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Okay, got some interesting stuff here. I think it's interesting. I keep saying that. And somebody reminded me the other day, they didn't think was interesting. I think it's interesting. People who are celebrating birthdays this month, and that are presumed to be because some of them, we don't know, for sure we can only take behavior as, as a model of whether they were not people who were gay or gay supporters. One of the ones that I'm most interested in is this is obviously from this magazine, which this calendar which is the course of that the gay desk calendar, the gay desk calendar, and it says here that Lillian Commons birthday is this month and Lily Tomlin is one of my favorites, and she's originally considered one of the most protein inventively common comedians of American TV. She now stands revealed as somewhat more one of her five of our finest actresses. Born in Detroit she enrolled in Wayne State premed huh that's interesting. I think that's cool. But left when she discovered comic talent she hit New York and 66 were comedy clubs. Um, let me see if she didn't New York right after college and 66 What's all that maker said? She out of my car my rage. She said her 40 Oh, that's not bad. I like that. Worked comedy clubs did few commercials and finally a show called The Gary Moore Show. Three years later came laughing I don't know how many of you out there listening can remember laughing but I can't. And she did Edith and and that and she sent a huge cheer. And she was great. I used to just wait from week to week to see that that character sheet says here the master of characterization detail and watch she became a sensation. The movies were inevitably develop inevitable development in her career even if stumbled badly in the disaster moment by moment, which was I think the curse of moment by moment was John Travolta or John revolting as I call it, and not Lily Tomlin. But always the finest part of her talent was unleashed by live audience and I saw her live one time at the tower theater and it was a time just to pee just to pee. Something about her presence ignited divine spark in her as witnessed her phenomenal success in the search for signs of intelligent life in the universe written by her equally brilliant partner Jane Wagner. I think they've split up recently. I thought I heard someone say that they maybe it was Joanne Loulan and Margie Adams I heard it split up that just broke my heart. Anyway, those that's Lily is birthday month. Is it Ives? Yves Seattle. I don't I don't I don't do the Eve thing. His birthday is this month Andy Warhol. His birthday was this month of Alfred Lord Tennyson, Percy Bysshe. Shelley. Let's see some other names and we could be these are all gay people and Claudius, the Roman emperor and 10 BC. Let's see. Lucy Stone which is American abolitionist and feminine feminist was born in 1818. Larry rivers and American artists was born in 1923. Let's see who else we got here. Claude Debussy, Debussy, French composer 1862 Let's see. A lot of these names are names that should be familiar to you from just everyday existence. And if you're interested in finding out more about these people, because they were and are your history, take a few minutes and look these up. The Montrose

library has a great selection for gays and lesbians. They have local periodicals and history books. These books that I'm reading from are probably there, this book that I'm reading from, especially, probably there. So this book that I've been reading from is called the gay book of days by Martin Grief. And it's a wonderful book and I look at it often. Jim, lets me use his here but I have my own coffee at home and I look at it often to discover into it, kind of see where my history is to discover my history. And to connect with that I like to know more and Jimmy's Library is the best in town other than the Montrose library. So and it's good, it's a good library for other things too. So he's, uh, he's kind of popular library. So these are some things that are I like to share once in a while and we're going to be doing a lot more or that? Oh, let's see, I think you'd have something queued up for me. I'm a little parched here. So we're gonna let Jimmy play a card.

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People whose lives have been touched by HIV AIDS are invited to come together for Club Carvill. 90 to a free event sponsored by 10 local HIV service providers. Club carnival 92 will be held on Sunday September 13. from 11am until 3pm at the Metropolitan multiservice Center at 1475. West grey, free food and carnival style games we provided for the HIV AIDS infected individuals and their family and friends. Local jazz band Sebastian Whitaker and the creators will provide live entertainment. individuals interested in volunteering at this event should call 6236796 sponsors of this event include age Foundation, Houston, others bearing community service Foundation, body positive critical care America, home nutritional services IV team, NAACP, national medical care and the PWA. Coalition of Houston. Club Carvill. 92 is not a fundraiser for any of its sponsors.

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Well, that was nice. That was Romanovski and Phillips. No, I'm sorry. That's Ron Romanovsky. Baby take advantage of me and the telephone company loves me. Both of them kind of mellow. We're kind of doing a mellow night tonight. Sounds like back in the early 70s, late 60s mellow. So we're sticking with a kind of a theme tonight. So I'm not going to read to you what I'm just reading, because that just rouse you up. But I will tell you that I wanted to say something about something I have been reading just for your information. There was an act of protest shortly. At one point during the at one point during the convention while they were here, and it kind of got ugly. And one of the excuses that they used for justifying that it got ugly was that the people there burned in American flag? Well, I want to assure you that it was not an American flag that was burned. It was one of these aides. Bush and what is it? It was it was one of the AIDS Bush flags that they had that had looked like an American flag. Are you sure Scott? Are you sure? I

saw the flag go up. I saw the fella have it and I saw the flag just before that instead down the bottom of it. H bush and whatever that a lot of things. A lot of things. Well, this one, this flag. This one this flag in particular was the flag that I saw go up was the age stop aids, stop aids and Bush flag. Yeah, the third is Bush aid flag. And I wanted to say that I that was not a good excuse for what happened there that night. But Scott is telling me there was an American flag burden there. But I'm sure it wasn't the one on the on the TV, the videos that I've seen because I did pay attention to that. Just a few seconds, just a few moments. We're gonna go off to this way out tonight. And I understand we have a special it's next week. We're going to have a special piece on this way out next week. So I'm sure they'll tell you more about it next time. But it's it sounds like Scott and Jim did an interview with Scott and Diane.



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Diane and I did a special assignment for this way out from Houston and the Republican convention we did a before and after piece that we'll hear next week that before and then the following week we'll hear the our summation of what happened during the convention. We're very proud wit, and hope that it's a continuing another continuing tradition here on after hours that we continue to do other pieces with, with after hours, they've already asked us to, to follow the Paul Broussard case on their behalf.



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Great, great. Well, I'm impressed. And I'm, I'm proud to, to be adding to this way out, which is listened to all over the country at all the Pacific stations that have gay programming. So around the world, Jim is making the big around the world. So he does that out on Westheimer making around the world. With dollars. So we're real proud. And we wanted to let you know that that that had gone on. So I was under the impression this evening earlier that it was gonna be on tonight. But I've been corrected, and it will be on next week and the week after. So we're going to take you to Well, I think we have like, what 15 seconds, we can do it for 1249. It's 12 minutes. Okay, so we have three more minutes. Okay, two minutes. I am right on the top of it. Later, I want to read a letter that I saw on the twit, and it is an excellent letter. And I want to read this it was name withheld on request. So I'm going to take credit for it. Because I would have written this if I'd had the time and had some of these facts together. So stick with us. And we'll read this in a little bit. I'm still expecting Nancy Ford to be here. And that looks like her at the front door. And she'll be here with us after this way out. And we'll laugh and talk a lot about what's going on and what Nancy is up to and and have her input on some of the other stuff that's going on. So now I'm going to make him take you to this way out whether he likes it or not. We'll be back in a little bit



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to this way out international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucy Chappelle



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and on Greg Gordon. Connections greater in gay gray matter virus bombshell becomes flash in the pan and aids brownie Baker busted but battling all that and more because you've discovered this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman,



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and I'm Brian Nunez.



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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 August 8 1992. an openly gay man has filed a job discrimination complaint against US President George Bush's reelection campaign. Tyler Franz alleges that he was fired from his position at Bush quail 90 two's Information Resource Center because he is gay friends said that he approached Bush Quayle campaign chair Robert mosbacher in May about the growing influence of conservative religious leaders in the re election drive. A month later, Tom Harvey the campaign's personnel Chief told him that due to ideological differences with the religious right, some GOP leaders wanted him out. France told ABC Nightline I believe my rights have been violated. I'm an openly gay man. I have been for many years, I was forced out of my job because of it. The Bush Quayle campaign claims that it offered friends a promotion to a position as assistant for building services. According to Deputy Press Secretary Tony Mitchell, France, quote, refused that position and submitted his resignation which we accepted and quote, but in France's official complaint with the Washington DC Office of Human Rights, he says he was offered an extra month's pay if he would write a letter saying he was quitting because of personal stress and waive any claims against Bush Quayle 92. For damages, said

Laura Einstein who is representing In France, nobody actually said to him, you're out of there because you're gay. But if you look at the facts and how the events unfolded, I think it's inescapable to conclude that ideological differences were just a buzzword for them not liking his being gay not liking his position on gay rights. France is seeking back pay compensatory and punitive damages and attorney fees. It may take up to 18 months before the DC Office of Human Rights hands down its decision.

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A Japanese political candidate supporting gay and lesbian rights won his appeal against customs charges of importing sexually explicit material. A candidate on the gay and lesbian positive that Samito party ticket for the Upper Court of the Japanese parliament was in the middle of his campaign when convicted and fined for importing explicit videotapes and magazines from the US. The High Court determined the point ban did not apply to materials imported solely for an individual's personal use.

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One of the most explosive stories to come out of last month's International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam appears to have been more like a dead. Matt binder has this less than a bombshell report.

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The idea that a mystery virus is causing aids like symptoms caused reporters at the conference to focus on that instead of the many other aspects of the AIDS epidemic. A prominent scientist is backtracking on his promotion of the new virus theory. Dr. Ludwig gross now says that too much has been made as the finding of something called viral particles in the cells of two women with acquired immune deficiency and no trace of HIV. Gross now says he doubts that those viral particles have anything to do with the women's aids like symptoms. Other experts were skeptical of this all along but powerless to stop the media preoccupation with the story. Dr. Donald Francis says reporters have to get over their tendency to over dramatize

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amongst all of literally hundreds of 1000s of AIDS cases around the world was a handful I think, probably mount to some 30 cases that are immunosuppression that were not associated with HIV. That's interesting scientifically, but it's certainly a very small problem. They don't seem to be growing rapidly. They're not necessarily transmissible. Interesting. They may be caused by a virus, but they may not because it's another one of the many unknown diseases in medicine,

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Francis says There have always been a few unexplained cases of immune deficiency. He says it's time to worry if the number of these cases starts to grow. In San Francisco, I'm Matt binder.



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In the US United Auto Workers UAW voted to amend its constitution to protect lesbian and gay members from discrimination. The addition of the phrase marital status or sexual orientation to the Union statement of purpose, passed without serious opposition at its annual convention. In 1989, a similar resolution was killed before even reaching the convention floor. Even though general union membership and political clout has been on the decline in the US during the past several years, the UAW still has more than a million members.



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The British territory of Gibraltar has the United Kingdom's last remaining sodomy law on its books, that actually provides for a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, but Gibraltar officials say it's their policy to enforce it only when a minor is involved. Gibraltar is in the process of overhauling its legal code to align it with the European Convention on Human Rights, but has given sodomy law reform a low priority for lack of pressure from within. The British Foreign Office is providing that pressure from without, as spokesman Ian Hughes stated, we intend to ensure that your Baltar obeys its obligations.



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Open lesbian Jane Spa has been approved to serve as CO pastor of Rochester New York's downtown United Presbyterian Church. Although the Genesee Valley presbytery voted to confirm spars appointment 10 member churches appealed the appointment to the permanent judicial commission of the Senate of the Northeast. The Commission approved the appointment by a nine to one vote. Although the US Presbyterian General Assembly decided that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian faith and life in 1978. Sprog was ordained in 1974 and didn't come out until 1978.



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The US Presbyterian General Assembly will have to consider another open lesbians bid for ordination in the fall. Lisa largas was certified for a pastoral position by 75 churches in the Minneapolis Minnesota presbytery, but the regional Synod covering six Midwestern states overruled their decision based on largas sexual orientation. local pastor and McKee noted the irony that the same people who rejected largas sexuality would probably be proud of her for advancing despite her being Wind



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and sexuality is shaking up the Presbyterian church outside the US as well. In Auckland, New Zealand, st Island's church pastor Jeffrey vine created a stir after revealing his bisexuality on a television documentary. Although vine had first come out to a national Presbyterian conference

a year before, his parish council had asked him to keep it out of the media. After vines television appearance, he was forced to leave his parish.



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It's taken 13 years but Jewish gays and lesbians are finally getting recognition for planting 3000 trees and love Israel. Back in 1979, the World Congress of gay and lesbian Jewish organizations celebrated their Fourth International Conference with contributions to the Jewish National Fund to plant the trees. When the Congress went to Lahav. A year later to dedicate the Grove, the fund was ready to return their money rather than offend the Israeli right wing by putting the G and L words on the plaque. The Congress chose instead to compromise with the installation of a blank plaque while continuing to correspond with a fund. Now finally, the Congress was able to announce at its annual board meeting that the plaque can be properly inscribed.



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The City of West Hollywood has approved the installation next month of a monument called the queer village in protest. A cast bronze triangle will stand five feet tall inside a triangle of trees inside a triangular traffic island. It's intended to under the power of unity and to commemorate peaceful protest actions, including hunger strikes for AIDS care and for lesbian and gay rights and the series of demonstrations last year following the governor's veto of California's lesbian and gay rights bill, AB 101.



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And finally, the biggest monument of all remember how the gay and lesbian Pride Parade in Los Angeles was kicked off with a bang by the 7.4 magnitude landers earthquake. Well, there's more to that story. Coming out in an interview with the lesbian news KelTec seismology spokeswoman Kate Hutton couldn't resist showing off a pattern formed by the many landers aftershocks. Their locations on the map clearly form a giant lambda, the clearest letter in the Greek alphabet. So maybe those T shirts were right, mother nature really is a lesbian.



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That's news wrap for the week ending August 8 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, and



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I'm Brian Nunez.



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Next week, on this way out, Colin Jones gets an update from gay South African anti apartheid activist Seikos Simon in Cali about the deteriorating situation in his country marked by the almost constant level of violence which has gone on for weeks in almost every black township there



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you dealt with the township AIDS Project in Soweto is the level of violence in townships, making that more difficult to do.



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The gay and lesbian organization were having a conference we had to cancel it because the level of violence in every township this year, we have lost three members of low had died and violence and seven others were injured. We cannot run our programs. As we still this shootings and taping happen everywhere where group of people are, if you walk to the bus stop, it happened, somebody comes, shoot and drive away.



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We've also just received word that Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro has signed Latin America's most repressive anti lesbian and gay legislation into law. On the other hand, we're following up a report this week that the Australian Army has reinstated an 18 year veteran officer and had expelled for being a lesbian as pressure against that country's ban on gays and lesbians in the military appears to be mounting more on these stories and more next week on this way out.



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I'm Juan buchmeier For this way out. This week I talked to Dr. Raja a Gorski at UCLA School of Medicine in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Gorski study, bolstering the theory of congenital differences between heterosexual and homosexuals was published in the prestigious Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences this month to widespread media attention. I asked him to summarize some of his results for us.



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There's a structure in the brain called the anterior commissure. It's like the pathway fiber pathway. It's like a cable connecting the right and left sides of the brain. Last year we found it to be larger in women than in men. We didn't know anything about sexual orientation of those

individuals. So recently, we redid the study with new individuals new brains new autopsy material and found that the This anterior commissure was even larger in homosexual men. So in the homosexual man, it's larger than in heterosexual man and also larger than in the female.



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How did you have a sexual orientation of the subjects?



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These were from hospital records, many of the gays had died from AIDS. And so the sexual orientation was on the hospital records. This is perhaps the reason we did not include any lesbians because there were no records, indicating that whether the women were a lesbian. And we made an assumption, if there was no indication that a male was homosexual, we assumed he was heterosexual.



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How does bisexuality come into your study?



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That's an interesting question. We had autopsy material from one man who identified himself as a bisexual, but we did not include his brain in the study, because we're not we're not sure what, what to expect. In that case, we would think we know what to expect in the case of the lesbian, but the bisexual, I suppose would be somewhere in between would be against?



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What are the main differences between your study and low vase study?



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One major difference is we're looking at a fiber pathway, a cable, he's looking at a cluster of nerve cells. So that's a very different structural organization. Secondly, he found that this cluster of neurons, Ina three was smaller in homosexual men than in heterosexual men. Whereas we're reporting that this anterior commissure is actually larger in homosexual men than in heterosexual men, suggesting that if there are going to be found other differences, you can't predict which direction they're going to be that may vary depending on the structure.



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What effect is the fact that the patients died of AIDS have on the results of the experiment?

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very important question. Most of the damage produced by the AIDS virus is leads to atrophy. And remember, the anterior commissure is larger in homosexual man. In our study, we had six homosexual men who did not die from AIDS and six heterosexual men who did die from AIDS. So we were able to compare the sizes of the anterior commissure, between homosexual and heterosexual men, whether they had AIDS or not. And we didn't see any effect of aids on on our data. So it looks to us that AIDS is not a factor in this study, but it is certainly something that we have to be aware of.

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This basically destroys the nurture theory of homosexuality seems to me,

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yes, and no. First of all, we've done a lot of work on the rat. And it's, it's clear that male characteristics of the rats brain that is well structure, because there are some clusters of nerve cells in rat brains that are different between males and females. And in terms of the male's functional capacity, his behavior etcetera, the brain has to have, the male has to be exposed to testicular hormones, and in the rat, this occurs just around the time of birth, so that if you could go directly from the rap to man, then you would say that the hormone environment in the fetus, human fetus, would organize the structure of the brain. That would seem to suggest then that there is no nurture involved. But I do believe that the human reacts to environmental factors. And the way I like to put it is that perhaps hormones during fetal life, put together organize the neural substrate, the brain on which these environmental factors act, so that I think maybe the important thing is whether homosexuality is a choice or not. And what I'm saying is it may still not be choice. In other words, if hormones change your brain and change how you react to the environment, then then it is biological.

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You've been listening to my conversation with Dr. Roger Gorsky of UCLA. Dr. Gorski study, bolstering the theory of congenital differences between heterosexual and homosexual was published in the prestigious Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences this month, for this way out. I'm Ron buchmeier, in Los Angeles.

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Rebecca and I went camping, we made camp, we spent some time eating, we were laying down by stream, and all of a sudden there were shots. My arm exploded, Rebecca was hit twice and started to bleed to death. tempted to carry her, I was unsuccessful. The entire walk out of

the woods, I believe myself to be hunted. My name is Claudia Brenner. We were identified as lesbians by a stranger with whom we had no connection. He will spend the rest of his life in prison. But Rebecca, who was 28 years old, is gone.



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Homophobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry, which is



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why as a lesbian and gay public awareness project wanted you to hear and think about this message. For more information write us at Post Office Box 65603 Los Angeles, California 90065.



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As well back down, back down. You can stand me at the gates of hell stand. Back Damn.



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During the past few months Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of America and Levi Strauss each corporately based in San Francisco have announced the withdrawal of annual funding support for area Boy Scouts troops because of the Boy Scouts of America's anti gay policy. But there's been a backlash especially against Wells Fargo and B of A and lesbian and gay activists worry that the banks may not stand up to the pressure. Lily Batchelder reports.



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we know that they're getting a lot of pressure from fundamentalist Christians. Pat Robertson on the 700 clubs and almost a half an hour of his program, informing people of the issue and identifying the corporation's the names and numbers of the people involved so that people from all across the country could call these banks. We stand by our policies, right. Yeah, as a spokesman for Bank of America. We've said all along, however,



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that we think the scouts are a fine organization. And if we can find a way to continue to support the scouts and still be consistent with our equal opportunity policies, we'd love to do that.



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Both banks are facing some angry and influential investors. Stockton developer Bob French has withdrawn \$1 million from Bank of America because of that boy scouts defunding Bank of America board member Richard Clark is reportedly exerting strong pressure for a change in policy. And the Wells Fargo chief told his board he was trying to reach an accommodation with the Boy Scouts. Were not actively involved in a campaign to reverse his decision. Marty Khatron is the Director of Field Services for the San Francisco Bay Area Council of Boy Scouts. We're asking people who call us in our own volunteer constituency that that's asking about the issue. If folks feel very strongly about this issue, they should go ahead and contact the banks, Levi Strauss and let them know what they feel and let them know that they're they're not in favor of decisions that they've made. John Woods the queer Scout says the Boy Scouts have not directly called for pressure on the banks to renew funding because they want it to look like that pressure is arising from a large community that supports their anti gay policy. If the bank decided to reestablish funding to the Boy Scouts, Chris Katz has planned a nationwide boycott. They say that for the banks to even consider reestablishing funding when the banks themselves admit the Boy Scouts blatantly discriminate is the height of hypocrisy. This is Lily Batchelder.



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