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 B Bruce Reeves 00:01

On June the 28th, from nine to four at First Unitarian Church,

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located at 5210, fennan.

 B Bruce Reeves 00:10

Okay, so we're having lots of technical difficulties this morning, everyone. Well, bear with us, but so I know we talked about we want to talk about this, you want to talk about that. And it's kind of like, but I think we we sort of said, we wanted to come back and talk a little bit about queer youth and making them realize yes, to be involved early on.

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It's not so much making them involved politically, but making them aware of queer history and queer culture, giving them a sense of self esteem. Because that that is now I mean, you can go to school for 12 years, you can go to college and never see a queer in any of your books. And that's because while the books lie, and they rub out all the queers, and we want to figure out ways to put the queers back into everything, we want to make words visible everywhere, so that the young people know that we have a history.

 B Bruce Reeves 01:18

So when they talk about Leonardo da Vinci, it would be nice if they said, and by the way, folks, you know, he was one of those he,



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yeah, in a major way, too. We want them I mean, a lot of that a lot of the absence of role models leads to this kind of self hatred and internalized homophobia, which, in turn leads to suicide attempts as basically cruise heading other careers. I mean, I know at this point, we're having to deal a lot with gay people who refuse to attack homophobia, refuse to attack gay bashing, or anything that heterosexual do against gay people, but are more than willing to attack where nation? Yeah, and that can only be chalked up to self hatred, ignorance and alcohol.



B Bruce Reeves 02:15

I know, I've had several long conversations about now, will you people say, you know, well, you know, I think it's great that we're out and everything, but, you know, for people just to come out and say, Hey, I'm queer. You know, we're here, we're queer, we're here, we're everywhere get used to it, we're not going away, you know, and it's like, well, I can see sometimes where they're coming from, but I can see, I think a lot of times, I can see both sides of the fence, which I guess is something I haven't always been able to say. And it's I know, being being gay is definitely a growing process. Yeah. I mean, it's, you know, the first thing that, you know, when I came out, it was like, Oh, God, that's a drag queen. You know, it's like, damn, Patch me, you know, and it's like, and I haven't dress on two months ago. So yeah, I mean, I think I've come full circle. But, you know, it's our internalized homophobia is just, it's our worst enemy, probably more than anything else in the world. And I know, I can't imagine, I can't imagine what it would have been, like growing up to think, you know, hey, there are other people like that, like me, you know, in the world, I'm not the only one. I mean,



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and that's, that's one of the good things about chronicity being so visible, we turn on the television or the radio, or look in the newspaper and see that we are here. And that we're not wimps, we're not sitting around on our butts, you know, just carrying from heterosexual. We're standing up for what we believe in for ourselves. So I think when people see that, you know, it makes them feel good.



B Bruce Reeves 03:51

Yeah. And I think you know, anything that can, of course, basically this within the roundtable, or town meeting, or Summit, or whatever we're calling it, you know, it's, it's gonna be an opportunity for the young people to say, Hey, this is what we need to do to take control of our lives and to take control of our environment and do what we need to do to help make us better and to help make those who follow us better and make their lives easier. And I think it's got a lot of great possibilities. It



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sounds right. And particularly, particularly, the young people are going to be in control of the events. I mean, they essentially will decide what's needed and wanted and who does what.

 Bruce Reeves 04:37

And who are the six groups again, the six

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groups are, let's say, nation, hatch, smile, Montrose Counseling Center, Montrose clinic, and begin what's been switchboard.

 Bruce Reeves 04:52

There you go. Did you say smile?

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Yes, they did. Okay. Okay. We'll save them again. Some more. Yeah,

 Bruce Reeves 04:58

well, well, I will was counting to but I couldn't remember whether we did a mile after I counted. So just because we say they're six doesn't mean there's not seven. Yeah, that's true. But anyway, Michael, we'd like to thank you for coming down and being our guest this morning and bringing us this important piece of timely information. And we'll be trying to bring you updates on what's going to be coming on coming down and and maybe what the name of this weekend is going to be. Yeah, as soon as we get that information, again, the event, whatever it's going to be called, will be June the 20th, which I guess that's a Saturday, yes, Saturday, from nine to four at the First Unitarian Church at 5210. Famine.

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And if anyone wants more information about this particular event, they can call John at 5283643. Or any information about coordination in general, you can call 5292969.

 Bruce Reeves 05:55

Okay, and of course, if you have any questions at all, at any time about what's going on in the gay and lesbian community, hopefully you can call the gay and lesbian switchboard at five to 930 to 11, to get that information, and this has been my special report for the evening. So I'm

fixing to turn you back over to to k and Jewel. But right now, I'd like to encourage any of the youth that are listening to rise up and do what you can to solve the situation. And we're going to listen to the nylons from their acapella album singing rise up.

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Kay Harper 06:35

This is after hours, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1. And our phone number is 526 4000. If you want to give us a call, I can't promise the phone will be answered immediately because there aren't very many of us around tonight. But that is our phone number and we'd like to hear from you. That was an interview with Michael Crawford of queer nation, who was profile not profiled, but quoted in the May 19 issue of the advocate talking about activism and being queer in Houston. And he was talking about a community meeting on gay lesbian and bisexual youth that's going to be held on June 20. It's going to be kind of a town meeting format. It's going to be at the First Unitarian Church, which is at 50 to 10 Fannin from 9am until 4pm. And the purpose of the meeting is to discuss special problems that confront the younger members of our community, and to come up with concrete plans for dealing with those problems. It is a gay lesbian pride. No excuse me wrong. It's an even year it's a Lesbian Gay Pride Week event. And they are especially looking for women and people of color to come be part of that. As far as other youth oriented kinds of things smile, which is the sexual minority youth assistance League. real interesting name. But anyway, they're holding their first summer fling on Saturday, June 13, which is next Saturday, from two until six at the love it in, which is just down the street at 501 Lovett Boulevard, which is in the Montrose area. They're going to have swimming ice cream and making new friends. It's free to gay lesbian, bisexual and questioning youth and young adults from ages 16 to 22. If you're just interested if you're just hearing about smile or want to learn more, or if you're already coming to the meetings, I would love you to bring a friend and come to summer fling one. The phone number for smile is 5208336. And that's the number to talk with with somebody about that it's their teen Talk Line provides confidential conversation information and referrals. Also, the next children's mastery is also next weekend, June 13, and 14th. It's a workshop to help people from ages seven to 17. cope with the everyday effects of HIV or AIDS. It's a workshop for everyone whether HIV is in your body or in your friend's body. It's free. And if you want more information on that or you want to register called jet at six nine to 1465 and the therapy sisters and that was Meg Christiansen with her classic owed to a gym teacher. Stay tuned in just a couple of minutes we will be playing this way out. But first Did you know that every letter that the network the major networks receive they count as if it's 20,000 people and since the TV season just ended. That means that if we write letters we can get some things changed. I mean, we'd like to see more gay lesbian characters on television, we'd like to see more positive protests, portrayals of gay lesbian people on television. And after this way out, we'll give you addresses to talk to the people on cheers who actually featured Harvey Firestein on as an openly gay character, Murphy Brown, who introduced a gay character on staff and then sort of disappeared him. Leon from Roseanne, the open, the only continuing openly gay character on television is leaving. And Star Trek, my fav who's still not really doing anything about gays and lesbians in the 24th century. And then also talking about doing time on Maple drive, which was a TV movie that was aired on Fox. That was a very well done thing. We want to tell fox that they did good, let's do some more and coming up this way out from California. Well, if they push the right button, it'll be this way out.

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Robertson has not made a secret about how he feels about gays and lesbians. And if he has an effect on the way UPI covers news, they could have a serious effect on the weekend has been issues have covered as well as all minority issues. I hope that this Court decision will be a strong message to the government to the CDC that it's time for them to start encouraging groups around the country to do the things that they can do best instead of standing in the way of those kinds of activities.



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There are 100 votes 33.9% Yes 63.1



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Right when Christian city council members have demanded a list of books they believe promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality.



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



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and I'm Lucia Chapelle. Evangelical invasion in dangerous International Press,



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Judge stops cvcs control on education



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and one city gained and one loss in the battle for Oregon.



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All that and more because you've discovered this way out.



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I'm Mark Sakamoto and I'm Cindy Friedman with Newsround a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending May 23 1992. protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation took effect may 20. In the Canadian

province of New Brunswick. The final vote to add sexual orientation to New Brunswick Human Rights Act came a week earlier in a 34 to eight vote with 16 Abstentions. The opposition came from the Confederation of Regents party, which despite clear instructions that the bill would not legalize beastie ality asked if it would allow an old man to live with a sheep and a bride to marry a goose Advanced Education Minister Vaughn Blaney countered from the other side of the aisle. When I look across the floor, my mind turns to turkeys. The measure bans discrimination in employment, housing, public services and professional associations. Its passage marks a victory for the New Brunswick Coalition for Human Rights, which documented discrimination against gays and lesbians as part of its four year campaign. Since similar bills have already been passed, and five other Canadian provinces, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec and the Yukon, anti discrimination laws now protect almost three quarters of the Canadian population. Activists expect British Columbia and Saskatchewan to pass such laws within the next few weeks. Gays and lesbians have come a long way since the witch hunt tactics pursued by the Canadian government from 1959 to 1967, which are just now coming to light. Recently released documents reveal that in the Cold War fear that gay civil servants might be vulnerable to extortion by Soviet agents. Prime Minister John Diefenbaker ordered the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to organize a purge the unit known as the character weakness section, open files on more than 8200 men they identified as gay, definitely causing almost 400 to lose their jobs and possibly leading to some suicides. Even men suspected to be gay, who were not working for the government were called in by the Mounties to review mug shots and name names. lesbians were not targeted. The Mounties called on a psychologist to develop a so called fruit machine to distinguish gay from non gay men by their physiological reactions to various stimuli, and experiment that ultimately failed. The stimuli included not only the nude male photos you might expect, but also a list of what the Mounties believed to be gay underground code words, including circus, bagpipe, blind camp, fish, su house and restaurant. The individual files were destroyed in 1984. Current Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has directed his office to cooperate in further investigations. While openly gay member of Parliament's fend Robinson believes a public inquiry would enable those who were victims of those witch hunts and their families to give evidence on what happened and the shattering impact on their lives. The US ban on military service by lesbians and gays continues to be a center of controversy. A bill to overturn the ban has been introduced in the House by Representative Pat Schroeder. Then we'll have Brett reports from Washington DC. with about a dozen military



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personnel lending encouragement, some Democratic lawmakers are introducing legislation to end official discrimination against gays in the military. Washington Democrat Jolina unsold disputes the Pentagon's justification that the policy preserves morale, I would submit to the American public that not only the morale but the morality of this country would be greatly improved if all discrimination were to cease. One reserve officer says it's not fair that his record was beyond reproach, but that he could have been pulled out of the military at any time because he is gay family Breck to Capitol Hill. President George Bush continues to support the discriminatory policy. According to a statement issued by spokesperson Marlin Fitzwater, Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Clinton responded with a promise of an executive order to end the policy if elected. As ABC Television News followed up on Schroeder's bill, highly rated Navy flight instructor, Petty Officer Keith Weinhold, came out on the air. While mine Hulk reports many supportive remarks from his colleagues the following day. He also received notice that proceedings on his discharge are underway. Coming out later that night on ABC is popular Nightline show was top naval pilot Lieutenant Tracey Thorn, whom you heard and Bert meulens feature on last week's this way out. Both men are determined to continue the struggle to be

allowed to serve it an openly gay US Army sergeant who has several times been decorated recently chose to resign rather than undergo a dismissal hearing. James English, who served full time in the Army Reserve was slated for discharge after appearing on the cover of the magazine gay Chicago in full dress uniform in November. He filed a lawsuit to stop the dismissal hearing, but the case was rejected by a federal judge. English claims the army was aware of his sexual orientation when he re enlisted in 1991. The Armed Forces aren't the only federal agency under fire for queer witch hunting. US Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Wallace Stickney has backed down under congressional pressure and agreed to destroy the agency's list of presumed closeted gays and lesbians. Stickney was criticized by openly gay Congressmember Barney Frank and others. When a female employee revealed the agency had pressured them to supply a list of other gay and lesbian workers names. Stickney wrote to Congress that quote, the idea of a list either solicited or unsolicited by this agency, is as apparent to me as it is to you. And quote, There are two surprising custody victories for lesbian mothers. One is surprising because it took place in heavily Catholic Ireland. After a long battle in court, a judge in court ruled that two children should stay with their openly lesbian mother. After a detailed report by a social worker on the mother's relationship with another woman. The judge denied the father's claim that the lesbian relationship made the mother and unfit parent. And in Boulder, Colorado District Court Judge Joseph Bella pani determined that sole custody of the six year old child of separated lesbian parents should go to the non biological co parent. He noted that biological mother Vicki newenham had been artificially inseminated after a grain that CO parent dawn breaks would raise the child as her own, and called Briggs the psychological mother, knowing him retains visitation rights for the first time in Vermont, and adoption has been granted to a lesbian couple were only single lesbian parents had been approved before. The two year old girl has lived with a couple since she was one month old. One of the women legally adopted her in 1990. And adoption by the other partner became final earlier this year. The women had been together 15 years, entertainment giant MCA has become the first major employer in that industry to extend health coverage benefits to employees SAME GENDER partners. MCA will be using a definition of so called spousal equivalents that was developed for the entertainment industry by a task force established by the recently formed Hollywood support organization. Another corporate giant that's extended domestic partner benefits is now under attack for its pro gay position on another issue. Donald Wildeman American Family Association has added clothing manufacturer Levi Strauss to its boycott hit list after the San Francisco based jeans maker announced it would stop funding the Boy Scouts in protest of their discriminatory policy. Also protesting the Boy Scouts policy is the Berkeley California Unified School District, which has voted to deny the scouts the use of their public schools. at the instigation of a number of parents the school board voted in a long list of anti discrimination requirements for use of its facilities, including sexual orientation aids and AIDS related complex as protected categories. In more than 200 cities around the world, millions of people observed the ninth International Aids candlelight memorial for those who have died in the epidemic. Among them was Bishop Desmond Tutu, who put the traditional burning candle in the window of his cape town hotel room. lighted candles also appeared in the windows of the White House, while Washington DC activists held a memorial event across the street in San Francisco 1000s carried candles while marching in a silent tribute. Candles were not enough for New Zealanders who laid 22 bonfires On mountain tops there. The notorious sodomy conviction of Vladimir Mirren off has been overturned by a Moscow appeals court. Amnesty International had declared Mironov a prisoner of conscience and with their support, as well as that of the International lesbian and gay Association. Some of the original witnesses against Smirnoff withdrew testimony they claimed had been coerced from them by police. Well known enough and his partner acknowledged having sexual relations. They denied having anal intercourse, which is currently punishable in Russia by up to three years in prison. And finally, in a recent visit to a New York City Hospital, US Vice President Dan Quayle asked administrators

if people being treated there for aids were given DDT. DDT is of course a highly toxic pesticide. A quail PR man later clarified that the man a heartbeat away from the presidency, had intended his question to refer to the recently approved AIDS drug DDC, but AIDS activists frustrated by the Bush administration may wonder. That's news wrap for the weekend in May 23 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman, follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community. For this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman, and I'm Mark Sakamoto.

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The mainstream International Press has slowly improved its track record for balanced and accurate coverage of lesbian and gay issues in recent years. But the growing dominance of conservative elements among the key information distributors bodes ill for continuing progress and a commentary from New York's Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Elon carton names a name long associated with right by us reporting, but first we'll look at the recent acquisition of United Press International by TELUS. evangelist Pat Robertson, the former religious right US presidential candidate who purchased the bankrupt wire service claims his views will not influence up eyes editorial policy. media activists are skeptical however, as this way outs get Gallagher found out from Chris Fowler of GLAAD Los Angeles.

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Palmerton has not made a secret about how he feels about gays and lesbians. And if in some way, he has an effect on the way UPI covers news, they could have a serious effect on the way gay and lesbian issues are covered as well as all minority issues. I mean, he hasn't been as out there as say Jesse Helms or Danna Meier have been in the last couple of years. But in his run for the presidential campaign in 1988, he made it very clear that gays and lesbians were the epitome of what he considered the antithesis of family values. And I haven't heard him rescind any of those opinions in the last four years. And I have to assume that he is adamantly opposed to rights for gays and lesbians as he has always been,

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how would you expect this to unfold in the day to day news operations of UPI,

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I would expect immediately, and then even more so as he becomes more comfortable with his position there for the news to become whitewashed, which would I think translate into very few issues covered that relate to the gay and lesbian community. Unless of course, there were issues about the victimization, or the crimes that you almost always hear about perpetrated by gays and lesbians. So, you know, those I think would be things he would focus on. But the rest of the gay and lesbian community issues I think, would be ignored, as well as a number of minority communities that don't fit what he considers to be appropriate family values.

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UPI has been very strong even in the last few years in Latin America. What do you think, Mr. Robinson's intentions are there,



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areas like Latin America don't have a sophisticated immediate market, as you see in the United States and then Western Europe and in Eastern Europe? I think he will focus energies on trying to strengthen even more UPI prestige there, so that with the lack of diversity of media coverage, he can even more strongly influence the way editorial policies dictate