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## SPEAKERS

Kay Harper, Cindy Friedman, Jeff Mackey

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J Jeff Mackey 00:00

This one is an HIV treatment alternatives workshop. This is a long name. Yes. Sponsored by AIDS Foundation Houston and body positive. This is Thursday, March 12. It's from seven to 9pm at the multiservice. Center on West gray. For more information you can call Bart Loeser at 6236796. Isn't Bart,

K Kay Harper 00:29

that pretty boy that you all keep drooling over? Yes, maybe not you y'all is a very general term for men.

J Jeff Mackey 00:38

This is like reverse sexism night as well. I say we're just being lumped all together as one.

K Kay Harper 00:44

I mean, I realize that some of you have have redeeming qualities. I'm just not sure

J Jeff Mackey 00:50

all of you do any men I would like to be lumped together with but Well, we'll see what we are alone. The Bar Association for human rights is presenting your program sexual harassment in the workplace or harrassment issues for the gay and lesbian community. This is also on March 12. This Thursday. This is at 7pm at the Montrose Palace, I think Commonwealth at Nevada

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Kay Harper 01:14

Commonwealth at Nevada, you know, you can usually tell whether someone's male or female by how they pronounce that word that starts with an H. Harassment or harassment. Really? Yeah, a lot of times, most times women say harassment. And men say harrassment. It's that stress on that syllable. I think

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Jeff Mackey 01:36

that's usually that that would usually be the clue I would look for in determining someone's gender I think.

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Kay Harper 01:42

Maybe not necessarily. But listen to you know, if you ever if you listen to the the Clarence Thomas Anita Hill hearings, the boys all the men all said sorry, maybe I am being very reverse sexist tonight. The men all said harrassment. And that's not what she was saying.

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Jeff Mackey 02:05

I thought it was a regional difference. That's I've always heard harassment. No, no.

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Kay Harper 02:12

Well, well, you know, we have questions about your mom. Anyway.

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Jeff Mackey 02:15

We have this is true. This is true. Let's hope she's not listening from Kansas. Any it's a US will be Saturday, March the 14th. Couple of more events. The PWA coalition and dignity are having a carwash. This is at the multiservice center as well. 1475 West grades This is from nine in the morning to four in the afternoon. Get your card nice and dirty this weekend and make them clean it for you this weekend and it goes for good causes.

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Kay Harper 02:51

Sounds like convinced about that. Those are good groups that they're they're very good

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Jeff Mackey 02:55

groups. Also the MTCR Metropolitan Community Church for the resurrection of the resurrection, yes, in CCR is much easier to say. The Capitol gifts campaign, they're having a scavenger hunt to benefit it. This is also on Saturday. For more information call 8619149 which is

K Kay Harper 03:20

the church number is the church number. Yeah, you get to go around and find 10 things and, and come back to the church and I don't know what what the prize is or anything but it sounds interesting.

J Jeff Mackey 03:34

call and find out it'd be a good way to spend your Saturday. Yeah.

K Kay Harper 03:38

I'm going back to our missed condom Awareness Week. I mean, I feel so bad that we missed that.

J Jeff Mackey 03:46

I know he's just completely got away for I've been trying to make up for it ever since

K Kay Harper 03:49

I hear. Yes. But in the 1870s. Yes. Whose face appeared on certain packages of condoms. Not all of them, but some of them. Your choices are Benjamin Franklin, Florence Nightingale, Pocahontas. General George Armstrong Custer, or Queen Victoria.

J Jeff Mackey 04:12

Just strikers not on there. Okay. Jeff Stryker,

K Kay Harper 04:15

is much much young, younger than then being around in the 1870s.

J Jeff Mackey 04:21

I suppose so. Well, gosh, I'm stumped. What? Who would it be?

K Kay Harper 04:29

Well, it's the one that I would mostly be most disinclined to think maybe these were like

government issue or something. Because it was Queen Victoria. You know, how her her the right. The monarchs picture is on all the coins and all the stamps. Yes. Maybe they were government issue condoms.

J Jeff Mackey 04:49

I say, Queen Victoria's image on them. Hmm. I think that would not be a particular aphrodisiac at the point where this would be necessary, but

K Kay Harper 04:58

Well, yeah. uh you know, Queen Victoria didn't even believe that lesbians existed. That's right. She made them strike the language from from the the anti that while they weren't gay, anti homosexual laws. Yes, actually it wasn't even homosexual because the the word, this is an interesting tidbit for you you always like these kinds of things. Yes. The word homosexual is 100 years old this year.

J Jeff Mackey 05:26

That's right. That's right. Most people think that, that gay is like a very new word. But the fact is gay has been used to describe gay people since like the 14th century. And homosexual is really a very new word. Yeah, that's it's 100 years old. For a long time. There really was not much of a word to describe it. So yeah,

K Kay Harper 05:47

yeah. Well, this, this is an interesting thing that I learned from Miss Carper. Not too long ago.

J Jeff Mackey 05:54

Interesting. Well, we'll have to have your birthday party for it or something.

K Kay Harper 05:58

Well, how does one have a birthday party for a word?

J Jeff Mackey 06:02

Oh, I can think of ways to celebrate, I guess. Well, how

K Kay Harper 06:05

about some women's music? That's an excellent way to start. I thought you liked the idea. And that was frank with her double decker bed. A nice kind of poignant lesbian saw. It's like, actually, I have a friend, an acquaintance who has double decker beds in her room. It's just very interesting.

J Jeff Mackey 06:38

Interesting. Yes, yes. I remember those from my, from my distant childhood camp. Yes. Camp is almost exactly what it would be to have them these days.

K Kay Harper 06:52

I don't think sly considers herself camp. But. And before that, Libby Roderick offer first album, which is called if you see a dream, and inspire me and before that two nice girls out of Boston. Two nice girls equals four great lesbians.

J Jeff Mackey 07:12

Are those equations that somehow just don't add up?

K Kay Harper 07:14

Oh, I know. And a classic lesbian. Let's go bonding.

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Yes. So So

K Kay Harper 07:24

you hear about the woman who wanted to send the very best from Hallmark using one of their personalized computers? No, no. Well, she tried to send her I guess her lover or something. And wanted to use the L word. And the computer kept rejecting it. It's apparently was on their offensive

J Jeff Mackey 07:46

list. Oh, yes. Yes. I'm terribly offended by that word. Oh,

K Kay Harper 07:50

yes. Liberal, right. Yes. Actually, I think it was lesbian, lesbian. Well, um,

J Jeff Mackey 07:57

trippingly on the tongue. I don't know how they could offend anyone. It's a very pretty sounding word.

K Kay Harper 08:02

I know. And I mean, Michael Dukakis is a lesbian. That's right. But Charlotte Ennis, Who's the woman who tried to do this is a board member of the Los Angeles chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. And she complained, good, it's no longer an offensive word to Hallmark.

J Jeff Mackey 08:24

It's about time.

K Kay Harper 08:25

Ah, so what do you got hanging out there?

J Jeff Mackey 08:29

What do I got hanging out here? Well, I thought we would more things to do more things to do. These are some, some things to get involved with. If you're looking for a long term involvement. I've already got

K Kay Harper 08:41

one of those. Actually, I've got several of them. One of whom is waiting for me at home patients.

J Jeff Mackey 08:48

If you need an extra one, these are some things for for women to get involved with. Since we're doing women's things this evening. No, I

K Kay Harper 08:57

thought you were gonna say we were doing women. Right? And it's like, no, I'm not.

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Jeff Mackey 09:01

No, no, no, no, I don't do women. But anyway, *Heartsong*, which is if you're at all familiar with them, if you're

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Kay Harper 09:12

familiar with them get from your yet familiar. They're wonderful, wonderful, wonderful. They are

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Jeff Mackey 09:17

accepting new members during March. There is you don't have to have any formal voice training. But they're accepting new members. So if you want more information, give them a call. 6672932

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Kay Harper 09:34

Hmm. That's a neat group. I wish I could sing I'd love to be. Actually I do. Support things which makes me a heartthrob, heartthrob, yes. And if I had money I could be a single Mama is single mama. Yes, that's the people who give them money. Unfortunately, I don't do that.

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Jeff Mackey 09:54

I think it should be a heart something there too. Is needed like consistency is harder. Attack. No, no, no. No. Okay. Also, the women's group is a feminist group. It meets at 10am. On Sundays in the Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church. That's 5200 Fannin at South more. If you need more information you can call Iris at 529 8571 or Janet at three, seven No. 3657

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Kay Harper 10:35

Janet is not a Montrose woman. No,

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Jeff Mackey 10:39

no. Well, not everyone can live in the Montrose, I suppose.

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Kay Harper 10:43

Hey, listen, I just moved back into the Montrose. Got me set up with Southwestern Bell to get my phone. Yes. We're not going to have a phone number that starts with five to something. Oh, *my life's just bizarre quite*

J Jeff Mackey 10:59

an adjustment all Hall. Also happening at the First Unitarian Church on Thursdays 7pm to 8:30pm is Afro femme centric, is a group devoted to social and political concerns of African American lesbians. And for more information on that call 5375146. And this is something interesting. This is something I wasn't aware of was was happening. This is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. The Houston women's rugby team. Ooh, butch women. Yes, yes. Yes. I just go Alison Bechdel. Over. It's at seven 7pm Memorial Park rugby pitch.

K Kay Harper 11:47

I think that's what a rugby field is called. It's a pitch. It's not a field. Yes, you

J Jeff Mackey 11:52

can tell not real up on this sort of thing. Hey,

K Kay Harper 11:55

I like the striped shirts. Yes,

J Jeff Mackey 11:57

I have a rugby shirt. That's that's the closest I get to the sport. I'm afraid it was given to you by a lesbian. This is true. This is true. But I have more than one you have more than lemons from my mom. And we have questions. We have questions about mom's is a theme in my life. So I'll have to go see them play sometime. If they do anything other than practice right now. I know it's the practices which are 7pm Tuesday and Thursday. Memorial Park rugby pitch for more information call Shelly at 776 9451

K Kay Harper 12:28

to remember the the Lynn lavner song about Shelley who's gone Nellie and how she doesn't play football and now she's I don't remember what the FIM thing she did instead of playing football. But if she played rugby, she'd never ever, you know, have to change.

J Jeff Mackey 12:46

That's right. That's right.

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Kay Harper 12:48

Well, more statistics actually know. Back to our failing to recognize condom Awareness Week.

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Jeff Mackey 13:01

Never enough of missing this this one week in our lives.

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Kay Harper 13:05

Well, some of you people that's important. Yes, it's true. You know, there's a condom of the month club out now. Really? Yes. They'll mail order you condoms.

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Jeff Mackey 13:15

The guest that keeps on giving.

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Kay Harper 13:17

Yes. It sounds like a couple of men. Well, they are definitely a couple of men, but probably a couple of gay men with the entrepreneurial spirit out of West Palm Beach, Florida will mail you 10 condoms in your mail. You know, mentally it's just bizarre. Monthly, monthly. Sorry. It's alright. Maybe they're mint flavored ones. They get glow in the dark ones for Halloween blue and red and green ones for Christmas.

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Jeff Mackey 13:44

You get 10 every month and you get 10 every month. I think I would end up with a major backlog that right but did they have like a half?

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Kay Harper 13:54

Nevermind is a smaller order.

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Jeff Mackey 13:56

A condom of the every other month club?

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Kay Harper 14:01

No. Poor Jeff.

J Jeff Mackey 14:02

Yes. That bad? Yes. Well. Well, that's interesting. Yeah, it

K Kay Harper 14:07

is kind of different in

J Jeff Mackey 14:08

just the the enterprising of people never fails to amaze me.

K Kay Harper 14:12

Ah, ha. Have we talked about homophobia tonight? A nice subtle segue there. He's

J Jeff Mackey 14:22

floating about the periphery. But But is there something we need to discuss about homophobia tonight?

K Kay Harper 14:29

Well, actually, we were just going to mention that the international gay and lesbian Association's 13th annual conference, which was scheduled for Guadalajara in June. Yes. Last June was cancelled because of the threats that the city's mayor got. No, no he didn't get threats. Sorry. He threatened to arrest delegates. Okay, I'm getting getting upset.

J Jeff Mackey 14:55

He threatened to arrest the delegates to the conference.

K Kay Harper 14:59

Yeah, the mayor warned If that any hotels, housing delegates would lose their licenses and organizers received death threats from right wing paramilitary groups. Oh my God, that's scary. That is Yeah. So they picked up in and move to someplace else. I think that's helped. But the international death Lesbian and Gay Alliance held their first meeting in Dallas last July at the bi annual convention. What is the Biennial is that

J Jeff Mackey 15:28  
every other year

K Kay Harper 15:28  
every other year?

J Jeff Mackey 15:30  
I think we have by Nielsen art and I don't know that flowers

K Kay Harper 15:33  
is what I always think of.

J Jeff Mackey 15:37  
We're just for you associated.

K Kay Harper 15:39  
Yes. But the Astro Rainbow Alliance or the Rainbow Alliance of the death Astro Rainbow Alliance is the Houston chapters. So how about more music because we're running out of things to be coherent about That's right. I have to push the right button Holly, New Year and Mercedes salsa in the dance alone, also known as quizzes solo, my Spanish is

J Jeff Mackey 16:13  
soloists, I think, yes, that's that's nice. I hadn't heard that version of it. I'd heard stings version of it. That's very nice. Yeah.

K Kay Harper 16:19  
And that pretty? Well, we missed a little bit. When I'm told, Sting has some good, good music. Yes, we are coming up. Actually, we've gone beyond this way out. Time for pushing the limits. Actually the time that we said we were going to start this way out. But this way out with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chapelle and a cast of lots of other people. I don't know who all is helping out this time. And let's see if I can do this right.

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We want to act as quickly as we can to provide a bridge for these patients so that they may

we want to act as quickly as we can to provide a bridge for these patients so that they may receive their DDC if you took PTC, when you had lower T cells and your T cells went over 200 You no longer qualify

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give us one day of the Pentagon's budget, and we can adequately fund the entire biomedical research effort.

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The lives of gay lesbian and bisexual teenagers like me, that work well outside the kitchen window roots grew deeper into the soil, and crimson Starbursts raged in fury.

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Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucia Chapelle. And on Greg Gordon, the Eastern European couple finds asylum in Canada, cops charged for theft of lesbian and gay rights and US aids budget doc Skeps. Wild drug access accelerates All that and more because you've discovered this way out.

18:17

I'm Mark Sacco mana and I'm Cindy Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news and are affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending February 29 1992. Hot on the heels of the first historic decision to offer political asylum to a gay man from Argentina. A Canadian immigration board has now granted asylum to a gay male couple from an Eastern European country. While the Argentine man had experienced repeated police detentions and torture, the unnamed European couple had never been arrested in their homeland, but feared persecution because of their country's sodomy laws.

C Cindy Friedman 18:54

The Canadian government reviewed its Department of Defense recommendations, and reportedly concluded that gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve in the military. But apparently, the opposition of a handful of Progressive Conservative Party members has been enough to stop the government from taking action. By default, the question is being left to the federal court to decide exactly what the military had hoped to avoid by presenting its recommendations in the first place. The first of five lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the exclusion policy is expected to be heard in June.

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John Frohnmayer, head of the US National Endowment for the Arts left the embattled agency late last month. Fawn Mever in the NEA had been under almost constant attack by arch

conservatives during the past few years for funding controversial projects, most of them containing explicit images of gay and lesbian sexuality. Frohnmayer had defended NCAA funding for the highly publicized exhibition of photographs by the late openly gay artist Robert Mapplethorpe and for underwriting some production costs of the award winning poisoned by gay filmmaker Todd Haynes.

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Cindy Friedman 20:06

Meanwhile, Republican presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan promised to abolish the NEA if he's elected, charging the agency with funding quote, filthy and blasphemous art and quote, during a radio talk show in Atlanta, Georgia, the right wing former media commentator also repeated his previous description of AIDS as, quote, nature's form of retribution against homosexuals and quote,

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Buchanan's opponent in the Republican primary elections and come at US President George Bush seems to be taking a more conciliatory approach to gay and lesbian rights activists in what is believed to be the first meeting ever between gay and lesbian leadership and the head of an incumbent Republican President's reelection campaign. Staff of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and a lobbyist for the AIDS Action Council met for 25 minutes with Bush campaign director Robert Mosbacher. The task force made several specific recommendations, including asking the president to meet with activists and to name a liaison to the lesbian and gay community. In mid February over 1000 active members participated in a demonstration, during which some broke the windows of Bush's New Hampshire campaign headquarters.

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Cindy Friedman 21:25

While a number of gays and lesbians are getting involved in primary elections across the US, it's remarkable that in Washington, DC 17 openly gay candidates were selected to run for delegates seats to choose the presidential candidate at the Democratic National Convention. Six are on the slate for Tom Harkin four for Bill Clinton, four for Paul Tsongas. Two for Bob Kerry and one for Jerry Brown.

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Levi Strauss and Company announced last week that it will become the largest corporation in the US to extend health insurance benefits to domestic partners. The new policy will offer unmarried partners, the same medical and dental benefits now provided to the legally married couples among its 23,000 employees. effective June 1.

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Cindy Friedman 22:12

The US National Institutes of Health NIH ended two years investigation of Robert Gallo's original isolation of the human immunodeficiency virus, with the conclusion that the virus contains

falsifications and misrepresentations. The final report recommended that Gallo be found guilty of scientific misconduct, but did not contain the recommendation of an earlier draft that called for significant censure of Gallo himself. The report will be reviewed by the Department of Health and Human Services, which will determine any action to be taken.

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Apparently reacting to the US Food and Drug Administration's recent criticism of underground sales of an experimental AIDS drug. The major pharmaceutical company distributing DDC is expanding legal access to the drug. Matt binder reports.

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The Hoffman LaRoche drug company announced this past week that it will make its experimental AIDS drug DDC available to about 8000 more people that are getting it now. The move came two weeks after the Food and Drug Administration asked underground buyers clubs to stop selling bootleg DDC because of alleged quality problems. LaRoche spokesperson Paul Ostreicher says the DDC will be available free of charge to patients who qualify, their physicians must simply call a company 800 number

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I think we're breaking new ground as far as trying to make this as easy for the physician and patient as possible. We want to act as quickly as we can to provide a bridge for these patients to so that they may receive their their DDC until we receive clearance for marketing by the FDA.

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People who are asymptomatic but have T cell counts less than 200 will be eligible for the free DDC. Also people who are symptomatic with T cell counts under 300 will be included. patient advocates praise LaRoche for widening access for the drug, but they say some of the qualifications are too restrictive. Larry Tate of project informs as many as 4000 people who bought DDC through buyers clubs will be shut out of the company's program,

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what they are doing is creating publicity that seems to suggest that there is no further need for Buyers Club DDC, because everyone is taken care of. You know, I mean, anybody who's asymptomatic but more than 200 T cell doesn't qualify for this. Which means if you took DDC when you had lower T cells and your T cells went over 200, you no longer qualify.

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I ate says the best solution to the DDC availability problem is for the FDA to approve it. The company expects that to happen by this summer in San Francisco on that binder.

 Cindy Friedman 25:00

This time it's really over. Karen Thompson has won her nine year battle to gain guardianship of her severely disabled partner Sharon Kowalski. The Minnesota Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal filed by Kowalski family friend Karen Tomberlin, leaving intact the December decision by an appeals court that the lesbian couple constituted, quote, a family of affinity which ought to be accorded respect and quote, Kowalski and Thompson were two of the women honored as feminists for the year 1991 by the nationwide Feminist Majority foundation.

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Also in Minnesota, Minneapolis Police have arrested a suspected serial killer of gay men, after he called an anti-bashing hotline to correct press coverage of his terrorist hate letter. In early February, local media received a letter signed the AIDS commission claiming responsibility for the murders of two gay men last year and warning gay men that you won't catch us but we might catch you. Jay Thomas Johnson was arrested after he called the gay and lesbian community Action Council to correct the news reports and his diary was found to express his wish to kill gays as vengeance for the AIDS epidemic.

 Cindy Friedman 26:18

A San Diego lesbian has filed a lawsuit charging a pervasive pattern of discrimination at the San Diego County Sheriff's department's Academy. Deputy county Marshal Laura Shan says that during training at the Academy in 1990, she heard both instructors and trainees make denigrating references to gays and lesbians every day in lectures and training presentations. She claims an instructor tried to have her kicked out of the Academy for being disruptive when she spoke out against the homophobia. She believes the academy environment both hurts the trainees and calls into question the service they later give to the community and instructor named in Shan's suit denies any such incidents and says he was offended by the accusations.

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an openly gay man who had filed a \$90 million discrimination lawsuit after being fired from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's is now expected to be reinstated. Bruce Bowens attorney told the press that the county has agreed in principle to reinstate Poland, although the when where and how of the reinstatement is still to be negotiated. Along with the financial questions of back pay and attorneys fees.

 Cindy Friedman 27:29

There's a \$10,000 damages award for a Philadelphia lesbian who demonstrated against violence against women and gays, only to be punched in the face by a police officer. A federal arbitration panel found for queer action member Kristen Chimes, who approached the officers

organization, partly founded by queer action member Kristen Daniels, who approached the officers seeking help for a friend she believed had been maced at it Take Back the Night March last year.



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Gays in Washington DC are outraged by recent mass arrests under the city's little us sodomy law. 16 men were arrested in mid February in a raid on a gay burlesque theater and club. The first such raid since 1976. Three local gay organizations are calling for the resignation of police chief Isaac Kelly, while other activists are demanding he be reprimanded by the mayor.



c Cindy Friedman 28:19

Apparently there's been homophobic abuse of power in another branch of US law enforcement as well. An investigation by the US Department of Justice has found that quote, evidence was apparently falsified and quote in drug and tax cases against three New York gays and has asked that the charges against them be dismissed. A lawyer for one of the defendants had requested the investigation of federal prosecutor James McGuire and of Internal Revenue Service agents Frank Pere Maronna and Holly Cusick, claiming they quote exhibited a deep seated personal bias against gays and sought to target gays for prosecution simply because of their sexual preference and quote,



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however, the new chief of police in San Jose, California has announced that he will personally recruit gays and lesbians for law enforcement jobs. Chief Blue Copper Rubeus will appear at San Jose's pride celebration in June, becoming only the second us police chief to do so.



c Cindy Friedman 29:21

And finally, gay and lesbian activists in Russia are taking their protests to the stage with the formation of the Moscow Soviet Socialist Theatre Company, as the company told the London gay times with the collapse of the Stalinist dictatorship. Many Russian lesbians and gay men hoped that for the first time since the early 20s, they would be able to live peaceful lives as lesbians and gay men. Instead, state persecution and violence has been on the increase arrests and beatings are becoming frequent occurrences. Their first production, a political musical called Mother Russia is a lesbian.



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That's news wrap for the week ending February 29 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman,



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