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Speaker 4 00:01

What does that mean?

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Speaker 3 00:02

If they're if they're, they get good time. And if they're good while they're in prison, then they're going to be out earlier and the parole board is going to be less inclined to hear the complaints that we have.

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Speaker 4 00:15

Another part of this that I want to bring up was because I've known you for quite a while and I've heard all the the other big problem here is that there have been a lot of trials scheduled. And they've been continued. And Nancy has flown back and forth between Atlanta and Houston and numerous times

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Speaker 3 00:36

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For no reason, because, yes,

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because she doesn't get phone calls the system, the system, it comes down to the fact that the system doesn't work. It's not working for her. It's not working for her the victim or for Paul. You know, a lot of good things have come out of Paul Broussard death. And Paul Broussard did not die in vain. His legacy is that he, his death sent a wake up call to Houston's gay and lesbian community.

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Speaker 4 01:08

From the very beginning, the Paul Broussard killing has been the Stonewall of Houston.

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Speaker 3 01:13

Absolutely. And we owe a debt of gratitude to him for his life because his life woke up this community, his death woke up this community. And so he did not die in vain. But I would rather he be here alive.

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Speaker 4 01:34

Yes. And so many other men and women who over the years have lost their lives. There's a, there's a article I want you to read before we finish this. Do you have it with you?

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Speaker 3 01:51

No. Yes.

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Speaker 4 01:53

Yes. Because we were talking about this earlier before the show and then we read this.

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Speaker 3 01:59

--an editorial the post is editorialized. Believe it or not, I know I couldn't believe it either. I said Is this the post? And I think that, um, I think that this kind of sums up both of our attitudes. Even though we kind of feel differently, we do feel differently. I think this kind of sums up both of our attitudes, and I'm gonna read this real quickly. Mixed signal is not a human life worth more than 15 months, and this is on the Post editorial page in Friday's paper. The 15 year sentences imposed on three young men who took part in the 1991 murder of Paul Broussard fall short of the expectations of many who had hoped that the punishment would send a stronger message that such deeds can't be allowed. The sentencing sends out a mixed signal. Second guessing the judicial system is always a difficult and dangerous endeavor. But in this case, the realization that the convicted killers could be out on parole in as little as 15 months is a bit more than jarring. Surely there is a higher price to pay for taking a human life, especially

when it's a hate crime. The victim was selected simply because he's gay. These latest to be sentenced may not have actively caused besides death, as did John Buice, who stabbed Brossard and is serving a 45 year term. But the fact remains that they willingly went on the death trip into the Montrose and did nothing to stop Bice. They were a part of the action. Maybe we should all be satisfied that Judge Brian Baines whose persistence and interest in the case have drawn praise from besides mother turned down the defendants pleas for probated sentence, though they, their pleas may have been a defense ploy. One of the few constellations that can be drawn from this latest court action is that the remaining six defendants in the case now know that they are facing some prison time if found guilty, and that the court is not likely to let them off as they would no doubt like. Another is the case is that the case has drawn such widespread publicity that no one in The Woodlands, the home of the 10 assailants, or elsewhere in the area can now claim not to know that coming into the city to attack people simply because they are gay or otherwise different is very wrong and will not be tolerated. Let's hope it won't take another such killing to get the message through.

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Speaker 5 04:38

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Speaker 6 04:40

did you know that most cosmetic and household product manufacturers still conduct painful and useless tests on live animals, even though no law requires them to do so? In the Draize I irritancy test rabbits are immobilized and substances like perfume and oven cleaner are forced into the animal's eyes. In the LD 50 Test dogs and rats are force fed substances like bleach and floor wax until 50% of the test group dies. No anesthesia or pain relievers are used. cheaper, more accurate and humane alternatives to these outdated tests do exist. Over 300 companies now market products without any animal testing. Call the Houston animal rights team for your complimentary cruelty free shopping guide. The Houston animal rights team is a nonprofit educational and activist organization opposed to all forms of animal abuse. For more information on this or any other campaign, call us at 5225131.

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Weld radio 90.1 FM membership drive begins January the 21st through January 29. Volunteers are needed to take membership pledges from listeners and to assist with other membership drive activities. If you have a couple of hours to spare, or five to six to 1000, and sign up to volunteer, this is a great way to become involved with World Radio 90.1 FM. Membership volunteer shifts are available mornings, afternoons and evenings. And if you'd like to be part of the upcoming membership drive for five to six 4000 during business hours, which are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and sign up. Come and join in the fun of World Radio 90.1 FM.

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Speaker 4 06:45

Oh, and we're back right. There he is. Okay,

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Speaker 3 06:50

I'm clear. Yes, you are not living for you. Wow.

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Speaker 4 06:57

We just sitting here thinking, boy in less than an hour. We've been really camping it up and really getting serious and I mean, just doing all kinds of stuff here tonight.

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Speaker 3 07:07

Yep. It's gonna be a fun night and it's getting ready to get upbeat again. It is yes.

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Speaker 4 07:12

What do you have planned?

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Speaker 3 07:14

Anything that sticks with you?

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Speaker 4 07:17

Where were those damn cats? Where are they? I'm hard up but we're gonna need it. There we go.

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Speaker 3 07:27

And at this point in my life, I would take a cat

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Speaker 4 07:32

Well, if I see any I'll let them know.

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Speaker 3 07:35

I mean, at this point I could be. Can I say the P word? No,

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Speaker 4 07:39

no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no.

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Speaker 3 07:40

That'd be into a little bit right? Yeah,

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Speaker 4 07:42

right. Coming up at one will be This Way Out. Well, you did that. I know. International gay magazine.

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Speaker 3 07:52

Coming in and now thing we have enough time for two songs between now and This Way Out. I think we probably did we do that Martha Wash. You want to do the over on cassette one. We've got Martha Wash on Then and Now. They announced this little thing we're gonna play one of their old songs and then where they are now. Oh, hey, cool. This is Martha Wash back in 1982 when she was with The Weather Girls, and you'll know this song. Oh,

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Speaker 4 08:15

I'll bet everybody well. That was Martha then. And this is Martha now.

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Speaker 7 08:40

There's a lot of unprotected sex in Sonos and in parks. And it seems that the whole issue turns around to dark rooms to see the dirty dark rooms in the gay leather bars. In particular in Amsterdam.

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Speaker 8 08:52

You can't educate children about AIDS unless you educate them about sex. And we can't talk about sex education. We can't talk about condom. Well, I don't feel we can talk about AIDS. I like

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Speaker 9 09:03

to think of 1992 as the year the gray old man left the stage. The year the dinosaurs began to die.

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Speaker 6 09:27

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

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Speaker 7 09:32

And I'm Lucia Chapelle. Un investigates civil wrongs in Tasmania, dark room discrimination angers, Amsterdam activists and Clemens cheap dark plans, radical therapy, all that and more because

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Speaker 6 09:45

you've discovered this way out.

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Speaker 10 09:55

I'm Brian Nunez and I'm Cindy Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news. To begin, we're affecting the lesbian and gay community for the weekend in January 2, 1993. The United Nations Human Rights Committee announced that it will be investigating charges that Tasmania's sodomy law violates the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Tasmania is the last Australian state with a sodomy law on the books. The Tasmanian gay and lesbian rights group claims the law violates rights to privacy equality under the law and freedom from discrimination. The activists believe a ruling in their favor could ultimately end all discriminatory state and national laws in Australia. The Australian government has six months to respond to the charges.

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Speaker 11 10:40

Mexican police believe they may be close to making an arrest and the murders of more than a dozen transvestites in the Chiapas area over the last 14 months. Apparently the survivor of a near fatal attack in November has provided key information.

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Speaker 10 10:58

Another possible gay bashing murder occurred in late October near the Sasebo naval base, a US facility in Japan. Petty Officer Richard Schindler's body could only be identified by his tattoos and fingerprints. Because the damage to his face was so severe. Schindler had come out as a gay man to his commanding officer was being processed for discharge and was expecting to be home for Christmas. Instead, he was apparently beaten by one of his own shipmates while another looked on, possibly because word of his sexual orientation had spread throughout the crew. The sailor charged with the murder is awaiting trial. The witness was convicted in late November of failing to report the offense and was sentenced to a year in the brig, demotion, loss of all benefits, and a bad conduct discharge. The matter is entirely under the jurisdiction of the US Navy.





Speaker 11 11:48

San Francisco Police Chief Tony Ribera has written to General Colin Powell, chair of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff in support of military service by gays and lesbians. Ribeira told the press that after having managed more gay and lesbian officers than anyone in law enforcement, he felt it would be cowardly if he didn't take a stand on their behalf. In 1979, before the first openly gay officer entered our department he wrote, I had doubts about the propriety of hiring gays as police officers. However, the events of the past 14 years have changed my thinking on the issue. General Powell I am not a flaming liberal advocating a cause. I am in fact relatively conservative and a practicing Roman Catholic. However, I feel morally compelled to acknowledge police officers who have given me and our department quality, performance and loyalty.



Speaker 10 12:47

The police department of Lewiston, Maine is taking the unusual step of asking the city to pass anti discrimination protections for lesbians and gays. Police Chief Lauren Gilbert believes the legislation would encourage reporting of hate crimes.



Speaker 11 13:01

The US Conference of Mayors has moved its 1993 meeting out of Colorado Springs in protest against amendment 2, the Colorado State ballot measure prohibiting legal recognition of gays lesbians and bisexuals as a minority. Colorado Springs is the headquarters of Colorado for family values: the proponents of amendment 2, one of those who threatened to boycott a Colorado based meeting was Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago, whose City Council has passed a resolution supporting a boycott. Ironically, the conferences executive committee that voted unanimously for the move included Colorado Springs own Mayor Robert Isaac.



Speaker 10 13:45

And in Colorado Springs. Local gays and lesbians are expressing their displeasure partly through gay shopping days. Groups of gays and lesbians go to the malls and ask shop owners to sign a repeal petition. Those who signed a given a poster reading this is a Hate Free Store, suggesting where to spend \$1 bills stamped gay money or lesbian money. Colorado Springs gays and lesbians have also organized an action group called Ground Zero. At their initial press conference in December. Several wore paper bags over their heads in fear of reprisals.



Speaker 11 14:19

Can there be a compromise solution to the problem of amendment to to Colorado legislators are drafting an amendment to the state's constitution they believe would prohibit job discrimination against gays and lesbians without violating amendment two's ban on protected status. Before the passage of Amendment to gays and lesbians were among those protected by a 9090 Employment Act prohibiting firings based on conduct outside the workplace. State

Representative Samuel Williams and Senator Bill Owens are proposing an amendment that would ban employment discrimination based on non relevant lifestyle factors. If passed, some legal experts say the newer amendment probably would take precedence over amendment 2.

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Speaker 10 15:09

US President Elect Bill Clinton's transition team has provided him with strategies which go beyond ending the bans on military service by gays and lesbians and immigration by people with HIV. A so called option paper outlines possible strategies both for an executive order to prohibit discrimination in federal employment based on sexual orientation. And for passage of the federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill. The federal bill adds sexual orientation as a protected class to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, but exempts requirements for hiring quotas or affirmative action. Although that bill was introduced by Bella Abzug in 1975, activists always kept it out of committee or floor debates because it lacked support. A more aggressive campaign for passes will begin in 1993. Congressional support has substantially increased and activists want to avoid a continuing series of expensive local rights struggles like those in Oregon and Colorado.

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Speaker 11 16:07

Representatives of Coalition 93 the gay and lesbian community presidential transition projects were able to meet with transition team chair Vernon Jordan in late December, the project has been collecting resumes to ensure that the Clinton administration will be aware of qualified gays and lesbians when making appointments. No specific names were discussed and no promises were made.

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Speaker 10 16:33

You can add one more open gay to the list of officials who succeeded in the US November elections. Candidate Will Fitzpatrick conservative for his campaign and his parents had his name removed from both the listing provided by the gay and lesbian Victory Fund and an article in The Advocate. But Rhode Island State Senator-Elect Will Fitzpatrick had no problem coming out to the Providence Journal bulletin, saying it's not dirty and it's not a secret. It never has been. I've been very upfront about who and what I am, although I've never been in your face about it.

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Speaker 11 17:08

The University of Chicago announced that it will offer benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian staff. Employees will have the option of paying for their partner's health insurance under the university's plans, partners will qualify for tuition benefits, and the couples will be able to live in university owned housing.

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Speaker 10 17:29

And finally San Francisco attempted to keep the National League Baseball Giants in the city.

And finally San Francisco's struggle to keep the National League baseball Giants in the city has been lengthy, tumultuous and highly publicized. But its resolution turns out to include a surprise. In mid December, the Board of Supervisors approved a complicated rental agreement making a number of major concessions to the Giants, but also making a small requirement of the team. That giants owners promised to become the first professional sports team of any kind in the US to adopt employee benefits policies that recognize domestic partners. These will include health insurance, sick leave for family care, and discounts on home game tickets. This is for real unless yet another city ballot initiative blocks the deal. But there's one more ironic twist: the group of investors who had hoped to tempt the Giants away from the gay mecca were based in Tampa, Florida, where voters repealed a gay and lesbian rights law in November.

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Speaker 11 18:29

That's news wrap for the week ending January 2 1993. All of the news in your area and informed community is a strong community

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Speaker 10 18:38

News Wrap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman. For This Way Out, I'm Brian Nunez and I'm Cindy Friedman.

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Miles and I want to run through the comments can look at

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Speaker 12 19:25

Amsterdam's Municipal Health Service recently passed an ordinance aimed specifically at gay establishments, especially those that permit anonymous sex and darkly lit back rooms. Mindy ran prepared this report on Article 11 A, and provided excerpts from a discussion among her colleagues at the English language lesbian and gay program aliens.

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Speaker 13 19:46

Article 11 A of the public health bill will make it compulsory for dark rooms, cinemas and sex owners to display safer sex information as well as to provide low cost condoms is an organized information evenings, aimed specifically at the gay community, wherever there is the possibility of anonymous sex. Many prevention workers think that this is completely unnecessary.

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Speaker 12 20:14

Did you find before this there was adequate, safe sex available in around the dark rooms and

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Speaker 14 20:21

certainly in the bars that I use, either on the approach, way to the dark room, or very prominent within the bar, there's always been a little hang of things with safe sex information in all of the major European languages as well as in Dutch. And there's usually always condoms available, always condoms available, quite a lot of the safe sex information is to be found closer to the cigarette machine, which is generally quite well lit.

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Speaker 13 20:50

Layer DICOM of the gay support service SAD claims most bars and dark rooms already provide condoms and information. He said, If a bar doesn't want to cooperate, then we welcome help from the Municipal Health Service. Referring to the new laws specification, the different condoms to suit oral, anal and vaginal intercourse be provided, he adds, I also wonder whether they will check these regulations in places where straight sex is available.

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Speaker 14 21:21

There's one bar already that I know has had to tell its customers that they may not use alcoholic drinks in the dark room. That means if they have got to a beer, or scotch or your neighbor or whatever, that they have to finish that drink or put it aside before they come downstairs.

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Speaker 15 21:39

What do you think's behind that, Richard? It's very odd.

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Speaker 14 21:42

I don't really know on their poster, they're coming up fighting, you know, we're having to do this. But all is not lost, as it were, you will be hearing more from us watch this space, kind of attitude. We don't really like being told what to do, do we as gay men by all authorities,

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Speaker 13 22:00

and most research tends to suggest that men are much more likely to have safer sex in an anonymous situation than in a dark room situation than even sometimes they are at home

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Speaker 14 22:11

Yes, I think I would buy that myself, what has

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Speaker 13 22:15

been done or what could be done through goodwill and wanting to protect the community within the community. A lot of people are saying it's enough, and this is really over the top and just spending too much money.

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Speaker 15 22:27

Let's be honest, dark rooms aren't aren't the cleanest place in in the world. You know, they, they have the atmosphere of sleaziness, and dark and dankness. And that's what makes them attractive. Whereas perhaps at home, when you've chatted to them a little bit, you get to know them a little bit better. You might think, Oh, this is a nice guy, or I can trust this guy. I think it's much more easier to feel comfortable at home and therefore lose your guard than it is in a backroom.

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Speaker 14 22:56

I don't agree with that. I think it's easier to lose your gardener.

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Speaker 15 22:59

Yeah,

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Speaker 14 23:00

I see a lot of this as common sense. And I go into backrooms. What could you compare this with? I mean, it's unsafe to drive your car without a seatbelt. Everybody knows that. No, yeah, you've taken one hell of a chance. Yes. Everybody accepts us. No, it's a sensible thing to do. You drive your seatbelt. You're going on a dark room, you have a condom on.

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Speaker 15 23:19

I think that I think they're looking for the easiest way to justify the increase in the rate of transmission at the moment, you know, more people are at at this moment in time more people are showing up infected percentage wise, yes, then say this time last year, and they're looking, I think, for the first thing to blame, the easiest thing to blame, rather than saying perhaps there isn't been enough money spent to educate the public in general.

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Speaker 16 23:45

I agree with Richard, because I have seen a lot of unprotected says use, you know, in saunas, and in parks. And it seems that the whole issue, you know, turns around the dark rooms, the seedy dirty dark rooms, in the gay leather bars, in particular in Amsterdam. And in that sense, you know, it's very, very unrealistic, in my experience is that you know, that people are dark, a

dark room because there is a sense of, of community there are more cautious, then if you would pick up a guy cruising on the streets, and he will tell you that go to your house, and you would find him nice, or in an unexpected situation, you know, it just can happen everywhere. In hotels, parks, saunas, street cinemas, you name it.

 S Speaker 15 24:30

They is bothered as well also that dark rooms are becoming attractive to the younger members of the gay scene these days that they are in bars and discos where people under the age of 25 are in the majority, whereas before they were only attractive to the older, leather type set.

 S Speaker 16 24:50

Also, I think the second heyday is still stuck in the 80s and a little bit or in the very early 80s When it was very easy to blame gays and drug addicts for being the spreaders of AIDS in this part of the world. They had to look at Mexico look at Peru what's going on now? The solution won't be just focusing on the dark rooms as the cause of all evils, quote unquote.

 S Speaker 13 25:14

Social psychologists at the University of Limburg JoJo Kok believes legislation is on the wrong track entirely. He said that new data on the determinants of unsafe places suggests that there is no evidence that dark rooms are a major source of infection. Who is safe is still a subjective idea. He said the legislation may be useful, but maybe time and energy are better spent elsewhere. This is Mindy Ran for This Way Out in Amsterdam. I've got a friend and a robber never lets me down. It's good to carry around. So if I need it, I've got it.

 R Ron Romanovsky 26:12

Hi, this is Ron Romanovsky. From this way out the international gay lesbian radio magazine and if you stay tuned, you just might hear some of my music. Thanks for listening.

 S Shelley Roberts 26:23

Shelley Roberts for this way out. It's been a very queer year, odd. The year the Biggie black General said to gay men and lesbians. No, no, you can't ride on my bus. It'll get too confusing. We've taken the last tokens. The same year that we elected a president who said the military ban was a bomb, a president with a gay college roommate. For a community that's just trying on its self esteem, the messages have been more than just mixed. They have been downright confusing. It was the same year that Canada and Australia banned the ban and Russian President Yeltsin proposed a new criminal code for the New Republic that would eliminate an old Stalin era law against what the Russian president called male love. As you no doubt know, there are not now nor have there ever been any lesbians in the Soviet Union so help you God. And Oregon, the state you always went to in your mind when things were getting a little too corporate or too civilized or too citified. When the manual for your PC, your cappuccino maker

and your juice extractor all seem to be the same instruction booklet, only with different pictures on the cover. Oregon, the state of grace, where hippies had grain wrinkling portraits upstairs aging in the attics of their hand hewn log cabins, we always knew that if you could go home again, it would probably be to Oregon. This year, we found Oregon infested with active bigots. And while we were spraying furiously to rid ourselves and Oregon of such a plague of viri, Colorado slipped right past us, Colorado, home of John Denver. And where will Martinez sleep tonight? Rocky Mountain low? Who would have thought it? But it was also the year that the national convention of mayors canceled Denver? They said oh no, we won't go. Not just because it was no longer politically expedient, something elected mayors have to take into account. But because they said it also just wasn't right. And who would have thought that? 1992. It was the year of genetics. The year we could stop taking responsibility for our own actions because we didn't do it on purpose. We were born that way. The university study said so which seemed to make everybody straight but Jesse Helms and Rush Limbaugh feel better about us. And another university study showed conclusively that we could raise happy, healthy, well adjusted heterosexual children. We're still waiting for the similarly funded study that shows that we can also raise happy, healthy, well adjusted homosexual children just like our parents did. And speaking of funding this year, NEA stood for not erotic art, at least not our erotic art. This year, AAA said we were a-okay. But the boy scout said we were without merit. Lotus and American Express and Levi and AT&T and Bank of America gave us the benefit of Employee Benefits. Washington DC said our spouses were politically correct. In Florida on the one coast Miami Beach said gay gay all the way and on the other Tampa said gay gay go away. This year normal people got AIDS which meant it was a real disease, which seemed to make all the them's madder than ever at us for having had at first. Normal Magic Johnson became a hero over the courts for saying he had AIDS. Normal Arthur Ashe was made a hero of the courts for being forced at newspaper point to admit that he had AIDS and Wilt Chamberlain was considered in some circles, a normal hero above and beyond the call for the number of women, 20,000 or so, give or take a 10 minute standard to, she had courted without getting AIDS. In 1992, mainstream publishing discovered that Rita Mae Brown wasn't the only lesbian who could write her way into a bank account. And book in a month turned over a whole new leaf with our names on it. In the mainstream press Martina and Judy's high pitched, pricey split was treated just like any ordinary none of your business slang the dirty linen dirty gossip column stuff that makes up anybody celebrity divorce. How do you greet a year like that? Darn divino? Some say that when dinosaurs die, there is great thumping and whumping of tails to the ground. With much earthquaking and everybody and everything nearby a shutter. There is snarling and roaring and shouting so clamorous as to force hands right up to ears in protest and defense. In 1993, a million of us will converge on freedom's front door to officially retire the word abomination from our lives job description. And that will be a very good year indeed. But that's next year, and this is this. I like to think of 1992 as the year the grey old man left the stage, finally, and gave us our arena. The year the dinosaurs began to die. It was a very clear year. For This Way Out, I'm Shelley Roberts.