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SPEAKERS

Kay Harper



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He can even more strongly influence the way editorial policies dictate coverage for what he considers, again his family values and it will become even more difficult in those countries where there's less of an advancement of human and civil rights for minority populations to get the kind of access to the media that we've been fighting for over the last dozen or so years.



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John Leo, who's column runs weekly in US News and World Report strikes again while financial publisher Mortimer Zuckerman turns a deaf ear to protests about his magazines one sided coverage of gay issues. In an April 6 diatribe, the politics of intimidation, Leo used gay protests, including those against the notorious Basic Instinct as a pretext to once again savage ACT UP queer nation and gay activism in general. Protesting the movies representation of lesbians and bisexual women as men hating murderers was he says an attempt to censor the script. Moreover, he said, gays count verbal slurs against homosexuals as violent incidents and sometimes hate crimes, but the disruption of masses and the regular vilification of Catholics do not count at all. More disturbing is that Leo's column was the only coverage in US News of the controversy over basic instinct and more generally, Hollywood's homophobia. In the past, John Leo has lambasted the gay movement on a regular basis. His pet peeves are hate crime legislation and gay family rights. Last year's column accused Irish lesbians and gays who fought to march in New York St. Patrick's Day parade of Catholic bashing. That report was the only coverage of the parade and US News and World Report. Zuckerman has ignored Glad's requests to provide gay supportive voices to counter Leos or at least to objectively cover the stories that Leo uses for fodder in his columns. Since US News and World Report is surpassing Newsweek as the country's number two news weekly right behind Time magazine. Its importance can't be underestimated. We urge you to write to the chairman and editor in chief Mortimer Zuckerman. US News and World Report 2400 In Street Northwest Washington, DC 2037 Dash 1196 demand a balanced presentation of lesbian and gay issues in US News and World Report. You've been listening to naming names a regular broadcast of GLAAD the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against

Defamation. Please send us copies of your letters to our new address at 150 West 26th Street, New York New York 101 or call us at 2128071 700 This is Ellen carton for naming names. naming names is produced by Peter Schmidt ik Hi, this is Terry



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Sweeney and with me is Nancy Reagan. You know I just love this way out. They get down and dirty and that's the way I like it. So wonderful. Dollars spin



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Springfield has been the latest battlefields in escalating war on queers in the state of Oregon. Barbara Bernstein has these latest reports from the front, the Oregon



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Citizens Alliance or OCA, a right wing Christian fundamentalist group sponsored these ballot measures which proposed to amend the city charter of both cities to declare that homosexuality is abnormal and perverse. And no city money shall be used to encourage, promote or facilitate homosexuality. in Corvallis, a broad based coalition of lesbian and gay organizations, civil rights groups, religious leaders and other community members waste an intensive educational campaign to fight against this initiative and its threat of discrimination. This organizing resulted in a resounding defeat for the Religious Right. Campaign organizers for no 10206 gathered in a downtown Corvallis restaurant to await the election returns.



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There are 6600 votes and probably a little over half 33.9% Yep 63.1.



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family this year And committee of the Corvallis Human Rights Coalition which led the fight in Corvallis against his hate initiatives.



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Mostly I'm exhausted. But I'm also very pleased that people in Corvallis have come out to try and defeat this measure almost a margin of two to one. I'm concerned about Springfield. What's clear to me is that we've got an awful lot of work ahead of us to do in



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Springfield, on the other hand, lacks the visible and activist lesbian and gay community that

Corvallis has organizing against the OCA initiative in Springfield took much longer to get off the ground. And Springfield in general, it's more conservative than Corvallis. The Springfield initiative passed by a narrow margin of 241 votes, gays in Springfield are already facing its chilling consequences. To right wing Christian city council members have demanded a list of books to be purchased for the Springfield library, so they can remove titles they believe, promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality. around Oregon the struggle against the Christian rights campaign to eliminate the visibility of gays and lesbians will only intensify in the coming months. The OCA is gathering petitions to place a statewide measure on the ballot in November that would amend the state constitution as they have succeeded in amending Springfield city charter in Portland Oregon.



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Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton raised over \$70,000 and an appearance before a gay and lesbian activist in Los Angeles last week, and promised a more enlightened federal government approach to the AIDS crisis if he's elected. Meanwhile, a federal judge in New York has ruled the current government policy unconstitutionally restricts the content of AIDS education materials. Matt binder reports.



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The judge said the Centers for Disease Control is overstepping its authority when it refuses funding for AIDS education in cases where the CDC deems the education material offensive. The ruling comes in a case filed four years ago by the New York based Gay Men's Health Crisis. David Hansel, deputy executive director of that group says the CDC restrictions have made reaching the hard to reach even more difficult.



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There was an organization that wanted to run a program targeted for gay men that was called hot, corny and healthy. And the local state health department got nervous about that thought that sounded too much like promoting gay sexuality refused to allow them to fund it. There's another case where simply a picture of an interracial couple as an aid to education message was turned down because they thought that might be too controversial. So it's been applied in really pretty ridiculous ways, in very arbitrary ways, because in some parts of the country, materials have been approved that in other parts of the country were vetoed, so there's been no consistency.



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The CDC rule against offensive material applies to anyone seeking a federal grant to promote AIDS prevention, the CDC awards about \$200 million a year to communities state health departments and other groups to set up AIDS prevention programs. The CDC rule is the direct result of pressure by conservatives in the White House and Congress. The judge said the rule amounted to government censorship. David Hansel off the Gay Men's Health Crisis says the worst effect of the CDC rule is self censorship by AIDS educators who are afraid of losing

government funding if their education programs push the boundaries of government sensitivities. I hope that this Court decision will be a strong message to the government to the CDC, that it's time for them to start encouraging groups around the country that



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know who's affected and know how to reach them to do the things that they can do best instead of standing in the way of those kinds of activities.



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The judge's ruling against the CDC goes into effect immediately. The Justice Department is considering an appeal. Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton is calling for an all out effort to find a cure for AIDS. He said as president he would appoint an AIDS czar and launch a program to cure AIDS modeled after the mass of World War Two Manhattan Project to develop the atom bomb. In an emotional speech to gay rights activists in Los Angeles this past week, Clinton contrasted President Bush's record on aids to his own.



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There are two things that I want to mention. again to make sure you know, I'm serious. The first is that I want to make a major speech on donate to a group of Americans who may not cheer at every word, but in need to hear the message.



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The second is that I have pledged to see that someone who is HIV positive, but also has a positive attitude come before the American people at the Democratic National Convention to speak about



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Arkansas Governor and Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton. Clinton also promised in the same speech that he would rescind the ban on gays and lesbians in the US military and hire many more gays and lesbians for high level government jobs in his administration than in the current one in San Francisco I'm Matt binder



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some saying he says is it boys Bye. Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine this week Cindy Friedman, Mark sock Amano. Kamala Brecht, Derek Gallagher non-carbon, Barbara Bernstein, Keith Clark and not binder contributed program material. Thanks also to him and to Dr. Mike alkaloid, and Pacifica radio news.



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World Entertainment war and John Bocchino performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.



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Now y'all do stay tuned.



Kay Harper 13:28

That was this way out. Do write them, let them know that you're listening. But coming up, we're going to have the TV information that we promised Public Affairs information, the old gays and lesbians of Houston, more out gay and lesbian bisexual music, and all of that kind of stuff. Remember that I said that? The network's count every letter they receive is representing 20,000 people. I'm not sure what the figure is for radio, but I have to read a letter that we got here at the station. For the courage to broadcast all it says thank you from the heart for the courage to broadcast the entree, the outrageous the unacceptable, the unknown, the eccentric, the unlikable, the spiritual, the politically unpopular, the foreign, the esoteric, the dangerous, the beautiful, the intriguing, balanced news, women and full voice did did did and who knows what next. Thank you very much, Joanna. That is such a nice thing to see. You're worth at least 20,000 In my book, but the primetime networks that we wanted to target letters to the producers of tears because we'd like to see Harvey Firestein come back again. Says Firestein says the openly Gary character could return in future episodes if the viewer response is positive. So right lesson Glen Charles James burrows executive producers cheers Charles

borrows Charles productions Paramount Television 5555 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles 90038. You can also send a copy to Warren Littlefield, who is the president of NBC entertainment at 3000 West Alameda Avenue Burbank 91523. Murphy Brown and their openly gay character named Rick who joined the staff at FYI. Let's see. In real life gay staff on shows such as FYI are increasingly open about who they are. Unfortunately, Rick is only appeared once this season. asked that Rick and other gay and lesbian characters be included as regulars by writing Diane English. And Joel show boy, Chevelle ski sh, UK OVSKY Who are the executive producers of Murphy Brown 4000, Warner Boulevard, Burbank 91522 and send copies to Jeff goodness, why did these people not have names I can pronounce Sagun Sagun ski? Sae GANSKY President CBS entertainment 7800 Beverly Boulevard La 90036 and Leon who is leaving Roseanne that was the only sitcom on TV to Roseanne was the only sitcom on TV to feature a gay recurring character. Martin mall is Leon Rosen's openly gay boss. Mole is moving on and will not be returning next season but as the producers to continue their groundbreaking inclusion of gay characters on TVs highest rated series, right Marcy Carson Carsey sorry, car se y and Tom Warner executive producers, Roseanne Carsey Warner company 4024 Redford Avenue, Studio City, California 91604 and send copies to Robert Inger president of ABC 2040 Avenue of the Stars Los Angeles 90067. I'm tired of reading things off the pieces of paper. So I'm going to tell you about sporting events. Maybe if I did some of these I'd have more wind, the Betty Bob spring madness, scotch doubles, nine pin, no tap. I'm sure this means something to bowlers. They're having a bowling tournament this weekend, or a Scotch doubles nine pin, no tap whatever that is. But the proceeds are going to buy nursery items for HIV positive children. And this is going to be at the Fairlane Southway at 81 at South Gessner, which is right off the Southwest Freeway and Gessner way out there. We don't have like bowling alleys and Montrose. But they have games at 10 o'clock 12:30pm. And at 3pm. There'll be strike pot raffles and they have prize money for first, second and third places, which is like a good thing. And if you like skating, either roller skating or ice skating, the lamda Roller Skating Club has skating twice a month roller skating and twice a month at this point ice skating. And it benefits the smile group the sexual minority youth assistance League, which is a good group. Well, there's rollerskating is on Monday nights. The next one is June 15. Following that, the one after that will be July 6, it's at 730 to 1030. The skating rink is closed that night except to the gay lesbian, people who are skating and they skate at Trade Winds roller rink, which is 5006 West 34th at highway 290 Next to the Kmart, another kind of out their place. But we also don't have roller skating rinks and Montrose. Ice skating, the next one is next Tuesday. That's coming up Tuesday, June 9. And the following one after that will be June 23. That's from eight until 10. It's not close to just gay and lesbian people. It is open to the general public. In June they ask that you wear pink or Lesbian Gay Pride shirts. And that's at the gallery ice skating Center at 5015 Westheimer. Not in the Montrose, but we've adopted the Galleria because it's important to us. Other things that are coming up in the community Women's Network, which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center on June 10 is going to be having a program on breast cancer I'm Dr. Elaine King is going to be speaking about the risk diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. The Women's Network is a support group that's established to serve the lesbian and bisexual women's community of Houston. It meets at the counseling center on Wednesday, second and fourth Wednesdays from seven till nine. For more information you can call 5290037. Other upcoming sessions our body centered therapy on June 24. And on July 8, healing from abuse and so that I can can get my points for being equally Nami gender parity kinds of stuff. The Gay Men's network is a social discussion and non religious group dedicated to the experience of the gay lifestyle. They're expanding our outreach to include the entire community of lesbians and gay men. Does that mean that lesbians can go to gay men's network? Oh, well, anyway, they meet on the first and third Wednesdays in room tool for the bearing Memorial, United United Methodist Church, which is at 1440 Harold, and they meet from seven until nine. The first and third Wednesdays they have a

social activity, which may consist of a potluck dinner, bowling, miniature golf or whatever. On the second Wednesday of the month, they have a discussion meeting at the bearing church. On the fourth Wednesday, they have a discussion meeting at the home of one of the members. If there's a fifth Wednesday, I think they take the night off. Um, one of the things that that we, as members of this community have to deal with is losses. We lose a lot of people for various reasons. And what I'm going to read right now is something that was excerpted and then re edited from a memorial written by Dr. Christopher boy, for his best friend of 16 years Dr. Nathaniel Pierre, who both as a doctrine is patient died of AIDS. We are at war, and we've been at war for years. We are fighting a war against an unseen enemy. His attack shift from day to day, month to month, surprising us by striking when we least expect it. We are constantly humbled by the superficiality of what we understand. We have no smart bombs, no satellite intelligence, no superiority in any part of the battlefield. We are at war. Even on the battlefield, there is no brotherhood. Soldiers at the frontlines are attacked by friendly fire and by the civilian casualties for their failings. Some of the struggle prefer glory, prestige, power visibility, some find opportunities to exploit for greed and personal enrichment. Some continue to see this as a philosophical skirmish, a political battle or religious war, in order to exploit for some private agenda, some countercultural anti authority movement, never to be held accountable for the casualties struck down unnecessarily prematurely by their unsound, unproven battlefield tactics. We are at war. And this is no quick or clean war. There are no surgical strikes to take out only the enemy troops. In this war casualties rise more than Korea more than Vietnam. We know what battle fatigue is. We know what it is to sit in the trenches and be bombed hour after hour, day after day, relentlessly with no end in sight. While our leaders argue about the shape of the table which they will sit. We know what it is to live with that there's a constant presence to lose friends sunny suddenly, inexplicably, one minute they are here healthy in the prime of their lives. Talented alive, creative energetic, the next they are gone only a memory. We're at war. Or worse, the lingering deaths the slow piecemeal dissection of the body and mind the slow loss of control over intellectual or bodily functions. The half dead battlefield casualties who feel the mash units or West Worse yet, the emotionally half dead who remain at home deprived at normal physical and emotional intimacy, lonely, frightened to death, despairing, angry, suicidal. We are at war and we are unsupported by the people at home by the media who report the war by the government that allegedly leads us we are told that we can only fight the enemy in certain ways. We are told that we cannot cross certain lines certain rivers certain boundaries. We are told not to use certain weapons not to bomb certain enclaves not to expand certain monies. We fight with our hands tied behind our backs. We are at war. We are unapproved. Shadid both victim and liberator. We are singled out and marked as potential killers. We are dirty, filthy, disgusting, immoral lepers. And when we come home from the battlefield, there is no victory parade. But still, we are at war. I never got to meet and Daniel Pierre, but I got several letters from him because he was involved with some of the national AIDS groups. But I've heard very good things about him. And he died. I'm not sure how long ago but a while back, someone a little newer and closer to home because Dr. pewter was from New York City was Bruce Cook, who died three years ago last Friday, on May 29 of May 29 1989. He was the founder and past president of the PWA coalition, he worked in the early days of Stone Soup. For people who weren't around then or who weren't real active, he's kind of like Brian Bradley's precursor, very much out there, very visible in the community had a tambourine that was with him constantly. And we have a speech here from the celebration of life rally for Harvey Milk, which was held November of 1988. There have been a couple of words deleted, which you will probably notice, because it kind of makes a difference, but they were kind of things you can't see on the air. So this is Bruce cook.

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One thing before I start this is, it's cold as hell up here, but I want you to see this as my favorite t shirt.



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Especially important now because I am both still gay, I'm proud and on our PWA also, which is the way I'd like to address you tonight is from the PWA coalition. And I definitely do believe it is people living with AIDS.



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This past May, as it was at home recuperating from PCP pneumonia. I experienced some of the love that helps us to celebrate life. The love and the friends I've made during the names project tour, the love my friends in the gay lesbian parade week at eight. That led me partly been because I'd been threatened with my life if I wasn't well enough to participate as CO Grand Marshal, but it still counts still counts. And the love from all the people I've met during my time when I was involved with stone soup. That was all love born of crisis. Those times when our emotions are highest, and we feel the need to express love now or never. But we soon seem to fall back into our safe, regulated lives of normalcy lulled into a sense that everything's all right, once again, that the world's going along has it should. That's where we are wrong. That's where you and the celebration are. That's where you end the celebration and pack it away like so many Christmas ornaments. Until the next crisis requires that we dig into the back of our closets to retrieve our pride and strength as gays and lesbians. We must celebrate our lives as gay man, faggots homosexuals, nurse, lesbians, dikes, and every day we're alive. Not just when our friends deaths cover us as a smothering trout. Not just on a sunny Sunday during the gay pride parade. Not just when the right political activity comes along. But every day that we pay our gay income taxes to the government every day that we pay our gay insurance premiums to companies like Prudential. Every day we spend our gay incomes to travel by homes and new automobiles and every time we have the chance to elect our governmental representatives if you even want to be allowed to celebrate your Life as gay or lesbian, you must proudly and openly do so to let those moralists, Republicans, bigots, and hollow files know that we indeed are everywhere, working, shopping, living and even prayed side by side with them every day. And that every bit of anti gay legislatures that they support, every mouthful of anti gay hate that they spew out is not going to get rid of us. My hope is that all of their united efforts will only unite us more, to join together and fight them back as never before empowering us to fight for our rights as loving human beings. To celebrate life, we must not do it through silence, indifference and inactivity. To celebrate life, we cannot depend on our dead heroes, Harvey Milk, Fred pie as are the 40,000 Dead PW ways across America to do it for us. To celebrate life, we must participate in that great celebration of being openly gay and saying it proudly I am gay shouter with me, I am gay, I am gay. Before I relinquish the stand, I'd like to speak to my fellow PW A's. We oftentimes fear the double stigma of being gay and having AIDS.



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Just as a is, is not a social disease. Just as gay is not a physical disease, it's very hard for us PW A's to face rejection, fear and prejudice from our very own gay brothers. Part of this is our own false. We must empower ourselves to live with AIDS. And not to assume that this is a death

sentence. We must take an active part in life as much as we are physically able to. We must all loudly insist on the best in social service and medical care, and fight to get access to promising new treatments. Now, not in four or five years. We must also take responsibility to ourselves, as well as to our partners in our quest for fulfilling sexual lives. I believe that we are living with AIDS, that we don't come home from our doctor's offices with diagnosis in hand to lay down and die. I know that there's no cure yet. But I know that there are a lot of promising treatments coming up. And unless we make noise, demand more access to them and speedier approval of them that a large number of us here today will surely die from neglect and red tape. Red tape our voices must be heard loud, long and clear. And our voice must be every PWA and PWR who gives a damn about their treatment and lack thereof. I'd like to read a brief paraphrase of Harvey Milk's and have everyone affected by AIDS follow. As difficult as it is, you must tell your relatives you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors you must tell the people in the stores you shop in and once they realize that we are indeed their children, and that we are indeed everywhere. Every myth every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And once you do, you will feel so much better. Just as I loudly declared myself to be gay earlier, I just as loudly can shout. I have AIDS and I am not ashamed. Now I asked that every PWA and PWR join with me and share the same. I have AIDS and I am not ashamed.

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Kay Harper 35:30

Thanks that was Michael Callen and living in wartime which is very much what Bruce was doing. Besides Bruce, recently in the Houston area, Michael Pittman died. He died on Tuesday, May 26. After a long and courageous battle with AIDS. For the last couple of years. He was a volunteer with Barron Care Center. He was he's a wonderful person, he had a smile that you just couldn't miss. And he leaves behind a significant other Steve Mays and his longtime companion David Fowler, his mother and father three brothers a sister in Harvey Milk, his cat Michael was very active in in the Houston community. He was involved with the ACT UP when it first started. He was involved with guts when that was around, did a lot with Political Caucus just very out there very involved, kind of person. And so I want to play



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what do I want to play for him? The ones who aren't here and that was Meg Christiansen with the ones who aren't here.

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Kay Harper 36:57

If you've driven down Montrose recently, in the last couple of days, you've probably noticed lots of people standing in front of the Chinese Embassy. And that's because tenement Square was going on this time three years ago. And Libby Roderick has a song that actually she wrote for the Gulf War that was written prior to the Gulf War, but is just so very applicable to tenement square. This is Libby Roderick with. Well no, this isn't Libby Roderick just yet. But Libby Roderick dancing in front of the guns