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## SPEAKERS

Kay Harper, Brian Nunes, Greg Gordon, Jeff Mackey, Cindy Friedman, Scott Lewis

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K Kay Harper 00:03

And that was rude girls, I gotta hit the right button to make it quit. Or we'll hear whatever's next on the CD. Which doesn't sound like something. Although there is another one on here that I could play for. For some of my friends. It's called we don't need the men.

J Jeff Mackey 00:18

Yes. Well, some of us do. You don't need them, give them to me.

K Kay Harper 00:23

Well, actually, I have a recently single banker friend, we may have to talk. So it's too late to do. But I have to talk about the brunch on Washington, runs on Washington, the brunch on Washington, they're celebrating the fifth anniversary of the 87th march. And it's it's a benefit for the 93 march. They're gonna have a fun run along the route that they marched on whenever in AD seven, five years ago. Yeah. But um, it just it sounds like such a fun thing. The brunch on Washington. Let's go to Washington and brunch media.

J Jeff Mackey 01:09

I know that's so homosexual.

K Kay Harper 01:13

Really? Oh, somebody was kicking kidding me the other night at my party? Because he said that I talked to like three people in a row. And it's like, we need to do lunch. Yes. It's like, oh, God, I'm turning up. I work at Whole Foods. And I'm turning up.

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Jeff Mackey 01:29

I don't think I've ever talked to people about doing meals before I became friends with you. So oh, well, maybe it's all my fault for reading. It's contagious.

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Kay Harper 01:37

Yeah. But the brunch on Washington is going on? In just a few hours, actually. So I think it starts with like, really? Um, it doesn't say when it starts. Starts at 8am Oh, goodness. Well, that's 7am Our time you've got six hours to make a reservation pack and get there.

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Jeff Mackey 02:03

That's plenty of time. Of course. This is this has been a big weekend. Lots of things happening in Washington, of course, currently is also the quilt. Yeah, this is the full quilt being displayed down the size of 12 football field.

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Kay Harper 02:16

Yeah, it's it's incredibly huge. And the Chronicle has actually been running stories about it. Really? Yeah, they ran one today and one yesterday. And like the front page section, not on the front page. Yeah, mind you, but

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Jeff Mackey 02:31

that's why that's why I didn't know that's true. showing to the front of the box, so I didn't see it.

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Kay Harper 02:36

Oh, well. So So what are you going to do for National Coming Out Day which snuck up on you?

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Jeff Mackey 02:43

I don't know. I really don't know. I it gets harder and harder every year. Because you know, when you get to a certain point you're just so out there a few horizons left to to conquer so so I'm not sure I may have to make a spectacle of myself today somehow, but Oh, well.

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Kay Harper 03:01

I want to be there. We've got a new camera.

J Jeff Mackey 03:06

Oh, I didn't think the person was who I'm going to end up spending a lot of today though, is going to be rocking. Am I making a scene because he's in a very closet V. Profession. Oh, so my regular theater buddy. I'm going to the theater today. So we can't that's true. Can't make too much of a scene not to do it early in the day. Walk out in the middle of Pacific Street and yell I'm homosexual. And this is going to be a big revelation to the world. What are you going to do?

K Kay Harper 03:39

No, no, I kind of think standing in the middle of Pacific sounds good. Actually, I'm I'm going to wear a t shirt to work that says actually I wore one yesterday that said lesbian it was it was like in Spanish so

J Jeff Mackey 03:55

it's like a really tell what that means. Well, I was beyond what could that be?

K Kay Harper 03:59

Yeah, you know, it's some strange Eastern religion or something. But I'm actually going to wear a a march on what actually I don't have a march on Washington monument where march on Austin t shirt from the first march on Washington that says gay and says there's been little letters because I don't have one that says in big letters.

J Jeff Mackey 04:20

Yes. Yes. I remember in several years ago, I'm Coming Out Day and having I took the book I was reading and stuff like setting it facedown where I usually did so they couldn't read like gay and lesbian was printed turned it up. That was my big Coming Out Day, but they got it anyway. So

K Kay Harper 04:34

well. Yeah, yeah, it's not like your boss doesn't know. Now.

J Jeff Mackey 04:38

Yes, this was before where I am now. Now. Everyone knows everyone.

K Kay Harper 04:43

Answers? It's like plastered up and down the galleries. Huh? That's right.

Anywhere it's like plastered up and down the Galleria. Huh? That's right.

J Jeff Mackey 04:50

If you want to Yes, you want to know about homosexual go to anyway,

K Kay Harper 04:54

go to where Jeffie works. That's right. Yes. Well, yes,

J Jeff Mackey 04:59

sir. was really imperfect.

K Kay Harper 05:02

We're not he didn't pay us any money to do ads and and KPFT doesn't do ads,

J Jeff Mackey 05:08

so we'll just skip that. Yeah, definitely warming.

K Kay Harper 05:12

It's always warm in here. It's it's, you know, the extremely hot people dealing we're dealing with here. I suppose that's it. Yes. Well, I was looking for one of those pieces of paper I had. So thing is I come with too many pieces of paper to this thing. This man wrote us a piece of paper about hippie. Yes. Vegetables,

J Jeff Mackey 05:37

hippie. Which is a Shi P why hippie, and so they spell flooding zation for the preservation of the 60s. Thank God.

K Kay Harper 05:47

It's 70s are coming in anyway, PY the

J Jeff Mackey 05:49

Houston Institute for the protection of youth, which is an actual, like, physical location. I'm not

sure of the exact location but is the house where

K Kay Harper 06:03

people who weren't even born when hippies were around,

J Jeff Mackey 06:06

right? We can find some shelter. Oh, yay. So and they're having an open house next Sunday, which will be the 18th I guess. Yes. from two to six at the hippie house, which I don't know where it

K Kay Harper 06:24

is. But we've got a number for them to call to find out where the hippie house is.

J Jeff Mackey 06:30

Yeah, that way we? Oh, yes, we do. Okay,

K Kay Harper 06:32

I was gonna say I remember seeing we're being

J Jeff Mackey 06:35

improvisational here. It has letters in it, so I didn't see it as a phone number.

K Kay Harper 06:39

Hey, I don't know your number except by letters.

J Jeff Mackey 06:42

That's right. That's right. It's nice as this one. If you want more information on it, it's two to six. Next Sunday, the first open house for the hippie house. Is the numbers. 949 42942 YUT. Ah, yes, yes. You think 942 YUT H for more info about the open house at the hibi house?

K Kay Harper 07:11

Aren't they having a fundraiser? Isn't the Black Party? I like for? Yes. And that's it It's Heaven

ARE YOU HAVING A FUNDRAISER DURING THE BLACK PARTY? LIKE YOU TALKED ABOUT IT, IN HEAVEN...  
Heaven? One of the specific please. Come tell us about this. The fundraiser the black party.

S Scott Lewis 07:27

Oh, yay. Tomorrow night. Unfortunately, there's not going to be the big blowout at diverse works this year. Like there was last year for National Coming Out Day. Yeah, that was fun, which was a blast. But a diverse works couldn't do it this year. And everything happened so late in the year. The plans for next year are gonna blow last year out of the water. But this year, what everybody decided to do, Charles Armstrong agreed to have a party out at heaven tomorrow night. They're going to have performance artists. And I don't remember what else is going on. But anyway to Black Party, and a portion of the door is going to go to hippie, the Houston Institute for the protection of youth you were just talking about? They'll have of course, the T shirts, and I'm sure some buttons and so on and so forth. And I think if I'm not mistaken, it's 50 or 75 cent well drinks. So I know I'll be there.

K Kay Harper 08:20

Are you old enough to be there? Just barely,

S Scott Lewis 08:22

thank you. Okay. I think it must be 18 and up not if they're gonna let me in.

K Kay Harper 08:30

Ah, yes. Well, that baby face. And that was Scott, who is hanging his hat and helping me with some technical stuff tonight because I don't know how to do it. But so yeah, that's going on tomorrow night. Lots of things going on for Coming Out Day.

J Jeff Mackey 08:48

It's a big day for something that didn't.

K Kay Harper 08:51

Really it's sort of like, oh, National Coming Out Day. You know, I knew about the quilt. I knew that it was Hispanic Heritage Month and kind of a counterpoint to good old Columbus. And the fact that it's 500 years since he started raping and pillaging the New World. Yes. First started the raping and pillaging of he hasn't been doing it for 500 years.

J Jeff Mackey 09:19

That's true. This past night was the pride awards.

K Kay Harper 09:22

Yeah. And Ray Hill was in earlier hanging out with the Houston Saturday night people. I don't think you want anything. He said something about him and a nice and all of the above being listed for one of the awards and all of the above war. One. It was I think the caucus was was the euphemism that was being used. But anyway. Yeah. But race is out and about and doing things I know there were lots of things going on at the tower.

J Jeff Mackey 09:58

Yeah, that's been in a busy place of light once you're

K Kay Harper 10:02

the one who was telling me about like tuxedos and leather in cowboy suits that's

J Jeff Mackey 10:06

when I was walking by by earlier tonight when the awards were getting ready to begin and it was like a really interesting mix of people I saw in there because you know, I think if awards and I expected you know, black tie stuff and but there were also you know, the guys in there the cowboy dragon the T shirts and the activists look, shall we say,

K Kay Harper 10:26

Oh, what is the activist look these days will be activists.

J Jeff Mackey 10:29

I'm gonna get in trouble if I tried to describe it because we've got one in the room. bad haircuts.

K Kay Harper 10:39

But it's over a baby face. That's fine. Thankfully, that's not a bad haircut or

J Jeff Mackey 10:45

like extreme sideburns and funny bangs on some of them. But yes, and the strange shades heavy, heavy duty sunglasses or glasses, like heavy frames on Black

K Kay Harper 10:55

Friday. Holy glasses. Yes. It's like the 60s. The children who weren't born to then

J Jeff Mackey 11:01

yes. Are we living in? Because Are we living where they're in the childhood? Don't really want to relive it.

K Kay Harper 11:06

At least bell bottoms haven't come back. Yes, the first time I see one of those I'm running screaming into a corporate drag suit.

J Jeff Mackey 11:14

platform shoes were bad enough last year, so Oh, gosh.

K Kay Harper 11:17

Yes. So funny. Watching Mary Tyler Moore reruns and the huge platform sneakers and stuff?

J Jeff Mackey 11:26

Well, this has been a pleasant trip down memory lane.

K Kay Harper 11:29

And how about something a little different from girls in the news, which is a band out of Austin, who are getting some more national kind of of exposure these days to nice girls are no more now that two nice girls are no more they're kind of a little raunchier. Then Then two nice girls. The fact is I got to see them in performance one night, they have a song called breast exam. And it was really interesting because they had a couple of little little gogo dancers kinds of people 60 stuff again, who like took their shirts off and we're showing everybody how to it was kind of an interesting thing.

J Jeff Mackey 12:16

I love visual assistance. Yes, well

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Kay Harper 12:18

visuals are great. So after we do a couple of required things like tell you this is KPFT Houston 90.1 and play a promo card for one of the other wonderful shows here on KPFT. We're going to play a song by Yeah, those people there's women kind of cute women to picture called paychecks today which is subtitled The come out song

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it must be Sunday morning because you're hearing a solid blues block on 90.1 FM KP ft and Houston Texas from 6am until you told us what you want on Sunday morning it must be

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Sunday morning Let's not to laugh to break through because they just play you our favorite song

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before they go off there, because then we might miss out on pokey. Intae Very

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good. Jodie Jodie Foster.

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Jodi, this is Nancy. You know who this is Nancy Ford. Don't pretend you don't know who I am. And if you're listening, you know you're listening to after hours a continuing tradition here on KPFT Houston 90.1.

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Kay Harper 14:59

And that was Romanov skin Phillips with give me a homosexual? Yes. That was by request for whoever it was. I don't remember your name who wanted it. New quiz. Yeah, it was question. Those who do not learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them. Yeah. Someone famous said that. I think it was either Oscar Wilde or Barney Frank. Anyway, there are some events in our history that we ought never to forget. What does Stonewall mean to you? A some guy in the Civil War who got shot by isn't men be a favorite tactic of any Republican administration. See, the bar on Christopher Street were on June 27 1969. The drag queens stood up to the cops and the modern gay rights movement began there were also dikes who stood up to the cops but anyway, and D one of those structures Robert Frost said make good neighbors.

J Jeff Mackey 15:55

Gosh, let me think my first thought would be see.

K Kay Harper 15:59

See, the other answers are approximately correct, but there will always be only ones one Stonewall. So God bless mama and grandma and scooter and all the drag queens. I wonder if he paid I mean, it really does say blessed scooter in here. I want to know if he paid this woman to put it in for me to read tonight.

J Jeff Mackey 16:16

We'll have to find out yesterday I was just up burning around around near the stone wall a couple of months ago. Oh, that's right. Yeah, New York. In fact, I have pictures from my previous trip of their of the stone wall that I've been starting to frame for over a year now. I thought you find one of them. I found one and gave it to switchboard auction as a fundraiser. handcoloured It turned out very nicely.

K Kay Harper 16:37

Yeah, it was really nice. I wish it could have afforded it. Like got way too expensive for me real quick, another

J Jeff Mackey 16:42

print, I guess. But yeah, that was that was neat. I mean, because it's such a such a historical place in history for us. Yeah. More questions. Yeah, more

K Kay Harper 16:54

questions. Now this one's called faggots? Oh, good. There are so much we have in common with our gay brethren. And yet there will always be differences in the way we live and the things we appreciate passionately. Which of the following concepts best captures our inability to perceive life through the eyes of faggots and vice versa. You and I accepted Of course, of course, a their greater likelihood of economic freedom be their higher visibility and politics, the media etc. See our general tendency toward monogamy, Dr. PMS and II Judy Garland.

J Jeff Mackey 17:33

This is so complex a question?

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Kay Harper 17:35

Well, considering I just was sharing with you before we turn the mics back on about my lover who sings Streisand the cat who really enjoys it. It's like, Oh, scary. So tell me about economic freedom, higher visibility, monogamy, PMS, or Judy Garland? Which is your choice?

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Jeff Mackey 17:56

Which is you're just trying to send the question which is

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Kay Harper 18:00

what is the which of the following concepts best captures our inability to perceive life through the eyes of faggots and vice versa?

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Jeff Mackey 18:10

Actually, my thought would be PMS. That was

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Kay Harper 18:13

actually the author's thought to, until a faggot has walked a mile with my cramps. We will never truly understand each other.

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Jeff Mackey 18:19

I started to say I think there are probably some, some lesbians out there who can appreciate Judy Garland and I don't particularly so PMS would definitely have to be right up there.

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Kay Harper 18:30

So why don't you tell me what's going on in the week ahead? While I fiddle around and put some music in good

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Jeff Mackey 18:38

idea what is going on this week? Well, we will be actually there are a couple of events. Let's look at Monday night, and we'll talk a little later about some of the things happening today. Monday night is ice skate night. monthly events sponsored by the Houston outdoor group, the chain gang Bicycle Club and lambda Roller Skating Club. is happening at the Galleria ice skating rink. At the Galleria, of course if you don't know where it is as getting lucky man.

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Kay Harper 19:18

I was gonna say everybody knows where the gallery is. It's where all the traffic is in the afternoon. Exactly.

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Jeff Mackey 19:23

This is something relatively new there have been rollerskating nights for a while so ice skating is something I'm gonna have to do that sometime I only tried ice skating once so and Oh, it's scary I think and again minuscules Evelyn breast I think have lived by ankles. So I have limp ankle. What else Thursday night. Just a big gap in our week but Thursday night. Houston gay and lesbian parents support. I'm trying to see who's gay and lesbian parents support for the adults and youth child of care is provided and a social outlet for the entire family. I don't know when this meeting happens, but if you want information you can call them at 6668256. On Friday the 16th Lesbians and business lib oh yeah monthly meeting for networking. There's a real happening kind of group.

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Kay Harper 20:22

They're just everywhere. It's

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Jeff Mackey 20:24

incredible. They also have a investment group meeting on Wednesday

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Kay Harper 20:30

and a Toastmasters Club and and pet patrol are not a pet patrol but you know, lesbians in their dogs group I mean, it's like queer nation with all the affinity groups.

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Jeff Mackey 20:41

Yes, it's Lucky's Luffy is from Hell yeah,

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Kay Harper 20:47

I was gonna say watch it.

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Jeff Mackey 20:50

Anyway, every time it rains it rains a lot. He's from heaven. I think there's a song Oh, hey. Some some women's fantasy. Their monthly meeting for networking. Anyway, we're getting too silly here. New Orleans attorney and political activist Susan clade will speak on women and

politics as tis the season once again. This is 6pm for networking. 6:30pm is the program it's at the ANOVA building. First floor. That's 20 Greenway Plaza. It's the B building looks like it's been torn apart.

K Kay Harper 21:20

Yeah, it is kind of strange looking. And of course,

J Jeff Mackey 21:23

this next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, the infamous Westheimer art festival bringing trash to my streets. And yeah,

K Kay Harper 21:31

and the fact that the Houston presses we aren't the same as we used to be.

J Jeff Mackey 21:36

We're getting we're getting tame in the Montrose according to the Houston press this week, but I don't know if I really buy that. However, my tow yard festival always has pretty people with certain amounts of clothing off so it's it's always fun for that reason, even if there are not things of beauty in the booth to look at. And oh my goodness,

K Kay Harper 22:01

you know what, what we need to be playing this way out. It's like 115 It's time. So this way out, make sure I've got all the buttons pushed in the right direction.

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He hasn't done a lot he's gonna have to allocate some money to get more involved. The

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legislature gave the committee authority to investigate all state agencies for homosexuality.

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If you circulated in what were the artistic grounds, if you will, but on Greek grounds or if you were homosexual, you were soon made aware of the existence of this Jon's committee their sexuality. the way they choose to use their sexual organs would not be the basis for claiming

discrimination. I find it hard to imagine how he could possibly veto a bill that simply puts into statute existing policy of this administration.

 Greg Gordon 23:08

Welcome to this way out, the International lesbian and gay radio magazine, lucid Chappelle was taking care of other business this week. Hello, I'm Greg Gordon. The US aids Commission has lost its magic. There's victory in Kentucky challenges in Colorado and Florida. And September surprise in California. All that and more now that you've discovered this way out.

 Cindy Friedman 23:37

Brian, and I'm Cindy Friedman

 Brian Nunes 23:39

with news wrap a summary of some of the news in reflecting the lesbian and gay community for the weekend and September 26 1992. The United Nations officially heard about gay and lesbian issues for the first time last month, two separate statements supporting gay and lesbian rights were presented to the main body of the UN Human Rights Commission during its annual meeting in Geneva. That body the UN sub commission on the prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities had already released a report earlier this year, asking the United Nations as a whole to devote increased attention to areas of discriminatory behavior generally ignored at the international level and quote, including discrimination based on sexual orientation. One presentation was made by the Women's International League for peace and freedom, calling on the UN to fight human rights abuses against gays and lesbians. In representing ILGA, the International lesbian and gay Association, Canadian Douglas Sanders of human rights advocates became the first gay man to speak openly in any UN human rights body. Sanders asked for consultative status for Elga on the UN's Economic and Social Council, and for a un study of discrimination against gays and lesbians.

 Cindy Friedman 24:54

Elga is planning and international march on the United Nations to affirm the human rights of lesbian and gay A people for June 26 1994. in observance of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, the International March will demand equal protection under the law for gays, lesbians and people with AIDS as guaranteed under the UN's Declaration of Human Rights.

 Brian Nunes 25:17

More than 50 US TV stations have agreed to donate airtime for the country's first public service announcement directly targeting lesbian and gay voters. To come out voting coalition's nonpartisan ad urges gays and lesbians to use the power of the ballot without mentioning this November's presidential election or any particular candidate.

**C** Cindy Friedman 25:36

The City of Cambridge became the first in Massachusetts to enact domestic partners legislation with a narrow five to four vote by the city council on September 14. The law provides for certification of domestic partnerships that guarantees hospital or jail visitation rights and access to children's school records. It also provides full spousal benefits of health insurance and sick and bereavement leave to city employees. The organization Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders drafted the measure two years ago and saw it through the passage

**B** Brian Nunes 26:10

of Pennsylvania gay male couples notarized statement of common law marriage convinced a bank to consider them for a loan. But to state solicitor Bob Whiner it's a worthless piece of paper. Based on State Supreme Court rulings when it believes SAME GENDER common law marriages are not legal. He affirms that counties have a right to refuse to accept such filings as at least two counties are already doing.

**C** Cindy Friedman 26:34

A lesbian couple in Tampa are contesting Florida's policy prohibiting unmarried couples from serving as foster parents. Bonnie Lynn Matthews is a therapist for abused children and her partner of two years Elaine Kohler counsels foster children. A six year old boy was placed with them for two months under a temporary foster care license, but he was removed from their home when their sexual orientation became known. The couple have filed suit against the state's Department of Health and rehabilitative services. The department recently gave a foster care license to a single lesbian in Broward County and claims it's only Matthews and Kohlers unmarried couples status that said issue since Florida law does not provide for same gender marriage. Under current policy, Matthews and Kohler would have to separate to become foster parents

**B** Brian Nunes 27:25

opened lesbian Mary New comes deployment to the Los Angeles County adoptions commission may be a first newcomer as an attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

**C** Cindy Friedman 27:36

Two months ago, the school board in Fairfax County Virginia prohibited verbal abuse of students based on sexual orientation. The addition of the phrase sexual orientation to the official student handbook drew complaints from some parents who felt it condoned homosexuality, the board seems to be knuckling under to the public pressure. It's now considering removing all detailed descriptions of types of verbal abuse, including those involving race, religion, sex and national origin as well as sexual orientation.

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Brian Nunes 28:09

The Toronto Canada Board of Education has approved one day per year of gay and lesbian positive education for high school students. fundamentalist Christian attacks on openly gay board member John campy, apparently encouraged several other board members to support the measure.

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Cindy Friedman 28:25

The University of California at Berkeley is testing out a program of lesbian, gay and bisexual studies this year. Berkeley can now offer the equivalent of a minor in this area, but is working towards developing a major Harvard, Rutgers, San Francisco State, Duke and Yale University's already have gay studies programs.

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Brian Nunes 28:47

For many years, Patricia nella Warren's 1973 Gay classic. The front runner has been scheduled for a film treatment without ever making it to the screen, but it looks solid for a stage production in Los Angeles next year. The novel has sold 10 million copies in a number of different languages. And producer Mark Manning believes the stage version could make it to Broadway. One will serve as a script advisor.

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Cindy Friedman 29:09

And finally, the American family associations Reverend Donald Wildman will be damned in the USA. Well, he'll be seen in the British film of that name after losing a court bid to stop its distribution in the US. The subject of the documentary The homophobe had hoped to keep out of theaters is censorship in the arts.

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Brian Nunes 29:37

That's news wrap for the week ending September 26 1992. Compounded written by Cindy Friedman, follow the news

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Cindy Friedman 29:43

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

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Brian Nunes 29:50

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Greg Gordon 29:53

There were other important stories making news during this last week in September. We'll tell you about California Governor Pete Wilson's September's surprise later in the program, with reports on two other important stories here's this way out's Kevin Lerner

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saying that he's fed up with a lack of support from the Bush administration basketball star Magic Johnson resigned from the National Commission on AIDS. In his letter of resignation, Johnson blasted President Bush saying, quote, your administration has not done what it could and should to halt the spread of aid.

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He hasn't done a lot. He said that itself he hasn't been involved in it. And so he's gonna have to allocate some money to get more involved. Those who served with

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Johnson on the bipartisan advisory panel expressed regret over magic's departure and sympathize with his complaints. Panel Member June. Osborne hopes that magic factions will send the President a message we've been trying very hard to send messages. That's where some of our disappointment has come. I hope perhaps this will get through even more clearly. The White House says it regrets Johnson's decision, but insists that the President is committed to finding an aged cure. It's okay and Ky for s od omy. The Kentucky Supreme Court struck down the state sodomy law saying that such conduct is protected by the right to privacy. The ruling came in a case involving a police sting operation organised to net people for gay sex. Court documents say that 1986 Jeffrey Watson of Lexington asked one undercover agent to come to his residence for possible sexual activity. Watson was charged with violating the state law that prohibits deviant sexual intercourse with another person of the same sex. Speaking for the court. Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Charles Leaps in said that the right to privacy and the equal protection clause of the Constitution outweighs the state sodomy law leaves and says that the law clearly was aimed at homosexuals because the state no longer makes deviant sexual intercourse between men and women a crime and with that just as we've seen and three other justices voted for the three to overturn Kentucky sodomy laws for this way out. I'm Kevin Lerner reporting

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this is this way out the international gay and lesbian radio magazine and we're the flirty Sean's.

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Greg Gordon 32:42

In the state of Florida news from over 30 years ago is still making news today. And this

IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA NEWS FROM OVER 50 years ago is still making news today, and this November there are two critical state ballot initiatives proposing to repeal and prohibition of laws protecting civil rights of lesbians and gay men. We had a report a couple of weeks ago on the so called no special rights measure nine in Oregon. And coming up in a few minutes. Verna Avery brown introduces a report by Scott Schlegel about the campaign of Coloradans for family values, but first, say the name Charlie John's outside of Florida, and most people will shrug and say they've never heard of him. But for those gays and lesbians who went to school in Florida or worked for the state during the late 1950s Charlie John's name calls up bitter memories of a state authorized witch hunt for homosexuals, patterned after Joseph McCarthy's campaign against communists. The records of the Florida legislative Investigation Committee haven't been seen by the public since the committee closed down in the mid 1960s. But an open records amendment scheduled for a vote this November in Florida could force the state to reveal the documents and one of its most embarrassing periods from Tallahassee Susan gage prepared this report Oh nothing.



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The voices of two women at the reception desk in the old state capitol building echo off the walls up to the second floor. Here's where you find the portrait of Charlie Eugene John's Florida's 32nd ACTING GOVERNOR from 1953 to 1955. John, the conservative Democrat served in Florida's legislature for 19 years and he's probably best known for his work with the Florida legislative investigation or Jon's committee, a body given the power to look into Florida's criminal element. Among the criminals John's chose to target were the gay men and lesbians in the state school system.



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You served related in what were the artistic grounds, if you will, but on Greek grounds, or if you were homosexual, you were soon made aware of the existence of this Jon's committee. Frank Coffey



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graduated from Florida State University in 1960, and English and Modern Languages student he was one of the few gays going to school in Florida at the time who managed to get through without the committee's investigator RJ Strickland catching up with them. Coffee credits his luck to the crowd. He ran with people more interested in poetry than going to homosexual parties the committee staged as a means of entrapping students and professors. Still, he's aware of what the consequences were of going to those parties.



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They did frightened young people usually calling people in questioning them under high powered lights, cutting them as possible to name everyone they knew who they even thought was homosexual and that those people in turn would be called



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in when the committee formed in 1956. The focus of its investigations was the NAACP. It was a time in the country when states were grappling with the Brown versus the Board of Education decision forcing integration in schools. The committee was determined to link the NAACP to communism. The attempt backfired resulting only in a lot of bad press for the NAACP, and no tangible results for the committee. It was in August of 1958, that the committee began hunting homosexuals. Frank Coffey knew some of the committee's victims



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knew of one man who was to have been the first PhD in piano literature, and he was kicked out without the degree. And I don't think he was ever able to get a PhD anywhere else. I mean, once you've done all that work, it wasn't a transferable sort of degree because FSU was not a few places on earth to offer such a degree.



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Bonnie Stark graduated from the University of South Florida in 1980. With a master's degree in history. She did her thesis on the John's committee,



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the legislature gave the committee authority to investigate all state agencies for homosexuality. And from 1958 on that's what the committee did.



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In 1962. The John's committee focused on the recently opened University of South Florida, the specter there was not only homosexuals, but so called obscene literature's, such as The Grapes of Wrath and the presence of communist sympathizers on campus. In 1963. Senator Johnson, the committee's attorney Mark Hawes, gave an hour and a half presentation on the committee's investigation of USF to a joint legislative session. The members weren't impressed, and many senators voted to eliminate the committee, a new Chairman Richard Mitchell of Tallahassee was appointed to clean up the John's committee's reputation, the committee was no longer allowed to investigate homosexuals in schools. However, the release of the committee's infamous purple pamphlet entitled homosexuality and citizenship in Florida complete with homoerotic pictures proved to be the final blow to the John's group.



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It was supposed to be a guide to help you identify homosexuality in the state of Florida what to look for legislators. The governor, everyone who read this thing thought it was an pornographic joke. They just were appalled by it, and it resulted in the entire staff quitting and then in

September of 1964, John's quit, and when he quit, he put in his resignation letter to the senate president that in his opinion, they should close the office of the committee, lock up its records and save the taxpayers the remaining appropriation.



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The legislature did that. The Committee received no more money during the 1965 session, and the Senate sealed the records, and they're still sealed today housed in a long, narrow fireproof room in the secretary of the Senate's office. A few people have requested the records only to be turned away. Last summer, Senate President Gwen Margolis announced the records wouldn't come out in the sunshine until 2028. Senate Secretary Joe Brown is now the custodian of the records. Most of the committee's meetings were an executive session leaving the secretary constitutionally in charge of protecting the papers. He remembers what his predecessor said to him the day he took office.



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He showed me the johns committee records and said these have to be kept under guard locked up from the public and acid for how long? He said Well, probably while your secretary of the Senate,



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what could change that is the proposed open records amendment passed during this year's legislative session. The amendment, if ratified in November, would cover records of the legislative, executive and judicial branches. Exemptions to the amendment would require a majority vote of both legislative chambers.



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We're not talking about John F. Kennedy's assassination, Barney Stark



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would also like the records opened, she says she doesn't care about the names of the committee's victims, many of which are already recorded in the minutes of the board of education meetings from the period



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by locking up those records. All we're doing is creating a historical injustice because we're saying that, for whatever reason, we don't want to learn about this part of our history.



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Florida senate president Gwen Margolis. his press secretary says the President's decision to release the records in 2028 is based on the federal census standard of keeping personal information secret for 72 years whether the open records amendment will affect that will ultimately be a question for the courts to decide. But in the meantime, if anyone wants to see what's in the 44 boxes containing the John's records, they're going to have to sue for them. Reporting for this way out. This is Susan gage in Tallahassee.