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## SPEAKERS

Cindy Friedman, Greg Gordon

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Thank you so much to mature lesbians out there like myself, who remember the good old days and Meg, Christian and oh to a gym teacher we played that specially for me this evening. We'd like to remind you, this is marathon and we're down here begging, begging, begging for money. This is I've been handed a cue card it says after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. Okay, now to the marathon. It's a time of the year that a couple times a year, we asked you for your support. And we asked you because we need it. It is not a luxury. We're not looking for cushy chairs. You see the chairs here here? Very well. Yes, with the paper under the sides. It's not for nice paint jobs or actually a cleaning crew. It's for it's for the it's for the airtime it's for what it takes us to get on the air. So if you're listening, think about this. If you're listening, you've made a special effort most likely to turn the radio on and find us. And if we're that important, were important enough to send a couple of dollars to help keep that time for us.



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How can I do that? I mean, is it like they have to call in and make a pledge and come up 30 minutes from me I'm give me all that money or that wouldn't



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be nice. But no, that would be nice. But no. We can make arrangements. I when I did my pledge. I asked them to spread out my pledge over several months and we'll take masks will take money Yeah, plastic master and we'll take checks and and I'll use in blood we



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also take American Express No, no American



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Express, MasterCard and Visa. Yeah. Okay. And let me give those numbers those. Let's phone numbers. And let's hear those phones ringing Come on 5265738, or five to six KPFT 1-800-333-5736 or KPFT. Now we're going to the lobby I hear



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yes, the lobby is here, we're waiting for the phones to ring. One reason that we have listener support and not corporate support is that we want to be able to speak out and to have, you know, our commentaries as to far as what's really going on in the world when you have corporate sponsors like Chevron Exxon, places like that. If they supported us, we wouldn't get to have this show. We wouldn't get to have to come out and say what's really happening in the world. See what when you have corporate sponsors like that, you know, they want you to have a real comfortable world and they don't want you to come out really know what's happening. It's it's the ignorance factor here. Five to six KPFT 5265738 Call up, make your voice known and support us and support the gay lesbian, you know, here in Houston, we we need you to come out and let your voice be heard.



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All right. All right.



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The interesting thing about what Jeff just said is that nine times out of 10 on commercial radio, that very short little segment of speech that he just had would have been interrupted with a commercial announcement for what it sold him deodorant or toothpaste or toilet paper or some politician, you know, or some politician God help us if politicians on the radio. We have a choice about that we



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can bring our politicians on here or any politician on here and talk to him for a few minutes. And let them have their say, and then they go away. But on commercial radio, you have to listen to them hour after hour after hour and layer long as right. That's right. One of the things we want to remind you is that there are premiums for for pledging here and the premium for the from the station is you get a soundcheck offered at every level of pledging, which is the the station newsmag at noon, Nusa letter, and it lets you know what's going on what's coming up when they're having meetings for board, the board directors, station manager changes keeps you up to date with what's going on down here. It shows you who's who's on doing what and when and more. There's some interesting shows on let me say if you had a schedule, you'd listen to more a lot more often. But at the \$40 level, you get one tape a CD or an LP. LPs are a thing of the past. So grab one of these up.



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Get it on CD, you can mark it down and use it for an ashtray.



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That's right at the \$70 level you get a t shirt or two tapes or CDs at the \$90 dollar level. And remember, you can always pledge more but it's a \$90 level, you get 90.1 club membership plus either gift certificate or three tapes or CDs. Boy they're getting really good they're at \$150 You get everything that you just heard me say. Plus, you get your name listed in the soundcheck thanking you for your donation. It's a \$365 donation that's \$1 day people \$1 a day for a year \$365 donation would get you all the things above and three on air acknowledgments and thank you for for participating.



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What does it cost to get a t shirt?



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What does it cost to get a t shirt? Oh, that's the \$70 level. Did



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I say that and that's what I'm after.



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Yes the t shirt the big purple t shirt that Jimmy was talking about a while ago and describing you about the special logo or something Yeah, supposed to be quite a quite a sight. I have yet to see it. We have our



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token t shirt out front. You can get these T shirts after January 17. They're still being being made up for us but we do have our token t shirt to look at and talk about and people who who want to call up in pledge get all of these wonderful things that you just mentioned. But in addition to that to that during our show, because we love our listeners summit at the \$40 level we have Judy Garland cassettes and Adam and cassettes and we have adamant CDs and we have some LPS from Romanovsky and Phillips and things of that nature that we can offer them at the \$90 level or more. We have the Lobo gift certificates for \$20 We have luteus Garden gift certificates for \$15 and a supper for two and I sure hope Bruce went to bed and he's not

listening. We have a Moveable Feast coupon or gift certificate or whatever you want to call it what level was for no no dual that's for someone else to know you've already put in your your deal oh well if you want to give again it's it's at the \$90 level



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all right let's get those phone numbers again 526-573-8526 KPFT we are sitting here waiting will duty and I will take the call if anybody's interested in talking to us about anything we'd be a willing to take a call now and then we're going to go to some



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we have some Martin Luther King information oh no we don't yet



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it's not Martin Luther King yet that's after the song



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all ties in we're gonna go to cassette number one here and play a little music first



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we face the difficulty of the band tomorrow. I still have a dream. It is a dream. In the American dream I have a dream that one day is nature will arise and live out the true meaning of its creed We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created in



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the one day we're may be able to sit down together at the table. I have a dream that one day



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with the heat of oppression are being transformed into an oasis of freedom and I have a dream one day live in where they will not be a bad character one day Alabama with Governor having delivered a notification in Alabama we'll be able to join hands would be made crooked be made go back to the we will oh we will be able to transform the nation we will be able to work together we will do today my friend freedom Let freedom freedom California not only that from moraine Mississippi children Whoa



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that was quick back when they quit, they quit.



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Okay, we're gonna try again we're gonna tell you that we got a couple of wonderful calls and we appreciate it a lot those people who call in and just the ones who wanted to visit we're welcome to so keep those calls coming in. Judy is going to talk to us about it.



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And I think we're gonna go to Jeff in the lobby first.



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Yes, I'm here we've got a couple of people to thank Lisa and Jackie, we appreciate both of you calling and supporting the Gay Lesbian cause here in Houston and Lisa with a \$40 pledge and Jackie with a \$75 pledge that puts us well on towards our goal. And we really thank you, please call us 526 KPFT 5265738 Let your voice be heard.



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This, this is how you do it. This is how you do it as dial those numbers and let your voice be heard.



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That's right. And now we're joined. Oh my god, I forgot. This way now we're joined this way out already in progress.



C Cindy Friedman 14:06

Victims of extreme homophobia and repression, along with Jews and Gypsies, active homophobia has increased, especially from the parties of the right. Only a civil state and not a national state is the condition for all human rights, including rights of lesbians, gays and other minority groups. Although sodomy appears in the Serbian criminal code, or [inaudible] has said they had no evidence that someone was actually persecuted by this law.



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Meanwhile, ILGA has troubles of its own. Despite its international appeal for contributions, the organization remains \$13,000 in debt, effective January 1 ILGA had to lay off its last remaining paid staff member and must continue solely through the work of volunteers.

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Cindy Friedman 14:57

January 1, also March The premiere of a new gay and lesbian radio show in Moscow without prejudice ears once a month for 20 minutes of gay and lesbian culture and politics and aids information. Although its stations frequency can only be picked up by foreign made radios, it can potentially reach up to two and a half million Muscovites and six affiliate stations are being developed in four former USSR provinces.

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For the first time lesbians and gay men have been explicitly included in a legal document of the European community. guidelines regarding sexual harassment in the workplace, adopted by the ECS community Social Affairs Council on November 27, describe lesbians as disproportionately at risk for harassment and gays as vulnerable to harassment. The guidelines which are not legally binding goes on to state that it is undeniable that harassment on the grounds of sexual orientation undermines the dignity at work of those affected and it is impossible to regard such harassment as appropriate workplace behavior.

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Cindy Friedman 16:08

The German rice stock has also learned to say the words gay and lesbian, although of course their words are true and less Bish. After a long debate initiated by the Green Party, the rice dog agreed to permit the use of the words in their legal documents.

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Activists in Tijuana Mexico believe a recent police raid on two bars as evidence of a major campaign to intimidate gays. The November 30 Raid led to the detention of more than 50 Men, some of whom were fined for committing lewd acts. The Tijuana city manager spoke out in support of the police action, citing a new city ordinance against solicitation and sex in public and saying homosexuality is considered immoral in Mexico. He denied activists claims that the law is being enforced selectively to harass gays. Gay rights advocate Alejandro Gattaca and Victor Clark Alfaro of the BI National Center for human affairs are both concerned by the conservative climate in Tijuana City Hall following the election of Mayor Carlos Montejo Fabella El Faro, who noted that the raid was the first in a very long time, believes the law is so vague that officials can use it to enforce their own personal sense of morality. Gattaca says the police invented the complaint made it to the raid and that there was no violation of the law. He believes city officials see the gay community as part of the city's image problem that they want to clean up.

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Cindy Friedman 17:41

The Netherlands Ministry of Defense has announced that soldiers serving in foreign posts can take their same gender partners with them. The first couple to take advantage of the new

policy was reportedly not well received on the island of Aruba. But Justice Minister Hirsch Balan was able to intervene and resolve the problem.



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Belgian anti discrimination legislation including gays and lesbians has finally been scheduled for discussion in a parliamentary committee for the first time since its introduction in 1984. Although its passage could take quite some time, a survey by the gay organization that are Archie ver group in Houma, Phila found no great opposition from any political party.



c Cindy Friedman 18:29

In Australia. A bill to prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians in employment accommodations and services was passed by the lower house of the Tasmanian Parliament last month. The proposed legislation now moves on to the upper house in



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the United States. It was when some loose thumb on local anti discrimination statutes last month. In Tompkins County, New York, protections in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit were passed by a county council vote of nine to six on December 2. In Baltimore County, Maryland protections and employment housing and credit availability were defeated four to two on December 9. The New Orleans Louisiana City Council passed a bill banning discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations by a vote of five to two on December 12. Similar bills had been defeated in 1984 and 1986, and the current measure had to overcome opposition from religious groups. Phoenix, Arizona passed anti discrimination protections for city employees by a vote of six to three on December 17. This limited measure was passed as a compromise instead of a broader bill still pending that would generally prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. And in Louisville, Kentucky. A ban on employment discrimination died in the city council's Affirmative Action Committee on December 23.



c Cindy Friedman 19:59

Toronto, Canada has elected its first openly gay city councilor Kyle rea. Vancouver, Montreal and Winnipeg also have openly gay city council members. Another open gay, John campy, was elected to the Toronto School Board.



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It seems that gay men have been organizing in Nigeria since 1989. But it took this long for the rest of the world to find out about it. The Nigerian gentleman Alliance first organized in the capital city of Lagos and then expanded to several states. Successful national conferences were held in 1990 and in September of 1991, and parties have been held with up to 1500 participants. The gentleman Alliance recently protested skewed media coverage of lesbian and

gay issues, and a letter to a mainstream Nigerian newspaper and received many letters of interest and congratulations in response. Nga also wrote to ILGA, saying, we operate under an ever threatening twin colossus of traditional conservatism and religious bigotry. Nigeria joins South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ghana and Liberia as African nations known to have lesbian and gay organizations. Although club lambda in Liberia remains temporarily disbanded because of the civil war there.

 c Cindy Friedman 21:21

And finally, if you're looking for explicit lesbian erotica, apparently the Amsterdam gay Film Festival was not the place to be. According to on our backs, editor's Suzie bright, quote, a program of lesbian shorts was shown. And right in the middle, a long documentary on the geography of Spain was put on the projector, and nobody said a word for 20 minutes. They kept searching for the hidden lesbian meaning and quote

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that's news wrap for the week ending January 11 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman,

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follow the news in your area, and informed community is a strong community. For this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman. And

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I'm Mark Sacco monto,

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a former senior legal secretary for the Bank of America, the eighth largest corporation in the United States and one of the country's largest banks announced this week that he's suing B of A for unlawfully firing him. Michael Thompson, who worked at the bank's world headquarters in San Francisco until last June, says bank managers fired him after they went to see him at the Nob Hill Theatre, where he performed as a gay exotic dancer in his free time. In San Francisco. Judith Kahan has this expose a

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the Bank of America found Michael Thomason to be an exemplary employee, supervisors gave him glowing job performance reviews, he received substantial pay raises, and only two months before he was dismissed. His job review said he exceeded performance standards. But one day last June, after almost three years with the bank, Thomason was abruptly fired.



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They pulled me into an office, and I ran in there with a pad and pencil thinking they were going to give me some project assignment, you know, and I was looking forward to that. And they sat me down and they started reading this memo that they prepared saying that my job performance continues to be unsatisfactory. And they said that they had counseled me previously regarding this poor performance as a result. My my employment with the bank was being terminated, starting right there and then,



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but Thomason says that was untrue. He says he was never previously alerted that his work was considered inadequate. Bank of America's own policy state that oral and written warnings must be given to an employee before he or she is fired. Thompson says he was fired solely because he is gay and was performing as a stripper in his free time. He says the bank learned about his performances as an erotic dancer. When another employee at the bank went through his desk one day while he was out sick and read a personal letter Thomason had written in the letter Thomason talks about working at the gay strip club. Later, as many as six Bank of America employees went to the Nob Hill Theatre, or Thomason was performing to check out his act. Paul Whiteman Thomas's attorney says the lawsuit charges the Bank of America with invasion of privacy, gay discrimination, violation of free speech and wrongful termination.



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The law, as far as I'm concerned, requires that employment decisions be based on job related factors, not moral judgments about lifestyles, be they invade Mr. Thomas's privacy by using it for Meishan about his lifestyle and his off the job personal activities. determinator



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Wattman says in the suit he is asking for \$1 million in damages for his client, Brad Seligman and Bay Area attorney specializing in job discrimination, since the right to privacy in the workplace is in flux. He says the hysteria around drug issues in the 1980s undermine the consensus that was starting to develop on privacy in the workplace. A lot



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of courts have said, for example, that job applicants have virtually no privacy rights. Other courts have been willing to allow fairly intrusive drug testing of employees on very slim justifications. At the same time, there are a number of cases where the courts have said that an employee's off duty conduct where it doesn't affect their work performance is really none of the employers business. Whether that's going to ultimately be where the law is developed, we'll have to wait and see.



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Seligman says Thompson has a strong case. And if he wins, he could help advance workplace privacy rights. The Bank of America had no comment on the suit. Attorney Paul Whiteman says it will be about a year before he expects to see any action on the case for this way out in San Francisco. I'm Judith Kahan.



Greg Gordon 26:23

You're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Josie Guiteau Gio, I'm Greg Gordon. We continue our review of some of the major news events in or affecting the lesbian and gay community in 1991. Efforts to legitimize lesbian and gay relationships will certainly continue to be high on activists agendas in the 90s. Here's a chronological review of the progress made last year towards that goal as lesbians and gay men pushed to domesticate partnerships



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we're all just victims of anatomy. See? This is a crazy



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the Minneapolis city council passed the first domestic partnership ordinance in the state of Minnesota. The ordinance will expand sick and bereavement leave benefits for city employees to include registered non medical relationships. The ordinance also includes the establishment of a citywide domestic partnership registry. City council member Brian Coyle proposed the ordinance I think the real issue is the whole discussion of the nature of the family and recognizing these partnerships, the issue of homophobia, deeply underlying a lot of the discussion. The passage of a domestic partnership ordinance links Minneapolis to a national trend of providing for the needs of couples who cannot or have chosen not to say I do.



C Cindy Friedman 28:18

In Ontario, Canada, same gender partners of provincial employees are now eligible for family benefits, including life medical and dental insurance and bereavement leave. Although the cities of Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver already offer spousal benefits to same gender couples, Ontario is the first province to do so.



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Several lesbian, gay and unmarried heterosexual couples celebrated a very special Valentine's Day this year in San Francisco. The first day a new law took effect allowing them to register their relationships as vested partnerships are not permitted the same kind of rights that heterosexual couples are but at least this is a step in the right direction. I'm making public what has been for us six years together something legal, I'm going to send a copy of the form and a copy of the article in the Chronicle to my mother,



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something with lots of couples really want is a recognition on some level that although they're not married, because they choose not to be or because of the case of lesbian gay couples, they can't be that their relationships are important to an important part of the fabric of our society.



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YouTubing together four and a half years.



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Five years Patrick Gill and Craig Dean have filed a lawsuit in Washington DC after being denied a marriage license there. The gender of the couple is not specified in the city's marriage laws.



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A lot of gay people are concerned as you know, they don't want marriage because they see it as the old traditional male dominated type thing. And we should at least have the option as a community whether you want to or not with your relationship.



C Cindy Friedman 29:53

On March 1, East Lansing Michigan began offering spousal sick and bereavement leave and health and dental and surance benefits to those city employees who register as domestic partners

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Greg Gordon 30:04

on New York City Hospital has become the largest private employer in the United States to extend its employee benefits to lesbian and gay staff members. The action

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which bucked the trend among private businesses away from paying benefits to any spouse is expected to effect about 900 of Montefiore's 9000 employees. The director of the lesbian and gay rights project of the American Civil Liberties Union is William Rubinstein. Two years ago, the highest court in New York state ruled in the brushy case that a gay couple was the legal equivalent of a family. So the notions of family and partnership are changing and monetary decision is beginning to show that the world is catching up with reality.

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Cindy Friedman 30:41

The city council of Helsinki, Finland has approved access to city housing loans for same gender couples equal to that of heterosexual couples without children. Helsinki had already granted SAME GENDER couples equal access to city owned public housing.

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Australia has announced new immigration regulations recognizing a category of relationships of emotional interdependency, and serve to allow gay and lesbian Australian residents to live in their own country with a partner of their choice. Regardless of the partners nationality, San Francisco

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has become the largest city in the nation to offer health insurance to the unmarried partners of its city employees the same health benefits that married couples enjoy. One of the objections raised to such a plan came from insurance companies. They said they couldn't afford to insure the gay men in the group who might contract HIV and develop AIDS supervisor Roberta Achtenberg,

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they got rid of their homophobia, and they got rid of the notion that they couldn't do something because it had never been done, that we actually could quantify almost everything that needed to be looked at and put a price tag on it.

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Other cities with similar plans include Berkeley, Santa Cruz, West Hollywood and Seattle. The

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Greg Gordon 31:55

of Wisconsin at Madison recently became part of a growing trend on college campuses in the United States to acknowledge gay and lesbian couples, by allowing them to live together in campus housing traditionally reserved for married heterosexual couples

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have been concerned about the impact of gay and lesbian residents, having their children exposed to couples living in that type of relationship. It's not like people are sharing rooms, you have your own private apartment. We don't have horns in our head. You can't tell us that much from other people. We'd like to think that we have better fashion sense maybe some

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people would even said they would move out. To my knowledge the only place in the entire state entailed a week ago that was legal to discriminate. Other gay and lesbian couples for housing was the University of Wisconsin where when they move, Iowa is an awful long time to commute.

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Cindy Friedman 32:44

Same gender partners of New Zealand citizens can now apply for resident status. Although the relationship must be of at least four years duration partners who haven't reached their fourth anniversary can apply for work permits for the interim. Other countries recognizing same gender relationships for residency purposes are Australia, Denmark, Holland and Norway.

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The US based computer software giant Lotus Development Corporation has extended health and other benefits to domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees. The memo announcing the move to employees specifically noted that lesbian and gay employees do not have the choice to legalize permanent and exclusive relationships through marriage and called the policy the fair and equitable thing to do. Lotus is probably the largest corporation ever to extend health benefits to domestic partners, and its new policy extends to bereavement relocation and overseas assignments as well.

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Cindy Friedman 33:43

The Netherlands saw its first SAME GENDER wedding as Jana Vanderhoff and Polly Vandevelde officially registered their partnership in the small city of Des ventre, the city's registration officer, joint gay and lesbian activist and calling on the national government to legalize gay and

lesbian marriages, as three municipalities already have 20 others SAME GENDER couples are said to be on a waiting list for marriage into ventre. in Bloomington, Indiana, a heterosexual couple refused to sign their marriage license in solidarity with gays and lesbians who cannot marry there. In the statement to the press, Don Yulin and Susan whist said it seemed like one very small way we could take a stand.



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British Columbia Supreme Court Justice and rolls has issued a ruling extending common law marriage status to the Canadian provinces SAME GENDER couples. Nurse Timothy nodal filed the lawsuit in 1988 when his lover Ray Garneau was denied spousal medical benefits. Rolls ruled that the evidence is overwhelming that they met the requirements of a couple viewing their exchange of rings in a 1984 commitment ceremony as equivalent to a heterosexual wedding.



c Cindy Friedman 34:59

A celebrity lesbian couple in Germany has filed a civil lawsuit after being denied a marriage license. The couple are Cornelius Schiele, daughter of former German President Walter Schiele and Hal avant Sinan, a television talk show host



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Rita Sue Smith, the president of the German parliament, the Bundestag, is speaking out for domestic partner rights. But her party the Christian Democratic Union, is distressed by her remarks. CDU President Edmund Stoiber does not want sis Smith invited to future party conferences, CDU youth caucus President Young a union wants sis Smith's silenced saying every time she opens her mouth. Her positive remarks about homosexuals cost us 50,000 votes.



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The first Tuesday in November is election day in the United States.



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San Franciscans voted to keep the city's domestic partners registration ordinance measure K which would have repealed the law was defeated by 59% of voters. It was the third time in three years that voters were asked to pass judgment on the issue. The 59% margin was five percentage points better than last year's approval for domestic partners



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two years ago a lot of people didn't really know what the Mr. partners would mean once we had

it. Campaign Manager Belinda put us there was originally a lot of fear that was generated about potential costs, terrible dire social consequences from this and and now that we have domestic partners and none of those things have really come true. And I think that that has made domestic partners much more understandable and acceptable and supportive.



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The city of best has become the 17th the Netherlands municipality to legalize same gender marriages.



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Ann Arbor, Michigan recently became the 18th city in the United States to recognize same gender domestic partnerships but lesbian and gay couples cannot be legally married in any US city. In Oregon, the lesbian community project is out to change that lesbian and gay couples tested the law earlier this month in the City of Portland



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two months ago when lesbian couples tried to file marriage license applications the county had to scramble for a legal opinion about what to do. This time they were ready as about 10 couples lined up. A new opinion from Multnomah County Council says Oregon statutes intend marriage to be between a man and a woman and therefore same sex marriages violate the intent of the law. But that's not how Portland attorney Mark Johnson saw it as he tried to get a marriage license application from a county official



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courts the statute here, doesn't it? It says a civil contract entered into in person by males and females. Does that say one of each? Its weight intends to say that's not my reading is a statute, a civil contract and an entity by men and we're men we want to enter into the civil contract. What do you mean



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the one what we can't have is the special privileges that heterosexuals have no it's a lot cheaper to pay for health insurance for one couple than for two single people.



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The rallying cry for a conservative Oregon group trying to stop gay rights laws in the state is no special rights. But here at the county marriage license office, one gay couple held a sign saying no special rights for heterosexuals.

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Cindy Friedman 38:10

Karen Thompson's eight year battle to win guardianship of her severely disabled lover Sharon Kowalski appears to have reached its final and happy conclusion.

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Kowalski received brain damage and a car accident in Minnesota in 1983. She and Karen Thompson had previously exchanged rings and named each other in life insurance policies. A long bitter legal battle ensued when Kowalski's parents cut off contact with Karen Thompson. Various courts have since found that Kowalski's condition deteriorated from inadequate care, but that she could still reliably express a desire to live with Thompson. In a word in guardianship to Thompson, the court stated a new legal concept. Karen and Sharon are a family of affinity which ought to be accorded respect. Thompson's attorney Sue Wilson says she hopes the legal term family of affinity will be adopted in other states. Karen Thompson said she and Sharon were put through eight years of hell because of people's inability to deal with their relationship. She said she visited Kowalski and a nursing home and despite short term memory loss, Kowalski was quote, visibly moved by the decision to ask his parents previously who said they wouldn't visit Sharon if Thompson were awarded guardianship. Thompson said that she would never shut the door on appearance.

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Greg Gordon 39:34

We'll continue our look back at the incredible year of 1991. Next week on this way out. Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Cindy Freedman, microcycle mono and Judith Kahan contributed program material. The reporters during this week's portion of our 1991 news review included Lisa Phillips, Burt Whelan called her Enzo Mary gunplay Eileen alfen dari Catherine snow chip young Josie Katara Gio Cindy Friedman and Mark soccer monto thanks also to Mike Alkalete, Lisa dual dig Deborah Meyerson and Rose Gordon, Michael Callen and Romanovski and Phillips performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our things. This

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