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SPEAKERS

Kay Harper



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The police faster every one of these windows Billy flooding everybody through that small little back table saying get out go home queers come to me and kicks me in that ribs telling me Get your ass out they were belly club deep all the way out to the backdoor and there was no way all these people could get through that tiny backdoor



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Hey for chipping tables over Villa clubbing and once they came in there was I was I was hit on chest street finally got us out friend got into formation and march same gone back it's gone fagot



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to have cups up here from Hillsboro from all around the southern peninsula you know these please don't have to deal with this kind of action too often so consequently when they're confronted with gay people they react from a gut level it's a much more substantial school police who have to deal with with facts all the time because it will say that it was an anti Tiger decision I think it just the way the American system justice try to run into some people into the ground huge people get off scot free go Hey Max bye we ain't gonna bother you there's always going to be a summer job.



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Tuesday May 22 The day after the so called White Knight riots.



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KX News Radio correspondent David Cosley says today as special meaning a party has been scheduled for some time in remembrance of what would have been Harvey Milk 49th birthday today. The event on Castro Street had been billed as a non political good time to begin about a 30 was streets blocked off on Castro from market to 18 for the celebrant, San Francisco supervisor Harry Britt, the gay leader who replaced milk on the board said he would not apologize for the violence of last night and this morning, but that he hoped the birthday celebration would be a positive one. Some police apparently think otherwise. As patrol cars filled with reinforcements left city hall in the early morning. Members of a guard force left behind shouted see the night and bring some big ones back with you.



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I think it's important for everyone in this city to know that we're not going to continue to tolerate San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein held a late night press conference to condemn the violence. We police exercise considerable restraint. There will be a major police presence throughout San Francisco. Every law studio officer is being called back to report to the reporters on the scene so that the police did not show restraint when they started clearing the city hall area. Many demonstrators and some reporters were clubbed by police. City Hall sustained major damage and police from neighboring counties were called in San Francisco supervisor Cal Ruth Silva and about 150 other people. Police demonstrate agents were insured either by rocks and bottles or by police brandishing billy clubs. I'm



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often doing for Pacifica Dianne Feinstein said today she shared that the vast majority of the city's gay community does not condone last night's violence.



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I'm hopeful that we can put violence beside us.



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She issued a proclamation today declaring this a special day of remembrance for Harvey Milk. David down CBS News San Francisco direction. Introducing Harry Britt,



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tonight 15,000 People have gathered to demonstrate with their love that the spirit of Harvey Milk will always be alive in our city. And I sure as hell don't have to tell you that Harvey Milk's people do not have a damn thing to apologize to anybody for ever. Let no one believed that the step that we have taken is a step from non violence to violence. We have suffered too much for at the hands of violent people ever to go down that road. by let us say never again will our

people ever stand by and let Dan whites people rule the day that we are tired of dealing with pigs and that from now on. The people who would follow the spirit of Dan White are going to have to deal with us.



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I'd like now for you to welcome mad Christian. Paul him here happy birthday. Happy birthday.



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Feel like we do?



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Dan White convicted assassin of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk has been released after serving five years in prison January 6 1984. Concern for white safety prompted officials to move him from solid at prison in central California Thursday afternoon to the prisoner to hatchapee. Then to an la parole office where he was released. Brian bland Los Angeles. I think that Dan White will probably look over his shoulder for the rest of his life. Because he'll never enough if someone back there with a gun that's ready to blow his brains out. We'll never know. This is KF WB



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evening I'm Judy fourth Monday,



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October 21 1985. Police



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say the man convicted of murdering San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and city supervisor Harvey Milk in 1978 committed suicide at his home this morning. Former city supervisor Dan White died of carbon monoxide poisoning after inhaling exhaust fumes from the tailpipe of his car he was found by his brother, who notified police. White had been convicted of voluntary manslaughter after pleading diminished capacity to stand trial due to severe depression. He was an outspoken critic of homosexuality, milk and his second victim was the first openly homosexual member of the city's governing board of supervisors



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on Castro Street considered by many to be the pulse of San Francisco's gay community. The

general consensus is that justice has prevailed. Words like karma and symbolism cropped up frequently in bars Monday night. Gay community leaders have been generally subdued in their comments. Newspapers have been making the most of the story. Each day brings more torture details that papers are not so much published as they are carried out screaming into the streets. Headlines from Dan White's year of fear and whites torment before the suicide and Dan White no escape for an outcast. But some believe that last headline is wrong. There was one On escape, and White took it. And in San Francisco of life goes on. Reporting from 18th and Castro in San Francisco. This is Steven shear.



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Thanks to all those previously identified for their contributions to this program, coverage of the white knight writing came from the fruit punch collective at KPFA and ravenhead. Communications technical assistance by Jeffrey Becker and Helene Rosenbluth diminished capacity was produced by Greg Gordon speaking. Hi, I'm stupid and he'll prove it and you're listening to the stupid tragedy overseas



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hundreds of people reported dead. But first are your fish psychic. Hey,



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can't find that on radio.



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You'll turn to that station



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before you give up on radio tune in on Monday mornings at 1am as we try to make radio fun again. And then Wanda Resendez KPFT sewn traffic guru join myself and Malin for now I can be heard as we remind you on how it used to be yes those carefree days before the recession the war even Reaganomics while okay just join us as we play a mix of church disco, one hit wonders and whatever else we find in our all record then we're going to have ticket giveaways as melon brainstormers for those trivia questions that will boggle your brain. That's now it can be heard Monday mornings at 1am on KPFT 90.1. The typical radio the fun radio station.



Kay Harper 11:37

Good morning. That was actually that was Edmondo. But before that was the tape about Harvey Milk whose birthday was Friday. It's not yesterday anymore. It's just Friday. So what do you over there doing jewel?



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Oh, I'm reading I'm reading about lesbians and safe sex here.



Kay Harper 11:57

I've got phoning up for after this way out. Or



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later discussion? Yes. Yeah.



Kay Harper 12:02

You had some people you wanted



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to? Yeah. So I want to I want to say a few things about some of the people who've been supportive and getting the show together lately. Let's see, I'd like to. As always, my part of the show is always dedicated to the men and women and staff of the Baron Care Center. I want to say hi to Betty and Barbara. I know you're out there don't laugh. And I laugh. Yeah. Becky Margaret has been real supportive and has helped me with some of the stuff that we're doing. And I wanted to take a minute to thank them. And my friend who watches Hitchcock, I love you. There was a couple of things that I think we oh, I wanted to tell everybody that Steve Vestal is in the studio with us tonight. I neglected to mention that earlier when I induced everybody. Ah, yay. So that's what I wanted to say tonight. And I've been telling everybody to call us and talk to us. But tonight nobody's calling us to talk to us. I talk to you talk to two people. All right, call us and talk to us. We're ready to talk tonight. Really? Talk to us about safe sex. Tell us what you know. Tell us what you don't know.



Kay Harper 13:09

Tell us what you do. Right. Maybe not in real graphic detail, though.



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I don't mind graphic detail. Call me well, on



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the phone books, at least. graphic detail will



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depend on we'll get right with you. KPFT number is five to six 4000.



Kay Harper 13:27

Yeah, yeah, um, I have been handed in it that says the carbon dating game is not going to be heard tonight. But you can stay tuned after the BBC News at three to hear the roadshow version of esoteric adventures with your hosts Jim squared. I'll be there. Oh, yeah. That's always fun. Of course, I like finding music for those guys to



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great shows that they put on? Yeah. Okay, what are we going to do? We're going to talk we have 15 minutes.



Kay Harper 13:55

Well, actually, Otis wants to say something. Otis Otis.



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I watch all these shows on cable and networks. And observing all the candidates,



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producer Jackie Apple talking about her new series,



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also found myself yelling at my television set a lot, you know, screaming at Ted Koppel, why didn't you ask him that? You know, you missed the point, you know, pin him down, and then



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watch voices of America 1992 part four of her program, redefining Democracy in America



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and the future, you know, some of the Peter Jennings town meetings which are which some of which have been quite good, except that that audiences are very carefully selected. And I understand now why they do that.



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You'll have three full minutes to tell the world what you've been thinking right here on KPFT. Monday afternoon from one to three and Thursday afternoon had to pick



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one thing that you feel strongly that that you think is central. And there are various ways to do this. You can be philosophical, to be very pragmatic, and say, These are the steps we need to take. You can be critical. You can be completely utopian. You know, that's okay. Even if it seems like oh my god, this is wonderful, but how will we ever do this?



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Three full minutes are yours? What do you have in mind for our future?



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Then it goes to do American radio, and it gets put up on the satellite nationally, and it's scheduled for early October. But right before the



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election, three minutes to go national with your ideas. Call Monday afternoon at one Thursday afternoon at two right here on KPFT. Houston.



Kay Harper 15:47

So redefining democracy



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and and we were going to we're going to cut in with that, right after that. Talk a little about our democracy here, and how it works and how it doesn't work. Or we



Kay Harper 16:01

like talking about that blond haired one who like went to the National Guard instead of going to

like talking about that blond haired one who, like went to the National Guard instead of going to Vietnam.



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What's his name? The calm the quack know the Yeah, the quack mouth the quail. The quail.



Kay Harper 16:14

Quail? Yeah. Yeah, so who seems to think that Murphy Brown is



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a bad role model? Can you believe I know that's



Kay Harper 16:22

this guy. You know, this is the man who thinks that the riots in the people who need to be blamed for the killings in LA are the killers and the looters are the problem it's just you know, the man has a great grasp of of domestic policy,



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while like everybody jumping on the bandwagon here to fight it out over Murphy Brown today. I mean, politicians from everywhere. were backing up, Danny big time and then there were all the all the entertainers out there backing up. And Bill Clinton back and up Murphy Brown talking about Hollywood tonight on on crossfire. He was Hollywood. They had a couple of people discussing Hollywood's bad moral judgment lately and how they should? How they should sit up and fly, right. But there was a young black woman on who was talking from there were several women, including Pat Schroeder, which is my one of my personal idols. Oh, yeah. was sitting talking and this young black woman who was a single mother, she wasn't young. I take that back. I mean, she was young. She was 4037. Let me tell you, it's real. Yeah. But she said, she said something to the effect that that she had waited. And that was an economic decision for her. And that she thought that all women should wait till they have children. And that she thought that Murphy Brown was a real positive influence. And that it it that it excuse me, I was just distracted here for a second. It what I know and another note, yes. That that it supported Bush's policy on the on the family for Murphy to have the baby instead of having an abortion. Yeah, so that this was one with one hand, they're telling you one thing and another hand and telling you another and you can't We can't win in between women can't win in between you. I'm not getting anything on her mic. Dion's mic trying to get him out there doing what? No. We're still on the mic. Uh huh.



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in I push the right button, there we go. Practice mix now. Talk.



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Try it again. There you go. Yay.



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Where's the board? Gay? Yeah.



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The, the the semi important statement was that they're doing what presidents and the administration has done through the ages, which has blamed the past presidents and past administration for the problems that are current. And you know, Bush and Quayle both tried to blame the political reform of the 60s and the the the powers that be at that time getting all the policies out of the policy of welfare and the policy of of taking care of of scholarships for the poor and the underprivileged and those people of color at the time and during the Reagan administration, they took those those same social reform policies away and so now they're blaming the fact that they were there to begin with on the riots when in fact it's probably the fact that they took them away that the riots are happening



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just spin men are working the spin men are working. Spy Yeah. Oh, Spy, no spin, guys are spin people are the people who come together after a debate or a public thing and they start twisting the story around to fit their, you know, manipulating the story to fit their agenda.



Kay Harper 19:56

i Yes, very much. So isn't that like a definition of politics? All right, unfortunately, exactly.



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But we we hear things that that is pretty, pretty funny stuff with Danny. I mean, Danny, the TV wonder guy, you know, I can just see him. I picture him if you anybody seen this new series on HBO called the Dream on? I've seen bits and pieces of it it ain't Quayle would be perfect in that row. God perfect Metro Mr. Brain Power at work himself.



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You know he's the vice president and he has he has no personal thought of his own so call



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us with your Dan Quayle jokes. With your best Dan Quayle jokes.



Kay Harper 20:39

Yeah, if you haven't seen the series on HBO, it's a man who seems to think in 50s movie clips,



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black and white movie clips, bad clips, bad movie clips. So I think he's he would fit in that role perfectly now. Yeah, I kind of I've been wondering I've heard people say is my fact on crossfire tonight, one of the guys said that they thought that this was a political diversion, to draw the attention of the country away from some of the things that aren't going so good for the administration right now. The economic indicators came out the other day, and things are really not as good as they've been saying or hoping



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I can tell you that for six months, right, we could tell you,



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our bare bare pockets, but also with the riots in LA and the things going on now. Roe v. Wade has been playing heavy in the paper and stuff lately and the the party is not looking so hot. So they needed something to get those those far. Those rigid. Conservatives back out there, you know, doing the old Arsenio thing, who, you know, and this was it, you know, the family, the morals that can blame this, they can blame all this, you know, every time I've heard this discussed, so far, Murphy Brown is a a white, older, career settled, wealthy woman who had this baby. And when they talk and compare this to real life out here, they talk about the 16 year old, no education, black woman who's out here having babies they're comparing, and they're just eating apples and oranges Exactly. can't compare it. So, you know, listen, listen deeper than what what you what is obvious, you know, look at look and see what they're talking about and pay attention to what you know, the things that are not so obvious when when you hear this stuff on TV? Yeah. What does the breakdown of family traditions mean to you? And I mean, really family traditions? Yeah, you know, write down if it would be nice to break my family traditions. It would be really healthy to break my family traditions. Let me tell you, so. Yeah, I think all of us have some traditions, we could let go of that one around Thanksgiving gets me really every year. It's just



Kay Harper 22:59

my family hasn't done Thanksgiving in six or seven years. I



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break that tradition to that just somebody today the other day that they went home and spent some time with their parents major time for a week. And I mentioned to them, they said, Well, you know, I said I just couldn't do that. And this woman said, Well, why not? I said, because my parents are just just too heterosexual. And I couldn't do it. I couldn't do it for a week. No way. So



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why don't I just spend some time with my mom, just a day she was has been on vacation. And I had when I was growing up, I came from this huge family. Lots of lots of people around lots of was very making matriarchal families. So there was lots of really independent female figures around for me, and that was great growing up. And I was a young person, when all these people were like my great aunt, so they've all passed away. And I don't have any family ties right now. Very, very few. And I'm trying to reconnect with some of those that I, you know, haven't seen in five or 10 years. And it's been really interesting for me letting them know that I'm gay, and letting the people that I have last seen me when I was 10 years old or something, know what kind of life I'm living now. And, you know, I'm a moral person, and I have the same traditional family values that any other person has. So it's kind of it's kind of important to me to try to continue with those traditional family values. Yeah. And they don't think that it goes with it. You know, they think that, you know, having a single woman having a child is not a traditional family value and gay people having a coupled relationship is not a traditional family value. But, you know, we're all living examples that you can if you want to, it's just a personal choice.



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You know, I was I was just thinking about what you were saying and God watching, I get so distracted, the notes go by I



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just it brain machine has just exploded?



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I'm sorry, it's gone. I'll come back to it. Well, you better come



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back real family things in a minute. And so tell us about your family jewel





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family, you don't want to know about my family? No. But I think it's interesting that we taught that we get back to the Murphy Brown thing, if, if you have a problem with your Vice President talking to us in sitcoms on television, remember that you have a vote and remember that your vote counts, every vote counts, and that we're going to need every single vote out there if we're going to defeat these people in office. Now, I remember what I wanted to say about how Dan Quayle with a sweep of a pen, negated what I value most in my life, my family traditions, the family of choice that I have, the people that I love and care about are my family of choice. And with his sweeping pen in a speech, he just negated all that connection and all that relationship I have with these people. And I resented I was in it big time. That's why we're here. We're here



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to validate it. That's right. I mean, that's what KPFT is doing tonight at after hours. So we're here to validate you make you know that there are others out there like you and we're here and we are valid, empowered citizens with the power to vote and the power to think and speak and act just the way we choose to do that. That's right. Yeah.



Kay Harper 26:30

And stay tuned, because coming up is this way out, actually, now is this way out.



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Willie Williams inherited a police force that was looked upon as Storm Troopers similar to what you've got out in LA. I think the interesting thing is going to be seeing whether he can start these programs is brand new and a city that just within riots



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permanently changed the landscape of Los Angeles not just physically in terms of the burned out buildings, but emotionally and spiritually is



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racism an issue that only affects black people? Is sexism, an issue that only women have to work on. heterosexism and homophobia are something that we all have to work together to conquer.



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Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine.



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I'm Lucia Chappelle.



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And I'm Greg Gordon. First sodomy charges brought in Bahamas beach bust, lowans rally after Republican rejection and will gays and lesbians fiddle while la burns all that and more because you've discovered this way out.



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I'm Cindy Friedman and I'm Mark Sacco mana with news wrap. A summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending May ninth 1992.



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Sodomy charges are being brought for the first time under a 1991 Sexual Offences Act in the Bahamas. Cruise Ship employee Malcolm Chapman and Trinidadian Roger Nelson could face up to 20 years if convicted of having consensual sex in a public place on a beach early in the morning and act which is legal for a heterosexual couple.



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A new amendment to the national hate crimes law in the Netherlands makes anti gay or lesbian remarks a criminal offence. The phrase vile faggot was given us an example of what might be prosecuted if spoken or published.



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The Netherlands may also give legal status to same gender couples nationwide before the years out. According to Justice Minister Aaron's Tish Balan, his office has received petitions demanding gay and lesbian marriage rights from 250 municipal governments 32 of which have already allowed domestic partner registrations



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for Montt has become the sixth state to prohibit discrimination against lesbians and gays. The bill was signed into law by Democratic Governor Howard Dean only a week after its passage by the legislature. The six years from the laws initial introduction to its passage was the fastest turnaround of the state so far, which ranged from eight years in New Jersey to 17 in Massachusetts. Vermont's new state law is the most comprehensive to date, protecting gays and lesbians in employment, housing, public accommodations, banking, credit and insurance.

However, religious organizations are exempted opponents of the New Law failed to intimidate its supporters in the legislature despite phone harassment hate mail, flag burnings and death threats. The governor noted if there are people who are willing to go to those kinds of lengths to express their feelings about homosexuals, then it's pretty obvious to me that the gay and lesbian community needs the protection afforded by this bill. This bill is about Vermonters standing up for traditional Vermont values. We do not give in to bigotry, we do not give in to hatred we do not give in to division.



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Vermont followed New Jersey as the second state to pass an anti discrimination law in 1992. And four other states currently have bills pending California, New York, Illinois and Rhode Island. The Illinois measure has passed out of committee and will be going to the floor and both the House and the Senate. Rhode Island's house has narrowly approved the proposed discrimination ban there in three separate votes on the bills three sections employment, housing and a group of issues relating to credit and public accommodations. Although Rhode Island Governor Bruce Sunland has actually put his support for the bill in writing in a letter to the house, activists believe the upcoming state Senate vote may be a toss up. Although the state Senate passed an identical bill two years ago, term limits have changed the Senate's makeup



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for other states, Florida, Maryland, Texas and Iowa have already killed sexual orientation protections this year. The Iowa lesbian and gay rights bill was unexpectedly defeated by the States House of Representatives last month after having passed in the more conservative Iowa Senate. The surprising house rejection may have stemmed from the Office of Republican Governor Terry Branstad, which reportedly pressured House Republicans to vote no. It seems the governor might not have wanted the politically charged Bill landing on his desk requiring his signature for final approval. Over 120 people held a rally in Iowa City late last month to protest the house action. John Deeth was there.



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Mona Shaw represented the University of Iowa lesbian, gay and bisexual staff and faculty association. We talked to a lot



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of people who consciously wanted but didn't want to annoy the governor. Well, the governor has annoyed me.



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Linda Jonnie of Iowa dignity and equality advocates was a lobbyist for the bill. Bigotry has



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no place in Iowa. That is not my quote. That comes directly from the State of the State address by Governor Terry Branstad.



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The bill was defeated on a 55 to 44 house vote. Three Democrats and eight Republicans who supported the bill two years ago when it passed the House switch their stand says Christopher rosebrook.



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And it was not out of high minded conviction that changed most of their minds, but rather out of cowardice and out of election year politicking.



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rosebrook is moderator of a new University of Iowa campus organization called spectrum. The heterosexual Lesbian Gay Alliance



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is racism an issue that only affects black people? Is sexism, an issue that only women have to work on. No heterosexism and homophobia are something that we all have to work together to conquer.



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Claire Hueholt director of the Des Moines gay and lesbian Resource Center, sees hope for the future. The State Senate passed the Lesbian Gay rights bill, and she said she overheard one senator telling another to support the bill



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and he said, Come on, this is the 90s this is the right thing to do. You should know that. And I think that means that we're getting there.



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For this way out in Iowa City. I'm John D.



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A campus groups request for a few \$100 has led to a unanimous vote by both houses of the state legislature to ban public funding for all gay and lesbian campus groups in Alabama. Although there were no votes against the bill, more than 1/3 of the Senate and more than one quarter of the house abstained. The Auburn Gay and Lesbian Alliance was voted the university's best new organization for 1991. But when the Alliance sought a university Charter, the reverberations went all the way to the governor's office and the state legislature. The bill quote, prohibits any college or university from spending public funds or using public facilities to directly or indirectly sanction any group that promotes a lifestyle prohibited by the Alabama sodomy and sexual misconduct laws. And quote, Governor guy Han is expected to sign the bill since he had been vocal in his opposition to use of public funds for the Auburn group. Civil rights activists believe the measure could not only bar gay and lesbian organizations from meeting on campus, but stop me Things for abortion rights and AIDS education as well.



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reaches in so the University of Colorado have rejected proposed protections for gays and lesbians from discrimination, while the Trustees of the University of Alaska have requested a legal draft of anti discrimination protections for their consideration.



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US campuses also continue to protest the exclusion of gays and lesbians from the military. The trustees of the City College of San Francisco have voted unanimously to ban military recruiting from their campus. The faculty of Ohio's Kent State University has voted to consider dropping the Reserve Officer Training Corps program from campus move the student government approved last year.



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The American Radio Relay League, the oldest and largest organization in the US ham radio community, is now the target of a discrimination lawsuit by the lamda Amateur Radio Club. A paid notice advertising the existence of the lambda hams has been repeatedly refused by the league's newsletter, Q S T. The league is based in Connecticut where state law prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.



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The independent states that used to be the Soviet Union are heading in different directions on gay and lesbian issues. Latvia recently followed the Ukraine and decriminalizing consensual sex between men over the age of 18, after extensive lobbying by the Latvian association for sexual equality. The current draft of a new Russian constitution omits its sodomy law article 120 1.1 as well, as Estonia has stopped enforcing the sodomy law that remains on its books.



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It's a different story. And Lithuania though, were seven of the 29 men now serving time under that nation's paragraph 122 have gone to prison since independence was declared in 1990. According to a ruinous diagnosis of the Lithuanian gay and lesbian Information Bureau, prosecutors routinely grant immunity to men charged with sodomy in exchange for testimony against individuals they then prosecute under the male rape law. consensual acts carry a maximum sentence of three years in prison compared to a maximum of eight years for rape of a male dynastic is further charges that public meetings of gays are treated by the Lithuanian government as incitement of illegal behavior.



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Announcements promoting safer sex are now airing again on television in Denmark after a two year government ban for indecency. The ad shows two men kissing with a message to remember condoms. A government ombudsman ruled in favor of the sponsoring National Gay organization lands for ending gun for both are glass Becca and against the Danish Ministry of communication.



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Public service announcements from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays are now airing on US television promoting a positive vision of families that include lesbians and gays and offering an 800 number for assistance.



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Also on US TV is Cecily Alaska, the fictional site of the CBS program Northern Exposure, which has recently featured a gay male couple. The May 18 Season Finale explores the origins of the town itself and its Rosland cafe, both named for the lesbian couple who founded Sicily at the turn of the century.



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And finally, Charles Morris was in the checkout line at a San Francisco area market when he noticed the four year old in front of him was wearing a sweatshirt with a pink triangle. Morris asked the boy's mother, Is he gay? She answered. I don't know yet. But if he is he's gonna be proud.



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That's news wrap for the week ending May 9 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman, follow the



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



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And I'm Mark Sacco mano.



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Coming up later, this way, I'll take you to Los Angeles continuing our lesbian and gay view of the images that have recently dominated TV screens around the world. But first, Keith brand has some good news from the big screen.



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After the debacle of lesbian icepick murders, queer cannibals and a homosexual cabal that murdered John F. Kennedy. We've been saved from permanent psychosis by way of a new film by Derek Jarman called Edward the second. Derek Jarman is the queer filmmaker of such scandalous semi historical works as Sebastien and Caravaggio. This time Jarman has set his sights on the 16th century morality play Edward the second by Christopher Marlowe and Marlo is perfect material for this iconic class director. In the film, Edward the second is crowned king of England after the death of his father, at which time he summons gaveston His previously banished lover back to the throne. gaveston and Edward enjoy a deliriously happy period sharing both the bread and breadth of England. But while the king revels in the pleasures of the flesh, his jealous Queen Isabella plots his downfall. And indeed, in a scene that gives new meaning to the word hot, Edward the second gets his final desserts. This in itself would be quite familiar territory for any films with a gay storyline. Boy Meets Boy boy loses boy boy loses life. But Edward the second is infused with a political edge that transcends the simplistic morality of the original story. While Jarman keeps the original language, the staging and costuming are decidedly contemporary. And this is where the genius of Edward the second lies, Jarman has managed to fuse the poetry of Marlowe's original work written in the late 1500s. And without a hint of anachronism, placed the story in the present day. There's a marvelous scene in the film of a clash between the king and Mortimer, who has plotted his downfall along with the queen, and all the extras are from ACT UP and outrage. This is not to say that Edward the second is perfect. Annie Lennox of the Eurythmics lends her unusual star power to a sequence that seems more bent on providing a music video with which to sell the film than on providing any narrative fidelity. But all in all, Edward the second is both a visual feast, very reminiscent of Caravaggio with its reliance on dark and light, and a feast for your ears with the language and poetry of Marlo relatively intact. But most of all, it represents our own perspective, a filmmaker who is openly gay making a gay film and Jarman's long history as a filmmaker has and will continue to inspire a new generation of gay filmmakers who are tell our stories as they need to be told. It's a small step, but one that needs to be taken. This is Keith

