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Where am I KPFT?



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Place to be



Jeff Mackey 00:39

this is the after hours report I'm Jeff Mackey Houston Lesbian Gay Pride Week. 1990 has a new male co chair for the planning group's executive committee now needs a Secretary John Nix resigned as secretary to run for co chair was accepted by unanimous acclamation at the general meeting Wednesday, February 28. Leaving one more vacancy on the governing board. Both of the originally elected co chairs Marian Coleman and Ken Wilson previously resigned for personal reasons. The Lesbian Gay Pride Week organization also has a new central phone number 4904484 the message center number was contributed by Jacqueline's, co coordinator of publications on the committee. Next join Ronnie Diaz in heading the planning and direction of this year's Pride Week celebration, which will span at least 10 days of community events. The Secretary position is scheduled to be filled with the next general meeting. Not much business was conducted Wednesday as attendance was low due to Iranian campaign activities. A brief ceremony to recognize the efforts of the 16 executive committee members was held during the meeting. The Lensky and publications co coordinator Bob Alban reported that the pride guide this year which will be in 52 page magazine format, will feature a four color process glossy cover with four color capability and all four cover pages. nonprofit community organizations will receive a 15% discount on advertising the guide Glinsky said fair copes will reported that Houston socialite Carolyn BB had very graciously turned down the offer to be an honorary Grand Marshal of the Pride Parade, saying she needed to drop back from public life for a while and intended he plans to be out of the country at that time of the year. Other possibilities are being researched. Marketing co chair helps us say the longest meeting in the history of the CUNY community alliance political action committee February 22. To decide on

the endorsements for the upcoming primaries in March resulted into surprises. However, many participants were left with the impression that some changes in procedure for future endorsement meetings were necessary. Because of the show at the summit. The meeting held at the Bristol bar in Greenwood Plaza started almost an hour late as members fought the traffic into the parking lot. Then problems with parliamentary procedures caused delays in what should have been a smooth running and fairly non controversial proceeding at Gmail chaired the meeting that saw 36 candidates who were either in attendance or sent representatives. Several candidates appealed to the Alliance for endorsements and races that the committee had decided not to consider for endorsement. The initial problem with procedure began when two poro moved to accept the suggestions of the screening committee and approved the entire site of recommendations across the board. At that point, several members tried to insert amendments to the original motion that would be your specific candidates. It was not until after a great deal of confusion and discussion that the point was clarified. Finally, it was explained that the slate were approved as it stood. Anyone who had been on the winning side of the vote, then raise objections to specific candidates in particular races. The Houston Harris County in Texas Health Departments are not spending any money on AIDS education and outreach in Houston's gay community and epidemiologist said Thursday. Speaking before the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, Robert valetti, an epidemiologist with the University of Texas School of Public Health, said that to his knowledge, quote, local government agencies responsible for the education and prevention of disease have not developed, implemented or contracted for any sustained programs directed at reducing male to male transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus since the epidemic began in quote. A lady who was aid surveillance coordinator for the Houston health department from 1984 to 1989, said some federal funds have been channeled to agencies attempting to reduce male to male transmission of the AIDS virus, but that local money spent by the departments were limited to testing and counseling for male homosexuals. Ralph Lasher, director of the Montrose clinic said no study has been done to determine how the sexual behavior of the Houston gay males have changed to due to AIDS. Last year said The clinic has applied for funds to complete such a study to orphans led he said people point to the success of outreach programs in San Francisco which has the second highest number of AIDS cases, as proof that the education and prevention in the gay community is no longer needed. The Reverend Chris Steele Chairwoman the legislative Task Force on AIDS which disbanded in 1989 said the problem with state funding is that the state health department cannot be perceived as promoting behavior that violates the state sodomy law which Grimes Alliance member and director of the AIDS education and training center at the UT School of Public Health, so the Alliance needs to work with city and county officials to improve education and prevention efforts. The RUN OUT FOR New Orleans city council seat being thought by former Houston city sorry, former Houston gay activist Larry badnera says this Saturday March 3, and Houston activists are watching the race closely, because Neris a former president of the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus and one of the founders of the city's Pride Week parade said in an interview after the first election, that he will make contact with Houston as soon as the runoff results are known. He's a native of New Orleans and longtime resident of Houston and a special fondness for this weekend as the Houston Council of clubs traditional post Mardi Gras celebration, let us entertain you weekend has linked to two communities for over 10 years. He said he hopes to call in news of his victory Houston friends at the height of the let you let us entertain your weekend celebration. campaign workers meanwhile, say the openly gay candidate has very good chance of winning even though his opponent Jacqueline Berchtold Clarkson has enjoyed a well financed campaign. And Harris has had the support of most minority groups including black and women's organizations because of Clarkson's conservative positions. His campaign claims minority support for badnera successfully crossed a tight geographical loyalties prevalent in most New Orleans elections. The people with AIDS coalition, Houston is reopening some of its original social service functions

after a hiatus caused by the organization's moved from its former location. Officers announced a special preview reception last Thursday, February 22. Additionally, the coalition has initiated new programs said Executive Director Jack Hildur. The third President Bill Napoli and vice president Arthur Crawford concluded are the much needed household goods program which provides furniture and other household necessities PW A's re establishing themselves in the community and the newly created buddy program. Alongside \$5,000 grant from Burroughs welcome pharmaceuticals manufacture of AZT will help start up the warehouse project as well as finance increased efforts in the area of crisis intervention. Burroughs welcome officials presumed to check Monday at the organization's office. The household goods program was begun in answer to many requests for assistance from PWA. Sitting up housekeeping after a lengthy period of hospitalization. Many had lost everything they own in their fight against AIDS. Within the program, limited amounts of donated furniture, kitchen items, bedroom and bathroom items are made available in Lone bases so far, however, the demand exceeds the supply. The coalition recently moved its warehouse from outside the loop to the public storage facility at law in West grey making access easier. To qualify for the program services a person must be a member of the coalition with an income of less than \$850 per month and have AIDS families can also be helped if the principal supporter has AIDS in the family income meets specified criteria. And that's all for the after hours report. I'm Jeff Mackey. Y'all take care. Hey,

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Buddy Johnston 07:59

you know you don't have to just run in and now you can like come in and stay and stick around. You know that don't

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Jeff Mackey 08:04

Yeah, I know that.

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Buddy Johnston 08:05

Well, why don't you ever do that?

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Jeff Mackey 08:07

Well, like no, I like

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Buddy Johnston 08:11

Let's talk about Jimmy while he's not here

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Jeff Mackey 08:15

what is there to say? I think he's pretty self evident. But you know, you don't have to run in and out. Did you see this? I saw that looked like fun or what? Yeah, I'm going. I took that would give

me heavy breathing.



Buddy Johnston 08:32

Okay, hang on. We'll see what's going on. Bill's coming up with the bulletin board next. Oh, hang on guys, girls. Ladies and gentlemen.



Jeff Mackey 08:39

Why men, women, men and women who am white.



09:05

Hi, I'm Bill Compton. And this is the community bulletin board for the week of March 4 through the 10th. Coming up today, Sunday March the fourth, the women's group will meet at 10am at First Unitarian Universalist Church at 5210 Phantom SK Bardwell from the Houston Police Bureau, will be the guest speaker. The topic of discussion will be women making a difference in Houston. Bardwell will convey the history and evolution of the Houston Post series women in fear which was published last October. Also at the First Unitarian Universalist Church from one o'clock to three o'clock in the afternoon, mother's support Web will sponsor a social gathering of mothers and their partners and their children together with women interested in supporting their needs, such as child care. The intent is to find others with common interest and child rearing philosophies so that women can spin mutually supportive webs. The Montrose singers, Houston Gay Men's Chorus will provide a brief performance from three o'clock to five o'clock this afternoon at the Santa Fe Trading Company ao for Pacific. The performance is especially geared for men who might be interested in joining the group and singing at future events, one of which is the upcoming trip to Vancouver for the Gay Games. For more information you may call 5268715. On Tuesday, March the sixth there's only one week left until the Super Tuesday primary. Please spend the next week doing your homework by getting to know the candidates and their platforms. In order that you can make an intelligent informed decision next Tuesday at the polls. This is an important election for every gay person in the state of Texas please plan to vote. Also. Coming up Tuesday evening, knowledgeable individuals from several local and state organizations will hold a political seminar at the multi service center 1475 West grey at 7pm. The discussion will cover various political party rules concerning the convention delegate process and how to participate and organize a precinct convention. For more information on this you can call Dennis at 74017401. Wednesday March the seventh the gay and lesbian Political Caucus will meet at 7:30pm at the Metropolitan multiservice Center for 1475 West grey. Also Wednesday, the bearing spiritual support group for HIV positive persons, their family and friends will hold a potluck dinner at 645 with a discussion to follow. For more information on this call 5261017. On Thursday, March the eighth, the AIDS Foundation Houston will host a meeting of the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance from seven to 10pm at the Metropolitan multi service center. The meeting will be a fact finding session and an open forum between HIV service providers PW A's and all interested persons. All persons concerned with HIV related infections are encouraged to attend. And finally Friday, March 9, just reminder that it is the last day to vote absentee. So if you need to do that, get out and get it done. And as always, for further information about events in the local gay community, you can always call the gay and lesbian switchboard at 5293211. Y'all have a great week take care



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of us were born in this city by some of us came looking forward to build the kind of town that would open up its arms to anyone who'd worked to get things called the hometown crowd and stay forever. Give a big thumbs up.



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route to the sky. We believe there's no place better. That's why we call in.



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Thank you.



Buddy Johnston 13:23

Yeah, we certainly are. Someone said why don't you play that?



Jimmy Carper 13:27

Because we're Houston Brown. Exactly.



Buddy Johnston 13:30

I mean, I love being in Houston. If I didn't I'd move. Right, right. Oh, you can't hear us because this is working. That must be the Greg Gordon and Lucia Chapin. Oh, what do you say you wanted to add to the bulletin board? Yeah, yeah.



Jimmy Carper 13:43


And it's something that maybe a lot of people didn't know. But I got a call from Dennis Spencer G LPC today. They're, you know, they just had their endorsement meeting and they're having a big male out to day, Sunday Sunday from 10 in the morning till 10 at night and sure would like any JL PC member just to stop by and help stuff off look, so we're just gonna get these endorsements that it's at the GRP see offices at nine.




Buddy Johnston 14:12


Love it. Love it. No, no one love it right down there with the Montrose Counseling Center. Exactly. And baby wins the what if I'm gay program going to be on again? Me that. I really want to talk about this because it's a really good program. Yeah, I think it's coming up third. And if


you have HBO or you know somebody that's got HBO you need to


 Jimmy Carper 14:35
what if I'm,


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what if I'm going to be on next is going to be on Tuesday at four o'clock in the afternoon. It is going to be on three or four the times this month, but the only time in this next week is going to be at four on Tuesday, four o'clock

 Buddy Johnston 14:49
Tuesday afternoon, right? So we'd be sure to catch that.

 Jimmy Carper 14:52
There was another show I heard about and I haven't seen it and I don't know anything about it. But a good source said Cinderella This there are right It's Cinderella. Check into that. Especially for lesbian to

 Buddy Johnston 15:06
find out about that interest. We'll be back in a little bit. This is after hours on KPFT we're listening to this way out with, right. Yes, Greg Gordon and Lucia Chapelle. So this is KPFT Houston. But I have to reach here and do this

 Jimmy Carper 15:22
oh KPFT history and drive into the none

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of the ways that people with AIDS are being discovered and American borders is they look at people who they think are obviously gay, whatever that means.

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Good Roads. Lead singer Sebastian Bach was photographed wearing a t shirt but claiming aids kills bags dead. What's wrong with killing little bundles of wood. He's worked on MTV.



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There are two gay radio shows that play throughout the week in West Berlin. And they're able to be heard in East Berlin. The second day the wall was open. Gay people from East Berlin we're already going to Mad meter which is a gay center in West Berlin. They knew where it was because of the radio show.



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This is Lucy Chappelle.



Greg Gordon 16:02

And Greg Gordon, and you're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine on after hours



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right here on Pacifica radio 90.1 FM KPFT Houston.



Greg Gordon 16:14

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



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And I'm Lucia chapels. Church of England suppresses pro gay and lesbian report disarming AIDS drug proven safe for human use. And gay publisher is a camera as changes come to Eastern Europe.



Greg Gordon 16:30

All that and more as we bring you the 100th edition of this way out.



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I'm Manuel Lunas,



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and I'm Sandy Dwyer with news route

and I'm Sandy Dwyer with news route,



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a summary of some of the news in and affecting the gay and lesbian community for the week ending February 25 1990. The Church of England has confirmed that it's repressed a report it commissioned the 1986 which recommended that the church considered blessing gay and lesbian relationships. The 134 page report was written by committee headed by London Deaconess June Osborne, but it was never made public. Reports said that many gay men and lesbians have had bad experiences with the Church of England, and that the church's bishops have a quote particular responsibility to set a tone of welcome and acceptance. Top church officials say that the report is advisory, not policy and will not be published.



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Opponents of the new Massachusetts gay and lesbian civil rights law have gathered enough signatures to qualify a repeal measure for the state general election ballot, according to the Secretary of State's office. Opponents file petitions were 60,000 signatures, although they only needed 25,000. Last November, Massachusetts became the second state in the US to pass anti discrimination protections for lesbians and gay men. Opponents of the measure originally insisted that religious institutions be exempt from the anti discrimination law. That exemption was included to get the bill passed in the legislature. Ironically, the Massachusetts State Constitution prohibits repeal of any legislation which contains religious content, and the state Supreme Judicial Court must now decide whether placing the repeal measure before the voters would violate that constitutional provision.



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Another potentially effective AIDS drug has passed an important hurdle. Maria van Clary reports.



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An experimental AIDS drug that tricks the virus and then disarms it is safe for human use. That's the result of two studies of CD four released this week. Scientists from San Francisco and Massachusetts say the drug may be especially effective when used in combination with AZT. CD four is a human made protein that lowers the virus away from healthy cells and then neutralizes it. It seems to produce only mild side effects such as moderate fever or swelling at the site of injection. In San Francisco, I'm Mary van clay



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13 A AIDS activists were arrested when they barricaded themselves inside the New York State Budget division office in Albany to protest deficiencies in Governor Mario Cuomo's new budget. Nadine Shaw reports from the state capitol. The Cuomo



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administration says the \$266 million proposed the AIDS related programs in 1991 is a 30% increase over the current fiscal year. Cuomo, spokesperson Terry Lyon, when



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you have a situation as severe as the AIDS crisis, you can never give as much money as you would like. But the fact of the matter is, is that there is a 30% increase at a time when state spending is only increasing at a rate of 4.5%.



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And then wolf and a staff attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund says the budget increase is deceptive with a large portion of the money going to the Catholic Church. This has caused a number of us to be concerned because of the Catholic Church's position on denying access to condoms and other appropriate AIDS prevention measures as well as to appropriate counselling that will not be judgmental that will be non sectarian and that specifically will not be anti gay ACT UP member Allen Beck offered the additional criticism that money allocated in the budget is often not spent.



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Columbo seems like he can live with over 40% \$392 million. Last year state healthcare budget left unspent. But the 2 million New Yorkers without health insurance, many of whom are HIV infected cannot live with that. The State Department of Health approved over 1000 HIV acute care beds through 1989 But delivered less than 100. AIDS is exploding in New York State



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and the governor and the legislature is not reacting.



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I'm needy Michelle show our reporting.



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The Iowa State Supreme Court has rejected an effort to restrict a gay father's child visitation rights. The case involved Michael T. Walsh, a Polk County man who has joint custody of his children with his ex wife. A lower court had ordered that children could not stay with Walsh if

any other adult who was not related to him was staying there to the state supreme court overturn the order saying that Walsh's sexual orientation was no reason to restrict the time you spend with his children.



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East German gays and lesbians have formed a political group that will seek equal rights and financial reparations for Nazi persecutions during the Holocaust. According to the official East German news agency and the organization will also seek legal recognition of lesbian and gay relationships and the right to adopt children. The group is called the gay Association in Germany, and it will be based in Leipzig.



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nearly 73% of the 805 respondents to a survey taken by the National Law Journal incorrectly believe that the US Constitution contains a written right to privacy guarantee that prevents the government from interfering in the sex lives of lesbian and gay adults. Although the US Supreme Court has ruled in some cases, such as those involving reproductive rights, that a right to privacy is implied in the Constitution. The document itself does not contain the word privacy. In the 1986 HARDWICK decision, the Supreme Court ruled that the implied privacy rights did not apply to adult consensual homosexual activity.



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And finally, the mayoral race and Yountville, a small town in California wine country is drawing more media attention than usual this year. One of the candidates is Terry Portman, an open transsexual foreman, who sells costume jewelry, and staged several flamboyant campaign stunts, such as wearing roller skates on the campaign trail. But she says she's very serious about her campaign, which is built around the slogan, the change will do you good.



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That's news wrap for the week ending February 25 1990. Written by Jim Schrader national news editor of the advocate with contributions from other publications and broadcasts throughout the world.



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Remember, an informed community is a strong community. Find out what's happening in your area by monitoring your local gay and lesbian media for this way out. I'm Sandy Dwyer,



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them on when new news



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you're listening to naming names a regular broadcast the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, that alerts listeners to acts of defamation against gay men and lesbians in the media and elsewhere. We were pleased to read in New York Newsday that Walter yetkin off president of CBS Records, has sent a memo to his employees instructing them to ensure that none of our records promotes bigotry. We encourage Atlantic Records to do the same and to no longer sponsor defamation based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Last November, our Los Angeles chapter wrote to Achmed air Tugun chairman of Atlantic Records concerning skid rows lead singer Sebastian Bach, who was photographed wearing a t shirt proclaiming aids kills bags dead. Bach is offered only lame regrets. What's wrong with killing little bundles of wood? He smirked on MTV. Perhaps more to the point is the song, sweet little sister and Atlantic Skid Row album, with lyrics describing a friend who was doing time for kicking ass on a queer. This is a dangerous message to convey at a time when violence against gays is reaching all time highs. According to recent studies, these studies have shown that violent attitudes towards gays especially on the part of teenagers are steadily increasing. We urge Atlantic Records to stop conveying messages that promote anti gay violence. We're asking you to write to them and to tell them that you will not tolerate these kinds of anti gay attitudes. Right to Mr. Oxman air to gun chairman, Atlantic Records 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 101 One nine. naming names is a regular project of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. If you see any anti gay or anti lesbian bigotry, let us know. Also send us copies of any letters you write in response to naming names. More if you want more information about GLAAD, write to us at at Varick Street. Number three E, New York New York 1013 or call us at 212966 1700 This is Karen Schwartz for naming names.



Greg Gordon 25:52

Next up a rare recording by a celebrated black gay poet. This



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is Langston Hughes. Many of my poems are poems about the liberal people in relation to American democracy. One called Harlem who happens to be the prime that has given the title to a hit play. What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like A Raisin in the Sun? Or fester like a sore and then run? Does it stink like rotten meat? Or crust and sugar over like a syrupy sweet? Maybe it just sags like a heavy load, or does it explode? I believe that the great ideals of American democracy will still eventually be worked out for everybody in our country, everywhere in our country. This is a poem called democracy. Democracy will not come today this year, nor ever to compromise and sear. I have as much right as the other fellow has to stand on my two feet and on the land. I tiresome of hearing people say that things take their course. Tomorrow is another day. I do not need my freedom when I'm dead. I cannot live on tomorrow's bread. Freedom is a strong seed planted in a great need. I live here too. I want freedom as you



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Why do we?



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You listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Greg Gordon. I'm Lucia Chapelle.



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One can weep for the children. But it is hard to work out much sympathy for the psalmist and addicts who have brought this on themselves. James Kilpatrick, syndicated columnist testing is more cost effective than treatment. George Bush. I don't think that type of material ought to be going out. There's no such thing as safe sex. I'm very troubled that it was published. Michael Dukakis?



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High risk, high risk for a phrase pandering to fear and dread increases. Those at risk for bigotry are coming out in spades. Now we need your car to



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David Lewis of the Vancouver people with AIDS Society explains why he and other non American HIV positive people won't be attending the sixth International AIDS Conference in an interview with Rob Atkinson.



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Last year, when the fifth International Conference on AIDS was held in Montreal, the Canadian government temporarily suspended its immigration regulations, which otherwise bar people with AIDS from entering the country. The Montreal organizers convinced Canadian officials that the presence and participation at the conference of HIV positive people was essential for a meaningful exchange of ideas and information between the experts and the people carrying the virus. This year, San Francisco is the site of the sixth International AIDS Conference. As in Canada, American immigration laws can deny entry to HIV positive people and to complicate things US immigration officers can also turn away at the border people they suspect of being gay are lesbian at a specially convened international meeting people with AIDS decided to boycott the San Francisco conference. David Lewis at the Vancouver Aid Society explains why



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one of the ways that people with AIDS are being discovered in American borders is they look at people who they think are obviously gay, whatever that means. And then they are taking these obviously gay people for secondary inspections, finding A's and t in their luggage or AIDS

related drugs, not allowing them into the country. What would satisfy our concerns this would be the American government lifting all restrictions for people with AIDS going into the United States for any reason, not just for the conference.



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Organizers of the San Francisco conference have publicly criticized the American immigration policy. They fear the exclusion of foreign HIV positive people will prompt other participants to pull out the International Red Cross has already done so. The laws have powerful and influential supporters in the States, led by US Senator Jesse Helms, who has gained an international reputation for both being homophobic and unsympathetic towards the AIDS crisis. And so far, the Bush administration is resisting the global call to change immigration regulations.



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I think they're the losers, not us. David Lewis, I think the conference will go on was the doctors and the medical people and the scientists and the pharmaceutical manufacturers and they will go on and meet. And they will give their briefs and their speeches. And we will get extracts of those and reprints of those and will have the information from the conference available to us, they will not have had our input and our perspective. And our voices heard in those decision making processes. They'll get them next year.



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There are many countries which do not have similar immigration policies. Spain is one and this spring PWA groups around the world will send delegates to their own international conference to be held in Madrid. It is



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people from literally all over the world who have AIDS and HIV infections coming together, just as people with AIDS. If there are scientists there, they're there because they are people with AIDS. It's a very different perspective than San Francisco conferences.



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So it's a question of people talking on from on high down saying this is what we have discovered and this is how you must live as it were act,



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we get a lot of fat. This is people with AIDS, sharing what we're doing in our lives, information we have ways to live comfortably, ways to deal with infections that we're coming across. It's ourselves doing this for ourselves. It's an empowering space for people with AIDS. The sixth



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International AIDS Conference in San Francisco may well be the last time that the most important of AIDS meetings is held in a country which bars people who have a crucial interest in attending and participating. For this way out. This is Rob Atkinson reporting from Vancouver, British Columbia.



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High risk, high risk for grades are they trying to protect us or police us? Ignorance takes over and induces new crusades. Now we need a cure for two diseases.



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To classify gay rights and civil rights is an insult to black Americans. editorial in the pilot, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Boston gays should practice abstinence instead of acting like stud horses. Reverend pat robertson it would probably be a good way of Fending off the population so we wouldn't have to build more prisons. Iowa State Representative Virgil Cory



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high risk, high risk for free and while our freedom flutters in the breeze a virus is scarier than missiles or grenade need your now we need more to disease?



Greg Gordon 34:33

What has life been like for lesbians and gay men in Eastern Europe? And how will the sweeping changes now occurring in those countries affect lesbian and gay freedoms. Mark Segal, publisher of the Philadelphia gay news arrived in Berlin the day the Wall came down. In this first of a two part feature Seagull describes the people organizations and political and social environment for lesbians and gay men in the German Democratic Republic with Alan Roth.



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It's interesting you fly into Berlin and as you Do you see this? What looks like a white chalk line around the city, it's actually in the wall. And it's very obvious from the air. And we landed, and we had been in, obviously out of communication for some 12 hours traveling, and we get into Berlin, and we hear the wall was coming down. Well, of course, we're all excited and went to the wall, of course, and saw all the activity and touch the wall and took off, you know, knock down our own little piece of the wall, of course. But then we went over to East Berlin. Now normally, that would not take very long, but in this day, because of the crowds and the commotion in the situation, it took us about an hour and a half just to get through the

checkpoints. So we went, we were able to get a hold of our contacts because all the phone lines were totally jam packed. So if we stick to our schedule and go to the church, where we're supposed to meet Peter Sadler, Peter



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Sadler is an openly gay minister, openly gay minister in East Berlin, that's quite a quite an accomplishment in an oppressive regime.



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Well, the people in East Berlin don't see it that way, quite honestly. And in fact, there are some 17, gay official gay organizations in the German Democratic Republic. And that does not include the artificial gay discussion groups, which are which meet in the various churches, which has met long before the official German organizations. But the German Democratic Republic believes that if there's a need for something, they will provide it, therefore they created these gay organizations,



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I would think that the oppression of the Eastern world that we have always heard about would have been very much anti gay.



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Well, there are not only under the official gay organizations, there is the official gay bar, the official gay Cafe, and the official owned by the government, disco, gay disco,



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wow, it's gonna be interesting to see the transition, well, there's gonna be



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a little rivalry between. And there was before between the official organizations and the unofficial organizations, the gay movement throughout Eastern Europe, and Western Europe is very suspicious of any communist controlled gay organization. In East Berlin. We met with the official and unofficial gay organizations, we also met with the leading aids doctor in eastern East Germany. Interestingly enough, AIDS care in eastern East Germany, or German Democratic Republic is somewhat decent, all drugs that are known that are useful, that help in treatment of aids are available. They also have hospice care, and many of the things that we have here, you also have to remember that East Germany is considered one of the most fluent of the socialist countries. And they do try to provide for anything that is needed by their

citizens, including AZT. Azt is available, free of charge free of charge from AIDS patients, and they don't blame the AIDS patients for having AIDS. It's kind of it's very interesting. It's absolutely fascinating. Well,



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let's hope that it stays progressive now that he's Germany is transitioning, I think you can only



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go in an upward motion. Some examples, when, while we were there, when there was the world premiere of the first officially sanctioned East German gay film, dramatic film, it was called coming out, and they pronounced it in English coming out that in German, which was, I would say, similar to our boys in the band, but it was about a school teacher coming out himself and deciding, you know, he's going to accept himself for what he is. And in the film, they have a depiction of what gay bashing is in East Berlin. And it's skinheads. Yes, they have skinheads in East Berlin also. And they have those same problems?



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And is the state officially supporting the gay people against the gay bashing? So are the police trustworthy over there?



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I think they have almost similar situations that we have. The state is against says, of course, they're against any form of violence, and we'll try to solve it. But what they don't have that we do is education, materials and homophobia. They really don't have them. They're just beginning to get that area. And interestingly enough, I think the most important issue is the financial issue. For instance, many gay people would like to go over to West Berlin, and see the situation and see what gay life is really like. But when they get take their train path and go over to West Berlin, they go over there to transit map, but very little money in their pocket. They can't afford a night out in the bars in West Berlin. They can't afford it. The average, East German makes approximately 40 hours a week.



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What kind of communication has had existed prior to the opening of the wall? Bringing the gays Yeah, on either side?



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That's a great question, especially with Eastern West Berlin, because there are two gay radio shows that play throughout the week in West Berlin. And they're able to be heard in East Berlin.

So the people in East Germany gay people in East Germany have a very good idea of what's happening in the outside world. Excellent idea. In fact, it was interesting. The second day the wall was open. Gay people from East Berlin were already going to man meter which is a gay center in West Berlin. They knew where it was because of the radio show. I spent an evening at Mad meter talking with the East Berliners as they came over. And Troy was trying to find out what their impressions were and what interesting things they wanted to do. though, what they wanted to do was see gay bars. They were very much afraid of the Western culture and the big a word AIDS, because their propaganda had always said that if you go to the west, you have to be leery of AIDS.



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And you don't and if you stay in the east,



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yes, and that's, in fact, the first week of the opening of the wall, that's what the East German government kept trying to say to their populace, which was was very interesting. They kept saying, Well, now that the wall will be open, we are very concerned about AIDS and drugs and all the plagues of Western civilization.



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will join Philadelphia gay news publisher Mark Segal as he travels to Poland and Hungary.



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In all my talks with all the gay activists in Poland, not one gay activist, has gone to solidarity to ask for support. There is common belief in Poland. That solidarity is run by the Catholic bishops. And because of that, they don't feel that the Solidarity movement will support a gay cause. Budapest sprang up as a city around the hot springs of the area. While there were only three gay bars, there happened to be probably about 16 Gay bathhouses, and that's where they socialize, you get a loincloth with two strings, no back. It took me about 10 minutes if I was gonna walk out with this thing or not, but I did



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some journaling. That's next time on this way out.



Greg Gordon 41:37

Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Jewish writer Sandy Dwyer, Manuel Munoz Marie van clay, Nadine Shaw, Karen Schwartz, Rob Atkinson and Alan Ross contributed program material. Thanks also to Mike alkaline Tom



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Wilson Weinberg perform some of music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed by theme music.



Greg Gordon 41:59

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Greg Gordon 42:33

do is stay tuned.



Buddy Johnston 42:39

Mele stay tuned. Gregory I know Greg that's such a good series though in that wonderful this way out with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chapelle. If you miss the address, give us a call here at KPFT at 526 4000 526 KPFT. We want to get you to write a card or letter to Greg Gordon and Lucien say, hey, we listen to this way out every week on after hours and we love hearing it and we're glad that you're there. Yeah, right.



Jimmy Carper 43:10

They they'd love to hear from ya. They'd





Buddy Johnston 43:12


love to hear from you. And it helped me a lot too, because that way they know that you're out there. Stay tuned and you're listening. We're gonna have something about Walt Whitman. Yeah, coming up in just a second. But what what? What, did you want something?





Jimmy Carper 43:27


 Jimmy Carper 43:27
Yeah, did we have an announcement to make


 Buddy Johnston 43:29
we have a birthday but we'll do that in a minute. Okay, I'm gonna play a sad song. Oh, well, not on a sad song. One of our faithful listeners called up and said he broke up with his boyfriend. And I said well then we'll play 21 You know some of these six trombones and get really excited about it because you're free Were you afraid now free at last free at last Thank God almighty you're free. Now I don't think that now he but he said his first love is always a sad. It really him he was. Oh one. I


 Jimmy Carper 43:57
don't know. He was really excited about this guy. Uh huh. You know how it is?

 Buddy Johnston 44:02
What's this K? That's present to buddy and the after hours crew. I love y'all. Thank Thanks. You're all dolls. Love Pamela Stanley.

 Jimmy Carper 44:13
Stanley. Oh, Bryce. Did you get that autographed picture of Pamela Stan's kitty. She did a concert tonight.

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Wonderful. Well, thank you.

 Buddy Johnston 44:23
Thank you. That's wonderful. I can see where we're trying to. We're trying to set this thing up for Matt. Because he said play something real sad. But this isn't real sad, man. This is kind of encouragement. But it is kind of that's kind of what you need it it is kind of sad when you when you lose a love. Yeah. Right. I mean, you know that, you know, no matter how hard you know, it's just not going to work out. And you have to say it's over now. Now, I'm not going to be this is bad Miller. It's from the movie beaches and it's called. I think it's going to rain today. I'm sure it's gonna rain baby.

 Jimmy Carper 45:17
Live from the city. Oh. Well, what was that all about? Like that. I love it. Sorry John Williams.

That lets you did it. Oh, well, I'm such a clever number. Is it really John? Yeah.



Jeff Mackey 45:36

Well he wrote it.



Buddy Johnston 45:39

Music from The Last Starfighter.