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### Speaker 4 00:02

I think that town meeting two will be the stepping stone to them creating the ability to, to make change and to and to get together and start something. The reason I originally called town meeting two or called for town meeting two and called people and said, I think it's time we do this I want to do something, is because of this divisiveness in the community. You have the GLPC on one side of the fence, saying, you know, well playing the good queer and then degrading Queer Nation as the bad queer and ever so subtle of away going to meetings with the police chief and saying, Well, okay, we'll we'll agree to let you know about protesters that, that we don't know who they are, and, and things like that willing to do things that are just crazy and unheard of and not being inclusive. GLPC is not inclusive of the community, like it should be.

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### Speaker 3 01:06

I mean, you can go to one of their meetings and never ever see a face under 30 or a black face.

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### Speaker 4 01:13

And that will all change this Wednesday night as I go in and vote for the first time. I'm exercising my right. But yeah, that's that's what I wanted to do or want to do and hope to do with town meeting two, is to get, I mean, I think what I would say first off is that the three of you need to be on the commission of 20 somethings. That to set the agenda. I mean, you can't you can't be on your on the executive committee. But the two of you need to be on the commission for the 20 Something generation to set the agenda. What are your concerns? What can we do to bet, I mean, we need to set an agenda for the entire community from the 16 or 17 year old HIV positive homeless hustler on Avondale to Chris Bacon, who works in a law firm downtown to you know, Ray Hill, who is somewhere in between all of that.

 Speaker 7 02:10

Well, Ray is classic, classic.

 Speaker 4 02:13

I can't say. I think we need to all come together.

 Speaker 3 02:19

When all else fails, we all need to come together.

 Speaker 4 02:22

Can't we all just get along.

 Speaker 3 02:24

Exactly. One of the things that I've been kind of disappointed in is the lack of progressive music, the lack of progressive fashion, the lack of progressive, a progressive art scene. Is there a way that we can build up the art scene so that we actually have a more progressive, politically pointed point of view? Eric, I know you, I know that you've been working on a lot of arts things, you're a photographer, a poet, a writer. And I would imagine that the art scene in Houston, you know, makes you feel cyclical because a lot of what's being done is the same old really broad homosexual stuff, right?

 Speaker 7 03:07

It's well, it's universal. There's that older artists crowd here, because the younger people go to the big cities to make their name, and then they come back and they're already too old. But yeah, it is really hard to get your foot in the door. And I've been really trying to social climb over the holidays going to the correct parties, as all good facts should. Exactly and trying to, you know, say yeah, I'll come over and look at your books. Sure. But, um, yeah, what we need to do is educate ourselves a lot of, you know, a lot of a lot of the older people are educating themselves, but it's like infotainment, it's, it's, it's the way that the young people are educating themselves. And the older people don't do that. So the important thing is, is just communication between generations, and really forcing your way in and making sure that you represent yourself in a manner that they'll respect. And once you get that, then, you know, they'll listen to you. And if we support each other, instead of, you know, reading each other or being critical of each other, then, you know, we can do something.

 Speaker 3 04:19

Okay. It seems like we have a caller and a line. Let's go to whoever this person is.

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#### Speaker 4 04:24

This is Roy on the phone. He's 42 years old, and he is disappointed with the way that the gay leaders are putting across their message. Roy, what, you say you're a veteran of Stonewall, what exactly is your problem with the community leaders that we have now? Roy Are you there? Guess that guess that, that's not gonna work. Roy, is that you? Okay, right what do you see the problem with the gay leaders?

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#### Speaker 8 05:04

Well not leaders piecemeal Let's educate let's not offend. Let's let's regular guy concept of hiding the fairies and a drag queens and the faggot pushed him and I was there I had my I got a scar on my head where a piece of bone chipped away from my head from the nightsticks. The drag queens should be in every gay pride parade, at the front, and in the middle, and in the back. They should be everywhere. I'll tell you something. I get so, I get so like it worked up about this. The game news of today has really not provided every not gone far enough, or fast enough to bring about complete and total gay rights. I was, after Stonewall, I became a member of the Gay Liberation Front.

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#### Speaker 5 06:12

That's cool.

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#### Speaker 8 06:13

I mean, we're going back into the real moldy oldies

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#### Speaker 3 06:18

The Queer Nation of what, the early 70s.

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#### Speaker 8 06:22

60s Darling 60s.

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#### Speaker 3 06:25

Okay, so I don't know history.

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#### Speaker 8 06:27

I even had my first underground high school game newspaper called startle that only lasted about six months, but at least I was out there passing around. At my own expense.

 Speaker 4 06:43

Roy, what do you think that the way to go is, where have they failed? And where do they need to redirect themselves?

 Speaker 8 06:51

Massive demonstrations not just in Washington, right here in Houston, and everywhere else. That let's, let's the public know that we will not be denied our rightful place. I am 42 years old. I'm a professional. And I still cannot put a picture of my office of my lover and me. But yet the guy next door. The next office right next to me, you can have a picture of his wife and his kids. You know what I'm saying? We are still in a closet. We are still stuffed into a closet. There is not gay rights. Anywhere. You pick up any newspaper, any magazine, you will see a man and a woman together, but you won't see two guys together.

 Speaker 3 07:35

Exactly.

 Speaker 8 07:36

Saying you turn on the television anytime day or night you see the soap there woman I mean, I hate to say it but heterosexuality is stuffed down my throat 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I say with Queer Nation, go ahead. Stuff in your face. Keep that Keep it keep it up. I wish to God. You know that? My work? I was research that I could I could be out there in the frontline.

 Speaker 4 08:05

Great, Roy.

 Speaker 8 08:07

But it's not. But I will say this one of the reasons why we are very leery of poaching or helping up 17 and the 16. And the 18 year old gay youth. society still thinks older man, younger boy, big trouble 17 We'll get to 20.

 Speaker 4 08:28

All right. And that's the next agenda that we have to work on. Thanks for calling Roy. We really appreciate it.

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Speaker 8 08:33

Okay.

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Speaker 4 08:36

You're listening to after hours a continuing tradition on World Radio 90.1 FM.

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Speaker 3 08:42

You sounded so sexy. Yeah, I must admit, I was quite pleased to hear what Roy had to say. Because he was 42 years old. And he is thinking like we are, still is. And he's thinking like us, which I think emphasizes the point that it's not just a generational thing. And meaning that it's not just chronological, but that it's really has to do with how politically conscious you are. I mean, recently there has been talk of a public relations campaign designed to put forth the gay image now with-- who's been working on that one.

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Speaker 7 09:24

Can we say Chris Bacon yet again?

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Speaker 3 09:26

Chris Bacon and Bill Augusto and some assorted other upperclass.

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Speaker 4 09:30

Parker Ray Hill.

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Speaker 3 09:31

White men. Yeah, basically a bunch of middle class, middle aged white people, who have decided to put forth the image for the gay community.

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Speaker 4 09:41

Freaking white people.

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Speaker 3 09:42

There you go. And that particularly appalls me because as an African American, I know that they are not going to have pictures that look like me up on those campaigns.

 **Speaker 4 09:54**

That's the first mistake. In those shorts, you always wear

 **Speaker 3 09:57**

Yeah, with my new really big hair cut up Yeah. I mean, in part of this is a whole thing about, there also will be denying the sexuality of gay and lesbian people, we will be put forth. As you know, people who are nice, bland and boring. How does that make you guys feel knowing that, you know you're trying to do something different you're trying to do something new?

 **Speaker 4 10:21**

Well, you know, the problem I have with this whole, you know, and I don't know, Bill, I've never met him. I don't know anything about it except a little bit that I read in the new voice this week. But the real problem that I have with it is I think it's the whole, once again, we get back to the whole Lily-white image of telling the straight community how much like them we are, and we're not. And I don't, I don't see the point in putting forth pictures of us, where we don't hold hands, where we don't kiss, where we don't touch, but we look like heterosexuals when that's not what I'm out fighting for, I'm not fighting for the right to go into a park and sit across the blanket from my lover and eat a picnic lunch, I'm fighting for the right to go in that same park area and sit on a picnic blanket in my lover's lap, or holding his hand or kissing him or whatever. And I don't see that we're going to achieve that by telling heterosexuals how alike them we are, because we're not.

 **Speaker 7 11:19**

And it it also buys into the agenda of the right wing, which, particularly in the era of AIDS is to deny us our sexuality. But it looks like we have another caller on the line. Let's see who it is.

 **Speaker 9 11:30**

This is Cindy. I just want to call and just tell you that I go to Queer Nation meetings and I have a problem. You know, we can't even get people to the meetings. There's like last Tuesday, that was five people there. We can't. I like to see if y'all have any ideas about how to address that problem. There's nothing that can be done, because there's not enough people to show up to do anything, to have any action. You know, you can't you can't do anything with nobody. How do we get people to come out and get involved? You know, it just makes me mad that nobody wants to do anything. Everybody wants to just take things as they are now at least that's how it seems to me?

 Speaker 7 12:20

Well, a lot of that problem is is that, like Matt was saying is that queer nation is about being a media whore is making yourself out there and how you say like--

 Speaker 3 12:31

Visible, visible, visibly queer.

 Speaker 7 12:33

Okay, so what happened was, is that everybody wanted to be conservative, they didn't want to make any waves. So that was totally against the whole thing about Queer Nation. And a lot of people dropped out because they wanted to do things and they were being stepped on. They were being silenced--

 Speaker 3 12:50

--inhibited by a lot of the older people. And I know that, to be honest, all of us in the room have been involved in Queer Nation at one point in time. And, frankly, I mean, a lot of the people who were added in who were active, I mean, Queer Nation has been around for about two years now, are kind of tired, not tired, meaning they're passe, but tired, meaning that they're exhausted. And I think the question now is, how do we bring newer, fresher voices into the mix?

 Speaker 9 13:15

Right, that's, that's a good question. You know, I would love to do anything. I've come out with my job and with everybody, but I know that there's a lot of people around here who don't have that luxury. And, you know, like, what can we do?

 Speaker 3 13:35

I don't know, it's a good question. Well, how old are you?

 Speaker 9 13:38

I'm 38.

 Speaker 3 13:40

Okay, well, what needs to happen is that we need to put more flyers out. I mean, that's really successful, to flyer, to paper, to get word of mouth out, to go to the schools, to wear Queer Nation T shirts everywhere that was really successful. We have a lot of write ups. The thing is

is that we we found a lot of issues, and we made ourselves visible, we protested, you know, every month, if not like, every week was something we made phone blitzes. And we really worked hard, but it was a lot of people doing different committees doing that, what we need is to flyer to recruit, recruit, recruit, recruit, recruit, to talk about it, you need more people that are enthusiastic about it right now. There's a lull nobody's enthusiastic about it.

 Speaker 5 14:28

We need a good issue to grab on to two. I think in the wake of the election, a lot of people have decided, well, we've got Bill Clinton come in here and things can be wonderful. Of course, they didn't realize that the progressive movement lost big time in Texas. Yeah, we got our butts kicked in Harris County and all across Texas. So there's still a lot of issues to be worked on. But I think a lot of people are working on this mentality that we are moving into a progressive era with a new administration. So there are a lot of things that are going on simultaneously there, bit of taking the wind out of the sails by young activists.

 Speaker 3 15:04

Cindy, we'd like to thank you for your call and hope you'll keep up with Queer Nation.

 Speaker 9 15:08

Well, I, I want to do something, you know, I feel like that if I do something and if I can get one other person or two other persons to do something, you know, that's what we have to start everybody has to get, I think everybody has to get one of their friends to try to come out and do something. And you know, we have to be seen like Kelsey Piper, the place, just get BC in and let them know that we're right. They know we're here. But like you say, everybody wants to be inside and whatever that wherever they are at the bar or something I don't know where.

 Speaker 4 15:42

And Cindy, join the join the caucus you and may will take over we'll be the radicals and we're going to take over.

 Speaker 9 15:48

All right. You won't be running for president next year?

 Speaker 4 15:51

I'll be there. I'll run for vice president you can run for president. Oh, no, no,

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Speaker 9 15:55

No, I'll do treasurer or secretary or something. I'm not up for president just yet.

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Speaker 4 15:59

Well, we'll get in there and we'll take over no matter what.

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Speaker 9 16:01

What do you say that they meeting? That's one thing I don't know about. But they meet on Wednesday?

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Speaker 4 16:06

They made the first Wednesday of every month. Where's that at? I don't know. At the Montrose palace this Wednesday night. Thanks, Cindy. Hi, you're on the air. Who's this?

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Speaker 10 16:19

Hi.

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Speaker 4 16:21

Hi, you're on the air. Who's this?

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Speaker 10 16:25

Evelyn.

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Speaker 4 16:26

Hi, Evelyn. How are you?

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Speaker 10 16:27

I'm fine. How are you tonight?

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Speaker 4 16:29

Just wonderful.

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### Speaker 10 16:30

Great. I wanted to make a comment. I've been involved off and on with community for some years. And Queer Nation does some good things. And a lot of people are offended by it. And a lot of people are not offended by it. But they do capture attention. And that's a very good thing. But, you know, a thought struck me as I was listening to the program that I don't know, from one day to the next what Queer Nation is doing, I'm not always in a position where I can go to meetings or whatnot, I have a family, I have a job. But if I had that information available to me, if the word were out in the community, I might be able to go and participate with some of these things. And I think a lot of people in the community are saying word, the word is just not getting out enough.

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### Speaker 3 17:24

Part of it is that the Queer Nation actions come up like at a meeting and then two days later, they happen. And there's not really a lot of time to get flyers. And also another part of the problem is the the local gay media here. When Queer Nation first started, the gay media tried to completely and totally shut us out. And even now, they don't give a lot of space to announce protests or boycotts or--

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### Speaker 4 17:48

deaths because all of those spaces are taken up with 1-900 sex numbers and personal ads.

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### Speaker 3 17:54

Yeah. So I think Matt can talk about what Queer Nation is up to now and maybe give the meeting information.

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### Speaker 5 18:01

Yeah, I'd be glad to our next meeting is going to be this Tuesday, which the fifth of January at 7:30pm. At that coffee shop Brazil on Westheimer at Dunlavy. So we do encourage you to come to that meeting. And we're gonna be discussing the March on Washington, particularly motivating a large number of people from Houston to attend the march. And also we want to talk more about the the Colorado boycott and other issues that that the amendment in Colorado has brought up.

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### Speaker 3 18:37

Okay. Thank you for calling.

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Speaker 10 18:40

Thank you. Can I make one small suggestion? Keep in touch with the gay and lesbian switchboard, a lot of people call there.

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Speaker 3 18:48

Okay, great. Great. Thank you.

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Speaker 10 18:50

Thank you.

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Speaker 3 18:53

Okay, we have exactly one minute before we go to This Way Out. I'd like to thank all our guests for showing up the middle Scott Lewis, and a lovely Intel, Matt Houston. Matt, is there any closing comment you'd like to make?

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Speaker 7 19:08

Boy, you just put me on the spot.

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Speaker 3 19:10

That's what I'm good at. Yeah.

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Speaker 7 19:13

Yeah, I would like to close. I've been purposely trying not to be divisive because I realized the importance even though I do want to yell at the Chris Bacons to the world, because he's just been an affront to me personally, I think. But but we all need to work together. We need to look at what other people's issues are and try to incorporate them into our own issues so that we all can get things done in this community and get the activism going again.

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Speaker 3 19:41

Okay, well thank you for being here on after hours and hope you have a good evening and you continued success with Queer Nation. Now we go to This Way Out.

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Speaker 11 19:54

The controversial move, which was approved overwhelmingly by the United Way's local board has called If you're in Maine's largest city, the Boy Scouts are as wholesome as our brand so of course, I'm going to tell you that their illustrious founder was a raging queen. Well not quite, but what made the scarf attractive to him was scoutmasters?

 **Speaker 12 20:27**

Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine, Lucia Chapelle is providing her mechanic with an unexpected holiday bonus. And I'm Greg Gordon, France moves to prevent lesbian pregnancy. Portland, Maine vanishes, scouting the United Way and did repressed homosexuality create the first boy scout? The answer to that question and a lot more. You've discovered This Way Out.

 **Speaker 13 20:57**

I'm Cindy Friedman.

 **Speaker 14 20:58**

And I'm Brian Nunez with News Wrap, p a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending December 19 1992. The French parliament is considering broad new health regulations that would prohibit lesbians from receiving artificial insemination. The bill was drafted by Health Minister Bernard Kushner and sponsored by socialist deputy Bernard B Lock, intended to cover most sensitive bioethical problems, the measure would also limit genetic engineering and ban surrogate mothering and payments to organ donors. Canadian justice minister Kim Campbell celebrated Human Rights Day on December 10 in Parliament by introducing federal legislation protecting gay and lesbian rights. Although the Canadian government had been promising this action for more than six years, recent court decisions essentially forced their hand in the matter. The bill would amend Canada's Human Rights Act to open the federal Human Rights Commission to complaints of discrimination based on sexual orientation. The measure also prohibits discrimination based on marital status, but marital status is specifically defined as quote living in a conjugal relationship with a person of the opposite sex for more than a year end quote, Campbell said it would be left to the courts to determine which public policies should recognize same gender relationships.

 **Speaker 13 22:22**

Anchorage, Alaska is currently considering a gay and lesbian rights ordinance. And although the measure is not expected to pass, it's made a difference. Former Fairbanks police officer Deborah Looper had been nominated by anchorage Mayor Tom Fink to the city's Equal Rights Commission, the body that hears discrimination complaints. Looper had also served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention, where she was photographed by Newsweek magazine holding one of those ubiquitous signs reading family rights forever, gay rights never.

Looper claims she could be fair and handling a sexual orientation discrimination case if the rights bill passes, but after opponents presented the photo, the Anchorage Assembly refused to confirm Looper's nomination.

#### Speaker 14 23:13

The Rhode Island alliance for lesbian and gay civil rights gave their latest political protest a seasonal flavor. For the eighth straight year gays and lesbians have failed to win statewide protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation. In its fourth annual protest called shopping in the free states, the Rhode Island activists crossed the state borders to do holiday shopping in neighboring Massachusetts or Connecticut, which have gay and lesbian civil rights laws. 25 Alliance members caravan from the State House to Massachusetts and along with perhaps 25 others, spent a total of more than \$10,000.

#### Speaker 13 23:50

As we reported last week, the fundamentalist Christian group, Fired Up, thought they'd gathered enough signatures to force a general vote on the human rights ordinance passed earlier this year in Kansas City, Missouri. But some of the petitions had been notarized in Kansas City, Kansas, and some of the notaries had certified their own signatures, and all told Fired Up lacked enough valid signatures to force a referendum. Although the Kansas City measure doesn't actually mention gays and lesbians, Fired Up members fear that they will eventually be added.

#### Speaker 14 24:26

Because its gay and lesbian employees cannot be legally married. The San Francisco Bay Area's Stanford University decided to award domestic partner benefits to those in enduring relationships. Effective February 1, employees partners will qualify for health insurance, survivors benefits, library privileges, and the chance to audit courses at the University if they are part of quote an enduring relationship with exclusive mutual commitment and financial responsibilities analogous to those of marriage end quote.

#### Speaker 13 24:58

While receiving an award for his part in the passage of local domestic partnership legislation, Cambridge, Massachusetts Mayor Ken Reeves came out as a gay man, Reeves was already Massachusetts, first African American mayor and now he's the state's first gay mayor and the first African American openly gay mayor in the US.

#### Speaker 14 25:21

A school curriculum designed to teach children respect and tolerance for differences, including differences of sexual orientation continues to create unprecedented dissension in the New York City school system. The children of the rainbow study guide asks teachers both to tell children

that gays and lesbians are, quote, real people to be respected and appreciated end quote, and to discuss lesbian and gay parenting so that children of those families won't be made to feel different. The curriculum was recommended by the City Board of Education for use with children as young as first graders, although some of the 32 local districts compromised on introducing it in fifth or sixth grade. But the district 24 school board in the borough of Queens refused to condone the lifestyle on any terms, and on November 30, boycotted a scheduled meeting with Chancellor Joseph Fernandez. Fernandez suspended the entire district 24 Community School Board the following day. Eight days later, the Central Board of Education unanimously agreed to overrule Fernandez and reinstate the district 24 board. Fernandez has renewed his offer to take the dispute to mediation, but in the past the district 24 board rejected that offer several times. Although similar programs have been instituted in several other US cities, New York City may be the first to recommend one for grammar schoolers.

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Speaker 13 26:43

The 18 organizations that formed coalition 93 ,the Gay and Lesbian Presidential Transition Project, have identified 13 Open lesbians and gay men appointed by US President Elect Bill Clinton to serve on his transition team. They're serving in a wide range of capacities in areas including health and human services, education, arts, justice, economics, commerce, science and technology, General Services and constituency relations.

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Speaker 14 27:15

And finally, the administration of outgoing US President George Bush has been pulling some nasty tricks in its final days. But perhaps the unkindest cut of all was the selection of the White House Christmas tree. The 18 foot evergreen was personally selected by two White House staff sent across the country, at taxpayers expense, to the one place in the US where it's illegal for gays and lesbians to do so much as hold hands in public: Springfield, Oregon. That's news wrap for the week ending December 19 1990. To follow the news in your area, and informed community is a strong community. News wrap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman, for This Way Out. I'm Brian Nunez.

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Speaker 13 27:59

And I'm Cindy Freedman.

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Speaker 15 28:03

I think what you're doing with this way out is incredible.

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Speaker 12 28:06

William Weyburn, Executive Director of the gay and lesbian Victory Fund:

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### Speaker 15 28:10

I can remember when you guys first started, there was only just a couple of radio stations taking you on a feed. And now I know every time I travel, I hear about your program. And there are young people all over this country with those earplugs listening to your program who are understanding what it is like to be openly gay and openly lesbian and to lead their lives in a positive manner. And you have played a major role in that. It is incumbent upon us as members of this community to support our own institutions. And that includes our ability to disseminate our information in a timely manner so that it is meaningful and that we can react to it, and I certainly will do whatever I can to ensure your success.

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### Speaker 13 28:49

This is amendment two-step, the hate state debate. Once again, I'm Cindy Friedman with Brian Nunez. Colorado State House Minority Leader Sam Williams is drafting an amendment to the state constitution to repeal amendment two, the ballot measure passed in November to deny gays and lesbians any claim to minority status. The repeal amendment will be introduced to the legislature after its 1993 session opens January 13 and will require a two thirds majority in both state houses. Williams had just returned from a meeting of the National Black Caucus where he combated demands to move the group's 1993 convention out of Denver. We've got to do something it's costing us too much, the Democrat told the press.

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### Speaker 14 29:44

And how much might the growing boycott protesting amendment to cost Colorado. Some officials estimate lost business in the state at more than \$10 million because it's difficult to change sites for conventions after they've already been scheduled. The real damage is isn't expected to show up for a year. But Colorado business leaders are looking at the estimated \$500 million lost by Arizona over two years for refusing to honor Martin Luther King Jr's birthday as a holiday, a holiday they finally established last month. Most vulnerable is Colorado's ski industry reportedly producing over a billion dollars a year in consumer spending and over \$100 million in local tax revenues. The boycott's big enough business news to have gotten the write up in Business Week magazine,

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### Speaker 13 30:30

Who's boycotting? LAUREL Entertainment has dropped Colorado from the shortlist of possible locations for television mini series of Stephen King's "The Stand." The million dollar budget Women's Sports Foundation has canceled plans to move its headquarters to Colorado Springs, home of amendment two's proponents: Colorado for family values. Denver based Cork Software is threatening to withdraw \$20 million from a Denver bank unless the bank establishes its own anti discrimination policy.

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### Speaker 14 31:04

The Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to ban official travel to Colorado and contracts with companies based there in protest of amendment two. The LA Council is also urging the US

Conference of Mayors to move its conference now planned for June in Colorado Spring. New York and Philadelphia have also followed Atlanta, Georgia in passing similar bans. Atlanta's policy could make problems for the 1996 Olympic Games scheduled to be held in Atlanta, but run by the Colorado Springs based US Olympic Committee.

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### Speaker 13 31:34

Canceled meetings and conventions include the American Association of law libraries, the Coalition of labor union women, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the National Council for Social Studies, the National Education Association, and the National Organization for Women. The American Foundation for AIDS research refused \$135,000 from an aspen fundraising event. Lesbian producer Robyn Tyler pulled out of aspen moving her ski tour to Lake Tahoe, taking a loss of \$6,000 in front money and perhaps \$40,000 in revenue. The cities of Aspen and Snowmass have taken out full page ads in Daily Variety and the Hollywood Reporter attacking amendment two.

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### Speaker 14 32:22

Colorado State Attorneys charged with defending amendment to asked for dismissal of the American Civil Liberties Union's lawsuit challenging the measure. Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless is not expected to buy into this procedural move and before amendment two, how many discrimination complaints based on sexual orientation were there in Denver, Colorado's largest city and one of three that had a gay and lesbian rights law from February 1991 through October 1992. The Denver Human Rights Office reported a total of 75 complaints, 33 were based on sexual orientation.

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### Speaker 13 32:59

And yet one of the best known of those cases has ended on an upbeat despite amendment two. Denver District Judge Richard Sprigs ordered the Denver Career Service Board to pay lesbian city employee Mary Ross for the three sick days she used to care for her injured lover, Jeanne de Clemente in 1990. Sprigs called the definition of family used by the city in denying Ross's payment irrational and recommended the definition members of an immediate household. Sprig said the Career Service Board sick leave policy conflicted with Denver's anti discrimination rules. And that's amendment two-step, the hate state debate for this week with Brian Nunez, I'm Cindy Friedman.

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### Speaker 7 34:01

Speaking from the hands back on the way out international lesbian and gay radio magazine.

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### Speaker 15 34:20

In San Jose, California, just south of San Francisco, the board of the United Way of Santa Clara County was scheduled to vote this week on severing ties with groups that discriminate against

gays and lesbians. One of those groups facing possible loss of funding, of course, is the Boy Scouts of America. The United Way chapters in the San Francisco Bay Area and metropolitan Chicago have already cut off the scouts and it's an issue confronting an increasing number of United Way's across the country. The United Way of Portland, Maine became the latest to take a stand on the Boy Scouts anti gay policy. Peter Twitchell has the results.

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### Speaker 16 34:51

Local officials of the Greater Portland United Way last week adopted a policy barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The move will effectively cut off United Way's funding for the local chapter of the Boy Scouts. The scouts do not permit gay members and drew national attention last year for not allowing a lesbian to participate in her son's scouting activities. The controversial move, which was approved overwhelmingly by the United Way's local board, has caused a furor in Maine's largest city. Officials that both the United Way and the Boy Scouts report receiving hundreds of phone calls, both supporting and condemning United Way's decision. The charity's action comes just six weeks after Portland voters upheld a gay civil rights ordinance which was passed last May by the city council. In Portland, Maine for This Way Out, I'm Peter Twitchell.

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### Speaker 15 35:41

Considering the uncompromising refusal of the national leadership of the Boy Scouts of America to drop its blatant policy barring gays and lesbians from membership and leadership positions. There's classic irony in the following biography of the original scout from Wellington, New Zealand's cue yarn.

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Boy Scouts are as wholesome as oat bran. So of course, I'm going to tell you that their illustrious founder was a raging queen. Well, not quite. I'm going to tell you his orientation was almost totally homosexual, and he probably never made love to a man. First, I'll get the potted biography out of the way. He was born Robert Stevenson Smyth Powell in 1857, the eighth of 11 children of Henrietta Grace and the unorthodox Reverend Baden Powell, but four of the other children died. The inventor of the railway engine was his godfather and namesake, but to his mother's disappointment, the famous Robert Stevenson died without leaving the baby anything. His father died when he was only three. And when he was 12, his mother added the name Baden to their surname, in memory of both their father and a distant ancestor.

Ridiculously, she tried to keep his children by a previous marriage from using the name, though they were, of course, equally entitled to it, and she had the arms of the Duke of Baden added to their family escutcheon, though they had no claim to it. Robert was known as Steve and later when he was knighted, as Sir Robert, his peers would have pronounced his name Barden Paul, I'll call him BP and be done with it. Throughout his life, BP's mother was a powerful influence on him, but then she was on all of them, demanding considerable financial support from them all. She sent young BP to Charterhouse School, where he was bullied by among others, a boy known as the pig, who later became headmaster of a well known school in New Zealand. BP was a good little fg who idolized his upper. I'm not making these names up, a boy called Perry. BP was nicknamed bathing towel but also bowel. In due course, as an upper himself, he was

idolized by his fag. The next headmaster of Charterhouse described relations between the boys as amorous but not erotic. BP was a talented artist, X cubs and scouts may remember his lively drawings in the codebook and scouting for boys. He showed a talent for acting, being especially popular in drag roles, and he could sing soprano as well as baritone. His mother tried to get him into Oxford, but he was no academic. So she arranged for him to join the 13 pastaus and he twice went to India with them. On his second visit, he met Kenneth McLaren and officer then aged 20, but who looked only 14, BP called him the boy and that became special friends. More of that in a moment. It was then that he developed his interest in scouting, typically writing up his exploits with more danger than he actually experienced. In 1885, BP failed his officers examinations. Luckily, his Uncle Henry was appointed Commander in Chief of the Cape Colony and made his nephew, his aide, e a successful campaign in Zulu land led to his being promoted to Military Secretary and following his uncle to Malta, where he again excelled as an entertainer and continued to avoid getting married. Back to South Africa, and it was in 1900 in the township of [unintelligible] on the border of Transvaal and [unintelligible] that BP first made his name, keeping 1700 Europeans and 5000 Africans alive for seven months while besieged by the Boers. It's hard for us to imagine the hysterical adulation for BP that followed. Among the requests for autographs was an invitation from 15, Cheshire choirboys to be the patron of their non smoking Association. And in his reply, he suggested that they do a good turn every day such as, yes, helping an old woman across the street. On his return, he turned his game of scouting into books and pamphlets, promoting it as a healthy outdoor activity for boys and the movement emerged during the first years of the century.

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The Boy Scouts marching song be prepared as through like you march along, be prepared to hold your liquor pretty well. Don't write naughty words on walls if you can spell the Do you prefer to hide that pack of cigarettes don't make war. If you cannot cover mats, keep that pot well hidden where you're sure that it will not be found and be careful not to turn on when the Scoutmaster is around 40 Only will insist that it be shared with a provider