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SPEAKERS

Greg Gordon, Nancy Rodriguez, Jewel Gray, Randy Fields, Lucy Chappelle, Scott Lewis

- J** Jewel Gray 00:02
Okay, I've got to push those buttons. I've got to learn this. Okay, we're back with Randy Peacy. Is it Peavy?
- R** Randy Fields 00:11
Fields? Fields fields? Yeah. ELD
- J** Jewel Gray 00:16
fields? all the time. Who do I know is Randy Peavy? I don't field All this time I've called I've introduced you as this. Why don't you tell me?
- R** Randy Fields 00:25
It's no big deal? I mean, well, it's
- J** Jewel Gray 00:26
a big deal to me. How long have I known you? Let's see. Okay, Fields let me write that down somewhere. Oh, geez. That's, you know, it's like waking up with someone you don't know. Really, was just jotting some notes down while we were listening to Oh, yeah, romanovski and Phillips to be political, not polite. And some of the things I was scribbling down with some of the things I'd like to touch on briefly. We just had a caller in here who was posing a question about the big fireworks going on about and I don't, and we're using that word in celebration of our Fourth of July, the fireworks going on about getting a protest going on the dome during the convention coming up. And I want to talk a few minutes about Republicans in the convention in

the dome. And she mentioned that she thought that these people were paying for time on the radio on air in town. And she was talking about Operation Rescue to or buying airtime. And she thought it was that we should have equal time offered to us to counter their ads and political announcements that we're going to be inundated with here in Houston. So get your earplugs out your cotton when we can because the Republicans are coming. The Republicans are coming. And that's kind of scary. I'm I was really looking forward to Houston hosting the Democratic Convention. I mean, that would have been, that would have been a great, great time here in Houston. I'm telling you, people from all over the country and Democrats and feeling that togetherness and the hope and a lot of optimism be here. Now, we're not going to be feeling that way. It's going to be pretty tense around here. I think there's gonna be a lot of activities and Queer Nation is going to be involved tell us a little bit about that.

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Randy Fields 02:20

Well, yeah, we have several things. One is we're going to march with backed up at this, because this is going to be a huge Ades March. It's going to be on a Monday, August 17. At 6pm. We're going to meet at the corner of fan on the north McGregor, we're going to get straight to the Astrodome and let George Bush and all his Nazi friends let it know that we don't appreciate them being in our city.

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Jewel Gray 02:48

Oh, wasn't patient problem but getting the permit for this parade?

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Randy Fields 02:51

Well, yes, we're we act up is going to sue intends to sue this the city because they have a what they have done is they've given all the all but one of the permits to out Republican groups to keep us from protesting.

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Jewel Gray 03:08

So you think someone in it within the city is not playing with the they're playing with loaded dice and loaded in their direction?

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Randy Fields 03:18


Yeah, it especially in light of our incident yesterday?


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Jewel Gray 03:22


And what was that?


 Randy Fields 03:24
At Randles? Where they had 40. police powers?

 Jewel Gray 03:27
Yeah, the Rams thing. Was it yesterday? Yeah. Do you seems like Oh, well. You were you were saying something while ago about Republicans? I really found stimulating. While I and I want you to hear this. And I know we we've talked about this, I think while I take a softer view of of other people, including Republicans. Randy has a unique perspective about Republicans. I'd like him to share with you.

 Randy Fields 03:55
Yes, I believe that gay Republicans are traitors and CO conspirators. I don't believe they should be allowed in any gay organization, in any gay bar in any gay restaurant, and I don't believe they should be allowed to live in our neighborhoods. If they want if they if they want to be Republicans, they should just find a wife and get married and live in woodlands with a white picket fence and send their son out to beat up queers.

 Jewel Gray 04:22
So, what about the gay Republicans? I mean, what about people who, who? What do you think that? What do you think they're doing to themselves and to us?

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Well, I consider them just like two people who have criticized Queer Nation. They're obviously self loathing homosexuals, who just absolutely detest who they are.

 Jewel Gray 04:45
I heard a gay Republican not too long ago. It's one of the few that I know say that. They were more Republican for the economic and blah blah, blah, blah, blah part of it then the rights and stuff that they tended to do. In lean way to the middle when it came to individual freedoms and rights and that they were Republicans for the economic part of it. And I have failed to see the logic of that now that now that we're on our knees economically in this country, how I feel I fail to see the logic of someone grabbing onto a political group and voting Republican because they think it's gonna help their pocketbook. I know that you also have some very strong feelings about religion. Scooter was telling me earlier about these big silver buses in the neighborhood that say what is it they say scooter? What did they say?

 Scott Lewis 05:39

They say that Dr. Ed Young of Second Baptist Church is the Antichrist. And of course, I was very excited to see that message being broadcast in my neighborhood and went by to see if I could offer

J Jewel Gray 05:49

them any support. He's just been elected to the he's the president. Now the Baptist Convention Southern Baptist Convention has condemned mentioned. So if if you see the big silver buses out there, wave and throw you support the Antichrist is here. But I will get back to Randy, your religious views. I've found interesting to do you want to talk a little bit about how I feel about religion.

R Randy Fields 06:20

So I don't find religion itself distasteful. I just find most organized religions. distasteful. There are some decent religions. And I know this is a big point of contention in the gay community. But I really find like, the Catholic Church and the Methodist Church less offensive because, you know, they have archaic beliefs, but they do do some social good. At least they're out there doing something. Right. Exactly. They, you know, they they feed the homeless and they take care of that. They take care of sick people and people with AIDS.

J Jewel Gray 06:53

And how much What do you think of this? The new conservatism sweeping the country and the religious organizations and meetings?

R Randy Fields 07:06

Well, it doesn't surprise me. Those people remind me of the the Hitler Youth you know, I mean, the I think the only difference between Ed Young and Adolf Hitler is a young doesn't work jackboots.

J Jewel Gray 07:23

We're loving this year. God, we're loving this. We need this more often. Yeah. Do you drive a bus? Randy? What about? What about the political race coming up? What are you What do you think? And what are you feeling about that? I know, I know that you're not gonna vote for Bush. But what do you think? What do you think you might be considering? I mean, are you comfortable sharing with us?

R Randy Fields 07:48

Certainly, I'm going to I and I believe anybody who believes in basic human rights, it's imperative that we vote for Bill Clinton because not just our our 150,000 people dead from AIDS. And the numbers are growing every day. If we don't elect a real pro-choice president and

AIDS. And the numbers are growing every day. If we don't elect a real pro choice president and Bill Clinton is a real pro choice president. We women are going to have to go back to back alleys and dirty clinics for their health care.

J Jewel Gray 08:20

And more. We don't want to see that again. People. I don't think and I don't have the numbers here. I don't think people out there who are the people who are voting and and the what our parents used to say to me, my parents, someday you will run this country. Those people who were my age and now are running this country. I don't think they remember or that they know how many people were killed how many women were killed and mutilated, maimed, botched abortions, I don't think they understand the numbers of, of women who were maimed and mutilated and died from botched abortions prior to Roe v Wade and making abortion legal and safe. If, before you vote, before you vote and you go to the polling, you have to make that decision, at least remind yourself of what it was like before Roe v. Wade, remind yourself of the pain and harm that must have gone on with women who had unwanted pregnancies or incest or rape or any of the reasons that people have to have an abortion. Look back and find out what the truth was prior vote Roe v. Wade, and then make an informed decision. Learn as much as you can about it. And what do you think? What do you think about bush and Coyle this time? What do you think their strategy is going to be in?

R Randy Fields 09:49

Well, apparently their strategy is the same last time. Divide and conquer. I mean, they're going to try to do just like they did last time they divide I added up the population into it last time it was black and white this time I think it's going to be so called a family values.

J Jewel Gray 10:10

I wonder what that is? No, no one is give me a definition of that. So I have a hard time knowing exactly what he meant. Well, I have family values I have people I love and care about that I connect with every day that you know I would be there for until till death do us part. And I come home, I work I pay my bills, I buy a car, I pay the Light Company. I have the same kind of life that that these people who pro protest to Lafley I think sometimes about family values. I'm I'm a little confused about what they mean. Do you have an idea what they mean?

R Randy Fields 10:53

Well, I think what they mean by family values is the oppression of women and in all minorities.

J Jewel Gray 11:02

So another way to put that would be the white heterosexual male

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Randy Fields 11:07

affluent white heterosexual. Exactly.

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Jewel Gray 11:10

The Republican white affluent hetero heterosexual male to rule the world. Right. Well, I've always found that repulsive. From there, tell me a little bit you know, you were talking earlier about the Q Patrol you said something happened tonight while you were out there. What was going on?

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Randy Fields 11:28

Yeah, it was about 45 minutes ago. We were on foot patrol in a blue Mercury Cougar pass by threw a bottle and hit one of our foot patrol members was hurt. Now he was he was okay. It was they just drove I guess they recognized that we were in when they drove by the just hummed a bottle at the one and hit somebody in the arm.

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Jewel Gray 11:51

Did we get a license number?

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Randy Fields 11:52

Yeah, we got a license plate number.

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Jewel Gray 11:55

Can we do that over the No. Fingers wagging really quick? Because I would sure like people to know that this this car should not be in our area and if you see them, you know watch them if if you see someone out there cruising slowly and and they don't look interesting to you. Pay attention their license plate number. There are some this isn't the first time this has happened being assaulted out there. Free you is it weren't you out there the night that they had the big ruckus. Somebody somebody got hit with a club or something that one night, weren't you out there that night?

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Randy Fields 12:34

No, we haven't had a we have we have yet to stop any assault in progress. We mainly what we've been doing is just prevention. We have if if somebody hollers anything, or of course if anybody throws anything out of a car, or if we have their if we see their license plate number in our database three times, we send it we send a postcard to their house. It says basically that we know who you are, we know where you live. And gay bashing is no longer sport. So stay the hell out of our neighborhood.

 Jewel Gray 13:09

Good like that. You know, last time I heard about that postcard, it was a little calmer. And I really liked to hear that. Stand out that hell out of our neighborhood. I've been reminded that this is after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM, it's a top of the hour. And we'd like to do that at the top of the hour because the F C C not the FAA, the FCC. The FCC likes us to do that. You told me you you had a few words to say about Q Patrol. Kind of a PSA. Do you want to run through that real quick?

 Randy Fields 13:47

Yeah. So I'd like to invite everybody did it to do Q Patrol. You know, our biggest problem is that we don't have enough volunteers. If you know if 10% of the people that that went to the Pacific street bar area on weekend nights would do Q Patrol, we could be five times more effective than we are now. controlled the whole city. That's right.

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I'd like to see that. I like to see that. I you know, I really liked it when we had the berets down here. I didn't know although kind of like Queer Nation. I don't I didn't agree with everything that they did. And all the the ways they did it, but I was damn glad to see him here. And I honored each and every one of them for their courage and their dedication to be here like I do the people of Queer Nation. And I want to get back momentarily. Oh, well, I want to get back and finish this on Queer Nation because I think it's important for everyone out there to know that Queer Nation. What it is, I mean, it's like the people who go to church and are preached to and then come out on the streets and preach to other people who bottom line is they've never even read the Bible so they don't know. All they know is what someone else has told them and I want to That's why I've invited Randy here tonight so that you people out there listening can know what Queer Nation is about and what it is and understand that Randy is one of the more aggressive people in in Queer Nation. One of the people on the far left, he says, and there are people in the middle and there are people on the right, who are more have a different point of view and are are protesting in their way too. So Queer Nation is not just one people, it's not just one mind. It's a lot of it's a spectrum of people. So that's why I invited Randy here tonight. So we can export some of that, you know, queer patrol, I mean, Q Patrol is a splinter group of Queer Nation, is it not?

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Yes, it was, it was formed by Queer Nation. It's an affinity group with Queer Nation affinity

 Jewel Gray 15:48

group. That's what that was called. And I understand that there are several other affinity groups shot. What is that?

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Randy Fields 15:55

sharp sharp is the suburban homosexual outreach program, and what does sharp do? We go out to suburban areas and be openly and visibly queer? And what does that mean exactly? Well, we started out going to the gallery, but you know, of course, 75% of the people at Galleria probably call themselves. So now we're doing like a Walmart in parallel. And we just we just walk around the store holding hands and just being openly and visibly queer. Have you had any problems with that? So so far? Well, people always stare of course, but we expect it.

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Jewel Gray 16:30

So other than just staring and noticing you're not having aggressive actions taken against you in places? Well,

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Randy Fields 16:36

we've never had any physical violence that I can recall.

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Jewel Gray 16:40

And there's a group called P ai SD pist.

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Randy Fields 16:45

Yes, that's a people with immune system disorders. What do they do? We we go to local high schools and middle schools during the school year and pass out condoms and we also with the condom, we pass out a very graphic brochure with pictures about how to properly use a condom.

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Jewel Gray 17:05

And is this one of the groups that ran into some problem last summer with this? I mean, last fall with one of the high schools here

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Randy Fields 17:13

yes, we've had we have problems that almost every high school we go to. We are it's getting better because we thought we were working. You know, we informed the police before we get before we're gonna go somewhere. And

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Jewel Gray 17:29

there's some other groups I don't want to miss those Can you name a couple more on I'm not real sure, just off top your head, some people idea of what kind of things that they can be involved in in coordination?

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Randy Fields 17:39

Sure, we have the United Colors Affinity Group, which deals with people of color issues in lesbian, lesbian, gay bisexual community. And we have show it, we have show it, which is the sincere homosexuals objective, objectively watching intelligent television, where if there's going to be a any kind of a queer positive, or AIDS show, we inform our members so they can watch it. And then we send letters to the producers and thank them for showing us movie this movies and programs.

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Jewel Gray 18:14

I've been a part of of that, by virtue of knowing you. I've heard some things like that. And I've sat down and punched out on my little word processor, my own personal letters, I didn't realize that one letter is considered to be about 10,000 voices, so that when you write your letter, you're What is it 220,000 That when you write your letter to a television show, or to radio program or something like that, that it's considered to be 20,000 voices. So you really can make a difference. If we get 100 People write letters, that's like 200,000 people that they it's like hearing from 200,000 people and that makes a difference that can make a big difference. Let's see. Any others that you can think of right off top your head? I know it's pretty, you know, catching me off guard.

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Randy Fields 19:04

We also have a fine young queers, which basically is concerned with the issues of lesbian gay and bisexual teenagers and youth. We just find young horses held a forum on I believe it was the Saturday before Pride Week. We had a community meeting and discuss some ideas about what we can do to to help youth who are struggling with their sexuality.

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Jewel Gray 19:36

I know that in some of the dealings with the T and T situation was named John John bushland. Yeah. That we were talking about, you know, where the money was going for the T shirts that he was selling and comparing that with the money that queer nation makes from the T shirts that they sell. And you told me that the money the money From the TN the anti gay T shirts, anti queer nation shirts. You weren't sure about where it was going, but you knew where every penny was going for queer nations T shirts. Do you? Can you share that with

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Randy Fields 20:16

us? Yes. He John Bushnell's T shirts that he sells he claimed that the profits were going TO THE COLT 40, fives and different aids organizations, which is true. That was an honest statement. However he where he doesn't tell you is that only 40 cents from each t-shirt sold is what his

However ne where ne doesn't tell you is that only 40 cents from each t shirt sold is what his profit is

J Jewel Gray 20:41

10 What does coordination do with the money that they raise and and get from benefits and what they can come up with? What do they do? I know we're scribbling here, again, we have we have

R Randy Fields 20:57

we use what we use the money we get from selling our T shirts to fund actions. Of course, we know we were always in dire need of funds, especially with the convention coming up. We have to buy posters for picket signs.

J Jewel Gray 21:13

So what you're doing is putting the money back into the community by the protests that you had. And so all the money goes back, you know, into the community as to what coordination is doing. Let's see, there was something you know, I wanted to ask you a question about one time I was at a queer nation meeting and there was a lot of kind of look like convention, a lot of fighting, infighting going on. And I didn't understand at first, what was happening. And it kind of was, it was kind of ugly to me. And I didn't be that's because I wasn't informed. And I didn't know what was happening. Later, I was told that the reason that goes on is because you have no leaders. That's right, that this is a non, that everyone is on the same level in coordination, so that everyone has an equal voice and that sometimes it's hard to hammer out consensus, and that you sometimes need to get that things get passionate. And since hearing of that I see the meeting the couple of meetings that I went to, in a different way. Can you talk a little bit about the no leaders in the queer nation?


R Randy Fields 22:20


Yeah, queer nation is a real democracy. I mean, there are no leaders. All we have our two facilitators who are different people every week. And they're elected the week. At the end of the meeting the week before. Anybody coordination is an open forum, anybody is free to come and say anything they want.


J Jewel Gray 22:41


And I've seen I've seen people do that. Bringing information from all all parts of the city into meetings and just making announcements for to let people know what's going on. Well, Randy, I think we've covered just about everything. Is there anything that we haven't covered you wanted to talk about?


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 Randy Fields 22:58
I think I think that's about it. I


 Jewel Gray 22:59
think that's about it. Well, that that's Randy fields, everybody out there for God, I'm so embarrassed, and he's been talking about coordination and Q Patrol, and we're gonna go to Queer Nation cart. It looks like

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if you think queer nation is a bunch of radical queers, think again. We're doctors, lawyers, teachers, parents, politicians, students, and radical queers. Queer nation is a group of people joining together to end discrimination in all its forms. Many people are interested in queer nation because queer nation addresses ideals and issues particular to them. Affinity Groups A queer nation include shop suburban homosexual Outreach Program, a program to be visibly queer places where lesbians and gays would not normally be visible. Pissed people with immune system disorders. FYI Q fine, young queers, United Colors of Queer Nation, Q Patrol the eyes and ears of Montrose, and many, many more. We meet Tuesday nights at 7:30pm 1505 Commonwealth in Nevada at the Montrose palace. For more information call 5292969.

 Jewel Gray 24:24
Well, that was our beloved Diane Weems doing a queer nation. PSA. What do you think of that? Randy?

 Randy Fields 24:28
I thought it was wonderful. That is true. You know, anybody's welcome in coordination. We'd love to have more people show up to the meetings.

 Jewel Gray 24:36
And you're ready. You're you're willing to your new take in doctors, lawyers and Indian chiefs.

 Randy Fields 24:41
Certainly. Like I said, we're even we're even willing to accept Republicans, but only if they agree to be educated,

 Jewel Gray 24:48
educated. Understand. Well. Randy. I really appreciate your time down here. It's been

educated. Understand. Well, Nancy, I really appreciate your time down here. It's been educational and I'm proud to be called I'm proud to call you one of my friends. I would like to Come down some other time. We'll talk. I'll do it. Okay. We're going to talk we're going to listen to Nancy Rodriguez whose son Paul Broussard was murdered in a gay bashing incident recently, and she's going to talk about take back the streets

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Nancy Rodriguez 25:24

Hi, this is Nancy Rodriguez. When my son, Paul Broussard was attacked and murdered July 4 of last year, the city of Houston rallied together to help put an end to hate crime. Over 2000 gay and lesbian people and their friends and families marched through Montrose standing up in pride and with powerful voice. You sent a very direct message and attack on one of us as an attack on all of us. Your message was heard the state legislature passed the hate. Crimes against gay and lesbian people are now recognized physically as hate con. And Eastern began the first undercover operation to combat gay bashing. much progress has been made. But the road to better understanding and equality is a long one. We must not go back. No one with me and once again proclaim your pride and your power. We will be marching from the corner of Montrose and was through at 8:30pm Saturday July 11. Stand up and be counted with your friends, neighbors, city officials and community leaders. With our hearts and voices unite. We say we will never be fallen again.

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The letter has a maximum of 30 days to ratify the law. But you can do it in any moment. Maybe at the moment the program appears is already verify. I hope not. Do you know anything about the gay parade? Yes, of course. Well, what's the gay parade about? I don't think about it. I'm not real clear. I'll be honest with you. I've never heard anything about it. Maybe

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I don't know about my cultural

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history.

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Lucy Chappelle 27:49


Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucia Pao.

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Greg Gordon 27:54


And I'm Greg Gordon. Nicaragua's sodomy showdown draws international attention.


 Lucy Chappelle 27:59
Partnership gets a boost in France and Scandinavia.

 Greg Gordon 28:03
And what's the Stonewall and who was this Christopher Street?

 Lucy Chappelle 28:06
All that and more because you've discovered this way out.

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I'm Mark Sakamoto and I'm Cindy Friedman with news route. A summary of some of the news in our affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending June 20 1992. The Nicaraguan National Assembly has passed Latin America's most repressive law against lesbians and gay men. Article 205 of the Nicaraguan penal code reads, an individual is guilty of the crime of sodomy if he or she induces promotes propagandizing or practices in a scandalous manner. The cohabitation between individuals of the same sex and set individual will face punishment of one to three years in prison and quote, it goes on to increase the penalty to two to four years for a crime of illegitimate seduction if quote, one of those who engages in these practices, even in private has some other disciplinary or commanding power that implicates the influence of authority or moral direction and quote, the penal code revision was a rider added on to what had been a piece of progressive legislation and anti rape law. The measure was uniformly opposed by the Sandinistas, but they were narrowly outvoted by the US supported uno coalition. The International gay and lesbian Human Rights Commission and then Managua base Kochi Quetzal Foundation are urgently calling for international pressure on President Violeta Chamorro, to persuade her not to sign the June 11 bill into law, which he has until July 11 to ratify Chamorro has close ties with the Catholic Church and has been outspoken in her opposition to lesbian and gay rights. This way outs Greg Gordon has more on this story.

 Greg Gordon 30:03
And then CeCe is the Latin American coordinator for the International gay and lesbian Human Rights Commission.

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 Greg Gordon 30:19

I understand this measure took a lot of people by surprise because it was attached to a fairly progressive anti rape law. It



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was surprisingly to all of them because, as you say, The initiative was presented by three members of the Sandinista bloc in a sort of very progressive reform of the penal code. But then it was elevated to Justice Committee inside the National Assembly. And when it returns to the assembly, it appears this article two or five, before that, they never speak about homosexuality in this reform of the penal code. The International gay and lesbian Human Rights Commission in coalition with all the Latin gay and lesbian groups in the US, they're making a campaign to write ocean to Violetta tomorrow. And I'm going to give the fax number. If they want to write a letter about your HMO, they have to write to Gasser presidencial, Managua, Nicaragua, and the fax number is 505-262-7911. And I'm going to repeat the number of the facts of the letter tomorrow is 505-262-7911. From the US, you have to dial Oh, one one and a 505 is Nicaragua. Two is Managua and then the Presidential number is 627911. From other places, I think in general, it's like an international code five or five is Nicaragua.



Greg Gordon 31:53

And then Ricky I see is is the Latin American coordinator for the International gay and lesbian human rights commission based in San Francisco. And in Los Angeles. For this way out. I'm Greg Gordon.



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Should tomorrow sign the measure, the Nicaraguan Center for Constitutional Rights has promised to challenge it in court. Among Latin American nations, only Ecuador and Chile have sodomy laws on the books.



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The highly publicized case of two men who were the first to be charged under the Bahamas, strict new sodomy law has come to a close after the charges were reduced from that felony carrying a sentence of up to 20 years. Both Malcolm Chapman and Trinidad and Andrei Nelson pleaded guilty to misdemeanor gross indecency. Although they maintain their innocence of having had sex on a beach in the early morning hours and act which would have been legal for a heterosexual couple. The guilty plea appeared to be the quickest way for them to leave the Bahamas, where their passports were being withheld. Chapman's problems did not end there. However, he was first required to obtain an additional visa in order to enter the United States and then fired by the Miami Florida based Carnival Cruise Line for having a criminal record. Now back in Britain, Chapman intends to file a discrimination lawsuit against the cruise line



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on a gay beach in Singapore for men were arrested by undercover police for outraging modesty. Conviction could lead to any combination of penalties including a fine a caning, and as much as two years in prison. Police have issued a statement promising to continue the sting operation quote until the problem is eradicated and quote



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in France, a poll commissioned by the gay and lesbian magazine gay pa found that the country's population supports domestic partnership rights for lesbians and gays by almost three to one. Two Socialist Party members of the French Parliament are advocating legislation to grant domestic partners the same social security and inheritance rights as married couples. John Paul Pula kg of collective CUC believes such legislation might be passed by December and said, I believe there are no longer any repressive laws against gays in France. We can now start pushing positive laws.



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In Sweden, though the population is evenly divided on the question of marriage rights for gays and lesbians. According to a survey commissioned by the F I t news bureau. Registered partnerships for gay and lesbian couples are expected to be legalized in Sweden and also in Norway in the next year or two. The Swedish survey also found that more than three fourths of respondents opposed adoptions by gays and lesbians, with only one in seven supporting them.



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Finland is actively considering registered partnership legislation, a parliamentary committee and do was the concept in a report to Justice Minister handle up polka. Polka has said that the outcome will be determined by the attitudes of the Finnish people.



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Oregon State Representative Gail Shibley, who came out as a lesbian after being appointed to the legislature when a whopping 87% of the vote in the Democratic primary earlier this month to try to keep her seat in the November elections. Although her Republican opponent is viewed as a strong challenger Shibley is impressive primary showing came as a surprise at a time when Oregon fundamentalists are actively campaigning for ballot initiatives against lesbian and gay rights.



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More Lesbian and Gay Pride celebrations are planned around the world this year than ever before, including the first all Europe Pride event. The seaside resort of Brighton hosted Britain's first gay and lesbian Pride marches this season in May, with about 3000 participants. Members of the British National Party called off a planned counter demonstration when they realized they were out numbered 10 to one.



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North Carolina gays and lesbians held a march and rally in mid June despite organized opposition from local churches that included over 500 phone calls to the mayor of Asheville. celebrations have also been held in Santa Cruz, California, Indianapolis, Indiana, Boston, Massachusetts, Detroit in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Las Vegas, Nevada, Memphis, Tennessee and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Also this month Guerneville California, a favorite Russian River resort of San Francisco gays and lesbians held its first gay and lesbian Pride festival.



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Another first was the proclamation of June 27 and 28th as lesbian and gay pride days in St. Louis, Missouri, after a number of years of rejected requests, the city council of Kansas City, Missouri and the mayor of one of its suburbs, Westwood Kansas, also made first proclamations of gay and lesbian Pride Week, a Kansas man has filed for a restraining order against the Westwood proclamation, claiming it constitutes conspiracy to break the state sodomy law.



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Recently on this way out, we told you about 16 year old open lesbian faith Elliot's lawsuit against her high school classmates in Ohio for harassment. The jury found in favor of 12 of 18 students saying Elliott had failed to prove her case to students and their families had settled with Elliot before trial. One student and 13 families were dropped from the case by Judge Michael sage and the families of three students who failed to appear for trial were ordered to pay Elliot the maximum damages of \$2,000 each



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Would you believe a lesbian and gay newspaper in Siberia. The new monthly severe ski variati comes out of the town of barn owl offering political, cultural and AIDS prevention information.



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The latest mainstream advertiser in the Netherlands The gay client is Chesterfield cigarettes, which does not advertise in the US gay and lesbian press. The back cover ad features a handsome blonde man with the caption, get a taste of it.



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And finally, US President George Bush brought new popularity to the phrase read my lips. But the British Direct Action Group outrage thought the House of Commons would get their message better from another part of the anatomy, and a demonstration to lower the same sex

age of consent. 13 activists dropped their pants outside the House of Commons to display the phrase equality now printed letter by letter on the back of their underwear. We presume they meant equality now with no ifs, ands or buts.



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That's news wrap for the week ending June 20 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman.



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Follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community for this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman.



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And I'm Mark Sakamoto.



Lucy Chappelle 39:25

Next week, on this way out,



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standing on a corner I'm Ken now



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five years ago inspired by the 1987 march on Washington, John Arterton and Elliot pill shop posted notices around New York City announcing their intent to form a men's singing group along with Arterton and Pelle Shah, Aurelio font Michael Callen and TJ Meyers first performed on a street corner. Today Cliff Townsend and Jimmy Rutland have replaced pill Shaw and Myers they rarely perform on street corners anymore and the audience's which flocked to see them are no longer exclusively gay and lesbian.



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I guess we should try to ascertain if there are self identified straight people here in the audience come out let's see hands okay there's a few isn't it just amazing how they blend in with the rest of us



Lucy Chappelle 40:29

— don't miss debuts very special profile next week on this way out the words and music of the flute



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Sean's. Bla and we're listening to this way out the international gay and lesbian and bisexual. They half listen radio magazine



Greg Gordon 41:27

my friend. Gay and Lesbian pride is traditionally celebrated during the month of June with festivals and parades in cities around the world. Because the history and culture of lesbians and gay men is still traditionally omitted in virtually all school textbooks. Many in our community remain ignorant of the pivotal event which these June observances celebrate. This way out tries to remedy that situation each year. We begin with excerpts from a program originally broadcast on WB AI in New York City in January 1969.



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This is the new symposium a program from and for the homosexual community on bird cells and also unhand criminate. Lam. The discussion for tonight was what's more or less what's wrong with the homosexual culture. And when I sent out the schedule, and so on, I simply noticed that whoever have the regular panel that wanted to be on could be on tonight. And apparently the rest of them just don't think there's anything wrong with the homosexual culture because only Kermit showed up. And I will say that I know that Marie had a class tonight. So that's why she couldn't make



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I have felt and I think I've changed even my thinking on this in the last three or four years is that homosexuals are proud enough to be homosexuals and get out and you know, be militant a little bit and say I am and a little like I'm glad to see now in the racial thing that negros now are just trying to get along with everybody else. They've seen beauty in their own blackness. Yeah, black is beautiful.



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It bears on what you're saying about being proud of homosexual, which I think even at now is a little much to ask of most people, but just being open about it. Since doing this program, and kind of because you're doing this program and trying to find people to do this program back at the beginning. It is come so sharply to my attention that total lack of courage that the homosexual community has, and I know the reasons dammit, and I've been to it myself. I think that is one thing you can really pin on all of you out there is cowardice. I know I'm gonna get letters saying okay, it's easy for you, you're not gonna get fired from the station. But it hasn't been that easy feeling that I've totally lost contact with with my father because of this program.

And I know that people's lives can be ruined if they open up and reveal themselves on an idealistic plane. We all know that if every homosexual said what he was tomorrow, that the whole situation would be changed for the better. Now this is obviously a pipe dream. But for every homosexual that does open up and reveal himself. There are that many more people that realize that homosexuals are real breathing human beings. They are not sex maniacs, or freaks. That many more young people that Are



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