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Speaker 16 00:02

Evan Wilson with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay rights group.

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Speaker 17 00:06

She had a chance to join judges on this court and write a very strong pro right to privacy opinion. And she did not do so. whether that means that she wouldn't take that position in the Supreme Court is an open question.

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Speaker 16 00:22

And the civil rights community has been quiet about the nomination so far by Bruce Shapiro with a group Supreme Court Watch says there are indications or opinions may leave something to be desired.

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Speaker 18 00:33

She has sometimes been reluctant to let civil rights cases into her courtroom to grant what's called standing. And I think there too, you'll be finding a lot of hard questions from people who care about civil rights. Don rush,

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Speaker 16 00:51

Washington,

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**Speaker 14 00:52**

San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan had a tough job to fill the city supervisors seat vacated by the popular Roberta Achtenberg, when she became the first open lesbian or gay to win US Senate confirmation to a federal appointment but Jordan appears to have made almost everybody happy with his appointment of Susan Leal, and attorney and healthcare executive who told the press, I'm a native, a Latina and a lesbian. That's who I am, and I'm very proud of that. Politically, she describes herself as a moderate in the Dianne Feinstein Democrat style. Although Leal has not been very active in electoral politics, she once served as a consultant to the California legislature in developing the state's health budget.

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**Speaker 13 01:33**

The American Medical Association has finally promised not to deny membership to gays and lesbians just because of their sexual orientation. The resolution had been rejected each time it was brought up during the past four years. Dr. John Clowe is the outgoing president of the AMA. He says that in the past, gays and lesbians have feared being turned away.

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**Speaker 19 01:59**

These young people spoke in the reference committee, it was very moving. The fact that they had difficulty getting jobs, these are physicians, because they admitted that they were gay and and they had a fear of being in the AMA because of the fact that they did not get recognized because of their sexual orientation. That doesn't necessarily mean that all states are binding on the AMA physicians on this. That is not, they may set their own rules and regulations as to whether sexual orientation should or should not be included in their bylaws. It is hopeful that the states and the county societies throughout the country will follow our lead.

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**Speaker 13 02:36**

John Clowe, outgoing president of the American Medical Association, speaking from Chicago where the AMA held its annual convention this week. Before the AMA meeting, however, the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, a gay and lesbian group had tried to place a full page paid advertisement in the Journal of the American Medical Association, warning of the negative medical consequences of homophobia. The journal refused to accept the ad on the grounds that it was political, not scientific. The association's Executive Director Benjamin Schatz was not impressed. Noting that the journal has run ads from the Kellogg company and McDonald's, he remarked, it's absurd for a publication that is accepted ads extolling the health benefits of Cocoa Krispies and fast food to reject an ad from a physician's group as unscientific.

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**Speaker 14 03:32**

Nevada's 82 year old infamous crimes against nature law has been repealed. The Nevada State Assembly this week decriminalized private, consensual same gender sex acts between adults by passing SB 466 by a vote of 29 to 12. The Assembly vote is veto proof. but Governor Bob

Miller had planned to sign the bill anyway. The Nevada Senate had passed SB 466 by a vote of 16 to four in late May, without an amendment urgently sought by State Senator Ann O'Connell of Las Vegas to ban gay brothels. A number of sex acts will remain illegal if performed in public, regardless of the gender of the participants.

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Speaker 13 04:14

And finally, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has promised to send deputies undercover in a decoy operation to arrest gay bashers in the City of West Hollywood. Despite the eagerness of gays and lesbians in the community to volunteer fashion tips for the decoy deputies, the look the department has selected consists of hot pants, Birkenstocks, a buzz cut and a limp wrist, said Public Safety Officer Nancy Greenstein in defense of the fashion disaster. Unfortunately, that is the vision bashers have of the gay community. Actually, I sometimes see deputies come into work who could go right out on the Boulevard and do just fine.

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Speaker 14 05:04

That's News Wrap for the week ending June 19 1993. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman.

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Speaker 13 05:10

Follow the news in your area, an informed community is a strong community. For This Way Out, I'm Cindy Friedman.

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Speaker 14 05:17

And I'm Brian Nunez.

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Speaker 20 05:20

The November 1994 election is still a ways away but in Florida the Christian Supremacist American Family Association is already turning up the heat on the state attorney general's office. They're demanding the firing of Jeff Peters, a lawyer in the AG's administrative law division. Peters is the founder of Floridians Respect Everyone's Equality or FREE, the main group organizing against two possible ballot initiatives to deny gays and lesbians equal rights. The American Family Association of [unintelligible] Peters working for the Attorney General Bob Butterworth, because Butterworth's office is required to issue an opinion on the association's proposed amendment. The AFA attack on the FREE leader is all part of a continuing effort to collect the necessary 429,000 signatures to put its anti gay and lesbian amendment on the ballot. Susan Gage in Tallahassee has been following the battles over these Florida ballot initiatives and prepared this report.

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Speaker 21 06:19

Jeff Peters is a public servant for all people in the state of Florida. He is not a public servant just for the gay and lesbian community.

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Speaker 20 06:28

With those words, David Caton, the statewide director of the American Family Association of Florida announced his organization's intent to put pressure on Attorney General Bob Butterworth to fire Senior Assistant Attorney Jeff Peters. Unless Peters resigns as head of FREE, the group opposing Caton's amendment. The American Family Association has spent the past few weeks poring over Peters' personnel file, trying to find information to support its contention that Peters' presence in the Attorney General's Office will have undue influence on the State AG when it comes time to offer an opinion on the group's anti gay ballot initiative. What David Caton and has found as a total of \$1,500 in bonus payments given to Jeff Peters for publishing an article on hate crimes for the American Bar Association, and an AIDS legal manual, Caton referred to his news conference on Peters as an educational outing.

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Speaker 21 07:23

This is the first and one fate and a phase of press conferences that we're going to be using to expose the activism that is going on in a leadership, key leadership position in the Attorney General's office.

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Speaker 20 07:39

And Caton promises this is only the beginning. He says the AFA is checking into the backgrounds of other state employees who are active in Florida's gay civil rights movement. I will fight these people every step of the way. For his part, Jeff Peters held a news conference to say that not only will he not resign from the Attorney General's office, he will not step down from his affiliations with gay and lesbian organizations including FREE. Deputy State Attorney General Pete Antonacci says there's no reason for concern about Peters since he works in a division that will have no impact on the AFA's amendment petition. And as for the bonus payments, Antonacci says that's been standard procedure in the AG's office since 1989, as a way of encouraging legal scholarship. Again, Jeff Peters,

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Speaker 21 08:24

What is happening here is clear. The people backing the two discrimination initiatives in circulation, see me as public enemy number one, and they intend to make me only the first victim in what appears to be an extensive witch hunt to remove people from public service in Florida because they have the courage to oppose the fundamentalist agenda.

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Speaker 20 08:44

Agenda became the operative word of the day with David Caton holding forth at a Tallahassee Baptist Church for a showing of The Gay Agenda, a video that depicts selected scenes of drag

queens and men kissing in the streets to a pulsing beat. According to the resource center, distributing the video, it has been shown around the world and even recently at the Pentagon. While the showing of the video had been advertised in local newspapers, neither reporters nor members of the lesbian and gay community were allowed inside to watch it with the invited attendees. Something Rick Trelch, the facilitator of Tallahassee is gay and lesbian forum and his straight female companions, Sabrina Kassebaum, only realized when they were stopped in the parking lot by two ushers and a police officer.

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Speaker 22 09:36

I'm just trying to tell you that you're not allowed in.

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Speaker 23 09:38

But then it said a public event and all I want to do is go in and see the video, put it out to the world.

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Speaker 24 09:44

This is private property if the people that are employed representative of the property ask you yo leave you must leave.

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Speaker 25 09:51

It was put out for the public that has an interest in this, from our point of view, if we came to the abortion clinic or something, we would not be allowed in there. You know, and that's already been set as a precedent. So you're not gonna be allowed in here.

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Speaker 23 10:03

Huh, this is interesting. I mean, because who you are assuming that you want to get this word out to the public and here we are the public. I mean, maybe you know, quite frankly, I haven't. That's why I want to go in and see it because I haven't seen this yet. Quite frankly, I'm a gay man. And I'd like to know what my agenda is because I certainly haven't gotten my little thing in the mail yet.

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Speaker 20 10:19

Trelch and Kassebaum were sent away and they left peacefully. Anyone in disagreement with Caton and the AFA amendment were regulated to stand alongside the road. That's where Terry Schneider, a straight Tallahasseeian, joined about 40 other protesters representing gay and lesbian organizations, as well as the National Organization for Women. Schneider was holding a sign which read "Real Christians don't preach hate."

S**Speaker 25 10:43**

The people that follow Christ, believe that all people are equal and deserve love. And the man that's speaking tonight is preaching against gay people everywhere, has a pretty strong agenda against gay rights in any form.

S**Speaker 20 11:04**

David Caton is taking The Gay Agenda and his petition forms on the road to other North Florida cities. how successful the American Family Association will be in its attempt to raise money and support from these church video nights is not clear, reportedly amongst the questions to Caton about how to donate money to his campaign, one woman wanted to know if her daughter were to be a lesbian, would the AFA's amendment give employers the leeway to fire her based on her sexual orientation. Caton's answer, yes, an answer that may prove too much for some Floridians normally sympathetic to Caton's cause. For This Way Out, this is Susan Gage in Tallahassee.

S**Speaker 26 12:10**

Hi, this is Tom Robinson reminding you that you're either listening to, discovering for the first time, or tuned right into This Way Out, the international lesbian gay radio magazine with Lucia Chappelle and Greg Gordon.

S**Speaker 27 12:23**

Being a teenager is never easy, but it's often more difficult for teens who are lesbian or gay, lesbian and gay youth face rejection and isolation from their families and their peers. And they are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than their non gay counterparts. Earlier this year, a new teen center opened its doors in Minneapolis, Minnesota to provide much needed support for some of these young people. Sara Cardine has the story.

S**Speaker 28 12:57**

It's Saturday night at District 202, a center for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth in South Minneapolis. Young people are dancing, studying, sitting around talking or here in the front room, playing a hot game of gin rummy. Josh is 16 years old. He started coming to District 202 a few weeks ago.

S**Speaker 29 13:19**

It's the only place that I am aware of for people around my age, because a lot of the things are centered around people that are about 18. If you are struggling with coming out or you don't know whether you are yet or not, it's a great place to come and just be yourself.

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Speaker 28 13:38

While his parents know that he's gay, Josh says that kids at his high school would disown him and harass him if they knew about his sexuality. He said that being partially in the closet makes him feel like he split into two people. The gay Josh who comes to District 202, and the supposedly straight Josh who lives the rest of his life.

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Speaker 29 13:57

It's like, I've kept something bottled up like when you get angry at someone. It's like finally I get to come someplace once or twice a week and just release all the energy that has gotten built up.

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Speaker 28 14:10

District 202 is one of only three centers for gay youth in the country. It differs from the other two in that it doesn't offer therapy or social services. And more importantly, in that it is run by and for you, half of the board of directors are young people, and a youth board makes all of the programming decisions. District 202 is a hangout place somewhere for people in their teens and early 20s to meet and talk with others like themselves, or to just sit alone and have a cup of coffee.

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Speaker 30 14:40

But bottom line is that there aren't enough places that queer youth get to just be.

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Speaker 28 14:45

Adult board member, Elissa Rafa.

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Speaker 30 14:47

They're always fighting for their survival. They're always judging is it safe to come out or not? If they don't come out, they're always taking care of who do I need to lie to next. If they do come out, they're always taking care of who's going to harass me or hit me from behind next. This is one place in the world where you will hear good things about being queer. And if you need to be here for whatever reason, we're not going to question you about that reason, we're just going to welcome you in as long as you are you.

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Speaker 28 15:14

Having a place where you can meet people like yourself is no small thing when you're young and gay. According to Stephen Wade, a therapist who works with lesbian and gay youth. All adolescents have to perform similar tasks. says Wade. like moving away from their parents. or

learning to experience intimacy with people outside their families. But lesbian and gay teenagers lack the supports that helps straight teens deal with those tasks.

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Speaker 31 15:39

The more tasks that the game was me and adolescent is not able to do, we find that they become increasingly more isolated, they become depressed, we see a great deal of anxiety. We see young people who are not able to solidify their identity, we see young people who are not able to clearly make decisions about their life's goals.

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Speaker 28 16:08

These problems are very familiar to youth board member Jason Prodoehl. He hopes that District 202 can help others avoid the experiences that he had in his teens.

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Speaker 32 16:17

When I was a sophomore in high school, I very much wanted to commit suicide because I just didn't seem, I didn't see any kind of hope in there. And it's a scary thing to look at what the future of your life is going to be. And not to see anything exciting, really. And that's why this kind of personal isolation is so hard on youth and I know it was really hard on me. I really wonder sometimes how I made it as far as I did.

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Speaker 28 16:45

Adult lesbians and gay men, as well as the wider Twin Cities community are beginning to take seriously the problems faced by youth like Prodoehl, District 202 startup money came from the mainstream Minneapolis Foundation, and the Center continues to receive foundation money and numerous donations from individuals. And aside from one phoned in threat from Neo Nazis, the center has been well received in its neighborhood. Even though District 202 is only two months old, volunteer coordinator, Anna [unintelligible] believes it's already a success.

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Speaker 33 17:18

We have a regular crowd, you know of you know, 45 to 50 people who hang out and then you know, every single night there's always somebody new walking through the door and saying, you know, wow, you know, this is great. I love this. This is comfortable, you know, feels comfortable, feels like a home you can throw your feet up on the couch and not worry, you know, having mom yelling at you get your feet off the couch, put your feet off the table, that kind of thing. It's popular, people are coming back, they're coming here and are coming back which is great.

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Speaker 28 17:46



For This Way Out, I'm Sara Cardine in Minneapolis

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Speaker 13 18:00

Thanks for choosing This Way Out, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Friedman, Brian Nunez, Don Rush, Susan gage and Sara Cardine contributed program material. Thanks also to Ron Buchmeier, Ian Faiman and Pacifica network news.

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Speaker 14 18:16

Margie Adam sang the unicorn song and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.

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Speaker 13 18:22

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Speaker 14 18:36

Or 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. This way I just produced by Greg Gordon and Lucia Chappelle and we thank you for listening on KGNU Boulder,

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Speaker 13 18:58

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Speaker 14 19:00

And WARS Cincinnati.

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Speaker 13 19:01

Among others,

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Speaker 14 19:02

And for supporting this community radio station.

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Speaker 13 19:05

Now you all stated

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Speaker 5 19:11

Definition, mutual orgasm.

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Speaker 34 19:14

My husband and I just choose not to have it. We have always been with All State we think it's a good company. Oh, those mutual of orgasm people, we don't like them. Their show is way too violent that, what's it called? Wild Kingdom with Marlin Perkins. He and Jim are always wrestling those animals to the ground. We just believe we're in good hands with that other company.

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Jimmy Carper 19:43

And you are, honey, you are in real good hands with that other company. That was Lisa and Peggy. And she was telling you about mutual of orgasm. Hmm. Hi, this is Jimmy and it's time for the QMZ, queer music zone, heard right here on After Hours, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. Yes, we got that in on time. Okay. How's everybody doing? I've got a couple of new things. You know, the music industry is just wonderful, wonderful here lately, with people coming out of the closet and new things coming out all the time. It's like for the last couple of months, I've had something new every week. I just, you know, I'm just, it's great. I don't know when how long it's gonna last but I'm going to enjoy it while I can. I just got something new in the mail. If you subscribe to a magazine called Genre, they will send you a free CD, it's in one of those little tacky cardboard cases you know, the flat kind, but it's really neat. This one is neat. The one that that you got with Out magazine really sucked but this one's good. And I'm gonna play the Erasure one on here. It's a song that you've heard it's called "Love to Hate You," but I don't think it's a version you've heard. So here we go Oh yeah, that was Mark Almond. Many of you may not recognize the name or, or the guy. But he, he's from England. He's kind of contemporary of Jimmy Somerville and Erasure and that crowd, and he does kind of like arty songs. He has a whole Jacques Brel album out and some of that kind of stuff. In fact, we played them before, sporadically, but that one I particularly like especially to play in the QMZ, queer music zone, where we feature music, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgenderal artists, because that is I just think one of the ultimate songs for drag queens, female impersonators, transgender girls, whatever the name. And I think Mark does a very good job on that. That is also on that CD called Boys United. That you get if you subscribe to Genre magazine, you know, I don't, I don't remember how much it was, but it was one of those special deals, subscribe and, and get a free CD and it's a good one. A really good one. You'll enjoy it. Now to give you a little bit of whiplash, something we promised last week, and we didn't have time for, it's Faith No More. Yes, the headbangers group where the keyboardist Roddy Bottum has come out of the closet and this particular piece was asked for last week, requested, and it was one that I had intended on playing. It's called "Be Aggressive." It's got very homo--homoerotic lyrics. It was written by Roddy and he said he thought it was really a whole lot of fun to write lyrics like that and then to have the vocalist, who is straight, sing the

song. Here we go, Faith No More doing "Be Aggressive." Whoo. Okay, that was Janis Ian, off of her new album, Brand New, and it's called "Ride Me Like a Wave." That's for all you women out there. That's a very, I think a very erotic song. She has also come out of the closet. It will be no surprise to listeners of After Hours to hear that because we've been playing her for the last few weeks. We've had requests for Jamie Anderson and Melissa Etheridge. We're going to try to get to them. I was not familiar with the song that was requested from Jamie Anderson. But since I'm not familiar with it, I get to play my favorite. How's that? It's from her latest album, Center of Balance, and it's called "No Closet."