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SPEAKERS

Nancy Rodriguez, Bruce Reeves

 **B** Bruce Reeves 00:00

Hey, Monica grant from her harbor girl album singing BMS, and you are listening to after hours here on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. And our special guests this evening are from love lesbians over the age of 50. And their contact number again is 6611482.

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Your microphones falling in their lamps, dear, because they don't want to wear. So when is your next monthly meeting,

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we have a regular monthly meeting, the third Sunday of each month at two o'clock at the Metropolitan old service center on West grey. And other than January, which always is close, they celebrate Martin, Martin Luther King, we always can be found there on the third Sunday of the month.

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So anyone who's interested that's like over the age of 50, they just have to bring a driver's license or something right now you take their word for, we don't require ID, but they can just come in and a woman

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50 or, or older is in a relationship with a woman who is younger, that woman is eligible also does not exclude a significant other. That tells me thinking we have a newsletter, a monthly newsletter. So if a woman is interested in calls our contact number and would like to try us out

through the newsletter first before making a connection. That's possible also. Okay.



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Great, sounds good. You keep coming up with these brilliant questions, and they just fly right out that left there. I can see it.



Bruce Reeves 01:55

It's too late. And the brain doesn't function anymore after midnight. I know. That's right. I know the food. It's the car. That's true. But there was an I guess an interesting article in the Chronicle earlier this week, I don't know whether either one of you saw out about the American statesman in Austin printed a lesbian marriage notice. That stirred up quite a debate in Austin, then the spokesperson, the I guess the I've lost his title. But this this spokesperson for that organization for that newspaper basically said that they have an editorial policy that supports strong family values. But we have to understand that other people have different definitions of the word family. And I thought that's just it's very true. Current administration in Washington keep shoving family values down our throat. I'm all for family values. But my family happens to have Judy as my roommate and my new lover in it. And you know, that's a very end typical and traditional family. But it's it's my family. That's correct. And they shouldn't be judging us. But and in that same article, it said they had also contacted the Houston Chronicle president and said that the Chronicle would publish anything that didn't directly that as long as it was in good taste, so I guess it remains to see what good taste is, but just



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depends on.



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Sure. It'll be put to the test very soon.



Bruce Reeves 03:40

I'm sure there were probably several marriage notices sent into the Chronicle this week. So we'll see what happens. But I thought that was really interesting. From a obviously y'all are support group and being very socially oriented. Do you get real involved in political battles as such as



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a group? We have women who are political, right? Yes. Okay. We have great diversity in

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Bruce Reeves 04:13

it, but so it's just basically a support group and social organization. That's good. There's a lot of a lot of need for that. Yeah.



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We do. We have guest speakers at our monthly meeting. We try and give a lot of variety also on the on the speakers. It's always always a lesbian, it might be a healthcare issue might be political, legal, legal. We do work on internalized homophobia. We do work on ageism.



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It's a lot of political work and your lady she just don't call it out. Wonderful. Yeah, they're, they're wasted. I mean, you can walk up and slap people in the face with it, or you can go around through the back door. Like, that's nice ladies. Either way it works.



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But there's, there's a difference in doing this kind of work and somebody having an awareness and political awareness, you know, so a lot of them don't.

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Bruce Reeves 05:23

There's a lot of people in our community that don't have political awareness about much of anything, fortunately, and I know, it was definitely something that I learned very quickly when I was in Baton Rouge to crusade for because, you know, it's, especially as a gay man, I didn't really realize a lot of the things that weren't considered politically correct to a lot of women. And, of course, there are a lot of women, they prefer to be called lesbians. And then there are a lot of women like my roommate that prefer to use the word gay. And I never really understood a lot of the, I guess the dynamics and that argument until I was sitting on a police bus for six hours after being arrested at the Supreme Court in 1987. And it was amazing the the conversations and the dichotomy of the people on the bus, and we just got into all kinds of discussions from everything from, from sex to what this person feels is politically correct. Why I prefer the word lesbian, or why I prefer the word gay, or was even some of them why I prefer the word dyke. And it was just, it was a very eye opening experience for me. And I think anytime all of our cultures have an opportunity, and our big, gay and lesbian culture, then or mix, it's a good opportunity. But it's always nice to learn about the different groups in our community. And oh, sorry, can spread that word? Oh, yes. It's the only way we survive.



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Oh, there's so many that have no, so many gays and lesbians, but lesbians in particular. And specifically, the older women, right? Who do not even know there is a community, they don't know that it exists. They have no concept of a woman's community they have don't know

anything about women's music. There, they are so closeted, and have been always that their awareness is just aren't up there. They're just simply not there. But that comes from a generation of if you had been discovered, you could have been hospitalized or you could have lost a job and never had another and is so it was a thing really of self preservation whole lot. And there's no need for them to change now. All right. There's just no need and then too little too long, they'll lose lose a partner or something. And then they're out there alone. And it's a real lonely existence.



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It's true. Well, we're glad that you ladies are around to do these wonderful things and introduce us to all these, these wonderful networking type things.



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We have met some wonderful people through this group. Great,



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great, and their phone number again.



Bruce Reeves 08:41

So number again is 6611482 at 6611482.



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And your meetings are on the third Sunday, Sunday of the month at two o'clock



Bruce Reeves 08:53

at the Metropolitan Community Services, the service was great. So again, we'd like to thank both of you for for being on the show. And we look forward to having you on again.



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And happy working for you in the parade next year.



Bruce Reeves 09:13

And we're going to to a song now from Lynn Ladner singing older women from you are what you are. You are what you were just playing or what you are where you are you're listening to

after hours on KPFT 90.1 FM Houston



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open the gates up. Did you miss me? Jimmy I SEE that you found a new friend. Warden come down here. Here's me. Hello, girls. I'm back home in Huntsville. Again.



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KPFT is prison program is devoted to cops courts, jails, prison and probation and parole and the other minutiae of the criminal justice system. Tune in every Sunday afternoon from three to five, kickback, listen up, and hear what you've been missing.



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Tailor Made shirts with them long at all it's gonna cost is 10 us and my life. Again,



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hi, hey, this is Kermit the Frog. And this is one of my very favorite places, a forest. You know, forests are home to lots of animals, and they give us woods and they keep our water and air clean. Unfortunately, these days our forests are in trouble. They're being threatened by development and people who don't treat them with respect. To find out what you can do to help right to forest, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, DC 2036. Remember, more than trees.



Bruce Reeves 11:24

And you are listening to after hours here on KPFT. Just to give you that phone number one more time for the lesbians over the age of 50. Love their numbers 6611482. And then reading to the third Sunday of every month at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Metropolitan service center. And of course, for those of you who happened to be men who were getting on up in years, I believe the prime timers organization takes men over the age of 45. And you can reach them at 9818440. So here's an hearse is good to me and primetime was is coming up very quickly on their second anniversary. So we'd like to wish them a happy anniversary as well. I guess their first anniversary there. There'll be a year old here pretty soon. Sounds good to me. But we've got this way out coming up in about nine minutes. And then the second second half of the show, we're going to be running our stonewalled type that we were not able to run. Because we were off the air the night we were planning to run that. And, of course, we've got lots of news that we want to kind of touch on and talk about a little bit.



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Well, I'd like to hear a little bit more about this newspaper in Austin, when the subject is since

we're

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Bruce Reeves 12:57

on the subject. Well, it was it was in Wednesday's paper in the Chronicle. And it said this
trattman Omen your wedding notice looked a lot like the 50 other marriage anniversary and
engagement announcements in Sunday's Austin American Statesman. Except for one thing
Strowman and imager are women. The three paragraph notice and the accompanying picture
has set off a minor controversy in the city that two years ago I'd like to Glen Maxey the Lone
Star states only openly gay state legislature. The wedding description was like any other listing
participants in the ceremony the officiating minister in the couple's honeymoon plans. And it's
evidently cause caused quite a stir. But the American statesman publisher Roger Kinsel, on
Tuesday denied the charge that the purity of this page had been marred by the stain of
immorality words, Jack chambers, host of a Christian radio talk show in Austin. And he defended
the newspapers policy of publishing same sex announcement saying that the newspaper
certainly has an editorial policy that supports strong family values. We have to understand that
other people have different definitions of the word family who told the AP and for those of you
that might be interested in writing, Mr. Kensal 10 telling how excited you are about his stand on
this issue. You can write him at the American statesman at 166 East Riverside and that's in
Austin and I don't have a zip code. How do you spell Mr Kindles name just so we can show okay,
i n t zel. Okay,



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I know all right, a letter Roger.

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Bruce Reeves 14:48

r o g r tensile and we're going to play be political not polite. Which of course is I'm sure what
several people We're considering right now. According to the article that was in the Chronicle,
Jane McDavid, who's the Houston Chronicle president said the Chronicle would print any notice
in the Sunday announcement section, as long as the wording is in good taste, which he said is a
judgment call of the papers advertising department. A gay or lesbian wedding announcement,
he said would be welcomed with other notices. So, I'll be looking at that section on Sundays.
For now. We'll all be looking in that section of the paper from now on,



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I see a finger



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if you think queer nation is a bunch of radical queers, think again. We're doctors, lawyers,
teachers, parents, politicians, students, and radical queers. Queer nation is a group of people
joining together to end discrimination in all its forms. Many people are interested in queer

nation because queer nation addresses ideals and issues particular to them. Affinity Groups or queer nation include shop suburban homosexual Outreach Program, a program to be visibly queer places where lesbians and gays would not normally be visible. Pissed people with immune system disorders. FYI Q fine, young queers, United Colors of Queer Nation, Q patrol the eyes and ears of Montrose, and many, many more. We meet Tuesday nights at 7:30pm 1505 Commonwealth in Nevada at the Montrose palace. For more information call 5292969.

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Bruce Reeves 16:39

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my dream of becoming an army officer was destined to fail because no amount of hard work or effort could overcome the fact that I was



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gay. Now I know a lot of you are thinking gosh, not another show on gays and lesbians on television.

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Nancy Rodriguez 17:07

Depictions of lesbians and gay men isn't particularly normal, at least by television standards, but it is a real way of life.



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When I brought this resolution. I just don't think people really want to argue about it. They sort of thought it was right even though they were definitely not eager some of them to deal with it.



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I don't believe you're born a homosexual is a choice when they go into the school system and trying to export that down to the kindergarten level. That's where we have a problem.



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Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon and





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I'm Lucia Chapelle. Military politics percolate in London, Canberra and Washington.



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The silence of the cranes symbolizes PBS censorship



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and morality, play curses school board, pride, proclamation, all



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



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I'm Mark Sacco mono. And I'm Cindy Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending July 4 1992. On a single notable day last month, both London and Canberra issued different decisions on military service by gays and lesbians. Speaking for the British Ministry of Defence, Jonathan aid can announced plans for decriminalization of homosexual acts by armed services personnel. However, those engaging in homosexual acts will still be dismissed from the service in Australia, where a number of Human Rights and Equal Opportunity cases involving gays in the military had forced a policy review, Defense Minister Robert Ray reaffirmed the existing policy of dismissing personnel for homosexual conduct.



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The Brazilian organization at Toba provided a lesbian and gay presents at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development last month in Rio de Janeiro. Throughout the 11 days of the conference, a Toba presented an educational exhibit on the oppression of gays and lesbians and on the AIDS epidemic around the world.



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120 Jewish lesbians and gays from Europe and Israel gathered in Paris in late May for their third regional conference. The series of workshops, political meetings and social events was a model of unity until the proposal of a resolution in support of the State of Israel. After some debate, the proposal was withdrawn.



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About half of the 600 members of the new US national lesbian and gay Journalists Association met for their first conference in San Francisco on the weekend of the country's biggest pride event. Many of the editors and journalists worked for the mainstream press, including the Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times. There was a special video greeting from Arthur Sulzberger Jr, publisher of the New York Times, a paper activists have severely criticized in the past. Things are changing at the so called newspaper of record, though Salzburg are called for better coverage of minorities and promised the times will come to have openly gay and lesbian senior editors and managers.



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A judge has ruled that the Orange County Florida Sheriff's Department violated the state constitutions privacy guarantees when they force former deputy Tom Woodard to resign after discovering he is bisexual. Noting that quote, none of his actions could be construed so as to bring disrepute or dishonor on the sheriff's office and quote, Circuit Judge William Gridley ordered the Department to reinstate Woodard and to pay him back wages.



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The Idaho State Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has set up a task force to coordinate efforts to repeal the state sodomy law and to gain recognition for same gender couples.



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In the Moines Iowa the YWCA Young Women's Christian Association has announced it will offer memberships at family discounts to both same gender and heterosexual unmarried couples



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in the state of Washington that 10,000 city workers who are members of the Seattle employees committee for combined charities have voted to stop contributions to the Boy Scouts of America, protesting the scout's policy of discrimination against gays and lesbians.



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Computer giant Hewlett Packard has announced a change in its personnel policies to explicitly protect lesbians and gays from discrimination and harassment in the workplace. The corporation has 92,000 employees and as headquarters near San Francisco.



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New discrimination protections in the City of Portland, Maine have hit a snag. implementation of the new law has been stalled by a petition demanding that the measure appear on the

November ballot for a public vote.



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Over 100 members of act up the AIDS coalition to unleash power marched on the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg in early June to lobby for increased funds for health care for people with AIDS. They staged a diet on the floor of the Capitol rotunda and tour rested after dumping red dye into the main fountain



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delegates to the Republican National Convention this August we'll also have to contend with some uninvited guests. Matt binder explains.



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Radical AIDS activist groups announced that they will attempt to harass delegates at the Republican National Convention in Houston this August, ACT UP and queer nation say there's no hope that Republicans will listen to reason about AIDS issues. So they're going to try to embarrass the Republican delegates at their hotels, their parties and their caucuses anywhere where a lack of security leaves them vulnerable. Jim Hall of ACT UP Kansas City and organizer of this August protests says it's time to punish the Republican Party for its role in the AIDS epidemic.



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I don't think it's a matter of burning our bridges with the Republicans. As far as trying to get favors out of them and dealing with the AIDS crisis. they've pretty much made it clear over the last 11 years that they don't attach any sort of priority that this epidemic deserves all says



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he hopes the embarrassment the delegates feel will lead them to demand action by their party's leaders. In San Francisco I'm Matt binder.



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Again, lesbian Pride celebrations continue. Cleveland, Ohio is great included about 600 people. in Providence, Rhode Island over 1000 gays and lesbians carried signs reading hypocrite under pictures of the state senators who had recently voted down their anti discrimination bill. And in Los Angeles, a pair of earthquakes did not stop over 200,000 spectators from viewing over 260 Marching units at the Christopher Street West parade. In fact, someone remarked that the quakes were caused by Angelenos jumping up and down with glee as Daryl gates finally ended

his tenure as chief of police. Another light moment came when a male fundamentalists hollered at lesbian community leader Tory Osbourne you need a man and she yelled right back No, you need a man.



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It took Pittsburgh pride organizers to applications and the support of the mayor, the city council and the American Civil Liberties Union to be able to use Point State Park for their festival. The first application was denied on the basis that the park was not a designated free speech area, a term that no one in Pittsburgh city government has yet been able to define.



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Pride celebrations have also brought other conflicts. After the City Commission of Gainesville, Florida voted specifically to deny rights to gays and lesbians. Over 800 protesters participated in the first lesbian and gay rights march ever held their a picnic that was the final event of Gainesville gay and lesbian Pride Week attracted about 20 members of the Ku Klux Klan from all over the state. The Klan preached hate messages, displayed signs and distributed pamphlets. But picnickers didn't let them spoil the fun. A lesbian couple kissed passionately just a few feet away from the hate mongers. lawsuits were brought against pride declarations in both Kansas City and its suburb Westwood. Although both cases were tossed out of court. Pride organisers in Kansas City are also pursuing a suit of their own against the police department, which charge them a fee for the escort service. It provides free to other parades there.



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And finally, the pride season celebrates the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, but we know the history of lesbians and gays goes back much farther than that. How far back a man's tattooed body discovered recently in the Alps, contained irrefutable physical evidence that he had had sex with another man. Carbon dating showed he died 5470 years ago.



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That's news wrap for the week ending July 4 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman, follow the



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



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I'm Mark Sacco mana.



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congressional study released last month by the US General Accounting Office added more fuel to the fire raging about the Pentagon's ban on gays and lesbians in the armed forces. Tom Young reports from Washington DC the General



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Accounting Office says the Pentagon discharges an average of 1500 people a year for being gay. The report says from 1980 to 1990. It cost the government almost \$500 million to recruit and train replacements. The Navy has been the most active and getting rid of homosexuals. That service alone accounts for more than half the discharges during the study period. The Pentagon maintains homosexuality is incompatible with military service and is bad for morale and discipline. The GAO says some studies and professional organizations contradict that idea. Tom Young Washington



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after news of the GAO report appeared in The Washington Post, activists again urged the repeal of the ban. Here's a meal Harris



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has uniform which Doran clusters a metals and decorations. US Army Reserve Captain Alan Stevens told a packed room that he was no different than any other soldier pictured on the wall behind him.



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The American Dream was my life. But there was a problem to the observer had every reason to be happy. But in reality, I had never felt so unhappy. Self acknowledgement that I was gay was relatively easy. But the decision to leave the profession of my dreams was the most difficult of my life. My dream of becoming an army officer was destined to fail under the military's current policy against lesbians and gays. Because no amount of hard work or effort could overcome the fact that I was getting



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what Captain Stevens and other military personnel went through shouldn't have happened. According to Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The GAO



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study reports what we have known all along that 10s of millions of taxpayers dollars are being wasted to ruin 1000s of patriotic gay and lesbian lives. According to the study, the Pentagon spends \$28,226 to recruit and train replacements for each enlisted person. And \$120,772 for each officer, it kicks out for being gay and lesbian. But according



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to Pentagon public affairs officer Lieutenant Colonel dug hard.



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The articles that I have read in the Post said that it was \$27 million to replace homosexuals who had been removed from the military. And the fact is, we're not replacing a lot of people. The military is now downsizing. And as matter of fact, at this time, we've got 147,000 Less people in the military than we had at the same time one year ago.



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That report from a meal Harris, one of the latest casualties of the military's downsizing was the US Navy instructor. Kurt Reinhold was booted out of the service because he came out on the ABC TV news program 20/20 Larry Brunel has the story from San Francisco



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sodas stretch occurred mine old will receive an honorable discharge, but a battle of three Iraqi Navy officers ruled that he must be separated from the service because he admitted during a TV network news broadcast this month that he's a homosexual after 12 years of service Michael said that the things that I believe in about the US Navy are kind of rattled right now. It kind of brings into question everything I sort of believe about what I'm here fighting for my mind holds attorney declare that it's time for the military to reassess its anti gay policy and he's going to appeal the decision to a federal court Larry Brown in San Francisco



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you're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Greg Gordon I'm Lucia Chapelle.



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Just sit down as problem not are just in those was good all jazzy? Smart. And if you don't like Dad Don't kasi art Did you? I guess probably bad.



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Charges of censorship had been leveled at in Orlando, Florida Public TV station, W FME declined to carry a BBC adaptation of David Levitz critically acclaimed novel *The last language of cranes*. The film deals with a young man and his father, both coming to terms with their homosexuality. Love its drama was part of the public broadcasting systems great performances series. Despite phone calls running six to one in support of varying the program, W FME. officials decided not to show it. The station had received a negative response last year for carrying Marlon Riggs controversial documentary about gay African American men *tongues on tide*. They criticized *the last language of cranes* for being quote, very suggestive and explicit. Paula Edelbrock, Legal Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, says that some public television management and audiences have trouble thinking of gays and lesbians beyond the issue of sexuality. It's unfortunate



Nancy Rodriguez 33:28

that people still view any depiction of the lives of lesbians and gay men as somehow being inherently sexually explicit, because that's seems to be always the underlying statement. Even though there may not be any explicit sexual content to a film. The depiction of gay people is sort of tantamount to that in the minds of some some folks. I think it's also unfortunate that