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In Colorado, when voters go to the polls in November, they can vote to turn back time on rights already extended to gays and lesbians and initiative sponsored by a group called Colorado for families values would make it legal to discriminate against gays and lesbians in Colorado. Scott Schlegel says polls predict the initiative will fail. But gay rights groups aren't taking any votes for granted. ordinances in three Colorado cities Denver Boulder and Aspen currently prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Even so, according to a Denver newspaper, there were 30 formal complaints of bias based on sexual orientation in Denver last year, six in Boulder, and three in Aspen. Some complaints involve dismissal from jobs, others involve rent increases or the denial of housing. This kind of discrimination should be legal, say members of the Colorado Springs based group Colorado for family values. The organization is sponsoring a statewide amendment prohibiting protection from discrimination for gays, lesbians and bisexuals spokesperson Kevin Tibideaux. their



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sexuality, the way they choose to use their sexual organs would not be a basis for claiming discrimination. But they're still protected under every other non discrimination law that they would come under



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gay rights advocates have organized the Equal Protection campaign to oppose the amendment. Field organizers Sue Larson says Colorado gays lesbians and bisexuals have a broad base of support and cities across the state.



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political representatives from both parties have joined on board with us and



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our honorary chair is Governor Romer. And that would I would hope speak to people regarding how the other side is redefining what family values are. Larson says hate is not a family value, and that has become the slogan of people who oppose the amendment. If the amendment passes gays, lesbians and bisexuals in Colorado will have no legal recourse if they're fired because of their sexual orientation. Attorney Jim Joy of the American Civil Liberties Union Colorado chapter says even heterosexual is fired for suspicion of being gay will have no legal recourse under the amendment wouldn't make



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any difference at all, whether they're gay or not. wouldn't make any difference.



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But he says the amendment may violate the US Constitution.



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It really may in fact, be an opportunity under litigation to establish the rights of gay people because if it does pass, the ACLU and other organizations will be in court trying to have it declared unconstitutional under the equal protection provisions of the US because



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the US Constitution says that all citizens are entitled to equal protection under the law. However, Colorado for family values maintains that the Supreme Court has established that sexual orientation is not a basis for a claim to protected class status. I'm Scott Schlegel in Denver.



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Why the hate? It's a question so many of us ask. But when a national news weekly starts looking for the answer, it's time to start naming names a regular broadcast of GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Please have a pen ready for the information I'll give you in a moment. Knowing who we are is the only way people can understand what we are. And lesbians and gay men have never been more visible than we are today. But visibility has also left our community vulnerable to increasing homophobic attacks. Newsweek's cover story gays under fire explains why. According to Newsweek, the fall of communism left the extreme right wing without a villain, and the increased visibility of lesbians and gays made prime targets for a

new propaganda offensive. These right wing bigots are responding to our fight for basic human rights, with rhetoric about special privileges and secret homosexual agendas. Newsweek talks about the way they are using misinformation and stereotypes to try and enact legislation to bar anti discrimination laws. Most Americans reject this campaign of hate. For example, a Newsweek poll shows that over three quarters of Americans support an end to job discrimination against lesbians and gay men. But the areas where Americans are less supportive are lesbian and gay marriage and parenting rights. It's no accident that these are the areas in which we are least visible and therefore least understood. So while increased visibility can make us more vulnerable, the only answer is to be even more visible and to be visible in our diversity. And this well researched fair set of articles by Newsweek are certainly a step in the right direction. Let Newsweek now you appreciate their attempts to educate rather than inflame Americans. Right to Richard Smith, Editor in Chief, Newsweek for for Mattis Madison Avenue, New York, New York, one double O two two. You have been listening to naming names a regular broadcast of glad the game has been alive. against defamation. If you see or hear lesbians and gay men mentioned in the media, please let us know. Write to us at GLAAD 150 West 26th Street, Suite 503 New York New York one triple 01 naming names produced by Peter Schmidt ik This is Cafe che for naming names.



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Imagine my surprise.



Greg Gordon 05:36

On September 25, California Governor Pete Wilson signed a B 2601. into law a bill protecting the state's gays and lesbians from employment discrimination. Last September, the Republican governor vetoed a similar bill HB 101 sparking weeks of demonstrations and street protests across the state. The question on everyone's mind this September was, what would Wilson do and When would he do it? David Smith, then Public Information Director for the Los Angeles gay and lesbian community services center echoed the pessimism of most of the state's lesbian and gay activists.



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My personal feeling is that based on the Republican platform based on the hate rhetoric that's coming out of the Republican Party, I think Governor Wilson will veto these bills. I don't know what the governor is going to do.



Greg Gordon 06:22

Democratic State Assemblyman Terry Friedman was the chief sponsor of last year's AB one on one. He also wrote this year's a B 26. Or one. He talked about his strategy with this year's bill prior to the Wilson signature at 2601.



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Wow, equally strong as 101 is based on a very different statutory scheme, one that the state court of appeals last fall found to require a prohibition on sexual orientation job discrimination. Since that time, the governor's own administration through the labor Commissioner's Office has followed the appellate court decision and has been pursuing cases of sexual orientation job discrimination. This year's bill simply puts into the statute books, the governor's existing policy. I did that because I thought it would be much harder for the Governor to veto such a bill. There has not been the same intense level of opposition by the religious extremists and hate groups as last year. However, I know that they're still very much opposed and are lobbying the governor. I find it hard to imagine how he could possibly veto a bill but simply puts into statute the existing policy of this administration.

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Greg Gordon 07:39

In spite of Pete Wilson's surprising signature on AB 2601. The fight for lesbian and gay civil rights in California is far from over. The governor vetoed a more wide ranging civil rights bill sponsored by House Speaker Willie Brown the following day, that bill would have extended lesbian and gay anti discrimination protections in the areas of housing and public accommodations. And we're also provided similar protections for non English speaking and disabled Californians. And right wing religious zealots, led by Lou Sheldon's traditional values coalition claimed the passage of AB 2601 will encourage the spread of homosexuality and of sexually transmitted diseases. The TVCs Steve Sheldon, son of Lou says they're not giving up the fight ballot initiative

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is one of our options. Another option is to get the bill reader get a revocation of his introduced in the legislature next year when we have a new makeup of the assembly.

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Greg Gordon 08:34

Of course, the outcome of those ballot initiatives this November in Colorado and Oregon will most certainly influence what the Sheldon family's future plans will be. But California Assemblyman Terry Friedman is confident that his a b 26, or one will survive

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taking effect next January all Californians will have equal employment opportunities so that their chance to have and keep a job is based on performance and qualifications not on lawful private behavior. I think this sends a clear message that California does not tolerate bigotry.

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Greg Gordon 09:07

This was yet another milestone in the continuing struggle for lesbian and gay civil rights. According to Don's Dubinsky, one of about 100 lesbians and gay men attending a celebratory rally in Los Angeles. Like most in the queer community, he had expected another Wilson veto

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that's exactly what I thought my heart went flip flop I couldn't believe it. I think it is a milestone
However at the same time, it's just a small step.

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Greg Gordon 09:32

Step by step can be one man, saying lean saline, saline saline Thanks for choosing this way out
the international lesbian and gay radio magazine this week Cindy Friedman Brian newness
Kevin Lerner, Susan Gage. Verna Avery Brown and Scott Schlegel contributed program
material. Thanks also to God New York, Maxine Hillary tomato ala Q Herman Padilla and Pacifica
network news, Sweet Honey in the Rock and Holly near perform some of the music you heard
and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. This way I was brought to you each
week by a staff of community volunteers and a sustained by financial support from the
community audio cassettes of this way our programs are available by mail individually or by
subscription. Write to us for more information. Of course, we'd also like to hear from you with
any comments, suggestions or questions you might have. Or just to let us know you're out
there listening right to this way out post office box 38327 Los Angeles, California 90038. And
please be sure to include the call letters of this station for Alicia Chappelle and all our
volunteers on Greg Gordon with thanks to you for listening on access community radio
Auckland, W O Mr. Provincetown, and km UD Garberville, among others, and for supporting this
community radio station. Stay tuned.

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Kay Harper 11:33

Where Pray tell is Garberville

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Jeff Mackey 11:36

Garberville I really would have no idea.

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Kay Harper 11:38

I want to know that just that intrigues me well, since they played like snippets of songs, I'm
gonna play some real music. Good. And you know that I like the blues and jazz and soul. Yes.
So this is actually people who've had pretty out experiences. You know, they're pretty out
about some of their experiences. Spilling Billie Holiday is going to be doing the first one and
this is off of the complete deck of recordings, which is

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Jeff Mackey 12:16

these are great. You played you played these for me when I was over at your place recently.
Yeah,

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Kay Harper 12:20

I love these things. This is like the best Christmas present I've ever gotten almost. And then Billie Holiday is going to be doing heartache. And then the one after that is my insurer who the new lady slipper catalog says Diane is a great jazz vocalist who's been pretty out lately and this is the one and talking about the the album about being a wonderful tribute. Unfortunately, that's not the album I've got. But this is all from her pure shore album. And it's a song called I could get used to this. So Billie Holiday maybe Billie Holiday

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Hey brown you're listening to KPFT Houston

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Good Sunday morning, or is it sorry nine at three. You're wondering what that is creeping up on you right now.

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Why it's Eric, you're tuned to the carbon dating game, where I give you a meso tunes from Precambrian to Neo Weibo right here on KPFT Houston.

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Kay Harper 14:03

Carbon dating game coming up after us. Yes. And one of the things we said we're going to talk about was the fact that this is Hispanic Heritage Month. Yes. There's there's a festival going on. It's got some great performers

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Jeff Mackey 14:18

this week festival Chicano the 13th annual it's happening all this week through next Sunday. I shouldn't even attempt any of these things because my my friend situation of Spanish is atrocious. mariachi, I can pretty mariachi

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Kay Harper 14:37

you can do Yeah. See mariachi?

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Jeff Mackey 14:43

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The Texas Revolution

K Kay Harper 14:44

I could have brought my dad King Cole sing Spanish phonetically. Such an off it's

J Jeff Mackey 14:51

about as frightening when I attempt things especially since I can't roll my eyes. But that's all this week happening at various places later in the week. especially at Miller outdoor theater and Hermann Park. So as some entities gratis

K Kay Harper 15:05

karate is that means free. Yes, I know that much Spanish. Yes, I'm gonna have to learn a lot more Spanish before my cousin in law comes to stay for a week.

J Jeff Mackey 15:14

Yes. That's that's going on this week. If you're looking for a way to observe Wednesday night is GLA Chu that's gay and lesbian Hispanic, you need those? Oh, yeah. And monthly meeting

K Kay Harper 15:28

and got reelected president so you can go look at pretty pretty Hispanic man. There's other Hispanic men who are very good looking. But I've Ben's hair just does. He's got like waist length. Black hair. That's gorgeous.

J Jeff Mackey 15:43

So if for no other reason you can go on again go that's 7:30pm at the Metropolitan multiservice Center. 1475 West grey for more information to seven Oh, G L. Hu. Another one was wonderful. And a graphic. Is that right? Whatever it was, it was one the phone numbers with letters on it? Yes.

K Kay Harper 16:02

I don't think it's an anagram.

J Jeff Mackey 16:03

yes

K Kay Harper 16:04

I'm not an acronym. Yeah, when you mix the letters up, it's laters

J Jeff Mackey 16:11

for a phone number. Next Sunday, the 18th also is meeting of Amiga, whose Houston Houston Houston focuses on Latina lesbian issues, I guess. And while Linda

K Kay Harper 16:29

does, yeah, Linda doesn't have hair but she's got shoulders.

J Jeff Mackey 16:34

It's kind of cryptic for some of you but including me.

K Kay Harper 16:37

You know, we were talking about Ben's hair and Linda's real involved with Linda

J Jeff Mackey 16:42

doesn't have hair. She's bald. No, no, no, she's she just doesn't

K Kay Harper 16:45

have the gorgeous hair that Ben does.

J Jeff Mackey 16:48

Okay, she's got great shoulders. Amiga versus Alma Harris interested in getting active. Yeah. It's a neat group of women. Yes. And that's having a potluck dinner on Sunday, the 18th at 5pm for information 5205667. So those are some ways to celebrate Hispanic Heritage

K Kay Harper 17:09

history hispanic heritage month, month, a whole month of it not just a week. Of The Month. Yeah, they're like a lot. A lot of them in the country and the world and so they get a whole

month. Yes. And another way to celebrate is with Hispanic music or Latin music or whatever. The triplets is a group Hispanic group, gorgeous women. And this is their song, dancing in the shadows. Oops, wrong button K. And that was Gloria Estefan. I started to say Gloria Gaynor, and it's like no wrong one. Gloria Estefan with regrets on me off of her. Ex Ito's de Gloria Estefan. Thanks to my lover who speaks Spanish, I have Spanish language, music. And requests on me, of course, this is returned to me. And unfortunately, this is this is seems to be the time that we do memorials. And Jeff and I were talking earlier about how nice it was that there wasn't anybody that we needed to do a memorial for today, tonight. And then buddy Johnston called who used to produce the show, and said that someone who had worked with a show for I don't know, a couple of years, I guess, died earlier lat last month in St. Louis, where he had moved to and started a show and jump in here. Yeah, you can jump in here.

J Jimmy Carper 19:02

From Hawaii. Mike wasn't didn't start the first show. But he were he's started very early in with after hours doing lots of engineering, and worked on an offer quite a few years before he did move up to St. Louis to start his own. Yeah, gay and lesbian show. That was a great show to Bran. It's running still, as far as I know. I think it is. And he calls all the time. Hi, how you doing? What's going on with your show? And here's what's going on with my show.

K Kay Harper 19:39

produced some great concerts. I went up a couple of times for concerts that he did up there

J Jimmy Carper 19:44

but unfortunately, that's about as deep as we we got with each other because I don't think anybody in Houston even knew he was sick. And he went up and visited him.

K Kay Harper 19:55

Yeah, that had been several years but this is like Last weekend was like the weekend I went up to visit to you three years ago.

J Jimmy Carper 20:05

In fact, Mike called a couple of months ago and talked on air. Talking about his show up in St. St. Louis and wishing us well. And now he's gone.

K Kay Harper 20:18

Yeah. And unfortunately, not knowing that I was going to be doing this memorial. I didn't have music. Because he loved Elton John sure did cut that he loved. It's like the only thing you heard when you were in his house. And we didn't have any Elton John with us tonight. However,

Michael Callen on his Purple Heart album, which is something that that we played a lot, especially when Mike was was engineering for the show. Wrote and Elton John wrote a song for Michael Collins purpleheart or wrote a song that Michael Callen sings on his Purple Heart album. I don't know if he actually wrote it for the album. And it's called Talking old soldiers. And I'm gonna play that for you right now. Okay, if I can remember which one it's in while you're

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Jimmy Carper 21:10

doing that. It's it's time like times like these. Whatever someone dies of is really of little importance is just the fact that they're gone. And that kind of brings home to us. Talking all soldiers talking, oh friends. Keep in touch with those you care about.

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Kay Harper 21:33

Yeah, please do