to be aware that if you're HIV positive, we are not afraid of you



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another loss, and that is, you know, gay youth, lesbian youth look for heroes, and examples, role models. And oftentimes, their best example of that can be found in that man. And now, sadly, so more increasingly, that woman that is dying from AIDS are have had the great honour, dubious, though it may be seeing many great heroes. And what made them a hero was how they responded in spite of having HIV. So hopefully, you know, asked that gay youth to pull together and look at that person as a role model and in be supportive of each other. But gay youth that has a peer that is HIV positive, they need you doubly, and don't desert them, and they will benefit from it greatly.



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Absolutely. I agree with that. Absolutely.



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Well, Rusty has been very, very glad to see you again. It's been quite some time since I've seen you and enjoyed it. Brian, as always, thank you very much for your incisive comments. And is there anything else you'd like to say as we end?



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I think the last thing I'd want to end with is, gays and lesbians deserve to love themselves. That's the most important recovery tool to be able to love yourself.



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Thank you very much, Rusty.



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Welcome.



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Thank you, Rusty. And now we're gonna go to this way out, and we'll see it in half an hour.



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Do that too quick. They have no way not to know. I'm wearing the same T shirt I wore when I make the announcement that I was challenging President Bush not to let me back home particular gifts



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I brought our religious life from the struggle of gay and lesbian friends in the face of oppression, to find and express their faith



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to come into a classroom with young children who may have gender identity conflict. We must lift the horizon of the children and point them to a value and belief that the state has a vested interest in the truth is that gamblers being parents do exist. It's a part of reality. What Sheldon and his cohorts want to do is basically shield this back from being taught in schools.



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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 timely Chappelle Mexican murders and monitored mayhem sparked international protests. New Zealand Quakers extend a friendly hand and traditional families demand unhealthy education, all that and



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more because you've discovered this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman



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and I run buchmeier with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending August 1 1992. multiple murders of gay men in Mexico City in mid July have sparked international protests. Five bodies were discovered in two apartments on a single day, and as six three days later, each had been tied to a chair stabbed and strangled. One of the men was Dr. Francisco Estrada via a founder of Mexico's leading AIDS organization of a demand he call. The police are holding two gay men as suspects in the murders of Estrada Rene dilatory Gonzalez and Javier Rivero Melendez. While police at first believed the Estrada murders to be crimes of passion. Their theory now is that the violence stemmed from a business deal gone bad. Some activists are convinced that the gay suspects are being scapegoated for killings motivated by homophobia. The slings generated a flood of letters and editorials in the media protesting the poor record of Mexican bliss and solving murders As of gay men, further protests were stimulated by tabloid press coverage that seemed to blame the victims. Protests quickly became international as Elga the international lesbian and gay Association responded to the news. The first ILGA demonstration was at the Mexican embassy in Paris, where 200 protesters were surrounded and charged by 1200. Riot police, injuring nine people. Elga organized further demonstrations at the Mexican embassies in Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.



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Amnesty International USA expressed concern in his 1992 annual report about human rights abuses against gays in Colombia, Turkey and former USSR republics. Gays are among the social undesirables commonly kidnapped tortured and killed by Colombian death squads. The reported not mentioned death squad activities against gays the activists have reported in Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador, Peru and other Latin American countries. MST is concerned in Turkey is with police abuse, and it's adopted the case there of transvestite gay activist Demet Tamir in the former Soviet states embassy continues to investigate the enforcement of sodomy laws, noting the difficulty in obtaining information about prosecutions in the absence of official statistics. Amnesty assisted in the appeal that overturned the conviction of Russian gay Vladimir Mironov,



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and in the US there are problems with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The Colts report, a recent investigation by county government named for investigator James colts identified 62 deputies accused of almost 500 incidents of police abuse, including a number of shootings. The report called the department quote, a very difficult environment for gays and lesbians to work in or find employment and quote, and investigators were struck by a general fear of reprisal among gay and lesbian deputies. There are only two open gay or lesbian deputies in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the third largest police department in the US. The sheriff's largest contract is with the City of West Hollywood, which will vote in a general election in November whether to continue that contract.

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In Australia, or homosexual panic defense has won the murder of a gay man acquittal from the Victoria state supreme court. 23 year old Robert murli went home with 65 year old Joe Godfrey after meeting him in a bar. When Godfrey tried to hug murli murli stabbed him 17 times crushed his ribs with a chair tried to decapitate him and left after setting the apartment on fire.

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Also in Australia, Paul O'Grady, openly gay member of the New South Wales parliament is demanding that the Ministry of Education make prevention of violence against gays and lesbians a compulsory part of the school's curriculum. A teaching kit for this purpose is currently available to schools on request. Anti racism education is already compulsory,

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Australia's Northern Territory we'll be considering anti discrimination legislation this month, but sexual orientation is not one of the 13 protected classes. Even the conservative Northern Territory news editorialized in favor of including gays and lesbians in the bill, but the territorial government made a deliberate decision to exclude them.

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Some big names have joined in the fundraising effort to defeat anti gay and lesbian ballot initiatives in Oregon and Colorado. In November both states will consider elimination and prevention of equal rights protections based on sexual orientation. tennis star Martina Navratilova and comic actress Lily Tomlin appeared to the Los Angeles benefit that raised \$18,000 For Colorado's equal protection campaign. Tomlin is also joining TV sitcom star Roseanne Arnold, actress Faye Dunaway and filmmaker Gus Van Zandt to sponsor a Hollywood fundraiser and supportive that campaign for a hate free Oregon.

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Russia's oldest lesbian and gay newspaper tamer, is caught between spiraling inflation and increasing production costs on the one hand, and an inability to sell advertising on the other. As founder and editor Romain Cullinan wrote in an international fundraising letter quote, There are no gay businesses in Russia, and straight businessmen don't want to put an ad in a gay paper in quote Tamers latest printing ran 25,000 copies, but costs have gone up to 65,000 rubles per month, the equivalent of 550 US dollar dollars are almost 10 years average Russian salary.

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And after almost 19 years, the US gay community news has been forced by money problems to suspend publication. successful fundraising has not been able to overcome falling advertising and subscriptions then come. The Boston based paper is about \$66,000 in debt despite a 50%

reduction in paid staff. Although the organization is attempting a restructuring, this could well be the end for the distinguished publication.

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Richard Riyadh has resigned as editor in chief of the advocate the leading us gay and lesbian magazine. The resignation shocked many lesbian and gay activist because Riyadh has overseen expansion and overhaul of the magazine in his two year tenure. Under his stewardship to advocate open bureaus in Washington and Chicago, and circulation had reached 120,000. Riyadh gave no reason for a sudden departure and publisher now's Merton expressed surprise at rewards move and praised him as a brilliant agent of change.

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South Africa has reaffirmed its ban on the advocate, a South African man had challenged the ruling, but the appeals board ruled in a lengthy opinion that the publication is quote, indecent and obscene and offensive and harmful to public morals and quote,

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in New Zealand, though, the indecent publications Tribunal has opened the door to some sexually explicit magazines that were formally banned. Although they must be labeled indecent several publications have been approved for sale in sex shops to people over 18 publications are still excluded if they quote, reduce a person to her or his sexual parts and quote, or if they depict violence, coercion beastly ality pedophilia or necrophilia, or if they show women as inherently inferior.

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The mainstream Ottawa's son has become Canada's first newspaper to indulge in a public outing. Former New Brunswick Prime Minister Richard Hatfield, who died a year ago was described in a column on eccentrics and politics as the gay Playboy premier of the province.

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The BBC World Service of New Zealand has begun broadcast of coming out a six week series of programs featuring interviews with gays and their families. The interviewer is 20 year World Service veteran Jim Haile, a gay man himself.

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And finally 68 year old Mary Rathburn volunteers at the AIDS outpatient clinic of San Francisco General Hospital, much loved by the patients as a surrogate grandmother. She's known by the nickname brownie Mary for the goodies she bakes for them. Apparently she has been delivering

more than just a sweet treat to some however, she was arrested by Sonoma County Sheriff's on July 21, while reportedly mixing two and a half pounds of marijuana into the batter. After being released on bail, she said, I make them for the worst of the patients, the ones on chemotherapy and the ones totally wasting away. I pick out the worst of them and turn them on.

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That's news wrap for the week ending August 1 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman. Follow the

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news in your area and informed community is a strong community. For this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman. And I'm Ron buchmeier.

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got it wrong. Bowers of flowers blooming each morning and dawn in Virtus Hey man, everything my son, Miss had that's why I can hardly wait. Back there on Saturday, July 25. I will be returning to California on the United Airlines flight 931 from London Heathrow arriving to San Francisco at 4:50pm in the afternoon, and I defy George Bush to prevent me from returning to my home.

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That was Tomas fibreglass, a Spanish citizen but a US resident is speaking at the eighth International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam late last month. When he arrived in San Francisco fibreglass was greeted by a large media contingent and hundreds of well wishes After being processed quickly by immigration officials who only glanced at his passport, Faber Gods reminded the assembled media that the US law that bans non citizens with HIV and AIDS from entering also affects those who are already in the country.

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In the United States, there are approximately 70 million foreign born people living here. If you drive them on the ground, they are not going to take the HIV test if you threaten them with their probation. And that contributed to the spread of HIV. And that's what these laws are doing. And lo Solomon and yours force them. Well, no it

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shortly after all the TV cameras had been packed up reporter Matt binder had a brief conversation with fibreglass,



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the immigration officer told me that if you had told them that you had HIV or AIDS, then they would have treated you differently because they would have been aware of it.



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If they're saying that that only shows how hypocritical they are. Therefore, well, now, my lover and I were pull apart from the playing and take take into special lying. There was a lawyer there with me, it's been all over the newspapers and at least one network network, CNN, they have no way not to know, I'm wearing the same T shirt I wore, when I make the announcement that I was challenging President Bush not to let me back home. It's very ironic, I came here almost 30 years ago, I fell in love with with the country and decided to stay here. And I am a legal permanent resident, and I got HIV infected in the United States. And now every time I go back to Spain to visit my mother or to or to Europe for an AIDS conference, I could be prevented from returning home. And that is never acceptable.



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Is there something that you do now beyond this point,



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I'm going to take short vacation because I'm very tired. This thing I know awful lot of work and my health is, after all, not that good. I only have 10 T cells. The average for a person without HIV is 1000. So I have to rest and that's what I'm planning to do rest and recover for a few days and then continue to fight. I don't know for how long I'm going to be alive but I can guarantee you that for as long as I am alive. I'm going to be fighting this loss



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activist Tomas Faber guys talking with Matt binder.