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Kay Harper, Jeff Mackey

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So it's not a doom and gloom group at all, you know, they talk about the things that are working there times them in that group has been real intense. We have had people that were real active members of the group that have passed away. And of course, that has a big effect on the group. And those are usually not real light groups, but most of the time, they're real light. And there are times when that when that group is doing well, and the people that are coming are doing real well. And there's lots of lots of light talk and maybe even been known at times to get down to hair color and recipes. Lord knows was



Kay Harper 00:41

the all purpose chocolate brownie group? Ah,



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yeah. I mean, it's not that way. Most of the time. But but there are times when that's, you know, that's the hot issue. So, you know, it's not if if people that or I think sometimes they envision a group around HIV being rolled real hard and painful and, and, and difficult to sit through. And that group is not that way. Yeah. You



Kay Harper 01:07

said something about members of that group die? Do they? Do they tend to stay in the worried well group, when they get to a more acute phase of HIV infection? Or do they graduate is probably not the right word. But do they move on to the PWA group,



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they we've had people that have done it both ways. We've had people that have that have kind of pulled out and felt like the issues in the PWI group were more approached germane to what their what was going on in their life. But we've we've also had people that were real bonded there and real. felt real safe there and wanted to stay there. And, and I have not. I have not ever asked anyone not to come back. What I tell people is check them both out and see what fits for you. You know, obviously, the issues are probably if you're dealing with acute illness, they're probably closer in the PWI group. You know, but the that group is also those two groups that picked up the group support group for PW A's and the word wall group are on different nights. And sometimes people kind of check them both out and see what fits for them. Yeah.

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Kay Harper 02:18

This is after hours, a continuing tradition on 90.1 KPFT, Houston. I'm Kay Harper. And we're talking with Tom strain at the Montrose Counseling Center. about support groups. That's that stuff

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Kay Harper 02:34

Yeah, it's like gum tail, the legal ID. So that's who we are. So people can tell me tell us again, for people who may have tuned in late when the support groups are,

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okay, they are the the support group for people with AIDS and the support group for families, for instance, and significant others of people with AIDS or HIV positive are also appropriate for that group. Those two groups are both 730 to nine on Tuesday evenings, the word while group is on six to 730 on Thursday,

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Kay Harper 03:12


okay, and those are all at the Montrose Counseling Center, which is 900 Love it. Right. And the counseling, the main offices are upstairs and they'll point you in the right direction to go to which room

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and for more information they can you can call the Counseling Center at 5290037.



 Kay Harper 03:30

So is the Counseling Center unique? And you said they're unique and offering a friendly friends and, and other support group. But are they unique in offering PWA support groups?

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Well, they there are a lot of places a lot of churches and organizations in this city that offer support groups for PW A's and like I said earlier, some of them also have or encouraged families, friends and caregivers and significant others to attend. I think the Counseling Center is pretty unique in terms of providing separate services for families and friends and significant others. The other thing is that the support groups at Montrose Counseling Center are all professionally facilitated in some of the other groups are not the worried well group I know tends to be smaller and more intimate than a lot of the other groups in this in the city. Which is a difference.

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How big is small and intimate? Well, it ranges

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because of the structure there drop in groups which which I'll say more about in a minute. Okay, but it ranges I've had in the I guess the worried well group I've been doing about two and a half years, and I've had them from 21 or 22 people down to there have been a couple of nights where there was one and that's really interesting when you have a co facilitator and there's two therapists and one client But you know, it's okay. It works. Yeah. And the thing about it is the knife that there were one it was people that really needed support needed to be there and, you know, probably

 Kay Harper 05:08

needed two people to be support. Right? Yeah. So you said you were going to explain what a drop in group was.

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What that means is there's no screening process with that, as opposed to a therapy group, where what you'd have to do is come in and, and sit and talk to a therapist and get an idea of what, what your needs are. And if that group is a good fit for you, the support groups, the HIV support groups, the three that we're talking about at Montrose Counseling Center, are all droppin groups, which means that you just show up

 Kay Harper 05:40

as long as you self identify as being appropriate for one or the other group.



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Right. And, you know, it's kind of people come and go at times, sometimes with the families and friends and significant others group. When things are really intense. Sometimes people come in when they're not intense, they don't come. Some people, that's the opposite when when things are real busy at home, where their family significant, other is in the hospital. And they're real busy, they don't come and other people make extra effort to be there when that stuff's going on, because I need the support. But the point is that, that there as you feel the need for them, you come and go. So, you know, if people are interested, they don't need to worry about long, laborious intake process. And all of that



Kay Harper 06:31

want to know about your great grandmother on your, your mother's side, and that kind of stuff,



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right, which is much more germane in a therapy group than it isn't a support group. Yeah. But for the support groups, they just need to come and show up the Counseling Center and, and participate in the group that we do. There's a suggested donation, it is a donation basis, and it is suggested. But there's also it's, it's something that will not stand in the way of participation if people are not able to do that.



Kay Harper 07:02

So if you need to show up, don't worry about whether you have money in your pocket or not. So absolutely, absolutely. Yeah.



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So that's, you know, their services, it's real important that they're available to anybody who needs



Kay Harper 07:15

them. Okay, and this is support groups at the Montrose Counseling Center for HIV, and those affected by HIV. Right. Well, do you have anything else we need to talk about in this?



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Well, I think that, you know, I hear from a lot of people than in my life in the community, not

not as a therapist at the counseling center. But I run into a lot of people who say to me, you know, boy, I really wish I could find the time to do support groups, or, you know, I've been thinking about it for a long time, and I've never shown up. And what I want, I would say to people is do it, you know, it's a great source of support, and friendship sometimes, and sometimes making the first step of showing up in common is real hard, but I hear over and over from people that they're real glad they did. And it's been a big benefit. So, you know, what I'd say is, if you feel like, you know, you're stressed out in any of those areas calm?

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Kay Harper 08:20

Yeah, it's, it's nice to be able to walk in and actually feel like you're not the only one. You know, I'm speaking more from the perspective of being a family friend other. Right. But, you know, in my situation, I'm not really a caregiver, but I have a lot of friends who are HIV positive, or, you know, are in various stages of dealing with a disease. And I don't have any support about that. Right. And, you know, I walk in, and it's, I'm still the token lesbian a lot of times, but there are, you know, there are people who understand what's going on,

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right. That's one thing that you know, I hear a lot from, from the people that are really involved in caring for somebody that's sick is that, that if you haven't done it, you don't really understand and even you know, in my experience in talking to my for example, my parents is that I can talk to them about it, but they don't really get it. You know, they don't really understand what it is I go through, you know, I lost a very good friend, almost a year ago, and, and they don't, they try and be supportive and they say this stuff you're supposed to say, but you can tell they don't really get it and yet the people that are in that situation in that group, they get it, they know what you're talking about. They also it's just a great source of information and strength and and in, even in my life and dealing with my A friend that was dying, remembering what people would share in a group helped me helped me think of things and, and anticipate what was coming. And it's, you know, even as a therapist, it's been a great help to me. One of the things that just bounced through my head, too, is that one of the models that I studied in school in Lackawanna is called Crisis Intervention model. One of the things they say one of the things that precede priests creates a crisis, or causes a crisis is when we overwhelm our support system, when when the support that we have is no longer able to carry us, and HIV, a lot of times does that if we're stressed to the point and we need much more support than normal, are then what we have when we're not dealing with it. And a lot of times, that's what happens is we overwhelm our support systems. And that puts us in a state of crisis. And that's one place where these groups are real helpful, because they enlarge your support system.

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Kay Harper 11:09

Because, you know, friends, so are always dealing with their have, they have to deal with their own stuff, right, that's going on, and they can't necessarily be there for you.

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And especially, you know, I think about that, in the case of my friend that died last year, and most of my support system were his friends. Yeah. And so guess what, you know, I'm all stressed out and having tons of feelings about him being sick and dying, while all his friends were which were my support system too. And it's hard to to a great extent we could support each other but it's also real helpful to get have ears that haven't heard the same stuff, you know, that aren't in the middle of it and aren't in their own grief process. Yeah, that could could provide some support from outside of that circle of friends. Yeah. Well,

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Kay Harper 12:00

it is almost 1230 Which is when we play this way out. We're going to go ahead and let Tom go away cuz it's late. It's not fair to ask people up this life.

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You don't know left from right. You can't tell time.

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Kay Harper 12:16

It's getting towards 1231 30. Dear. Oh, sorry. 130. So I can't tell. I'm I have my uses. This is not necessarily one of my better moves. So keeping in theme with this, Dionne Warwick and that's what friends are for. This is after hours, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1. And that was Dionne Warwick with That's what friends are for. Did you know that? That's what friends are for three is coming. I didn't know that. Yes, it's coming. It's this year's edition of the city's premier annual aids fundraiser. Wonderful. I don't know what makes it premier among Diffa or

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Jeff Mackey 13:12

whatever. But other fundraisers but this is the premier one. So

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Kay Harper 13:15

hey, it's in a pretty plush place. It's going to be on the evening of Saturday, June 13. at the Westin Galleria.

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Jeff Mackey 13:23


It is pretty posh. Yeah, well dust off my tux for this. Hey, yes,

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Kay Harper 13:26

that might be excused. Drag it out to the dry cleaners for this really. They says that the first one was held two years ago at the tower theatre. And then they moved it up untown a little bit

one was held two years ago at the tower theatre. And then they moved it up uptown, a little bit to riches. And now they're getting real upscale and going to the Westin

 Jeff Mackey 13:42

Galleria. When can only imagine what will what this will lead to in the future. Oh, I don't know.

 Kay Harper 13:47

Renting off the top of one of those big tall buildings downtown and having like a dance on top of the building dancing in

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the clouds. Yes. Yes.

 Kay Harper 13:59

Well, we also had a caller who called and wanted to know what the song that we started off the show was with was and it was women who fly by Nona. Hendryx off of her skin diver album.

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Yes. Very nice. Yes.

 Kay Harper 14:13

She's very nice to you. And just her just recently had an article in the advocate, talking about how she has a female lover and a male lover. One of those who just hasn't made up her mind yet, I guess.

 Jeff Mackey 14:27

Yes. Well, why limit yourself? I guess but because I like women better have clearly made a decision on this score. Yes, yes.

 Kay Harper 14:39

Well, other things in the news. You said something about Cub Scouts. That sounds like a boy kind of thing. Tell us about Cub Scouts.

 Jeff Mackey 14:47

Yes, there was a Cub Scout troop in Berkeley, California where else who got their citizenship badges by writing to the national Cub Scouts. already whomever that was protesting the ban on on gay people and atheists in being involved with the Cub Scouts, and I thought that it showed a great deal of initiative on their part.

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I'm sure that they had a big brother or a scout leader or somebody who

 Jeff Mackey 15:21

thinks this was not probably completely their idea. But still, that's

 Kay Harper 15:25

That's neat. I mean, it's it's, it's good that young, very young people, and Cub Scouts are very young people are young. I remember being a Cub Scout. Oh, so does that mean you're a member of the Forgotten scouts?

 Jeff Mackey 15:38


No, I didn't know about them until just very recently. That's, that was interesting. I still don't know much about the Forgotten scouts.

 Kay Harper 15:47

The Forgotten scouts is a fairly new organization. Founded by, among other people, I think the grandson of the man who founded the Boy Scouts here in the United States, yes. He didn't follow all the the tenets of what the Boy Scout organization thinks he should be

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loyal, brave, trustworthy, straight. He's not straight.

 Kay Harper 16:16

Yeah, it's not in the original 10 or whatever that a boy scout is. But there is a group called The Forgotten scouts out of San Francisco. And it's for anybody who used to be a Cub Scout a Boy Scout a sea Scout, and explore explore an Eagle Scout, or in any other way involved. And I was





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a den mother. No, I



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wasn't a mother.



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I think I was actually really and truly a Boy Scout.



Jeff Mackey 16:51

Where you really, really and truly these little roles were set early in life, weren't they? Well, I



Kay Harper 16:56

was also a Girl Scout at the time so it made it really easy



Jeff Mackey 17:02

for glad you resolved your differences within yourself, so



Kay Harper 17:06

I don't know that there was solved I just know that I do. Bush things better than then a lot of fun things.



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Yes. Yes. I'll buy that. You know, I'm



Kay Harper 17:16


the one who fiddles underneath the hood of my truck.



Jeff Mackey 17:20

Well, yes, this is true. Considering my greatest memory of being a Cub Scout was making little pink candles in a coffee can Yeah this is the kind of memory I have Probably not real but stuff

pink candies in a cone can mean, this is the kind of memory I have. Probably not real but still. You're probably a better Boy Scout.

 Kay Harper 17:34

There does seem to be some sort of dichotomy. Yes. Okay. More music. We have Libby Rodrick singing Rosa. Also continuing in our Black History Month thing. Rosa Parks and her bus rides

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right to be clear Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucia Chapelle.

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And I'm Greg Gordon. Latino artists performs an AIDS family portrait author diagnosis the problem to be the cure. And White House doctor prescribes attitude adjustment for to legislators, all that

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and more because you've discovered this way out.

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I'm Mark sock Amano. And I'm Cindy Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news in our affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending February 15 1992. In Massachusetts Governor William weld has signed an executive order to establish the Governor's Commission on gay and lesbian youth believed to be the first commission on such issues in the United States. The commission is expected to lead to state agencies providing training for school personnel and school based social services support for gay and lesbian youth, especially suicide prevention activities. A recent attempt to create the commission through legislation died when the state legislative session adjourned at the end of December.

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There is a first in New York state where a judge ruled late last month that a lesbian could legally adopt her lover's son. Surrogate court judge Eve premier ruled that state law specifically prohibits discriminate Asian against homosexuality in granting adoption in allowing the lesbian to join the biological mother, her partner of 14 years as legal parent of the six year old boy. Similar adoptions have been granted in only a handful of states, including Oregon, Washington, Alaska and the District of Columbia.





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At the University of Colorado at Boulder activists are holding the line against bigotry. Head Football Coach Bill McCartney has come under fire for his outspoken support of a fundamentalist groups campaign to overturn all of the state's lesbian and gay rights laws. He's also being accused of using his high profile coaches position to imply official university endorsement of the repeal effort. Keith Clark has more



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and publicly endorsing the anti gay group Colorado for family values. See you coach Bill McCartney said quote, it's very clear to me as I read the scriptures that homosexuality is an abomination. Just because I'm a football coach. I'm not going to hold my tongue about things that I see are tearing at the fabric of our society. And quote, Colorado for family values is trying to collect 50,000 signatures to put an initiative before the voters this November that would amend the state's constitution to prohibit any state or local legislation based on sexual orientation. But Kerwin Burke, a member of boulders queer Cosmos said the university administration hasn't done anything to distance itself from McCartney's actions. Burke said at CU President Judith Albino caved into pressure from the anti gay group, they apparently organized a phone tree and made a lot of calls. And apparently that was effective because she said that there was basically no problem with what he had done. When it's a real clear violation, actually, university policies about using your title, which he hasn't done at all is come out and say that she is for queer rights. But he hasn't said that at all. Burke said the campus student group, the Lesbian, Bisexual and gay community alliance would be meeting soon to decide what action to take against the intransigent football coach. There's a university policy that no one in the university can use their title to promote a cause outside of the university without the university sanction. And that's what he did. He has the legal right to participate in whatever group that he wants to he can be a Klan member if he wants to, but he can't use his title as a part of that. Burke insisted that whatever protest activist now against McCartney, it would aim at his anti gay stance, rather than his right to take that position. We're going to be protesting his bigotry and not his right to be a bigot. That was Kerwin Burke, a member of queer cosmos in Boulder, Colorado. And this is Keith Clark, reporting for this way out.



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The struggle for employment protections for gays and lesbians in California has entered a new phase. State Assemblymember Terry Friedman, author of the controversial a B 101. That was vetoed by Governor Wilson last year has introduced a new bill to prevent discrimination and employment. A B to 601 is intended to codify to recent favorable court rulings by amending the California Labor Code to quote prohibit discrimination or different treatment based on sexual orientation, actual or perceived in any aspect of employment or opportunity for employment. And quote, Friedman noted that court decisions can change and in fact one of the recent decisions, the Sirocco case against the target department stores chain was set aside for review by the state Supreme Court last month. Governor Wilson recently told the National Press Club that he did not regret his veto of HB 101 that he only regretted the misinterpretation of his actions.



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General Colin Powell, chair of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff is speaking kindly of gays and lesbians, but supporting the continued ban on their service in the US armed forces. Openly gay Representative Barney Frank question Powell during an appearance before the House Budget Committee last week, and Powell said, it's difficult in a military setting where there is no privacy to introduce a group of individuals of proud brave, loyal good Americans but who favor a homosexual lifestyle and put them in with heterosexuals who would prefer not to have somebody of the same sex find them sexually attractive, while admitting that gays and lesbians have performed well in the military and do not pose a special security risk. Powell went on to say that the inclusion of gays and lesbians would require establishment of separate barracks and the ours. Some observers were struck by the irony that Powell, an African American, was using the same arguments against gays and lesbians that were once used to keep blacks out of the US military.



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None of the 26 members of Willow Glen Boy Scout troop 260, are known to be gay. But they've all agreed that the Boy Scouts of America policy against gay scouts is wrong. In defiance of the national organization, whose right to discriminate was upheld last year in the Los Angeles courtroom. The San Jose California area troupe recently announced that it would welcome gays openly gay former Boy Scout Spencer Nutting has responded by applying to volunteer as an assistant Scoutmaster for Willow Glen. Ironically, Willow Glen already has aid assistant scoutmasters and doesn't really need another, but the troop intends to consider nothings application like any other. Blake Lewis, a spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America has said that approval of nettings application would put Willow Grove quote, clearly in violation of the national standards of membership, and that if the group does not adhere to our rules, then we have no choice but to revoke their charter.



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There was some well publicized criticism this week of the two leading aids phobic members of the US Congress Jesse Helms and William Danna Meyer, and it came from the White House. However, that was only because there was a doctor in the house. Matt binder explains



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President Bush's Dr. Burton Lee criticized right wing lawmakers for blocking AIDS research and education programs supported by Bush, Lee said Senator Jesse Helms and California Congressman William Danna Meyer had hindered the President's fight against AIDS by stopping the distribution of safe sex literature and scuttling a nationwide survey of sex habits. The White House issued a statement saying Dr. Lee was speaking only for himself and not for the President. But Karissa Cunningham of the AIDS Action Council in Washington, says Bush may be trying to dodge responsibility for his own policies



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politically, I think you could read it that the White House may be trying to portray its bad record

on a it's as not a result of the president setting policy, but as a result of his policies being blocked by people like cams, and Danna Meyer,



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Dr. Lee characterize the two lawmakers is very ignorant on AIDS issues. The told the New York Post quote, we do need more research on sexual matters for crying out loud in San Francisco on that binder.



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And finally, while glad the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is calling on the gap and Calvin Klein to advertise in the gay and lesbian media, at least one mainstream advertiser has learned how to pitch a product to gays in the Netherlands. D gay krant carried an ad for Smirnoff Blue Vodka that would never run in a mainstream publication. It's tagline reads, And you thought coming out was the best thing that ever happened to you.



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That's news wrap for the week ending February 15 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman.



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Follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community. For this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman and I



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as the AIDS crisis gains in increasing hold on the communities of people of color, images of the disease's social impact become more varied. Latina poet Nina Serrano paints one such image in this solo performance down Oh



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brindy Tammy por que pasa Mita they have maybe two poor little finger here see no Santa sois and mine Jana. He is tasked me you feel better. Yes. Yummy. Go and play. Leia



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don't you Rosa and I will have our little cafecito peace are such hard times I went to visit my son Panfilo this morning. So more like he was my brother than my son. We look the same. So sad. In the beginning when I go to see him, I'd have to hold back the tears. Today we were laughing, recalling all the Christmases we'd had hoped to Tomas used to dress up in that old Santa suit. For after remembering it. Been below couldn't even sit up. But she had glass. His eyes shining and he'd remember things I'd forgotten. I receipt of the coffee's ready. I love meal for water and pour it grass. Yes. Would I do without a friend like you proceed? You know, at first I was afraid to telling anyone, even you. I felt ashamed. How could I say my son has AIDS. See there. But when I saw how brave he was, I lost the embarrassment. There's no time for shame. I'm proud of him. We talked a lot. I guess when I felt I was going to lose him. I only knew that I love him. In the face of death, the foolishness of worrying about what other people will think fell away. And I only know what I think what I feel. I'm so glad you understand to me. Darling, first born son. Born. Here's my heart. He's always a joy to be. So what if he didn't get married? He always worked and always visited me. I'd make him a cup of coffee just like this. And we would talk and joke around. It will meet my heart. He said, Mama, you made me happy when you told me you knew because at first I didn't know how I could tell you. I kept it a secret for a long time. I thought he would reject me. Proceed the How could I reject money in your team to my sweet boy. I saw he wasn't well and we're so tired all the time. One infection after another cm brain fair more. I guessed it just came out with him. I told him me he thought I'll stick by you and help you because I love you. So you're gay. That doesn't separate you from my love me he thought. He said, Mama. It feels so good that you know and I don't have to hide. We cried the other day. We talked about his friends throughout the years that some of them had been more than friends. I never realized what does it matter. Love is something good.



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My son is full of love. My lovely lovely son



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give us army he the word is it brendi grandma, we'll fix it



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this is Aaron Frick, author of reflections of a rock roster. you tuned into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio news magazine.



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In Alabama, members of the Auburn University Student Government Association have gathered 12,000 signatures on a petition to the university's trustees asking them to revoke the charter of the campus gay and lesbian Association. Allen weeks prepared this report.



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problems began last year, the Gay Lesbian Association applied for a charter under SGA rules and went through a required probationary period without any trouble. But when the vote came before the SGA it was rejected. Students opposing the group say they shouldn't find a group to violate state sodomy laws. Pardon McCaffrey is vice president of the Alabama Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. sodomy laws are irrelevant to this decision. These are not people advocating or being caught in the practice of committing sodomy if the police said Auburn wish to start snooping in people's bedrooms and everything. Then there might be a problem Association while they were on probation last year was voted the best new group on campus for all the things they do raising funding for various charities and helping the homeless. This is not a group of people who are as many college groups are designed for sitting around getting drunk. University President James Martin has reinstated the charter. He says the group has a constitutional right to receive student funding and meet on campus. But plenty of people don't agree with Martin. Lawmakers in the state senate voted on a resolution opposing the group. But it was voted down in the house. Jim Sears is author of the book gay in the South. He traveled from South Carolina for a protest to show support for the group on campus. Some gay leaders say there have been some random instances of violence against gays, it's



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important that not only do we give credence to the students and to have the right to establish a lesbian gay student organization and show their support, but also that we show our visible solidarity against our bias crimes and examples of hatred and violence with



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student government leaders opposing the gay group aren't committing other than to say

student government leaders opposing the gay group aren't commenting other than to say they're considering their options for other for groups, a conservative group of lawyers in the state they volunteered their services if student leaders challenged the gay lesbian group and then now relatively conservative federal courts. Again, Martin McCaffrey, the gay and lesbian Student Association are our clients right now. And we are committed to seeing that their rights are protected and preserved at Auburn and the cabinet's around. McCaffrey says despite the fact that courts may be more conservative, he still doesn't think they'll overturn any previous decisions, they would have to make some pretty drastic reversal. basic constitutional questions if they were going to do this, it will clearly have to go all the way to the Supreme Court. Even then the current Supreme Court would be willing to make those changes. Doubtful and whether Student Government, the alumni the state of Alabama are willing to pay for a lawsuit of that nature reporting for this way out. I'm Alan weeks in Auburn Alabama proclaim. We're here we're queer.



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Lambert while in for this way out. Martin Duberman is a playwright and historian, the author of the highly acclaimed biography of Paul Robeson, also co editor of hidden from history, which won two lambda rising awards. And some of his other works include about time exploring the gay past and in white America. And Martin Duberman is here with us to talk about his latest work cures a gay man's Odyssey,



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see, as I'm writing about in cures is you know, roughly late 50s to early 70s, there was only one opinion, the psychiatrists were the priests of the culture. And look psychiatrists was speaking in one voice and that voice said, homosexuality is always pathology. And so long as you are homosexual, that means you are by definition incapable of intimate relations. And that spelled, you know, a pretty dreary life. So many people in my generation wanted to get cured, because they wanted to have happy lives. Given the negative messages that gay people have gotten about themselves. There is internal damage. There is low self esteem.



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The book is extremely powerful. I identified a lot with it, and I guess I'm only a little bit younger than you. They were still saying that this was an illness when I I was a teenager, you know, we were sick, perverted people. And somehow I missed it. There was a gay movement out there until I was about 3031 years old, I just shut it out completely.



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Well, it's still going on everywhere. Yeah, I mean, this trauma is not over. I mean, if you live in a liberated urban zone, there's more chance you'll hear about the movement, there's more chance to get some counter messages, more positive messages. But coming out is still not easy. With a very few exceptions.





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This passage in the book that really knocked my socks off, and I'm going to read, the whole thing really hit me. The particular appeal of history as my chosen field for scholarship hinged somewhat on my rubbish for having the last word, but was more centrally related to the need, which I could not have articulated at the time to find some balance for a life heavily tipped toward the present, and almost devoid of personal memory. It was as if in my own life, I had an enormous Blackboard eraser suspended down my back to the floor, which, as I walked, instantly erased, all trace of my footsteps. I identified with that so much, recently asked to write down my childhood memories, they stopped at seven and picked up again, around 18. I've missed that whole section in there.



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So now, you know, I think that's a survival mechanism. I mean, I used to blame myself for my bad memory thing, maybe I even had some brain damage. But in fact, you know, people who have had, you know, painful childhood or painful teen years, you have to block that stuff, you can't afford to remember that if you are going to move ahead and have some kind of a life. You know, in some ways, the new activists are very scornful of earlier, gay activists, even though they are standing on their shoulders. And maybe my book and some others will help them to see better that those years were far rougher than they can now imagine. Because now, this surrounded with, with options, they're surrounded with support groups, there's an organized movement to identify with and to work with. None of that was available to us. You know, 30 years ago,



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we've made a lot of advances in the gay rights movement. Those that were in the midst of the so called sexual revolution are now parenting children of their own. And they see herpes and they see aids. Do you see a tremendous backlash, taking away a lot of those rights?



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I think now too many people have come out for there to be any kind of major reversal. And also, I think the tragedy of AIDS has not just produced negative images. I think two things have happened simultaneously. I think mainstream America is both more frightened and angry, thus the increase in anti gay violence. And yet, which seems contradictory, mainstream America is also more accepting. I think, in part maybe in large part, that's because the mainstream finally is getting familiar with how diverse our community is. They're seeing different kinds of images that are more acceptable to them of who gay people are. And they're reading stories that you know, suggest the same range and diversity. All the polls I've seen any way of mainstream opinions suggest that you know, slowly and with some reversals, the percentage points keep going up of those who accept us in one form or another. The rise has been fairly dramatic over a 10 year period.



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Bert Winelands conversation with historian and author Martin Duberman will continue in a



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puritanical, conformist society like ours, you know, sex is deeply distrusted, and sexual pleasure is deeply distrusted. And I think this is precisely why gay men are often despised by the straight pain stream, because these people seem to be having a lot of sexual fun, and we don't like it because we're not



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next time. I'm this way out.



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