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SPEAKERS

Lucy Chappelle, Greg Gordon, Scott Lewis, Jewel Gray

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Scott Lewis 00:01

that she is his wife and using his things, we're very protective of our name. We're very protective of our organization. And we're very concerned that a lot of things that queer nation does go on behind the scenes and people don't know. And it's not all these radical things that you see on television, we've done sensitivity training for high school counselors, for H ISD. And in order to continue to be able to do those kinds of positive things behind the scenes, it's very important that we keep our reputation up to a certain standard. And we're afraid that we might lose that if Leslie were to get involved. So Michael Crawford jumped in at that point, and told her you are not a representative affiliated with involved with queer nation. And he turned around to address the media to tell them, she is not a part of coordination. She is not a member of coordination, she is in no way involved. And at that point, Leslie got real Butch. And just well, and I thought she left that part on the operating table. But she got real Butch and pushed the devil out of him twice. From behind. Michael refused to address that and just tried to make his statement to the media. Someone intervened, separated them before it got real bad. And they were both charged with a fray which basically means fighting. Hopefully, the tapes will prove in court that Michael did nothing but get pushed from behind. But as we saw in the Rodney King incident, the tapes don't always do what they should.

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Jewel Gray 01:43

Yeah. Well, I wanted to go back just a second. What is it about Lesley that, as far as you know, what is it about Leslie that makes her so appealing to queer nation?

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Scott Lewis 02:02

Let me stipulate first that my experience with Lesley is non existent, and I would have to go on hearsay, but for some reason, and I have heard it described. She has been alleged to be a dictator, Nazi type politics a Hitler. I understand that if things are not exactly the way she

wanted them, then they were not at all. And she alienated people after people after people and I would. And that would be why ACT UP Houston under Lesley Perez control, became a two member organization her and her mother.

J Jewel Gray 02:44

Leslie was also involved in that stop the crossroads, wasn't it? Crossroads? Yes, she was Memorial display on the Esplanade here in the Montrose, her and Dawn Sanders the atheist on standards not Dawn Sanders, the singer. Had Sutton were instrumental in stopping that entire event and having it changed to Bell park that year. And a lot of people haven't forgiven her for that. I wonder if you think that has something to do with her?

S Scott Lewis 03:19

Well, I think it's one piece of the puzzle that is certainly something that has hurt and offended and upset many people in the community that she would do something like that, that and change something that's so important to so many people. But that's one piece of the puzzle that is not the only time that Lesley Perez has done something off the wall and crazy. Another good example would be her recent appearance at Commissioner's court at the hearing about gha a fuss about funding for the greater Houston AIDS Alliance when she was there in support of Su Cooper

J Jewel Gray 04:01

Yeah, well that I wanted to I just wanted to address this a little deeper about Lesley so that people know that queer nation is not a discriminating body though absolutely not it there's been a lot of history with this person. And I say person loosely because I'm really not sure of the correct her correct affiliation right now. I'm not sure that level of of alterations she's been gone through. She was a delegate at the convention. Last year, I somehow managed to be a delegate it then at the DNC last year, do you recall that? She was chosen as a delegate. I thought I thought well, that must have been a precinct of war because I it was

S Scott Lewis 04:46

my precinct turn her mother lived in That's right.

J Jewel Gray 04:49

Anyway, um, so that's, that's about what went on the other night at City Hall if if you have any information we'd sure like you to call us and give it to us. Excuse me. And I have to offer a heartfelt apology to we've been addressed we've been read, and I appreciate that. Kyle out there called us from the boondocks, out there in Sharpstown lounge, and we we appreciate what you say, Kyle. And we really, we really apologize for calling Sharpstown. area the boondocks. And we appreciate you calling letting us know that there are people out there in sharp town land that are not redneck and are very angry John Goodner. So

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Scott Lewis 05:38

I think I think what's very important for Kyle, and I appreciate what you say, and I apologize for calling that the boondocks. I call everything outside the loop the boondocks, that's just a queer habit of mine living here in the Montrose

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Jewel Gray 05:50

have to get your visa stay in

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Scott Lewis 05:53

the loop to go to the Galleria. But I think what's important for Kyle and anyone who lives in goodness district, and if you don't just call and tell me do anyway, is to call him and tell him how angry that you are that he does have constituents in his district who are concerned about these issues.

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Jewel Gray 06:09

Okay, and we're going to go to Romanovsky and Phillips do and when heterosexism strikes, for those of you in Sharpstown. We are different after hours, but we're still here. Okay, I just wanted to clear it up. So we are continuing tradition here at KPFT. Some of the things I want to talk about here for a few moments are a great article, great column by Molly Ivan's couple of days ago, that was talking about the sub political atmosphere we're experiencing here before the great face off in November. And she was addressing the family family values and recent homophobia that the Republicans are using for their campaign this year, kind of the we, she she said, and in this article, and I agree with her, we are going to be the willie Hortons this year, the willie Hortons this year, and the rub come Republicans are going to use our backs to try to walk to walk their way to the White House again. And since the family value thing has happened, there have been a lot of uncomfortable remarks by people on the other side of the railroad tracks, shall we say to the visitors? It's the left isn't it? Or the right, we're,

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Scott Lewis 07:49

we're choosing where to the left?

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Jewel Gray 07:50

I can never go to the right. I can never I can there. Okay, to the right. And a lot of that's happening, including the John Gardner thing. And before I move on to this, I remember I'm sorry, Sally, I forgot you wanted to say something. Sally woods, wanted to say something about the John Gardner thing. And that goes, what was that you wanted to say? Sally? Well,



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I would just kind of like to say that in his comment about it being a money being a one way tube, and there was no productivity from this is that, uh, you know, if one human life is saved by the AIDS funding, then then if that's not his dollar well spent, then Oh, it's my dollar well spent, then I just, you know, it's sad, sad for him. And that was just kind of it would be nice if we thought Mr. Gardner was listening to us, but you're on after hours. But heaven forbid he would do that, because then he might be a little bit enlightened and somewhat informed.



Jewel Gray 08:51

Thank you. Thank you. Wow. Yes, I like that. Yes. The article I was talking about about Miss Molly did was part of it was about the family values. And then she moved into the economic issues of the of the campaign. But recently, we've been hearing a lot about family values. I'm sorry, I can't spell. Scooter. What do you think of this family value? Family? Well, if I ever if I mean ever, a husband. I mean, you have you have folks and siblings who and



Scott Lewis 09:35

I think more so what they try to address when they say family values is the and when they say specifically traditional family values is they're talking about man wife, child dog rover. And the thing that I think is so incredible about Bill Clinton and and his saying family values is that Bill Clinton is saying that queers have families too, and that you know that gays and lesbians have families They're just different kinds of families. And and that gays and lesbians still have values. I have values, you know. And just because I'm born, as we read in the Chronicle today and the post today, I am born to share my love with someone of the same sex as opposed to the opposite sex doesn't mean that I don't have a family and it doesn't mean that I don't have values.



Jewel Gray 10:22

I have always felt that family well, you know, I heard something on Donahue the other night, the other afternoon, and it was they were interviewing that married couple. The two men that were ride I saw that and I really



Scott Lewis 10:40

run rod Jinx Jackson. Uh, yeah, I



Jewel Gray 10:44

think that was a rod Jackson, um, the other guy was named Mike or something like that, I'm not sure. Anyway, they are a married couple who have done a couple of talk shows. And Donna, he was one of them. And they were talking and one of them said something really interesting. The

other day that I wanted to share with everybody is that we family values can be taken in several ways. And, and one of the ways it can be taken is every gay person is part of a family somewhere, part of a family system that is already an old family, not something new that we're looking for next week, to find it the singles column. But an old system that is at least as old as the person is that it belongs to. And, you know, all people look at us and see us alone. And even if we spent our whole lives choosing not to couple with someone of our own sex, we still a part of families and family systems that that have values. Our families have values I have, I have five sisters. And and each one of them is living a perfectly normal life. I'm part of a perfectly normal family system. Little dysfunctional in the edges. But but as far as the Republican view, I'm a family with the same kind of views that I'm sure Dan Quayle has that, you know, there's this major, I mean, patriotic you know, mother who wears the pants, who tells that he wears the pants and, and the kids who are rebellious and, and, you know, the same old family values. But I know that what they're talking about is the single parent to end the game lesbian coupling that goes on that. But I want to remind people that we are part of families, whether we pair off or not. And the part about this that is offensive. To me is the single I know that the gay coupling but the single family, the single mother who's out there left with a child because there's an absentee usually, usually heterosexual father is is not something to be overlooked. If these people would address the absent fathers and the taking care of these children, then I wouldn't have a whole lot to say about their philosophy and family values. Asking for cute Patrol I'm getting a note here. Hate Crime over the radio. Oh, okay. Are they on the line? No, no. Okay, Q Patrol. If you're out there, please call us we are interested in what's going on right now. We have some we want to we do oh my goodness, we want to report a hate crime here at the radio station. So give us a call. And so we can fill out a report. Just to remind people out there if you have been assaulted or in some way homophobic ly abused to give us a call, or connect with Q Patrol, gay lesbian switchboard has number and file some report on this. Just I don't really know what's going on, folks. But as soon as I know about this hate crime that we're about to report, I will let you know

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Scott Lewis 14:12

the substation right there on Westheimer because they are incredibly sensitive to the gay and lesbian community. Great. Yes, because some officers out of there who went and did vice versa. I

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Jewel Gray 14:23

have heard a lot about the substation people at the substation. And, you know speaking that and we'll get back to this family guys minutes go. Speaking of that, I would like to also let anybody know that we support our local police, the more local the more support. I don't have I don't have a lot of empathy for the West, you police but the guys across the street and blue are being very supportive in our neighborhoods, and I think we should support them. So that's my soapbox this evening. But this thing about the family values it's becoming not nauseating to me. Oh, absolutely everything I hear now, and I really appreciate the way that Clinton made it very clear, very clear, very clear without any subtleties. He didn't hide it in some rhetoric. He didn't bury it in, in election ease language, he said it very clearly that gay and lesbian people have a right to, to be included in, in their platform and in their in the philosophies that are being espoused by the Democrats now, and made it very clear that he thought that same sex coupling was as much a family as, as the nuclear family, the mother's father and 2.1 children,

and who always wondered what that one part was, might be the dog, the dog, and that and I was real proud to listen to those speeches at the DNC recently. They were really inspiring. And I was, I was really pleased when perot made his statement about him pulling out of the race was because of the rejuvenation of the Democratic Democratic Party. And I think that he was a wise, wise man, not not not necessarily for pulling out, but for recognizing the rejuvenation of the Democratic Party. So I want to remind you, you need to register to vote out there has to

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Scott Lewis 16:38

register by October the fourth to qualify for the general election, which is on November and the third, we need

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Jewel Gray 16:45

every vote. Think that Scott here can do it all for us. Troll or Brian Bradley can can do it all. So get out there and register if you're old enough. If you're not old enough, get out there and complain out there and complain that that you're not allowed to you're not allowed to vote we I think it's it's interesting that some some countries allow 16 year olds to vote. Some of the more Nordic Nordic countries allow 16 year olds to vote so Hey, get out there. If you're listening and you want to lower the voting age again, let's do it. What do we got? We got about two minutes. Let's let's do a song. What do we got? You got a song? Yes. No. Doesn't have a song. Okay. Okay.

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Scott Lewis 17:34

Come up with something I want to out. Yeah,

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Jewel Gray 17:37

as matter of fact, I have a real thing close to my heart, I want to say and that is it. k.d. lang is coming to town. I don't know if you've heard it on the radio. I like her to be close to you. Oh my god, what I like her close to my heart. She's coming to town. And if anybody, if anybody wants to buy me a ticket, I got I tried to put my hands on one and was unable to do so because I was a little little lackadaisical in my approach. And I waited just a couple hours too long and missed them. So if you have a ticket out there, and you need somebody to go with you, somebody who, who you can feel safe with give me a call here at the station and I and Linda, let me have a ticket. I'm I would like if anybody out there knows k.d. or anybody who's affiliated, okay. To let her know that we would love to do an interview here at KPFT. And we would do it with with as much respect and dignity as we do everything else down here. And with wine

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Scott Lewis 18:40

and cheese. Feeling if we're going to do an interview with k d, a federal piece, some of the men



Jewel Gray 18:46

Oh, no, no, no, no, I'm selling tickets. And we



Scott Lewis 18:49

better make sure k.d.'s on one side of this disc and jewel on the other.



Jewel Gray 18:54

K event anybody? Give us a passionate plea again, if anybody out there knows anybody I've connected with and we would really love to do an interview with k.d., especially after her recent coming out. And we could talk to her about being a country girl in Texas, a Canadian country girl in Texas, and some of her music. I was listening to her new album today. And there's one song that I really liked something about Kate or Katherine, that I was really getting off to. I was wondering if this was somebody that k.d. really knew, because this was an interesting song. So if, if you haven't heard this new album, catch it somewhere. It's it's different. It's great. It's great. It's a little more mellow music not as much up and honest, you knew that dummies holding it up, ingenue. It's great and support your local, your local, not your local, your national international lesbian stars. So, we're going to take you to this way out here and we'll see you in about a half an hour



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The House of Representatives is made up primarily of Democrats and Republicans. I changed his wedding would be pretty slammed



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the platform calls for the protection of civil rights of lesbians and gay men.



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I am a gay man with AIDS and if there's any honor and having this disease it's because it's an honor of being part of the game lesbian community in America for





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too long politicians have told the most of us that are doing all right that was really wrong with America is Them. Them the minorities them the liberals, them the poor, them the homeless them the people with disabilities them the gay, there is no them there is only.





Greg Gordon 21:04


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


 Lucy Chappelle 21:10
And I'm Lucy Chappelle. Tomorrow gets more time to consider Nicaraguan law against


 Greg Gordon 21:15
love. Japanese activists can fight Tokyo City Hall

 Lucy Chappelle 21:18
and convention queers play a supporting role in democratic drama, all that

 Greg Gordon 21:23
and more because you've discovered this way out. I'm Cindy

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Friedman and I mark Sacramento

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with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending July 19 1992. In Nicaragua, there's been a delay in the progress towards enactment of what activists have called the most repressive sodomy law in Latin America. The Nicaraguan National Assembly had passed article 205 on June 11. And President Violetta Chamorros deadline for action on it was expected to fall on July 11. In fact, the assembly recessed immediately after voting on the article, and apparently the bill will not be forwarded to show tomorrow until after the legislature reconvenes in early August. Activist now expect to have until late August to lobby Chamorro to veto the bill, which would punish not only gay and lesbian sex acts, but promotion of homosexuality and possibly even cohabitation. Amnesty International, the International lesbian and gay Human Rights Commission and Nicaraguan gay and lesbian rights activists are calling for an international letter writing campaign to pressure Chamorro

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19 members of the Japanese organization occurred journey to San Francisco seeking support for its lawsuit against the city of Tokyo, the first lesbian and gay rights case to be heard in a Japanese court. The group had first complained of harrassment during its meetings at a local

youth center. The Tokyo Board of Education responded by denying them meeting space at any youth center. San Francisco Board of Education member Dr. Leland Yee joined openly gay board member Tom Ammiano, openly lesbian San Francisco supervisor Roberta Achtenberg and San Francisco Human Rights Commission director Edwin Lee in writing letters of support.



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Over 1000 Lesbians and Gays joined a noisy Pride march in Sydney, Australia. Their June celebration marked not only the anniversary of the New York City Stonewall Rebellion, but also police abuse of marchers in the first Sydney Pride event in 1978, and the passage of persecutory legislation by Nazi Germany in 1935. The March ended with a rally to dedicate the new Stonewall gardens and the planned site of a gay and lesbian Holocaust Memorial. A stop was made along the way at the Tasmanian Tourist Bureau to protest sodomy laws there.



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However, the Tasmanian police commissioner has made a strong statement against discrimination in police personnel practices. He said that sexual orientation should be irrelevant to hiring and promotions and that discrimination within the department should be addressed.



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The first Euro pride celebration drew an estimated 100,000 gays and lesbians from all over Europe to London late last month.



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500 gays and lesbians attended a Pride festival in St. Petersburg, Russia that featured both Russian and German performers.



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Gays and lesbians in the Ukraine have organised for the first time. Their new group to colors is starting a publication and has ambitions to open a social center, Tourist Bureau and cafe



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The City Council of Toronto, Canada voted last month to extend benefits to the gay and lesbian partners of its employees. After four years of defeat, the narrow victory for the bill was spurred by several discrimination complaints filed with the Ontario Human Rights Commission and an intensive lobbying campaign.



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The London based artists group pop against homophobia has extended its eighth annual poster campaign into Italy. 150 posters depicting affection between same gender couples will go up and Tarun and Kunio in addition to 300 that will appear throughout the United Kingdom.



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New Zealand's broadcasting Standards Authority has added sexual orientation to the group's protected under its television code of broadcasting practice. The action bans portrayals of lesbians and gays that might encourage denigration or discrimination. The Boy Scouts



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of America's policy of discrimination against gays and lesbians continues to stir up controversy. Even in the United States Congress. Only a procedural vote prevented Louisiana Republican Clyde Holloway from introducing an amendment to appropriations for the US Treasury and postal service that would have punished three organizations for defunding the scouts. He proposed on the House floor that local United Way chapters protesting the scouts policy, be denied use of the postal system, and that major bankers Wells Fargo and the Bank of America be denied funds in the Federal Reserve System.



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On the other side, the Unitarian Universalist Association, which previously had been identified as a chartered organization of the Boy Scouts of America has followed the Union of American Hebrew congregations in denouncing the scouts policy. And the Chicago Council a boy scouts has been placed on probation by the United Way of Chicago and stands to lose about \$700,000 per year 13% of its annual income if the policy isn't changed by mid 1993.



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And finally, you may be familiar with Dusty Pruitt's name because of her lawsuit against the US Department of Defense, which dismissed her after six years active duty in the army and nine years in the reserves because she is a lesbian. After that dismissal on grounds of moral dereliction Captain dusty Pruitt became Reverend dusty Pruitt in the gay and lesbian positive Metropolitan Community Church. MCC founder Troy Piri believes it's time for Pruitt to combine her two careers and has submitted her name to the Pentagon for consideration as a military chaplain. Having a chaplain open to gays and lesbians would make all the sense in the world for all the gays and lesbians in the military. He told the press. But could she minister to the heterosexual soldiers? Perry says, I don't see it as any more a problem than a married couple going before a celibate priest. Or as Lily Tomlin told herself in modern scream,



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I want to talk to you about your free film about heterosexuality. It seems strange to you seeing yourself making love for men on the big screen. Oh, well. I did a lot of research, you know, and

yourself making left for man on the big screen. Oh, well, I did a lot of research, you know, and by the time we began shooting, I was used to it. I guess people are pretty amazed that a woman who looks like you do can play a heterosexual soul realistically and still be perfectly normal. I've seen these women all my life so I know how they walk. I know how they talk. My family said how could you do such a thing? People just don't understand. You don't have to be one to play one.



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That's news wrap for the week ending July 19 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



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and I'm Mark Sakamoto. Guys



Greg Gordon 29:42

July 16 may have been a pivotal date in US presidential politics, or it might only have been a minor footnote, depending on how things turn out this November. At a morning press conference in Dallas unofficial candidate H Ross Perot officially announced his withdrawal from the race and that night Bill Clinton made his formal acts Often speech as the nominee of the Democratic Party, Mark Beavis, as the first part of this story, as you



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know, if we cannot win in November, the election will be decided in the House of Representatives. And since the House of Representatives is made up primarily of Democrats and Republicans, our chances of winning would be pretty slim.



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\$10,000,000.02 months later, Ross Perot has decided you won't run for president after all. The formerly undeclared candidate has said he is sparing the country the political confusion a three way race would cause if there were no clear winner,



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that the House of Representatives does not take the president until January. The new

that's the House of Representatives does not take the president until January. The new president will be unable to use the month of November in December to assemble the new government. I believe this probe would obviously put it in the House of Representatives and be disruptive to the country. So therefore, I will not become a candidate.



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Today's announcement comes just one day after Perot's chief political strategist resigned. Edward Rollins claimed he and Perot suffered irreconcilable differences on how to run the campaign. The Pro decision also comes just days after nationwide polls showed the Texas tycoon in third place down 10 points to 20% of eligible voters. That drop happened in just a week. Less than 12 hours before the Democratic Party was to formally hand the baton to Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton. Perot stole the spotlight. But in his statement in Dallas, Perot complimented the Democrats and saying they had revitalized their party. And their new strength, he said, has made his chances for a clean win in November doubtful. They've done a brilliant job in my opinion, and coming back. And I am hopeful that both parties will really focus on what the people are concerned about in this country. I



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hope we will focus on rebuilding our country. That's not the people.



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The Democratic candidate reportedly telephoned the independent Texan after hearing the news and the Republicans also tried their sales pitch on Perot supporters. Political scientists will debate for hours and write volumes on Perot's intentions and motivations. Critics will most likely see his withdrawal as not being able to stand the heat of an election,



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Perot didn't quite understand the democratic process.



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Tulane University political scientist Ron King is a student of presidential campaigns,



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I expect that he thought himself the Savior. And since he did, he didn't want to subject themselves to the scrutiny that the vast majority of citizens give when someone announces that I can leave the



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country. And King says he doesn't believe pros excuse of not being able to take a majority of votes.



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If He actually believed in the people. And in his ability to lead the people. Then he would be in it for the duration. How does he know it would go to the electoral college before any votes have been cast? In fact, before even one candidates actually officially been nominated? We're still in warm ups. And he's predicting the outcome.



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Where will perot's support now turn will disenfranchised Republicans returned to the bush camp. How about the so called Reagan Democrats? Frank crown is one of perot's petition campaign organizers in Prince George's County, Maryland. He says he's depressed.



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I was concerned about the lack of real guts and leadership, both in Bush and in Clinton, and I saw the promise of a real leader and parole and now I have to reconcile myself to choosing one more time the lesser of two evils as I've had to do, and so many past elections, this is



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Mark Beavis in Washington. Love



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to innovate.



Lucy Chappelle 34:23

You're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Greg Gordon. I'm Lucia Chappelle. On July 13, the Democratic Party kicked off its four day long nominating convention in New York City. The major television networks gave less time to the proceedings than ever before, but that didn't stop gay and lesbian delegates from making their growing influence within the party known this way as Dave bule has the details.



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gaining political clout within the two major US political parties has been a long slow process for lesbians and gay men. Recently, the Republican Party's plan Foreign committee rejected a

lesbians and gay men. Recently, the Republican Party's plan Foreign Committee rejected a request to discuss gay and lesbian issues. This year Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton's primary victories and certain nomination placed him in a position to craft a platform he could wholeheartedly support. And for the first time, two lesbian and gay individuals were asked to present parts of it.



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The platform calls for the protection of civil rights of lesbians and gay men,



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openly lesbian San Francisco supervisor, Roberta Achtenberg,



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it is a matter of justice, that all people should be allowed to work free from discrimination, and that lesbians and gay men who choose to serve their country in the military ought to be entitled to do so. As a nation, we must stand for the proposition that all people are of equal value. Our inaction as a nation on AIDS and HIV disease is proof that we have not valued the lives of gay men. As a woman, I have been forced to fight for the right to control my own body. As a mother, I have struggled for my family's economic survival, and for my child's future, as a lesbian and as a Jew. I have had to live with fear for my physical safety, and for that of my peoples, and if that weren't enough, the same leaders are scapegoating people like me, and families like mine, by charging that we are destroying America. What is destroying America is lack of opportunity, the abandonment of justice, and the harangues of false prophets.



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weeks ago, Clinton told the press that the convention would be addressed by two HIV affected individuals. One of them turned out to be Clinton's environmental advisor Bob her toy. While Clinton was engaged in a search for us to speakers. A toy told him he had just been diagnosed with AIDS.



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I'm a gay man with AIDS. And if there's any honor and having this disease, it's because it's an honor of being part of the game lesbian community in America.