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Imagine that yes, happens that well, you know, being lesbian, you just don't think about those doesn't happen? Well, nonetheless, I had taken precautions, but they didn't work



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to military man with a military man.



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Yes, very definitely military man. And I was very committed to being pro choice at that time. But as it turned out, as the situation evolved, I decided not to have an abortion. And as part of my commitment to this child that I chose to keep, I decided that it was very important to me to give her the best possible opportunities in life. And because of my awareness of homophobia, and the stigma involved and the great deal of social stress, I was not willing to pay the price for her or I was not willing for her to pay the price of growing up with an openly lesbian mother at that point. I chose to marry her father and try to do the Suzy homemaker routine with a little white picket fence, two cats and a dog. Well, we did that for a while. Until, until it was the choice between his life or mine and, or we could part and I said, Oh, miracle of miracles, there is another alternative. Parenting my bags and left. However, good old homophobia reared its head again. And love letters from previous woman in my life prior to the marriage. were brought up in court for custody, yes, yeah. Major Oh, major child snatching traumatic. Custody trials. Yes.



Diane Williams 01:56

I'll give you a hug later. That's always pretty traumatic. I know. You're letting me know it's past history, but I still give you a hug.



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It was pretty nasty business. And as a result, I decided that it was just really important for me to not date anyone for a very long period of time become a nun. Exactly. Is that in? Oh, N. Are you in one of those? No, Annie.



D Diane Williams 02:23

I think that's



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Oh, yes. Yes, that's it. I don't do English well. And just it was important to me to give her the best chances I possibly could. And I did. Or I did my motherhood routine.



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And then one day, lo and behold, this lovely blonde butch woman came into my life and sort of honored me out of my trance. And I decided that enough is enough that it's time to blow those doors off the closet again and do it right this time. Throw the doors away.



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So back out again. Tell the kid Yeah, as matter of fact, I did. She handled it very well. I was like, Oh, mom. Does that mean? Well, I asked her first because she'd been surrounded by lesbians, whether she knew that they were or not. We just didn't necessarily need to need to name names and tell them her or tell her their sexual preferences. But I asked her one day, you know, dear, do you know any lesbians? And she said, Yeah, mom. I know.



D Diane Williams 03:47

All your friends.



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And this one and it is so so lesbian. I said yes. As a matter of fact she is. And what would you think if I just if one of these women asked me out, dear it's just Well, would you want to go Mom? Maybe I'm thinking about it is well, does that mean you're gay mom? And I was driving down the street in suburbia and I found a convenient stop sign and said Yes, dear. It does. Uh

huh. Grab your heart. As a matter of fact, that is what it means. Mom Okay, well, you could have told me that six years ago mom. Oh, geez. Thank you very much dear Thanks, Annie. And meanwhile she's she's right out there with me. She's been checking out these women and

 Diane Williams 04:51

given her gaming she she's raised him in her opinion. She has distinct preferences among the women that I know. I'm sure she does she say So like the same ones I do? Well, you know, I think that it's true that every kid likes, you know, talks about who their mom's dating or every kid that has a single mom or dad talks about who they're dating. have to write that. Well, listen, I want to tell everybody that we're still here on 90.1 KPFT Houston, and you're on listening to after hours. That's a World Radio again, right? Right. Still World Radio Jimmy for the people for the people. Excuse me, World Radio for the people and that would be me. I'm a person. And you're a person, right? You guys are people. You women. Excuse me, women. You women are people women are people women are people, women, women women. Okay, thank you. I'm not gonna say guys, folks, I've got to get folks down. Well, so what did she think now? How long ago was that? Oh, let's see. Here 260

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No, very recently oh, let's say

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she have any important questions for you or anything like they've y'all talked about it beforehand? You like wear T shirts that said Look at me. I'm a big fat lesbian. Here I am right here and now

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she wants she wants and I Amazon t shirt and she wants my old lesbian earrings.

 Diane Williams 06:14

Kelly sister. You had an Amazon shirt too? Yeah.

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And she really liked the deich rules t shirt she saw

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it she say mom wear that and she say mom I want to wear that



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when she fights me for my deich boots on a regular basis like



D Diane Williams 06:30

boots. Duck boots I see. Speaking of which, Could you hand me that right there? Thank you very much. I want to I wanted everybody to know that I had some some very important things to do here that I've never done here before. And I wanted to share it with all my listening audience. I want everyone out there to put your little ears close to the speaker. I'm going to be taking off an article of clothing it's up to you guess what? It is just my shoes God my feet heart what a concert I've danced sorry, little little radio radio fun. I'm poking at you now. Okay, I just love radio in it great. Well kill my sister. She's she's getting read now. Tell me about you talk about your family. Tell me about your coming out story Miss young person who's like only a year or two younger than I am. And we're like the youngest people in the world.



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My family doesn't like me too much.



D Diane Williams 07:39

Oh, well. You know, that happens. My family's not too happy with me. They love me but you know, sister. Not do that gay thing right? On the news. Oh, yeah. Hi, my daughter virus got a picture on paper again.



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You can borrow my sister.



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I have a baby sister. That's wonderful. She'll be 13 on February



D Diane Williams 08:10

13 on February 6, so Kelly sister Hattie birthday for listening. And I'll be 27 February 2424 years old and still kickin, happy birthday. I just had a birthday. Have this cool new watch everyone See? See? That was my watch. And it was a while back a couple days anyway. Also got a book. Thank you, Susan. Cool. I've got a couple of things I want to ask about. As usual, I'll have to ask questions. What are you involved in the community right now? I mean, we're kind of birds here.

I mean, I kind of know everybody but how did you Kelly's like, like, how did you start to become involved in activism? I mean, what did you do first? Did you, was WAC the first kind of women's thing that you ever did.



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That was the first thing that I did out in the streets. I wrote letters extensively and thought I was doing some good with that and letters frustrated with it. And then when the Republican National Convention was coming to Houston and Operation Rescue threatened as



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clinic defense, I had no



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choice but to do clinic defense. Because although none of us is 100% secure, I'm at a low risk group for needing an abortion. Yeah, really low. My younger sister may not be and I never wanted that choice to be taken away from her. So I went and did clinic defense and met all kinds of great people.



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clinic defense is wonderful, isn't it? Did you perhaps meet a woman and clinic defense once a month Imagine now she's really turned on red folks.



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enough to play defense, we will go to market square and see the WAC presentation and I went to the accent March,



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the act of March. How was it there for you? Where were you?



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Very scary. I went because I was promised to kiss in at the end of it. I got beaten by the police.

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Diane Williams 10:26

Oh, did you? Really you personally, I am so sorry. Let me give you a hug for that. I was right there in the middle of it. But I certainly didn't get that. What? What did what was your whole take on that? I mean, I understand. You feel victimized?

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I was outraged. I've never considered myself a threat to HPD. So I was just shocked and surprised and probably would have stood there and utter disbelief and let him hit me again. And again, if I hadn't lost my lover in the whole

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melee panic.

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And wonder that I am very even tempered, but she's not. So if they get her she might get them back. And I needed to know where she was. Yeah. Right away from him. But

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Diane Williams 11:21

very, very intense. Very, very. It was, it was very moving and emotional for everybody involved. I know. I was there trying to take pictures of everything. And it was a turning point. You know, I really think that that was a turning point for me, because I'd been involved in activism quite a bit. And frankly, that's scared the hell out of me. And when you, you know, I've been trying to tell everybody what a great Police Department, Houston was and how wonderful we all work together. And then all of a sudden this happened. And it was very, very scary. I noticed family of police officers. Yeah. Well, I noticed you have your calendar out. Would you like to say what's happening?

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Well, it's another ad for The MFE. Thursday, the 28th, there's going to be a continuation of the women make movies at 20. Focusing on five local women filmmakers, navigating the light, it should be very impressive. And Wak will be especially supporting that event,

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Diane Williams 12:38

especially supporting I'm really excited, as usual. More so more visibly and creatively perhaps yes, that we tell all of our secrets. Well, I want to play a tune for you. What do we have Jimmy?

We have a tune ready, ready to go? Well, let's play this tune. This is a known tune. This is known to Hendricks women who fly and we're back. We're still here are happening. We're doing some really important lesbo networking back. Along along with many other things, we're still talking about family stuff, we're gonna have lots more for you along with hopefully your secret secret guests are to kind of expecting them shortly. So want everybody to stay tuned and listen to the premier gay lesbian news program on the air anywhere this way out. international, national, state, local, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. You asked for it. And we have it right here on KPFT. We also have our little secret special guests. Want to thank the ones that are here with me now and welcome them back after this way out. And I want to talk about a couple of anonymous phone calls that we just received, telling us about some information for for Superbowl Sunday. But right now it's time for that. Drum roll drum roll drum roll this way out.



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Was verbal harassment, mimicking gestures, inappropriate questions about what I did afterward whom I did it with why I didn't date women.



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We really can't get much in the way of detailed responses in the short amount of time that we've had to look at this so far.



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I would suggest that people with HIV develop a relationship with a physician that they can talk to and share their concerns with then when they go out and they want to look at alternative treatments, they can come back to their physician and say where do you think



Speaker 23 15:15

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, Norwegian Parliament pounders, partner recognition,



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treatment and trickery complicate aids choices



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and hate state boycotts, backers, bucks counterinsurgency,

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all that and more because you've discovered this way out

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I'm Brian Eno. And

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I'm Cindy Friedman

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with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending January 9 1993. Norwegian Minister of Children and Families Greta Birgit has introduced a measure in Parliament to grant legal recognition to same gender relationships. Gays and lesbians registering their partnership with a notary public would gain all but two of the rights and obligations of a heterosexual marriage, adoption and marriage in a church. Barragan said she hoped the bill would become law sometime this year.

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Alberto Fujimori, President of Peru has canned more than a fifth of his diplomatic service for reasons of old age poor performance and unacceptable conduct, including in his words, displaying homosexuality in a scandalous manner. A total of 117 members of the diplomatic corps were fired, including 24 ambassadors. Fujimori, said he had nothing against the private personal conduct of gay diplomats, but that the taxpaying public had a right to demand output, good conduct and morality from those representing the country.

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The US Federal Bureau of Investigation has issued a nationwide report of hate crimes for the first time, about 2800 law enforcement agencies volunteered their participation in the FBI is data collection of a total of more than 4500 Hate Crimes registered in 1991. Only 9% were reported against gays and lesbians, compared to more than 60% based on race, about 20% based on religion, and about 10% based on ethnicity.

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A gay employees charges of an anti gay and lesbian witch hunted a US government agency has been resolved to the satisfaction of openly gay Congress member Barney Frank. Gerald

Johnson, a gay employee at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, claimed that his security clearance for a special project was denied after he refused to supply security staff with a list of other gay and lesbian employees. After the matter came to the attention of a congressional committee, FEMA lavender list was destroyed. Some officials were demoted, and the agency's director convened a commission to review the agency's security practices. The Commission, chaired by General Richard Treffry, and including two other former military officials released its report this week. The report condemned the idea that gays and lesbians represent any special security risk, and specifically stated that even those still in the closet did not represent a security risk. The report also declared that those seeking security clearances should not be questioned about their sexual orientation. The famous director noted that these conclusions were applicable not just to FEMA, but to all government agencies. Congress member Frank believes the report offers important support for President Elect Bill Clinton's plans to end the ban on military service by gays and lesbians. Among those protesting this week in support of the ban are members of Operation Rescue, whose previous activities were all in opposition to abortion. Although distributing a brochure called Just Say No to homosexuals in the military, Operation Rescue is actually promoting discrimination against gays and lesbians in all forms of employment. According to their media coordinator, Bob Jewett,



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a bill to establish civil rights protections for gays and lesbians is being introduced in both houses of the New Mexico State legislature this month. That proposal would amend the state's existing Human Rights Act to add sexual orientation to classes protected from discrimination in employment, housing, accommodations, public services and credit. A similar measure was defeated in 1991. But this year's outlook is hopeful following a concerted effort by gay and lesbian activists to unseat opponents in the November elections.



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Texas governor and Richard Woods has made her fourth appointment of an open gate to state boards and commissions. The latest is pharmacist Dana Fitzsimmons, now a member of the statewide health Coordinating Council.



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Attorneys for the City of Concord, California announced that they will not appeal the recent court decision that reinstated anti discrimination protections there for lesbians and gays. The Court struck down controversial ballot measure M passed by Concord voters in 1991, which had repealed the Civil Rights measure enacted by the city council.



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City of San Francisco funds will stay at the Bank of America despite its corporate support of the Boy Scouts of America, which discriminates against gays and lesbians. The Board of Supervisors fell one vote short of overriding Mayor Frank Jordans veto of their plan to move \$6 million out of the bank in protest.



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A B have a official Executive Vice President Donald ame, Elaine distributed a listing of the bank's contributions with a letter saying we have been reassured that the opportunity to join the scouts is open to all boys who subscribe to the scout oath and the Scout Law. The scout oath includes a pledge to be morally straight. Although it's fairly certain that the oats author didn't use the word straight in its modern sense. Mullin also said the contributions list speaks for itself 17 of the 18 beneficiaries are aids organizations.



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And finally, to anyone who ever asked what is reality, MTV has some pretty strange answers. The cable network was recently offering a series called The Real World presumably chronicling real lives of young men and women sharing a loft in New York City. At least one critic suggests that the producers were actually trying to create a low budget version of the Fox network's popular Melrose Place by getting these real people to act like people on television. Well, apparently real people can in fact be gay. Norman Karpis parents first discovered his sexual orientation when they saw it on the show. But at one point corpi did go too far. He designs items for the gift shop at the Guggenheim Museum, but when he went there one day, the MTV camera crew would not follow him inside. According to the producers, one thing real people don't do is go to museums.



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That's news wrap for the week ending January 9 1993. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman. Follow the



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



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Brian. This is amendment to step the hate state debate. Once again with Cindy Friedman. I am Brian Nunez. Colorado's amendment two is scheduled to take effect on January 15, prohibiting any legal recognition of gays, lesbians and bisexuals as a minority and overturning anti discrimination laws and Aspen and Boulder and Denver. The one man who can stop it at this point is District Judge Jeffrey Bayless by granting an injunction that would put amendment to on hold until the lawsuit challenging it has been decided. He's expected to hold a hearing on the motion for that injunction sometime before the witching hour. Compared to



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Reagan and Bush. Jimmy Carter was supportive of gays and lesbians when he served as president of the United States, but he has refused to join the boycott of Colorado. Carter's following through with a four day ski weekend there this month to benefit his private anti poverty program, the Atlanta project.



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Amendment two opponents now estimate the cost of the boycott to be as high as \$25 million cancellations are said to be coming in at a cost of about a half million dollars per day.



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A resolution has been introduced in the California State Assembly to prohibit travel to Colorado by state officials until amendment two is overturned. passage would not require the governor's signature and would make the state the largest body yet to join the boycott.



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And now there's organizing to boycott the boycotters, Colorado State Senate President Ted Strickland took the symbolic step of issuing an order prohibiting state legislators from traveling to boycotting cities or states in order which will expire January 13. As trickling leaves office.



**Speaker 13 24:43**

Joseph knee of Colorado Springs says he already has 50 supporters for the back off Colorado committee back off being an acronym for boycotters against Colorado keep out of our affairs. Their plan is to counter boycott the city Celebrities organizations and businesses which join the boycott of Colorado protesting the passage of Amendment to knee denies any connection with amendment TOS proponents Colorado for family values, which is also located in Colorado Springs. He says we're just average Coloradans who don't like the way our votes are being threatened or the way the state is getting abused.



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And ironically, Colorado Springs residents had the privilege of being the first people able to hear K gay the new gay and lesbian satellite radio superstation on ordinary radio receivers am station k x or IE last month began carrying K gay signal 24 hours a day k XR ease format had previously been Hispanic that's amendment to step the hate state debate for this week with Cindy Friedman I'm Brian newness



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out the international gay and lesbian radio magazine and we're the flirty Sean's. Bla



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two stories this week highlight the complexities of AIDS treatment, one undermines competence in a standard mainstream course. The other underscores confusion regarding the alternatives mat binder and Cape Concannon report.



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More people with HIV are showing resistance to the most widely used AIDS drug AZT. That's the main finding of a new study published by the National Academy of Sciences authored by Dr. Wendell Chang of UCLA



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from our study, all the patients who use AZT had resistant virus within them. The other thing that was notable was that as patients deteriorated clinically, the amount of virus and the amount of AZT resistant virus rose dramatically in those patients.



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Ching says even people with HIV who have never taken AZT often have AZT resistant strains in their body. He says his research points up in urgent need to find new drugs to eventually take the place of AC T. In San Francisco, I'm Matt binder.



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For the uninformed, it can be difficult to tell the difference between quackery and alternative therapy. Bob Rast is an investigator with the local food and drug branch in San Diego. He's also a member of the California aids for Task Force. Since day one, he says the task force has been a strong believer in the patient's right to use alternative treatment as long as infant



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where it goes over the edge is when the claims state that alternative treatments going to cure or prevent AIDS. And that's where you crossed the line. But many gray areas obviously, what we try to do is focus on the ones that are the most blatant,



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and there were plenty of those. Some fall under the category of prevention and AIDS prevention kit that includes plastic gloves and a plastic cover for a phone, mouthpiece or genital sprays to be applied before intercourse. And then there's dating services that promise HIV free clients. Cures include injections of cow urine or snake bite phenom, or bottles of little red pills claiming to be T cells, the immune cells destroyed by the AIDS virus. Few victims actually complained to government officials. Instead, the FDA or local prosecuting offices usually hear about the products word of mouth, or in flyers or advertisements in newspapers and magazines. By the time prosecutors are galvanized into action, the fraudulent purveyor has moved on. Bob Rast remembers a particular device sold for a while here in San Diego, an ozone machine.



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Basically this ozone therapy is administered in two ways either rectly where it was actually bubbled into your system. Then we'll go from the rectum into the bloodstream, or they would actually withdraw unit of blood from you. They would bubble ozone through the blood and then return the unit, transfuse it back into



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this device cost anything from four to \$7,000 and was not only useless but potentially dangerous. Of the 30 to 40 members on the California aids for Task Force. The majority are coming Unity rather than government representatives. The new chair is Dr. David Martin. Martin is a clinical psychologist and director of HIV mental health services at Harbor General Medical Center in Los Angeles County. Martin understands why some groups may be wary of a government aids for Taskforce.



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I do think that people want choice. And I think that certainly within the AIDS community, there is a great deal of distrust of the government. And I think historically, the way that the federal and state governments treated the issue of AIDS and HIV early on really set the groundwork for that kind of distrust.



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Since Martin's involvement with the California Task Force, he's pushed for a focus on education rather than prosecution. The task force recently published a brochure telling the public what to look out for. Beyond that. Martin advice is finding a good doctor who's knowledgeable about



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AIDS, I would suggest that people with HIV develop a relationship with a physician that they can talk to and share their concerns with them, when they go out and they want to look at

alternative treatments, then they can come back to their physician and say, Why do you think without fear that the physician is going to just dismiss their concerns or tell them that this was a stupid thing to do?



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Moulton has other plans for the taskforce is future. To date much of the information on AIDS health fraud is anecdotal. And Martin wants specific data on just how big a problem it actually is. Whatever the taskforce finds out all agree that education is the key weapon. That's especially true here in San Diego. An educated public the task force hopes will not choose to visit Tijuana for the abundance of miracle aids cures that are ready and waiting. I'm Kate Concannon.



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Many laws enacted across the US during 1992 went into effect on January 1 1993. One of them was California has lesbian and gay anti bias measure AB 2601. Citing the new law, five gay men in the San Francisco Bay Area have filed discrimination lawsuits against their former employers. Le Garfinkel has the story.



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The five suits are the first to be filed under a new section of the state's Labor Code 11 Oh 2.1, which prohibits discrimination in employment and hiring on the basis of sexual orientation. The protections were created by AB 2601 sponsored by Assemblyman Terry Friedman. The five men said that they suffered from harassment and discrimination by their employers because they're gay. One of the plaintiffs William bellow was fired from his supervisors job at Mary calendar to restaurants.



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There was a rumor going around that I was getting I was confronted and asked whether I was and after that, then things really got bad,



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bad that says he was fired after an argument with another manager, I was



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being verbally harassed by one of the management people who is blatantly homophobic, and I was called a faggot rich.



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The company better used to work for Mary calendar's restaurant was also sued by another former employee, James Burris worked as a waiter and William Bell who used to be a supervisor, Bell who says that he was instructed to quote, get rid of Burris because it's called a faggot. Murray calendars restaurants were not available for comment. Other companies named in the lawsuits are Munich, American reinsurance, brown and Haley and the California State Automobile Association or CSAA. Wrong glass there have worked for CSAA as a claims adjuster for about four years in the Mission Street claims office. He says that during this time, it was subject to continuous harassment.



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There was verbal harassment, in terms of mimicking gestures, inappropriate questions about what I did after work whom I did it with, why I didn't date women. The giving of a prophylactic, for example, in the saying of having a gay old time, there was insinuations that my being gay was against the will of God and that I had a duty to sort of convert or be saved to become a heterosexual and that way, avoid the wrath of God.



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Glasses says he was given a computer password gal and honey. People also allegedly left pornographic materials on his desk, and he says he received pornographic phone calls.



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It made me feel indescribably bad, very humiliated, very powerless, very victimized. Very difficult



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color funding a state Automobile Association spokesman Barry Schuller says that CSAA takes glasses charges very seriously and promises to investigate.



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It is absolutely CSAA policy to not discriminate against its employees on the basis of their sexual orientation. And there are some issues in Mr. Glasses lawsuit that need to be thoroughly checked out. And we really can't get much in the way of detailed responses in the short amount of time that we've had to look at this so far. The five



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plaintiffs filed five separate suits. Each lawsuit seeks \$1 million for lost wages, emotional

distress, and punitive damages.



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Discrimination in Employment against gays and lesbians is still widespread. Even in the Bay Area.



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Attorney Paul zwakman represent the five plaintiffs,



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employers and victims of discrimination should know that it's now illegal in California, and it will be costly as it continues.



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I told me What month was asked whether alleged discrimination cases that occurred last year will fall under a law which went into effect this year. What man said that in his opinion, the new law does cover cases which took place in the past. The suits were filed in the Alameda and San Francisco Superior Court. A hearing date has not yet been set. I'm Ellie Garfinkel.



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Well, we're coming near the end of the show. So we're gonna sing a lullaby now and try to imagine how different you might be and how different the world might be. If more parents would sing lullabies like this to their children.