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Kay Harper

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pres because they would get all kinds of lawsuits against them



Kay Harper 00:04

for dropping people off bribes is probably not in their their agreements. The



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training is exemplary, of course. It's not fun.



Kay Harper 00:14

It's the attitude I think, would maybe be the different



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pieces of meat to be backed back up and get out there on the field and get Yeah, it's it's a gun and start shooting some You're a



Kay Harper 00:23

piece of property if you're in the military. My question says, Are there any informal support groups for for gay and lesbians in the military?



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Not wise,



Kay Harper 00:35

not wise,



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they'd be infiltrated immediately. Even the CIA went to the trouble of infiltrating the gay bars in Seattle. Which meant that was a threat to the national security, I'm sure to have something come in that gay bar.



Kay Harper 00:48

Oh, yes. Oh, goodness. So what happens if they find out that you get that you're gay? Or that they even suspect that you're gay?



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When I was then it would be a dishonorable discharge?



Kay Harper 00:58

How did they? I mean, was there any kind of proving it? Or did they just say, Well, we, you walk off or funny, we're gonna kick you out.



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They go through, they will go through your room, your barracks room or your apartment, if you live off base, they will go through every single drawer, every suitcase every letter you have ever written. Everyone you work with, they will interrogate. Okay, where did where does this person go after work? What do they do on the weekends? Who are they seen with? And that's the big one. Who are they with? Yeah, from that list of names, they go, go talk to who you were with. And then they start, they pull you into a little room and say, Who are you with? And my case? I said, I'm a lesbian. They didn't have to prove it. Yeah, my co did. How did ask me? Well, have you ever been to bed with Lady? And I said, Well, yeah, as a matter of fact, we met a month ago, and I have been to bed but I really liked



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Kay Harper 01:59

That's, that's a good thing to hear. He didn't appreciate it.

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Well, other than that, he wouldn't have given me if I hadn't told him that he wouldn't have given me the discharge. As a matter of fact, he made me prove I was lesbian. I had to take Sherry to the base to meet my first sergeant and my captain. So she had to play the role of a very tough dyke, you know, and she's not Yeah,

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Kay Harper 02:23

it looks like that wouldn't be a difficult thing.

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I beg your pardon.

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Kay Harper 02:28

You do Butch? Well,

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thank you. It's 40 years of experience.

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Kay Harper 02:37

Well, that'll do it. I come here, don't raise your hand, come talk to the

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moment. You know, I was hearing wanted to ask a question, what are the repercussions if they do all this investigation, and they go through all of their procedures or whatever you want to call them, and they can't find any actual proof, not even with someone you've been with or anything like that. And yet, they still want to do something that situation, because I suspect that you might be a lesbian.

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Remember those Ixtapa. They don't have to have proof.



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What do they do in that case?



K Kay Harper 03:07

So what did they do whatever they



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want to because you don't have any rights, you can't get a lawyer. So they they can just I think you're guilty by suspicion. Just like some of the corporations here in Houston, you're guilty by suspicion. So



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in in the army, what they'll do is they'll, they'll send in a female investigative officer, if, and she'll be a secretary or truck driver or whatever. And she will be your best friend. She'll get close to you. Yeah. And she will attempt to get you into bed. And is so that they can get the proofs that they need. And if she has to go through 15 other women that, you know, before she can approach you, she'll do it if they want you specifically. They'll do whatever they have to do. Most of the time, if they can't prove it, they transfer you.



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I was the one they went through my all my paperwork, all my stuff tried to you know, everyone you know. That's why I know it by rote. Yeah. With a great deal of rage.



K Kay Harper 04:18

Yeah, I can see that in your jaw. You're keeping back the words I told you. You can't use all the air?



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Trying? Yes. Well, so



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I mean, technically what it amounts to it's not just a matter of lesbians can be in jeopardy, you're in trouble. You know, in the military. It's just like, if they don't like you, they can get rid of you. So I mean, the straight women in the military or the straight men in the military need to do something to protect themselves as well. That's why it's just a matter of if you cross your eyes at some five star general or whoever they are, then all they have to do is just say, Well, I happen to know that this woman is probably a lesbian and you're out. So I mean, the whole female gender needs protecting not just test us



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is not as serious now as it was with a dishonorable discharge, you cannot work for any government agency, any company that has government funding any company with security clearances required. Yeah, that cuts out all kinds of jobs for people. Nowadays, it's not a serious to be getting that discharge. But I'm sure there are a lot of straight people out there who have homosexual discharges, because someone decided that's what they wanted to do to them.



Kay Harper 05:26

Yeah. Yeah, cuz I know, my, my brother works, or used to work for one of the defense contractors, and God the things they were asking him and then, because I'm related, you know, I got all these questions. It's like, great. So do I tell them I'm a lesbian or not? Because my you know, is that going to compromise my brother's security clearance? Well, he doesn't do that anymore. Now works for somebody else and build something besides, if 19 simulators,



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that's your catch 22? Because they'll come and ask you if you say no, you're not a lesbian. You've lied. Yeah. Therefore, how can they trust his character? His sister's a known liar? If you say yes, then there's a possibility. Well, he might be contaminated or he could be blackmailed. Because of your activity contagious. Yeah. dangerous ways. The big thing, why bailing in the military is is your homosexual, you have to hide it, you can be blackmailed by foreign agents, which is a joke, because it's been statistically proven that homosexuals have less incidence of espionage and trader charges against them than any other person.



Kay Harper 06:39

Oh, yeah. One of the things that kemira Colonel kemira, the woman who's who's the colonel who's just been kicked out, was setting up Time article was, the question was, would people be surprised to how many homosexuals there are in the military or at high ranks in the military? We're getting a lot of, of affirmatives in here, but her answer was we don't were labeled. But I think that those who are defending the policy are either totally naive about the people with whom they work on a day to day basis, or else they live in a world that is totally different from the one that we're at rest of us live in. Because there's no reason to think that there wouldn't be a lot of gays and lesbians who have achieved, achieved in all areas of the military the same

as they have achieved in every aspect of life. You know, a lot of times it seems like the the gay and lesbian people are the ones who are out there doing things and changing the world. And that's a fact. And that's got to be true in the military, too.



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Because if freedom is gonna survive in this country, it'll be because the gay community, the black community, and the other minorities, because the normal white people have their heads on natural anatomical excursion.



Kay Harper 07:59

Very, very smooth. I liked that. Okay, um, if the one of the things that that I don't know if God told you about the show, but we have a lot of young listeners, and if somebody who was thinking about, you know, graduating from high school and joining the military, who either suspects that she he was gay or lesbian, or already knows for sure that they're homosexual, what would you say to that person? Be careful. But but not, don't do it. Just be careful.



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Just be careful. And the best way to meet people is join all the sports teams in the military. Okay,



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but it's really, you can, I think it's not a good thing for you to do. For your own mental health. If nothing else, it's not good to be playing whatever the games are.



Kay Harper 08:57

Yeah. Okay. Well, we are almost out of time. So what I wanted to close with, was just asking a question. Do you have good feelings about the time y'all spent in the military? Aside from the fact that y'all got to meet each other there?



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No, we didn't. Oh, you didn't find out for many years before I met



Kay Harper 09:17

her? Oh, that's right. Yes. Sorry. I'm not tracking well.



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I'd still be in the military if I had my way. Like, I came from a military family and that was my lifetime goal was I wanted to do my 26 years. And I had an hormonal imbalance. I fell in love. And she said, I wouldn't have wanted it. I didn't like it. She wouldn't she flat out stated she wouldn't wait for me to come back from Germany, so I had no choice.



Kay Harper 09:50

Yeah. So what about you, Sherry? You just



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I wouldn't have done it. No. i The training was was like I said it was exemplary. And I like that. Is it something that you come in handy a few times in my lifetime? Of course, yeah, knowing CPR and all these other things. But it's something I would not do again. But it's one of my experiences so I lived over it somehow.



Kay Harper 10:17

Yeah. Then I learned Yeah. And it's made you part you know, it's part of what's made you the person you are today. That may be because you want to forget it or because it's it was there but anyway, well, thank you very much for coming and joining us and I will let you go get breakfast or whatever it is you will have on your agenda right now. Go home go to sleep.



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Now we're gonna go eat it was a pleasure. Thanks. So



Kay Harper 10:41

thank you very much. And I enjoyed meeting both of you.



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I hope it helps out some young person out there who's thinking



Kay Harper 10:46

yeah, I hope so too. And the song I'm going to play now is your girlfriend we won't be silent if I can figure out where I'm got it



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good Sunday morning, or is it sorry nine at three. You're wondering what that is creeping up on you right now.



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Why it's Eric, you're tuned to the carbon dating game, where I give you a mess Oh tunes, from Precambrian to Neo Weibo right here on KPFT Houston.



Kay Harper 11:58

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 sharp 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. F yq 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. That's supposed to be Nancy Ford saying this is KPFT Houston 90.1 FM but she's not doing anything so I guess we'll just turn her off. Okay, here's Blackberry.



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Jodie, Jodie Foster. Jody, this is Nancy. You know who this is Nancy for? Don't pretend you don't know who I am. And if you're listening, you know you're listening to after hours a continuing tradition here on KPFT. Houston. 90.1.



Kay Harper 13:46

No, okay. Wait a second. Judy is back with more interesting T. Come tell me this.



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What can I say? Well, I really don't know much about it. And I honestly can't remember the woman's name. Nancy Reagan's godmother. It's a lesbian. How funny i I wish I could remember her name. But you know how it is after you hit 40. It's all downhill from there, baby when it comes to thought processes after midnight.



Kay Harper 14:13

Oh, well, I'm a couple of years shy of 40. Still what's going on with me?



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Well, some of us it starts a little earlier. I think it has something to do with the amount of sex she had between the age of 10 and 50 or something like that. I'm not sure how that works.



Kay Harper 14:29

Hmm, okay. Well, I'm not sure if that's a plus or a minus, but it works. So a so is it lots of sex that makes you forgetful or not enough sex that makes you forget for let's



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see, are you getting forgetful yet? I'll let you answer the question. I



Kay Harper 14:42

can't answer word. I mean, I can't come up with words. And my memory shot for



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it must be oversexed. That's all it can be for us. I mean, what can I say? Well,



Kay Harper 14:53

I'm sure Helen will appreciate that.



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I know. That's right.



Kay Harper 14:56

Hello, Helen. Hi, Helen. Oh, actually I should make Jimmy pull out the song I'm gonna play for her later. I'll go ahead and do it. Well, it's it's a record. So it takes a little bit of setting. I can't like just drop it in the CD player and push a button.



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That's true. You have the turntables and stuff. Yeah. So instead,

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Kay Harper 15:14

I'm going to go through my list of, of community events, because we're basically filling some time between this way between the end of our interview and this way out, which starts at 115.

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You saw that in Yeah, yeah. Oh, please. Well, hey, we've got important

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Kay Harper 15:32

things to say that's true. They just don't quite tie in with like, military. Yeah. Well, we're doing military after to also but, you know, it's unless I could like have paid Deborah And Sherry to sit here and tell you about the fact that office is looking for volunteers. had

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was, well, I was gonna pay them to stay there. We're hungry. I

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Kay Harper 15:54

could have come up with a, you know, six week old Danish out of the freezer in this place or something, I'm sure no comment. Well, they probably would have like run screaming out the other way. No, that's fine. But anyway, all this, which is an organization which helps people affected by HIV or AIDS in the Latino community, are desperately searching for bilingual volunteers to help with their home visit Transportation Office and AIDS education teams. And if you want more information about this, and you speak Spanish, call Tina. At 6402837. However, don't call her now she's probably asleep. Wait until tomorrow morning.

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You want some more trivia? Yes. And what me I can't do calendar and stuff like that, because I don't have my contacts in to hand me those orange pieces of paper. Do you know now this is very sad. It's supposed to be I guess it's not really trivia. This is very important. Information, not newsworthy, apparently, but very important information. Do you know that there are more children in the United States with AIDS than there are children in the United States with braces on their teeth? Oh, my goodness. You think about that for a minute. That's a scary statistic.

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Kay Harper 17:06

That's frightening. That really is.



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And it came from a pretty reasonable source. I mean, this wasn't something I read in the comic papers were made up as I sat here, because I don't think that fast. I couldn't do those things. But that's, that's true. I did. I did read that. And it's put the fear of God into me. Yeah. And there are a lot of kids out there who are babies, infants. Yeah, a lot more likely for adoption, who are HIV positive and in full blown AIDS? And, you know, for homes?



Kay Harper 17:37

Yeah. I have friends who are involved with the foundation for interfaith research and ministry, who do respite care teams. And they have a lot of call for infant care teams. Yeah, I



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was involved with that. It was like, for now. Yeah, I'm still recuperating from that situation. Oh, yeah. That's



Kay Harper 17:57

a hard hard thing to do. Well, I have another piece of gay, gay. Not really trivia but information, like information, trivia things. Things this Reagan was trivia was trivia. Yes. Well, she's very trivial.



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No comment.



Kay Harper 18:18

We had a phone call from Oh, my someplace in Colorado, one of those places, yes. Where the flirtations appeared tonight. And they announced that Michael Callen is going to no longer be touring with the group. Yeah, he's because he himself, and because of his medical situation is getting to the point where he just can't take that kind of sleeping in a different bed every night.



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Yeah. But he has been so much. Yes, but the least we can do is, is let him go out and get his rest now, because he, we owe him a great debt. Yeah, we really, really do.



Kay Harper 18:54

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And one of the things that I'm sure he has been doing a lot with is the planning for the 1993. March on Washington, the end of April 93. It's amazing how that sort of coincides maybe kind of work with the name and amazing. Hey, they're good. And they have planning meetings here in Houston. every second Thursday of the month at the G RPC office, which is at 900 Lovett Boulevard, and I meet from 630 to eight. They're going to be planning the Houston contingent trying to I don't know exactly what all they do. I have managed to not listen to Deborah the last couple of times when she said this. And now

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who is shameful shame and it's coming back at you, baby. Well,

Kay Harper 19:42

bad or too much sex.

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Oh, that's right. The mind is off. We're gonna Yeah,

Kay Harper 19:48

you see, I can blame it all on Helen Now, isn't that isn't that wonderful? That's great. But anyway, if you're interested in in getting involved with the March on Washington, which is just an incredible event.

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even describe it with words.

Kay Harper 20:05

I know I didn't go up in 87. But I did go in Ada for the quilt. And it's so incredible being on the subways of DC, and everybody you could see in your car in the two cars on either side of you as a queer

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surrounded by nothing but friends and family. It's just

Kay Harper 20:24

so fun. And the odd occasional straight person who gets on the subway is sort of like looking around like, Oh, my God, what have I wandered into? I



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have a feeling that in DC that's generally the way it is. We just notice it more because there's so many hundreds of 1000s more of us there on that particular weekend. But I think, from what I understand from the few people I know that live in that area, that's that's pretty much the general thing. Anyway. They they are the minority up there, I think. Oh, well. Wonderful. Hey,



Kay Harper 20:55

Helen's been talking about moving. We can deal with that.



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I know. That's fine. Move up there with our new president. Please. I'm sorry. Oh, Tina, Did you by any chance? Were you watching television this evening? Or were you spending the evening with Helen doing other things that I don't want to talk about on radio?



Kay Harper 21:11

Oh, well, we were. We were watching the eight special on ABC. I



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was wondering if you saw that we taped it. Oops, I guess I shouldn't say that public television. Oh, what can I say? I haven't seen it yet. Was it good?



Kay Harper 21:23

It was incredible. I understand that they



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were going to show the quilt in its entirety on that at different points.



Kay Harper 21:30

But all they did it was very much piecemeal. Yeah. Have to be well, yeah, obviously. Yeah. There were lots and lots of they had a lot of musical performances. Yeah. And every time they did you know, it's like Reba McIntyre sitting on this box in the middle of a deserted stage with

the 12 by 12 panels. Yeah. Hung all around her.



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It was really a shame though that they had to run it against k.d. lang special tonight. Oh, no. Was there a k.d. like, Oh, dear, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to do that. Oh, it was also against Stillman. Louisa cable. Well, but that'll be back. Not when you don't get that



Kay Harper 22:09

cable channel. They're doing a free sneak preview or weekend so



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we you can rent that one in six weeks. That's true. It'll it won't be long. I'm sorry. I'm interrupting your schedule.



Kay Harper 22:22

No, that's okay. Jimmy was in pushing buttons, which I think means that it's almost time for this way out. Oh, real close. Yeah. Hey. And there was something I was gonna say. I'm sorry. Oh, I knew it was No, it wasn't Helensville. Okay. Actually, I was just you were talking about TV this evening. And I was Helens Helen's big on on C span. And CNN. And they had the NAACP convention. In Nashville. Yes. And they were showing excerpts from Mr. perot's speech. Mr. Perot was



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the man with hoof and mouth disease. A lot of Dallas ranchers, you know how it is



Kay Harper 23:11

less than then. PC? Shall we say? Yes. We're referring to the members of the NA W.



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NAACP. Yeah, you have to get your alphabet right to work here. Okay.



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No, no

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Kay Harper 23:26

NAACP as those people during you people, you people you people was when he said it was like  
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do you say to a roomful of queers. Oh, nevermind.

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Kay Harper 23:38

We don't exist. I don't think in his little book. We aren't

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even a you people. Y'all

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Kay Harper 23:43

know. But I saw a little bit of Bill Clinton speech to them and he was very funny. He said, I know  
he's got either he's a very funny man or he's got really good speech writers. You're gonna have  
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find somebody to replace me because if you didn't one of those two commands, I'm probably  
gonna have to move to Canada. Oh, oh,

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Kay Harper 24:03

okay. Well, it is now 115. And so I get to play this way out. Assuming that if I punch the button,  
it'll start because it doesn't always for me.

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Lucia wouldn't let you down honey. Hey.

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Maybe. I'm Cindy Friedman.



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And I'm Mark sock Amana with



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news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending June 27 1992. Over 100 activists staged the first lesbian and gay rights march ever held in the Alabama state capitol of Montgomery. They were protesting new state laws denying funding to campus gay and lesbian organizations and requiring public school sex education classes to teach that homosexuality is A criminal act in Alabama.



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Washington DC trailblazing new domestic partnership legislation has survived its first congressional test. The National Congress holds veto power over the city's local legislation. And Representative Clyde Holloway of Louisiana had introduced a motion to strike down the ordinance, calling it quote in a front the morality of most Americans and the first step toward the moral breakdown of this nation and quote, the House Committee reviewing the bill voted the motion down and the deadline for congressional veto action has expired. However activist anticipated further repeal effort as the Congress considers Washington's budget appropriations over the next few months.



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The Salvation Army is taking heat in Toronto, Canada for discrimination based on sexual orientation. First at the instigation of openly gay Toronto City Councillor Kyle Ray, the city dropped contracts with the Salvation Army for violating its anti discrimination ordinance. Then, Toronto Mayor Jun rowland's refused to attend the kickoff event of the Salvation Army's annual fundraising campaign.



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United Way of Massachusetts Bay has approved new standards including a requirement that agencies receiving grants must enforce policies against discrimination based on sexual orientation. This decision could ultimately lead to a loss of over \$400,000 a year for area Boy Scout troops which follow the policies set by the National Boy Scouts of America.



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Massachusetts Governor William weld swore in the 27 members of the state's pioneering Governor's Commission on gay and lesbian youth created by his executive order issued in February, the Commission will work to prevent suicide and other problems among lesbian and

gay teens.



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In a referendum in May, the people of Switzerland voted to revise the Criminal Code, including to liberal decisions on homosexual activity. Homosexual acts between members of the armed forces were decriminalized, and the age of consent for homosexual acts was lowered to 16. The same as that for heterosexual acts.



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After four and a half hours of tumultuous debate, the Phoenix Arizona City Council decided that protection from discrimination for lesbians and gays was too hot to handle. They voted to turn the issue over to a public vote in the September 1993 elections. A rally of about 4000 people supporting lesbian and gay rights reacted with a noisy demonstration proclaiming we'll be back.



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The Gay and Lesbian Pride Month celebrations continue Boise Idaho's gay and lesbian freedom parade to 350 marchers. The event was without incident. Although a handful of opposition demonstrators were encountered as the March ended at the Idaho State House, Spokane Washington's first Pride event drew over 450 people. About 2000 people participated in the seventh annual Pride event in Las Vegas, Nevada. Milwaukee, Wisconsin's fourth annual Pride Parade drew a crowd of 2500 and San Jose, California is gay and lesbian celebration was the largest yet with 5000 participants.



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In Arizona. The desert Pride festival in Tempe drew its largest ever crowd of about 7002 sons Lesbian Gay Alliance held its 15th annual picnic. New Mexicans celebrated at the Albuquerque gay pride parade and Fiesta, Boston, Massachusetts. 22nd annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Day was also the biggest ever with 103,000 participants. Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota are celebrating this year with an international Grand Marshal Marcel Bishan of Porto Alegre, Brazil, a grassroots organizer at home B shop is in the Twin Cities to learn about lesbian and gay and aids organizing in the US.



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And finally in Brazil, one of the most remarkable celebrations was in the town of ARCA Zhu, where the town council sponsored a star studded dedication ceremony to rename a street. Now it's true 28 Did Junio or June 28 Street in honor of the 1969 New York City's Stonewall Rebellion



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that's news wrap for the week ending June 27 1990. To follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community



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news wrap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman. For this way out. I'm Mark sock Amano.



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And I'm Cindy Friedman.



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Last month voters Springfield Oregon narrowly passed a referendum that outlaws equal rights for gays and lesbians. The Oregon Citizens Alliance a right wing Christian group is gathering signatures to put a similar but even further reaching measure on the statewide ballot in November. To counter this effort, the lesbian community project in Portland, Oregon sponsored a two week walk for love and justice from Eugene to Portland. I'm Barbara Bernstein, and had been with the walk since it left Eugene city



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My name is Donna Redwing. I am a lesbian.



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On Sunday morning June 7 150 People gathered at the University of Oregon campus and Eugene to send off the walk for love and justice. The Walk took two weeks wending through rural farming communities throughout the Willamette Valley. Donna Redwing, the executive director of the lesbian community project addressed the walkers before they left. We're walking



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we're strolling were puram violating across Oregon. We are a liberation army. And we are defining for ourselves who we are who we are as gay and lesbian people and who we are as Oregonian day. man's



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and Cholesky is the coordinator of the walk,



K Kay Harper 32:31

I wanted to do something that was physical that was very active that wasn't just doing phone banks and canvassing. I wanted to go to people and talk about why the OCA campaign is not good for anybody who lives in Oregon. I've been on several long blocks, and I really believe in walks as a means for social change.



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Sarah Graham is a Portland lesbian and one of 25 people who walked the entire 150 mile route,



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I had a vague sense that we were out to change something externally. And I guess what I'm most surprised by is how deeply I have been changed and how deeply the members of the group have been changed. Truly my biggest surprises have been the log trucks and the cement trucks driving down the road, thumbs up and honking and they obviously knew what we were about and it totally surprised me. I'm sad to think that I was stereotyping these people as conservative.



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For the first time in Oregon, the lesbian and gay community is forging coalition's with a diversity of non gay groups, including churches of many denominations, nearly every Jewish congregation between Eugene and Portland and the predominantly Latino Oregon farmworkers union Pete Kuhn. Midway through the walk 65 walkers were joined by members of bickering as they walked into Woodburn, Oregon, and spent the evening together discovering the commonality.



K Kay Harper 33:59

This is not just about gay and lesbian, civil rights. This is about changing the world. What this block has done is bring things to a personal level. You can do coalition building by sending two people to a meeting. But this is about bringing people together not just bringing organizations together whose boards may change whose directors may change this is about bringing many people together.



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Work arrives in Portland on Saturday, June 20, enjoying the Portland lesbian and gay pride parade which drew 10,000 people, lesbians and gays and 1000s of straight supporters. The

Walkers marched at the front of the parade and crowds cheered them as the heroes of Oregon's lesbian and gay struggle for equal rights. This way out, this is Barbara Bernstein with the walk for loving justice in Portland, Oregon.



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Hi, this is Terry Sweeney as Nancy Reagan, you know whenever I'm home alone at the ranch and Ron is asleep, I listen to this way out. How else can I keep up on my children's activities so wonderful



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corner five years ago inspired by the 1987 march on Washington, John Arterton and Elliot Pilcher posted notices around New York City, announcing their intent to form a men's singing group. key requirements for applicants who are being openly gay and politically active. Along with ardington and Belshaw, a radio font Michael Callen and TJ Myers first performed as the flirtations on a street corner. Today, Cliff Townsend and Jimmy Rutland have replaced pill Shaw and Meyers and the individual flirts make their homes around the country in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles. They rarely perform on street corners anymore, and the audience's which flocked to see them are no longer exclusively gay and lesbians.



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I guess we should try to ascertain if there are straight people a self identified state people here in the audience come out let's see hands. Okay, there's a few. All right. Isn't it isn't it just amazing how they blend in with the rest of us.



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We had a really interesting experience in St. Louis. Jamie Rutland, we were part of a concert series at the Edison theater there. And so people had bought their tickets by subscription well in advance and at first it was very odd. It was you know, very quiet. But by the end of the show, they were on their feet



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and they weren't on their feet because they were walking out they were actually on their feet. A couple of others



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want to believe we want a Superman like Christopher really getting into legs like Greg Louganis making public his gayness no one psychotic or republican guys



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onstage for flirtations Brandis their gayness, with both campy chatter and insaan often reworking lyrics to suit what they jokingly describe as their devious purposes.