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B Buddy Johnston 00:01

Your turn to 90.1 FM KPFT Houston Pacifica radio, and we're talking to Dennis Spencer, who's president of the Houston gay lesbian Political Caucus,

J Jimmy Carper 00:11

I noticed that you've got some short term and long term goals for the caucus. Could you kind of talk about that a little bit?

D Dennis Spencer 00:22

Well, this is one thing that I'm relatively proud about. I'm not cut from the same cookie cutter mold that past presidents of the caucus have been. I'm not an elegant speaker. I'm not a motivational or emotional individual. I'm more of an organizational type individual. And one thing that I felt was very important is the establishment of short term, meaning within one year, and long term goals, which will be hopefully obtained in five years for the caucus, without benchmarks by which you would work. You're not going to make any progress. So the board concurred with my observation and came up with some short and long term goals which we hope to concentrate on and to obtain, can you share those with us? Surely, the first goal that we had decided on is to concentrate on political activities. As I had brought out earlier, the caucus has been in existence for 15 years, has established a reputation for being an activist organization. And over the period of years, and I'm sure that the listeners realize the caucus was asked to undertake projects and do activities which were not political in nature, more social, or judicial in nature, which we have some effect on the Judiciary by the election of the judges. But in many instances, we had no effect at all. So what we decided was is to concentrate on the political activities, which relate to the gay and lesbian caucus, and this particularly is goes into the next step, which is to get out the vote in November for the 1990. election, and worked as I had outlined through a organized program, a systematic program to get the vote out.

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Buddy Johnston 02:17

Sounds like some admirable goals.

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Dennis Spencer 02:20

Additionally, and as mentioned before, the updating and maintaining of our mailing list, which as you may or may not know, is a sophisticated computer system. It had been maintained by Don rock OB previously prior to his death. And now we are reorganizing our lists to make it more accessible to more input actors. We're calling for accuracy and again to be used in our November election. After that, we are and currently in the process of establishing a coalition with other city minority groups. Whether you know it or not, or you will recognize it or not, the gay and lesbian community is a minority group, just as the blacks just as the Hispanics just as the good, we're all in the same boat. That's right. And unless we learn how to work together and to coalesce as a blog, then the politicians will pay more attention to your individual requests, whether it be by the individual group or by the coalition. One important thing that we are undertaking and this is a short term goal, we decided to follow up on our endorsed candidates. We have year after year, endorse candidates because they've been favorable on gay and lesbian, human rights, women's issues, but rarely did we go and talk back with me after they had been allowed serving us. So this good short term goal, we've initiated a series of sort of town forum meetings for our summer program. And the July 18 meeting, which is coming up this Wednesday. It'll be at 730 at the multipurpose center will feature Eleanor Tinsley, Council Member at Large and George graininess, the City Comptroller. Both had been endorsed for the last 10 years by the caucus, and we've asked them to come and address the caucus to explain to us what they've accomplished in their tenure and both is Lynn George grandnieces, situation, city, district council member, and also City Comptroller. He also I hope will explain to us our new budget and what monies have been pegged for projects which will specifically impact our community. And then Ellen or 10s, like similarly on projects that are planned on a city wide basis. particularly health service plans

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Buddy Johnston 05:02

as Georgia if he's gonna give the police department

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Dennis Spencer 05:05

well that was in I don't know if he has not he does not have the power to do that. The council authorizes that he has to pay the bill. He can make

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Buddy Johnston 05:15

a slip of the wrist. Zero my check

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Dennis Spencer 05:19

that all the procedures are met and then the monies are there. Yeah, certainly. But that's our July 18. Meeting and be 730 at the multipurpose Center. 1475 West Great. Our August the first meeting will be city council member Vance. Ryan, who's represents District C constitutes most of Montrose goes out to the Astrodome area in the southwest Tomorrowland, all the way to Fort Bend County. So he has a large area to cover. But he has paid attention to the Montrose and one of the reasons why we have asked him to come and speak to us is to tell us what projects are specifically slated for our area, what problems he has seen, develop, which he as a council member cannot solve, where he needs help from other politicians to realize some of his goals. And that'll be really interesting. That's the August 1 meeting than the August 15. Meeting. It's going to be the blockbuster. That's el Franco Lee, who is our Commissioner precinct one. A lot of people might not realize this, but he's the county official that controls basically Center Houston, right. infrastructure improvements, bridges, roads, health services, health services, particularly because we are just you know, consumed 24 hours a day with AIDS and AIDS related problems. And the county funding hospital services and services for testing the St. Thomas this Thomas Street Clinic is Harris County operation. He's never appeared before us before, though he was endorsed by the G LPC in his race. And a lot of individuals have attributed that endorsement to his victory. So we're really looking forward to that. We plan also to continue this program if the the ones that I have outlined had been successful, because there are numerous individuals we would like to ask to come speak. And also give us the opportunity to ask very pointed questions on items that have been bothering us special interest projects that have not gotten adequate attention other than

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**Buddy Johnston 07:50**

the election, overlooking the election not taking that into consideration. What do you see as the biggest blocking biggest stumbling block for the caucus in the in the 90s? Let's say, take 10 years for NEC for example. What do you see as our biggest stumbling block to keep us from getting where we shouldn't be? Anything. You're just smiling.

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**Dennis Spencer 08:13**

It's hard to pick one. Well know what our goals are in the next five years,

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**Buddy Johnston 08:19**

what's gonna keep us from reaching those goals?

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**Dennis Spencer 08:23**

Well, I don't think that really has to be outlined. It's the homophobia, the fear, the complete distrust and hate of the homosexual and gay community by a very large segment of the conservative Houston population. Once you can educate that community, that we don't have fangs or tails, that we are not polluting the world with our presence, but we're actually contributing to the quality of life. This is not only through art or you know, artistic endeavors. It's individuals who work at the Solid Waste Department, or your banker, or your lawyer, or

individuals that have contributed through the political process and we've been doing this for years and years and years and not getting credit for it. Some people say that the outing program is the way to accomplish How do you feel about that I really have proper

 Buddy Johnston 09:25

for those of you that don't know outing is publicly exposing people who are homosexual but don't openly come out someone that it'd be like if I was at the police department dragging people out of the closet Yeah, if I was at the police department and you knew I was homosexual but I was hiding it you would go down and tell the mayor or the chief of police or somebody or have it printed in the paper and and forcibly dragging somebody out. How do you how do you

 Dennis Spencer 09:50

feel about that? Well, not only is it my personal opinion, but the opinion of a number of in person,

 Buddy Johnston 09:57

because now you're just speaking for yourself, not for the car Okay, so we're just asking you,

 Dennis Spencer 10:02

as a personal opinion is if an individual is being hatefully, destructive to the community. And I'll give an instance and this individual is not gay, to my knowledge would be Senator Jesse Helms, oh, God, let's pray. He's not gay and all of his activities, every time he turns around, he puts an amendment on appropriations bill, or an immigration bill, or an agricultural bill that has something anti gay and lesbian to it. Now, if that individual were gay, I would say dragging him out screaming. But if there's an individual that is contributing positively to not only society and quality of life of the inhabitants of the area that they represent, and has not done anything wrong, and prefers not to come out, then I don't believe that the outing program is appropriate for that individual. It's

 Buddy Johnston 11:04

kind of the way we feel because

 Jimmy Carper 11:06

for everybody to stand up and come out of the closet tomorrow, because if we did, then all of those conservative people you were talking about would realize how many gay and lesbian people they already know because you take

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Buddy Johnston 11:19

that out Kinsey report 10%, ah, that means 30 to 40 million of us. And if 30 million people voted in the presidential election in 92, is it 92 We could change the world. But that's, we know, that's not gonna happen.

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Dennis Spencer 11:33

There's so many other factors and considerations that have to take place. And I believe that by outing just an arbitrarily outing program infringes on the individual's rights as much as it matures. So you have to understand it from this standpoint, I agree. Individuals should come out and be more public, just as Harvey Milk said. But in reality, that's going to be very hard. Emotionally positive speakers might be able to convince an individual Well, I think this is right. I will come out to my parents or I will come out to my neighbors or friends. That's an individual choice.

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Buddy Johnston 12:19

Do you mind taking phone calls? We'll see what happens if we do that.

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Dennis Spencer 12:22

Not at all. I've never done this.

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Buddy Johnston 12:23

We'll give it a shot. Oh, Mary, don't scream, please. We're gonna take your calls at five to six 4005 to six KPFT. If you have calls for Dennis, we're speaking to Dennis Spencer, president of the Houston gay lesbian Political Caucus. And Mary screaming in the background write read aloud and microphone. So if you're listening on your Walkman, please excuse that.

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Jimmy Carper 12:48

In the meantime, why don't we find out about the long term goals.

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Buddy Johnston 12:51

We'll get to that in a minute. Okay, if you want to if you want to talk to us, so give us a call at 526 4000 and 526 KPFT will take me back in just a second. I remember

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an incident four years ago and I was walking through an amusement park holding hands with

my lover and was called clear by a child six years old. And from that day forward, I've been all too aware of who the child molesters in this society are. These are gay and



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lesbian people sitting here. What's your reaction to that? I have a little boy and I would hate for my little boy to be like that. Those are animals I think it's terrible had a rocket



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all the queers want equal rights by the way God made us do it your mother father led any person who was gay. The sounds of the waves brushed up against the sand where he has written both of your names with a heart around it. You were looking at the sky burning red with a sunset. Quickly a car drives up alongside of you you stop for red light. Suddenly the car is surrounded they circle your blankets coming in closer bottles are thrown out of car windows, the sound of glass breaking baseball bats against middle hand grabs your hair less at your feet in your face in your eyes, a fist across your face again and again. I call your



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home homophobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry. Which is why as a lesbian and gay public awareness project wanted you to hear and think about this message. For more information write us at Post Office Box 65603 Los Angeles, California 90065. And I ask people to do one thing. Come out. Come out America.



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oh five to six 4000



Buddy Johnston 15:05

Or five to six KPFT. We're talking to Dennis Spencer, who is president of the Houston Police support personnel union Rob Oh, no, Mary, that's my union with the important union that you can be a part of, or you can be a part of our union. If you join the police department, I guess that this is the one you really need to join. Because it's so important to our lives and our very existence. And Dennis, the HSBC has been around for 15 years.



Dennis Spencer 15:38

Yes, that's correct.



Buddy Johnston 15:40

You know, how the group rep founded because I know the story, I just want to see if you do kind of put you on the spot. Do you know how the group became what how they were started?

 Dennis Spencer 15:54

I know a few that were involved in their number that claim that they were involved in it. But it was a small group

 Buddy Johnston 15:59

of numbers that didn't want to be in the history books. And in fact, some people even rewrite the history books. Right, timeless anyway,

 Dennis Spencer 16:07

there was about five or six individuals who, through sort of sitting on and round and coffee and discussing, realize there was a need for such a tight group and in its formative years, it did not grow or merge into great numbers. It was a long road. And there again, you have to establish your reputation and respectability before you can have an impact.

 Buddy Johnston 16:35

Five to six 4005 to six KPFT. Brent. Hello,

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yeah, I'm here.

 Buddy Johnston 16:42

How are you?

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It's fine.

 Buddy Johnston 16:43

You may have to plug that in. So Dennis can hear Hang on just a second. Okay. We're we forgot we were doing radio. We thought for a minute. We were just sitting around the house talking. How's that? Okay, go ahead.



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i Yeah, five? Question. I don't know if any of y'all can answer it. But I've been gay for 14 years. And I would like to talk about the stereotypes in the gay society. I would like to know why the gay people in the heart of Montrose. Yeah, once these fit and trim bodies. And if you're overweight, and weigh 300 pounds? Well, they don't want to have anything to do with you. Like I said, they all want the fit and trim body. You know, why is that? Because



B Buddy Johnston 17:30

there are hateful queens. Maybe that's all at the truth. Okay. Thanks for calling. Five to six 4005 to six PPFD we're talking to Dennis Spencer about the gay and lesbian Political Caucus will serve all we'll save the world about everything else later. Jimmy, you couldn't hear that. He said, Why? Why do these queens and Montrose would have these fit perfect bodies. And if you're a little overweight or a little out of shape, they don't want anything to do with you. And I said, because they're hateful queens.



J Jimmy Carper 17:58

What's that got to do with Dennis Murphy had a question. Well, let's get oh, I say well, let's go to Matt. Matt's online too. Yeah,



B Buddy Johnston 18:09

worries, Matt. Is Matt here really? Mad. Is that you? Is that you? Yeah. Thank you very much for the pictures of the parade. Oh, you finally found them. Oh, yeah. They were great. Great. I really liked you know, the precariat better and



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take pictures to one though.



B Buddy Johnston 18:30

This is a man who marched in the parade with us this year. Did you? Do you have those negatives? Yeah. Because I'd like to get the negatives and blow up that one of all of us. Is that okay? Yeah, sure. Okay. We'll talk about that later. But what do you want to talk to Dennis about? Okay.



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I know that a lot of Harvey reading life, the time of Harvey notes that a lot of success and getting elected and getting a lot of his. His agenda, you know, across was that he reached out

to other minority communities and brought them in and I was wondering that what the lesbian and gay caucus is doing to find out what, what common ground it has with other minorities and how to present it to them so that they see that they have a lot of things that are in common with the things we need to know hang up and

 B Buddy Johnston 19:19

listen, that's a good question. Thanks for calling baby.

 D Dennis Spencer 19:23

It's a very complex question as well. It's been a lengthy response. The Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus has been very cognizant of other minorities needs through our political involvement, and talking to individuals and trying to build these coalition's as addicts was blamed earlier. Also in the caucus, we have what's called an outreach committee, and this committee constitutes four subcommittees. One is women. One is people of color or neither is trans persons. And the third fourth committee is on men's issues. We are trying to generate a program by which we can get individuals with specific interests involved in the caucus, devise what their priorities are to make recommendations to the caucus so that we can follow the recommendations if positive, to try to seek out to make policy statements to make issues of items that need our attention, which reflect the concerns of the minority communities. We are constantly in meetings with the black, Hispanic, and the Oriental communities trying to get, as he had mentioned, Matt mentioned before the common ground, talking about our issues, talking about their issues, and how we can come up with a meeting of the minds so that our organization and slaved Mexican American Democrats, or the black Democrats can go as a group and say this is our program. This is what we're going to push similar to the goals that the caucus established. It takes a long process to develop that what what are some

 B Buddy Johnston 21:19

of the long term goals that Jimmy was asking about the caucus?

 D Dennis Spencer 21:25

Well, particularly we are working for the repeal of the penal code section 2106, as we had discussed before, supporting Linda Morales and her suit against the state of Texas and the Texas Human Rights Foundation suit against the same statute. Additionally, we are supporting the Lesbian Gay rights lobby, LG Ral, it's made up of all of the state of Texas municipalities. We have a lobbyist in Austin that is constantly working on behalf of the lesbian and gay community. His name is Glen Max, somebody who needed to get in here. He's been in several years and was instrumental in getting the ominous aids bill through the House and Senate. Only minutes before the midnight deadline, they thought that the bill was going to go down the drain.

 B Buddy Johnston 22:21



Buddy Johnston 22:21

And well, you're talking about being the company clear, because he was for a long time the only one on Capitol Hill in Austin.



D Dennis Spencer 22:29

Also, well, like I said, He is the lobbyist of the lesbian and gay rights lobby, and he's on a salary. So in order to pay his salary, all those municipalities are assessed money to meet the financial goals of that organization. And Houston works very hard this year. The Houston metropolitan area, which also includes Beaumont, I might add, is somewhere in the \$21,000 range. So the caucus has a commitment to meet part of that financial obligation and we'll undertake it with fundraisers and activities for support.



B Buddy Johnston 23:07

Speaking of funds, how much does it cost? And how do you go about joining the HC LPC?



D Dennis Spencer 23:12

Oh, I'm glad that you asked. Actually, the dues. The one year dues is \$30. And you can join for two years for 50. We have what's called on this lifetime membership, which is \$1,000. Very few of those have been obtained. But the bread and butter of the caucus is its membership dues. And we do have for people on limited income or disability, our advanced age might be Social Security, an \$18 membership for people who want to Italy show their support to the caucus. The caucus has about \$600 a month consistent costs and this includes a small office on love it the telephone and costs of making calls to on it and other mail stamps, this type thing, we have a post office box so we pay rent on



B Buddy Johnston 24:13

Okay, speaking of the telephone in that box, well how can people get a hold of



D Dennis Spencer 24:17

right The telephone number is 521 1000 there is an answering machine on the line. So if you leave your name and your number and explain briefly what you want, within the day, you'll get a return call because it's checked every day. The Post Office Box number is 66664 and that's in zip code 77266 That's applies to the post office box is the Fairview post office



J Jimmy Carper 24:49

and of course means Montrose.

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Buddy Johnston 24:51

And of course you can always call a

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Dennis Spencer 24:52

lifestyle not as

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Jimmy Carper 24:55

Oh yes, always call the gay and lesbian switchboard for sure. Is that in more information at 5293211?

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Buddy Johnston 25:05

Well, listen, thanks for taking especially the time at this hour of the morning to come by. And you'll be back next week, right? If you would like, Well, do you like I mean, I will speak and put up with this

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Jimmy Carper 25:17

right, we can talk more about long term goals and take some more phone calls.

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Buddy Johnston 25:21

Hey, I want to say publicly thanks for the letter that you sent me when I went back to work for the police department, because we've gotten very little recognition from anybody in this city over the last almost three years. And that letter means a whole lot to me. And I'll admit, I'll announce that that didn't happen until you became president of the caucus. So we're glad to have you here.

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Dennis Spencer 25:42

Attention to detail. Yeah.

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Buddy Johnston 25:44

Well, I appreciate that very much. And we'll see you soon. I hope, especially next week, right. Thank you very much. Dennis Spencer, president of gay and lesbian Political Caucus, the Houston game was before Congress this way out with Greg Greg and Lucia Chapelle is moving to a new time. It'll be on Sunday mornings at 11. No, I'm kidding. Oh, on Sunday mornings at

1:30am, which is in about five minutes. We're gonna run that beginning at 130. Hopefully, this morning, so stay with us. We'll be back in a little bit. This is after hours on KPFT ustun 20.1. FM. Girl you do that so well.



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No, nation has swung to the ride and more and more people have seen the light muggings and a lot of fights instead of ride



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registration for Gay Games three is now over 7000 athletes, which makes this the largest sporting event in the world this year when I



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am screamed out on the street or when somebody throws rocks at me and my girlfriend on the street. It's not because they think I'm fine. It's because they see me as this dike out there that should get beat up. What this amendment does is it breeds irrational discrimination against people who don't pose any kind of medical threat.



Greg Gordon 27:36

This is Lucia Chapelle. 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. Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucia Chapelle.



Greg Gordon 27:54

And on Greg Gordon, Rob is fiddled while Lutherans burn



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bigotry repeats itself as food handlers face round two and wave bye bye to buy invisibility All that and more because you've discovered this way out.



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I'm Juan Mendez Jr.



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and I'm Sandy Dwyer with us rap,



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a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending July 8 1990. A Kentucky criminal court ruled at the end of June that the state sodomy law is unconstitutional. The appellate judge found the law a breach of the state constitutions Equal Protection Clause and the right to privacy. According to staff console of the American Civil Liberties Union, lesbian and gay rights project, the ruling will be helpful in fighting sodomy prosecutions and repealing sodomy laws around the country. Kentucky is among 24 states and the District of Columbia which criminalizes sodomy. Five of the states including Kentucky criminalize only homosexual sodomy. The recent ruling came on appeal of the criminal prosecution of Jeffrey Watson arrested in 1986 for allegedly soliciting an undercover police officer. The state has yet to decide whether to appeal the decision to a higher court.



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Reformed Judaism, the most liberal of the religions, three main branches broke with 4000 years of Jewish tradition when they voted to accept gay and lesbian rabbis. A voice vote at their 100 and first annual conference attended by 500 rabbis came after 45 minutes of debate. A committee had been studying their proposal for four years before endorsing the change. participants said that Reformed Judaism already has homosexual rabbis, and the vote merely recognizes reality. The decision applies to Canada and the United States. Although Jewish Law condemns homosexuality, conference chair Rabbi Samuel CARF of Houston stated that one can violate the provisions of the Torah out of concern for human dignity.



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to San Francisco churches are facing disciplinary hearings for ordaining gay and lesbian clergy. Because the ordinations were not authorized by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, both St. Francis and first United Lutheran congregations face expulsion, the maximum penalty. In January, a gay man and a lesbian couple ordained at a ceremony held in protest of the

denominations guidelines requiring that gay and lesbian candidates pledge lifelong, chaste celibacy. More than 70 statements in defense of the ordinations have been prepared by those testifying before the disciplinary committee,



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the Republican challenger to openly gay incumbent, Massachusetts Congressman Jerry Studds, is waging a campaign stressing traditional family values. John Bryan, while promising not to get into the nitty gritty of homosexuality is nevertheless plastering the media with ads about the state of the family. A Brian campaign worker has been quoted as saying that Studds kind of permissiveness makes me sick, and another said that only a family man is fit to serve in Congress. Studds, who is seeking his 10th term responds by saying that the strategy of distortion and homophobic crusades may sometimes work but it is wrong. It insults the already cynical voters by muddying public discussion and insults, gaming, lesbians and all people of goodwill.



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Washington insiders who predicted that democratic US Representative Barney Frank's political career was over. After the scandal involving his former relationship with male prostitutes Steven Goby are beginning to eat their words. Even the Republicans are saying that the Massachusetts Democrat has a good chance of reelection in November. One measure of Frank's restored reputation came recently when President Bush commended him and four others for the development of an effective legislative package on housing. Another measure his popularity is that no member of his party has come forward to oppose him.



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fallout from the sixth International Conference on AIDS held last month in San Francisco continues to make news. Mary van clay reports Health and



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Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan said that he's asking officials to avoid all but quote necessary and productive dealings with the AIDS activist group ACT UP. Sullivan was apparently responding to the group's noisy demonstration at the sixth International AIDS Conference in San Francisco last month. Group members drowned out his closing speech with Gere's protesting White House in action on the epidemic, including its refusal to lift entry restrictions imposed on foreigners with HIV. Solomon said he won't let his department be used as a punching bag by ACT UP. The group's leaders predict the statement will only inflame already bad relations between Sullivan and the group's members. Congress is now taking up the issue of US regulations that keep people with HIV out of the country. The House Subcommittee on Health has begun hearings on a bill that would strip Congress of the power to formulate the list of contagious diseases authored by Democrat Roy Rowland of Georgia. The legislation calls for the Department of Health and Human Services to assume all control of formulating that list. The current ruling that keeps out people with HIV stemmed from an amendment introduced by Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina. Backers of the new bill say it's ridiculous for lawmakers

to play the role of physicians deciding on the public health needs and dangers of citizens. Attorney Donald Goldman, a member of the National AIDS Commission, which supports the rolling bill says current laws are especially ironic since there are more AIDS cases already in the United States than in most foreign countries. Every person in



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the United States was stupid enough to share needles, he or she would be probably better off and safer sharing them with a foreign visitor. So with a fellow Americans,



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the rolling bill could take months to work its way through the house and then through the Senate. In San Francisco. I'm Mary van clay.



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gay lesbian and bisexual veterans have formed a new national organization to fight the military sexual discrimination policy. Staff Sergeant Marion bench alone has been selected to chair the gay, lesbian and bisexual Veterans of America in February and Ben Shalom 50 year court battle against the military ended when the US Supreme Court refused to consider the case. The new group will work to support university faculty and student groups that oppose Reserve Officers Training Corps programs, or ROTC and military recruiting on campuses, which have non discrimination policies. The group will also lobby the US government to change the sections of the Uniform Code of Military Justice used to enforce discrimination



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in a national survey 71% Under 1266 lesbian and gay couples said they had experienced at least one type of discrimination as a couple and 39% had experiences of three or more types. In the study conducted by the Seattle based organization partners, discrimination was most frequently reported in connection with employment benefits. However, 8% said employers provided partners with some benefits and 5% said Partners Health Benefits are provided at the workplace. The added discrimination lesbians face as women was apparent from the respondents, fully 75% of women reported relationship discrimination compared to 65% for male couples. Reports of discrimination were also higher among couples who are open about their relationship more strongly committed more politically liberal and together more than one year. These partners presumably are more inclined to ask for or expect equal treatment.



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And finally, and two separate weekends earlier this year police and chelas Main port city by but ASIO burst into large discotheques and escorted more than 500 gay men to a central hospital for HIV testing. According to Scott de the newsletter of the Chilean Corporation for AIDS prevention, the men were forced to show their national identity cards when the blood was

drawn by Trisha Lastra. Official for the country's health service said that educational efforts to get people to be tested have not been effective. The director of the local disease control center approved the rates after finding out employees of the Disco's were not discouraging commercial sex. He said 5% of those tested were positive. According to the newsletter. Police had also planned to roundup gay men at a local beach but gave up because there were too many.

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That's news wrap for the week ending July 8 1990, written by RJ Curry of the gay and lesbian Press Association with contributions from other publications and broadcast 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 Juan Mendez Jr.

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and I'm Sandy Dwyer.

Greg Gordon 37:25

Girl pen and paper we've got some important information coming up for you. You've got a chance to personally help defeat another stupid misinformed piece of anti AIDS legislation supported by that right wing Republican from North Carolina Senator homophobe himself, Jesse Helms.

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My name is Karen Friedman. I'm a lobbyist with the Human Rights Campaign fund in Washington DC and I want to alert this way out listeners to a legislative emergency. Jesse Helms is trying to stop people with AIDS from working in restaurants, as chefs and waiters stop flight attendants with AIDS from working in their job. Jesse Helms is trying right now to kill the Americans with Disabilities Act, civil rights legislation that will provide important anti discrimination protections to all people with disabilities, including people with AIDS and HIV infection. He's proposing something called the Chapman amendment that will allow employers in the food handling industry to stop people with AIDS from working in food handling positions. The House and Senate went into conference and they killed this amendment wisely.

Buddy Johnston 38:30

They're talking about this amendment. This news was put together on June the ninth with

this was defeated, right.

R Roger 38:37

Yes, when it came back, came up for a vote last Wednesday. Okay, and they killed the amendment. It lost. It was around 200 and some votes to about 170 or 180 votes.

B Buddy Johnston 38:54

Okay. But the law is not going to prevent people with AIDS from working in restaurants. Right.

R Roger 38:59

Right. I mean, as well, it doesn't specifically say that is what it does is it empowers the Secretary of Health virtually to come up with a list of diseases that are too risky for people to be transmitted without, you know, like they if they were masks or gloves or something like that they still are still a possibility to transmit them. But the Secretary has said that AIDS is not going to be one of them because they because there's no medical evidence that AIDS is spread through food handling.

B Buddy Johnston 39:32

What is it? Okay. You just we were just trying to bring that to your attention because we are tape delayed and this was distributed on July the ninth so it's this has already happened.

R Roger 39:46

Yes, it's over in the House and Senate have passed the bill, the complete bill, and it's going to the President.

B Buddy Johnston 39:55

Okay, good news. And we'll go back and listen to those but remember boys and girls de la Lost 63 Before casinos last again,

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they said that if restaurants were integrated, that restaurants would lose business, we can't allow this kind of irrational discrimination. Everybody listening to this program right now should call their members of Congress, both of their senators and their house representative to say, pass swiftly. The Americans with Disabilities Act exactly as it came out of conference.

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Buddy Johnston 40:27

The Chapman amendment, which they did,

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member in your senators, which should be done immediately, because this will probably be acted on very soon.

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Buddy Johnston 40:37

Guys and girls, your disapproval

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of their decision to push this amendment, their number, and its toll free at 1-800-424-5147. That's the National Restaurant Association in Washington 1-800-424-5146. This has been Karen Friedman lobbyists with the Human Rights Campaign fund. And I just want to say how thankful I am to all this way out listeners for calling your congress members, senators and the National Restaurant Association to kill the Chapman amendment and to swiftly pass the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please do it now.

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Buddy Johnston 41:15

It must have worked because we did it child. He must have worked. One more bite to dust. Now we gotta get this get Jesse Helms out of there. Election Day.

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Greg Gordon 41:38

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

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Let me send you a story of the people that I love and the prejudice exclusion that I face. I'm not welcome in either the straight world or the gay. No community has given me a place where sometimes I love women. And sometimes I love men. And the passion isn't some thing. Control all folks who told me why I had such a problem to be by. But I need both sides to know that I'm home. I'm not really straight. I'm not really gay. All I am is me. And what more can I say? Hey, they tell me make your mind up. But how can I choose I can play it straight or gay. Ha I lose that God's love.



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Greg Goraon 42:4 /

Hundreds of 1000s celebrated Lesbian and Gay Pride around the world last month. A smaller group still numbering in the hundreds gathered from across the United States and overseas for the first bisexual conference held June 23 23rd in San Francisco. As Eric Jensen reports, organizers of this fledgling political group hoped to bring more bisexual visibility to the gay and lesbian community and to the rest of the world.



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Many bisexual say they feel they're in two closets, ostracized from both society at large and from the gay and lesbian community. Beth Reba WESA by activist from Seattle says gays, lesbians and bisexuals all face the common threat of homophobia



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when I am screened out on the street or when somebody throws rocks at me and my girlfriend on the street. It's not because they think I'm fine. It's because they see me as this dyke out there that should get beat up



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but we send others at the conference say many gays and lesbians accused bisexuals of sitting on the fence just going through a phase or using heterosexual privilege when the going gets rough. And conference co organizer autumn Courtney says there are other reasons gays and lesbians don't accept bisexuals a lot of



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homosexual people feel that we dilute their cause that were not strong enough that were not committed enough to lesbian gay rights.



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As a result of a coordinated release. Many bisexuals feel as unwelcome and uncomfortable in the gay and lesbian communities as they do in the straight world. At the three day conference, activists have begun forming a national bisexual Network, an education and advocacy group linking scores of regional groups throughout the US and Canada. The national network could serve as a resource for the regional groups and coordinate national educational, political and outreach efforts. One area now lacking for example, is counseling for bisexual youths. Michael Ambrose Sina with the Cascades AIDS Project in Oregon says like gays, young bisexuals need information and counseling. They feel comfortable with services gays and lesbians have one to help cut down on teen suicides.



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We want the same for bisexuals across the country still, either if it's in high school that's obviously straight or if it's in a social service agency that's run by gay men and lesbians who counseled young gay men and lesbians as to being feeling good about themselves. In either case, bisexuality is not an option. So if you're young and you're bisexual or if you're bisexual in general, you don't have access to the resources to allow you to be who you need to be

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with help from gay and lesbian groups making bisexuality an acceptable option, says conference organizer Courtney would make it easier for buyers and the general population to count themselves among sexual minorities. The nearly 1/3 of all people from sex researcher Kinsey said are not entirely straight,

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and it's to lesbian gay community's interest to because if everybody identified their same sex relationships, and it truly is 30%, that's a very large minority. And with that many consciously aware people, we could change quite a few things in this country,

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aside from political clout by activists hope to raise consciousness among straights and gays, that as Beth always puts it,

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if we're fighting for sexual liberation, for the right for people to love whom they choose, then that's going to include whoever they happen to be in love with. And we don't stop to ask well, is it the right sex? Or is it the wrong sex

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participants at the BI conference hope to have a national political organization in place by the summer's end and to continue increasing dialogue with gay and lesbian organizations? For this way out? I'm Eric Johnson in San Francisco when you

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want to be fair, just respect me as a person and when the whole mess is over and there will be a day when the labels on matters and will relax and have a whole lot of fun. Say I'm not really straights odd really gay all I am as me and what more can I say? Hey, they tell me make your mind up on how can I choose I can play it straight or gay. He is I got the borderline bisexual, and it's such bad.



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Games three and cultural festival in Vancouver, British Columbia is less than a month away. James Goodman provides a final report from the Games organizers celebration 90 focusing on two of the many cultural festivals which will be paralleling all of the athletic events.



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This is James Goodman for celebration 90 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. With the excitement building, detailed plans for cultural events are being released. Vos Janet Williams, co director of words without borders, the Gay Games Literary Festival,



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it's a six day festival. It starts on Sunday, August the fifth and runs until Friday, August the 10th. And who is



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some of the big names that you think should attract a lot of worldwide attention?



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I probably the biggest coup for this Literary Festival is enticing Alan Hollinghurst out of England. He's the author of the swimming pool library, which I've read in all my my gay male friends say oh, they absolutely love and this is his first appearance in North America. I'm real thrilled. Nicole Broussard from Montreal is coming. Some of the really big names in lesbian literature at the moment Sarah Schulman from New York, Dorothy Allison and Alison Bechdel. We have new and emerging Native writers and women of color and men of color that I think are going to present material that people are going to find really exciting and also really different. There's roughly 30 events happening at this festival. So there's a lot happening each day. But basically, it's easily divisible into morning sessions, which are what I would like to call interactive panel discussions where there's a panel that presents material on a specific topic, like the AIDS forum, there'll be microphones available for audience participation. And all these are scheduled before the lunch hour so that we have enough time so that if it's a topic that really generates a lot of interest, and we have a lot of audience participation, we have a real flexible timeframe so that the audience will get to see what they feel about a topic. We have three brunches scheduled one on journal writing, one on dream analysis, which I think will be really neat. And then Skye Gilbert from Toronto was going to be doing a true and not so true confessional brunch, which only Skye knows what that's going to entail, but I think it sounds like fun. In the afternoons from two o'clock to four o'clock we have what we're calling writers, discussion groups, and basically it could be anywhere from two to four writers who are familiar with their craft presenting material to writers in the audience, and of course, anybody can come but I assume that will be mostly writers who will appear in the audience. Listening to these other

writers talk about racism and writing, playwriting, humor, a number of different panels will be taking place in the afternoon then on the craft of writing, and from 430 to 630. We'll have anywhere from four to six It's different writers reading in the afternoon late afternoon readings. And the reason we scheduled them at that time is because there's a whole nother cultural event going on in conjunction with the Gay Games and many of the things happening are happening in the evening starting at eight o'clock. So we wanted to make sure that people could attend the Literary Festival and still not miss out on any of the other exciting cultural events that are going to be happening.



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Rebecca Wrotham is a founding member of Vancouver's out on screen Film Festival society and programming coordinator for the film festival.



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Our dates are from August 2 to the 12th, we will be presenting 22 different programs, which will be playing at 730 and 930. With occasional midnight show, we will be showing the feature length movies, of course, documentaries, animated films, short documentaries, long lines, basically, you name it, we show it, we do have a mandate. And I'll just go over it very briefly. So we try to show Canadian movies as a Canada does in fact, produce quite a few gay themed movies muscleman coming out of Quebec. So in fact, there's a lot of there are a lot of French language features this year. And you'll be happy to know that most of them are subtitled English except what you do have other films from around the world, we should be presenting at least to Australian women's features, we'll be showing some American films, we'll be showing some British films. And we're negotiating right now for a French word and two Italian ones. And we will be presenting I hope, a Filipino film if we can get past the Filipino censors, I will be showing common thread stories from the quilt the Oscar winning a feature length documentary, which won the Oscar this year. And we'll be following that by suddenly, Victor. And both of those will be a benefit one for an AIDS related community organization. And the second for us it has we're just a privately funded organization. When we show common threads, we will actually have the two producers of the film on hand to introduce the film and to the audience into field questions. We'll be having a James Brown and retrospective and I got to explain to you who James Brown is. He is a poet and he will actually be here in Vancouver for the salvation it Literary Festival. But he's also a filmmaker, a West Coast avant garde filmmaker. He's also known for having fathered a child on Pauline Kael, The New Yorker Believe it or not, but he's actually a wonderful filmmaker. And he lives with a nice boy from Montreal and they now collaborate together on a Joel singer. And so in fact, it's a very interesting tandem of an older man and a younger man collaborating on a body of work, which is a very interesting and what this festival tries to promote is that they're very positive films. They're very, in his case, the very gentle films. But also when you come out of the these, this sort of evening, you I think come out with a very positive identification with a game.



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Registration for Gay Games three is now over 7000 athletes, which makes this the largest sporting event in the world this year. One very important and vital group are the spectators to cheer on their favorite team or athlete. And for those of you who have not yet ordered tickets

to the many first classes cultural events, call us now at 604-684-2637. That's 604-684-2637 do join us in Vancouver celebration 90 Gay Games three and cultural festival from August the fourth to August the 11th 1990.

 **Greg Gordon 53:35**

Thanks for choosing this way out the international games lesbian radio magazine this week, Sandy Dwyer, Juan Mendez Jr, RJ curry, Mary van clay, Eric Johnson and James Goodman contributed program material. Thanks also to Mike alkali, Karen Friedman be loved and Gary Taylor,

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Amanda Eunice Kessler and Tom Geller and Dale Thompson with the Vancouver Gay Men's Chorus and the Vancouver women's chorus performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music

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Now y'all stay tuned



**Buddy Johnston 54:43**

this way out with Greg Gordon and what's her name? Lucy Chapin and it's new time which is going to be 130 on Sunday morning here on after hours. And hopefully it'll give us a great lead into the bar crowd and give us a chance to catch our breath and all that kind ANNA stuff Yeah, speaking of great lead ends Thursday mornings at 230 in the morning girl she's not on how come she isn't? Cuz she's neither are we. Oh, gosh, she's got this screwy card here. Well, you could just tell him.



**Jimmy Carper 55:21**

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