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- This is Lucy Chapelle.

- And Greg Gordon. And you're listening to *This Way Out*, the International Lesbian and Gay Radio Magazine on *After Hours*.

- Right here on Pacifica Radio 90.1 FM, KPFT Houston. Welcome to *This Way Out*, the International Lesbian and Gay Radio Magazine. I'm Lucia Chapelle.

- And I'm Greg Gordon. Rights gains in Gorby land beat bashings in Bush country.

- AIDS aid travels under and overground.

- And United Way not prepared for scout's discrimination.

- All that and more because you've discovered *This Way Out*.

- I'm Cindy Friedman.

- And I'm Mark Saccamano.

- With news wrap, a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending July 27, 1991. Over 1,000 people marched in Houston, Texas July 13th in response to a particularly hideous gay bashing death there July 4th. Three gay men were walking home from a bar at 3:00 AM when four to ten young men spilled out of two cars to attack them with nail-studded 2 by 4s and at least one knife, resulting in the death of one of the victims. Although police did not declare the attack a hate crime until the day of the March, they have apprehended four suspects.

- The New York State legislature has killed both an anti-discrimination bill and a hate crimes bill. The anti-discrimination legislation never made it to the floor of either house. The hate crimes bill was stalled in a Senate committee for the fourth consecutive year despite an overwhelmingly successful vote on the assembly floor. Dick Dadey, executive director of the Empire State Pride Agenda, ascribed the bill's failure to the legislature's preoccupation with the state budget.

- In Ithaca, New York, the Tompkins County Board of Representatives defeated an anti-discrimination measure by a single vote. While 500 opponents of the bill celebrated, 30 supporters protested by chanting in the halls. Three of the protesters were arrested on disorderly conduct charges for blocking the courthouse stairs.

- There's hopeful news for gays and lesbians in the USSR. The Parliament of the Republic of Latvia has voted to decriminalize sodomy, removing it from the Penal Code. However, the decision must be approved by Moscow before taking effect. In the city of Tallinn in the Republic of Estonia, the rapidly growing Estonian Lesbian Union has received a donation from a woman in Helsinki, Finland, which the group plans to use to open a clubhouse. And in Leningrad, two heterosexual rock groups have pledged to support the Tchaikovsky Foundation in its efforts to gain human rights for gays and lesbians.

- Gays and lesbians in Australia have put another politician on the barbie. ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power has been, well, acting up down under with National health minister Brian Howe the primary target. In the national capital of Canberra, ACT UP members zapped Howe, demanding increased access to a wider range of drugs for AIDS treatment.

In Melbourne, protesters glued shut the lock on the health department building and splattered red paint on house office there after having planted crosses in the city's floral clock garden. Meanwhile, the gay and lesbian Oxford Street area in Sydney is getting protection from gay bashings by regular patrols of a Dyke Sun Bikes group. And the Sydney chapter of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence has gone cold sexual, changing its name to the Order of Perpetual Indulgence after the induction of two lesbian monks or brothers.

- While gays and lesbians in Canada are still awaiting a national constitutional amendment guaranteeing their rights, they're seeing progress on more local levels. In Alberta the Edmonton City Council amended its equal opportunities policy to include protections for gays and lesbians, a major step forward for a city which flatly refused to issue a proclamation for lesbian and gay pride day only two years ago. The Alberta provincial legislature is also considering anti-discrimination legislation.

And the Nova Scotia government announced recently that it will be including gays and lesbians in its provincial human rights laws, joining Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and the Yukon territory in doing so.

- In Bloomington, Indiana, a heterosexual couple refused to sign their marriage license in solidarity with gays and lesbians who cannot marry there. In a statement to the press, Don Ulin and Susan Weiss said it seemed like one very small way we could take a stand.

- And finally, gay and lesbian activists have held sit-ins in almost every conceivable venue by now. But can you picture them occupying a world-famous masterpiece of medieval religious art? Artist Randall Tolbert could and did. He produced a simplified version of The Last Supper called Table Manners, which graces a sandwich shop in Dallas, Texas.

The painting presents not Jesus and the apostles, but author Oscar Wilde and a group of famous lesbians and gays. Tolbert says he thought it important to show gay people who have contributed significantly to society and took off from the Last Supper because it seemed appropriate for a restaurant. He chose Wilde for the Christ figure because he suffered so greatly because he was gay.

The apostles Tolbert chose to spread the gospel of lesbian and gay pride are comic Lily Tomlin, tennis star Martina Navratilova, pop artist Andy Warhol, author Truman Capote, artist Keith Haring, singer Sylvester, film star Rock Hudson, artist Robert Mapplethorpe, and author Gertrude Stein, plus diver Greg Louganis wearing only his swim trunks and Olympic medals, film actor Divine in full drag, and award-winning bodybuilder Bob Paris showing off his muscles in a posing strap. Since the Last Supper painter Leonardo da Vinci was not only an admirer of male anatomy but widely believed to be gay, we'd like to think he'd approve.

- That's *News Wrap* for the week ending July 27, 1991. Remember, an informed community is a strong community. Find out what's happening in your area by monitoring your local gay and lesbian media.

- *News Wrap* is compiled from publications and broadcasts throughout the world and was written by Cindy Friedman. *For This Way Out*, I'm Mark Saccomano.

- And I'm Cindy Friedman.

- In news from the AIDS Underground, a northern California city's police department's file on HIV positive residents is exposed, and many US doctors are recommending a drug to their AIDS patients, which has yet to receive the federal government's seal of approval. Matt Binder has the details.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- The police department in Union City, California near San Jose came under intense criticism this past week for keeping a computer list of city residents known to have HIV. The police department says that information is important when police respond to calls where blood may be shed. They say police can then don rubber gloves to protect themselves from HIV transmission. The American Civil Liberties Union however says the list violates right to privacy statutes in the state constitution, and the group says it will sue if the list isn't deleted.

- There is no legitimate reason for the government to be storing the fact that a person has or does not have HIV.

- ACLU Attorney Matt Coles.

- The only way that one can protect oneself against exposure is to take precautions with everybody. If a police officer is taking those precautions with everyone, then there is nothing else to be done, so a list of names has no value whatsoever.

- Cole says the ACLU has revealed similar lists in about a dozen other police departments around the country. In each of those cases, publicity and the threat of a lawsuit resulted in those lists being destroyed.

- We have taken that information out of the computer for the present time.

- Captain Connie Van Putten is Union City's assistant police chief.

- The chief has a meeting scheduled with several of the AIDS advocacy groups and with the ACLU, at which time numerous things will be discussed, including the legality of us having this information and passing it on to the police officers.

- County health officials will also be at that meeting to urge Union City to drop the HIV list. Dozens of doctors around the country are sending their patients to underground pharmacies to get the anti-HIV drug DDC. Despite many preliminary reports showing DDC's effectiveness in fighting HIV disease, the US Food and Drug Administration has so far refused to license the drug for widespread use.

The drug is available to patients who are certified by a doctor to be dying of AIDS. Dr. Jay Lalozari of San Francisco's Mount Zion hospital admits to sending some of his patients to buyers clubs to get DDC. He says DDC is a relatively easy drug to make and that DDC from underground labs has been thoroughly tested and proven reliable. He sees no conflict in recommending the unapproved drug for his suffering patients.

- Given that there is suggestions that the drug works to some extent and that these patients have no other options, I have no qualms whatsoever. There are other groups of people who also turned to the underground, people with AIDS whose physicians won't or refuse to take the time to fill out the laborious paperwork involved in obtaining these drugs for compassionate use.
- DDC got good reviews in several papers presented at last month's AIDS conference in Florence, and since then buyers clubs have been inundated with requests for the drug. If DDC proves effective, it will save people with HIV thousands of dollars a year. DDC costs about \$20 a month compared to about \$500 a month for AZT. In San Francisco, I'm Matt Binder.
- Bill Mole is doing the ultimate road tour to promote AIDS education and research. During a recent stopover, the Canadian activist spoke with the producers of *Aliens*, the English language lesbian and gay show on MVS Radio Amsterdam.

[MUSIC - GRASS ROOTS, "WALKING THROUGH THE COUNTRY"]

- We are here all of us sitting around the table asking Bill questions about his global walk for AIDS research. At least that's what his T-shirt says. You're walking all the way around the world?
- Yes. We started in May 22, 1988. I was tested positive December 27, '87. I was planning on committing suicide on January the 5th. People to convince me not to do it and we decided to do a walk. When I first started, I thought I was going to get sick and die halfway across the states, but I feel really strong I have no symptoms. So we reorganized. And when we do Canada in 1993, June to December '93, we hope to raise \$10 million. Right now we raise the mainly public awareness and education.

The first year was by myself, and then I met a young fellow by the name of Ron Reichert in Denver, Colorado and he joined me. So there's now two of us. And we hope to meet one person each country to walk with us.

- So in total you've now walked what, 10,000 kilometers.
- 10,000 miles.
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- 16,000 kilometers. We still have 15,000 miles, and it's the circumference of the world. Actually, the world is only 24,985 miles, we just add an extra 15 to make an even 25,000.
- What has your reception been like in the countries that you've visited?
- So far, it's been pretty good. Like for instance, when we did a walk through France, we went to a place called Berlin, we had two nuns that followed us on the road, invited us home, and gave us supper and gave us food for the next day. In Greece, I spoke to bisexuals to help promote the use of condoms. And the three I spoke to said they don't need them because they're not gay. They don't need the use of condoms. In Italy, it was really hard to promote because the politicians and the media thinks it's not the gay people, it's just drug addicts.

In Portugal, we didn't get much support either because it's very quiet there. But we managed to get the Medical University helping us. In late October, they're going to do a 300-kilometer walk with us. Then we got free flights to Romania to meet the babies and Constanza. So we did 150-mile walk there between Bucharest and Constanza, and we set up a race against time there to help education. So every ones we get, we send articles to Romania now to help the doctors.

We met a Palestinian who's going to join us and he told us about what amount of AIDS in Kuwait, and most of its drugs. And he also told us about Iraq. So there's a lot of these countries that say they don't have AIDS, they do have AIDS.

- Where do you plan to go to next?

- September the 16th to October 1st, we plan on doing a 300-kilometer walk with wooden shoes in this country. And we hope to meet the Queen. We're going to try. When we finish organizing this week, we'll be here for one week, we go into Berlin and Hamburg to meet the person in charge of Adidas to help us through Germany. And then we start walking in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland. Or is it Finland, Norway, Sweden.

And then we're going to go into Moscow, do things around the Red Square. We got contacts from Warsaw, Poland. Then we go to Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia. And then we go into Austria, Switzerland, and then we do the 1,200 kilometers in Germany. And then we go up to Belgium, and then we go to England to do a special walk and help promote the fifth and National HIV Convention between September the 10th to the 15th. The 16th we come back here and do the walk.

And then the end of October, we'll be going back to France. And they're trying to have me meet with the president of France. And then we go into North Africa. And then we go into Israel, Jordan, and then Egypt, and then we go into Africa. And then we go into part of China, Japan, Hong Kong, and then we go into Australia, New Zealand.

- Literally around the world.

- Yeah, it's the circumference. We're doing 35 countries, five continents.

- How about Latin America?

- We hope to be there before we get back to Canada, which would be June '93, so in the winter of '92, '93. But I have this dream that they're going to find a cure in June '93, June the 27 in '93 just before we finish. And then we help the people with AIDS like direct assistance instead.

- Well, we would like to wish you very much luck on everything.

- Thank you.

- Thank you very much for coming in.

- Thank you very much.

[MUSIC- GRASS ROOTS, "WALKING THROUGH THE COUNTRY"]

- This is Charles Pierce as Eleanor Roosevelt here to remind you that you're listening to *This Way Out*, the International Lesbian and Gay Radio Magazine. If I were alive, I know I'd be listening.

- And now for the overture to our second act. All right, Don.

- Be prepared. That's the Boy Scouts marching song. Be prepared as through life you march along. Be prepared to hold your liquor pretty well. Don't write naughty words on walls if you can't spell. Be prepared to hide that pack of cigarettes. Don't make book if you cannot cover bets. Keep that pot well hidden where you're sure that it will not be found, and be careful not to turn on when the scout master is around for he only will insist that it be shared. So be prepared.

- The Boy Scouts of America has been under considerable attack this year, but so far they've weathered the storms. They won a lawsuit which challenged their reference to God in the scout oath and the Mount Diablo Council's refusal to allow openly gay Eagle Scout Tim Curran to become a scout leader was upheld. But now one of the largest nonprofit funding organizations in the US, the United Way, has canceled a \$9,000 grant to the Mount Diablo Council. Directors at the United Way say they decided to redirect the grant after investigating charges that the Boy Scouts discriminate against lesbians and gay men. As Peter Klein reports, \$1.2 million that the United Way usually gives to other San Francisco Bay Area Boy Scouts councils is also on the line.

- John Stafford, vice president of Community Affairs for United Way says the decision to suspend boy scout funds is consistent with the United Way policy that prohibits giving funds to groups that discriminate.

- It was put on hold about a month ago until we could be clearer in our own minds so the board could understand better the Boy Scouts position on non-discrimination, specifically related to gays and lesbians. And having determined that there was quite an issue here, I think the board's decision was, at least at this point, to not give any additional funding to the Boy Scouts until it can be resolved. We have a policy that quite straightforwardly says we don't fund organizations that discriminate, including on the basis of sexual orientation.

- The battle between lesbian and gay activists and the Mount Diablo Boy Scouts Council began 10 years ago with a suit by former Eagle's scout Tim Curran. Curran is an openly gay man who wants to be a scoutmaster. A Los Angeles Superior Court judge upheld the scouts national policy in May. Gay activists have stepped up the battle while the case is appealed by Curran. The \$9,000 that the United Way redirected was earmarked for a program benefiting Hispanic Boy Scouts.

The United Way says these were the only available funds to maneuver and the funds will be allocated to an organization that does not discriminate against lesbians and gay men. Ron Burle is former co-chair of the Contra Costa Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Organizations. He doesn't feel that the United way's decision to redirect funds pits one minority group against another.

- The issue in question here is as a society, we are committed to non-discrimination and inclusion, and there's no disagreement on that score between the majority of the Hispanic community and certainly the majority of people in the gay and lesbian community. There will always be individuals who have divergent viewpoints, but I think by and large, this isn't a question of pitting one community against another. I mean, I don't think that's the reality.

The problem is that the Boy Scouts are not adhering to the nondiscrimination policies of the United Way, they are not in compliance with the agreement that they signed with the United Way, and we're actually looking at the fact that they may be in violation of their charter from the Congress. So the problem is the policies as they're implemented by the Boy Scouts.

- Blake Lewis is the national spokesperson for the Boy Scouts. He says that a private organization should have the right to set its own standards of membership. Those who don't support the values of scouting as defined by the Boy Scouts should seek out another organization.

- It's our position that a persons who live a homosexual lifestyle do not espouse the values that scouting has always stood for as represented in the scout oath and the scout law. And while it's our sense that we're not making the statement that these are bad individuals or that the values of scouting should be the values of everyone, it is our position that the standards for membership that have been established by scouting represent what scouting provides to young people and the communities that scouting serves, and that's the position that we're going to maintain.

- In addition to redirecting funds, the United Way also plans to set up a task force to further investigate the issue. The task force will reportedly include United Way volunteers as well as Boy Scout leaders and members of the lesbian and gay community. This is Peter Klein reporting.

- These days it seems everything is controversial, what we eat, what we wear, what clubs we belong to. Not even the Boy Scouts of America is free from controversy. as we discover in this three fingered salute soundbite.

- All right boys. Slow down. Let's get some sleep in those tents. Last lights out.

- We got to get into the sleeping bag so he doesn't see our flashlight.

- Get your elbow over here.

- [INAUDIBLE].

- What a great campfire.

- Yeah. I like the scary stories the best, like the one about some scouts today who won't take the scout oath because God is in it.

- Oh, I don't know. I think that just scares the grownups.

- But don't you want to be an Eagle Scout, Timmy? You got to go along to get along my dad says.

- Well sure, I'm working on Eagle. But I really liked Mrs. Brewster, our old scoutmaster. Why did they kick her out?

- Because she's a woman, dummy. Just like that federal judge said about Virginia Military Institute, where I want to go when I grow up. It's OK to march to the beat of a different drummer. Why haven't you studied for your male chauvinist merit badge yet?

- I've been trying to get the easy ones first, like the homophobe merit badge.

- Yeah, that's an easy one. Hey, you hear about that Eagle Scout turned homo out in California?

- Yeah, they banned him. But I don't get it. When I was working on my tolerance merit badge, I thought they said--

- No, that's just against racism Timmy. Racism. Homos don't count.

- Well, but they just marched to a different drummer. If God made homosexuals too, how come the scouts don't--

- You're thinking too much, Timmy. Just go along. Let's memorize the new scout oath they gave out in the campfire. Here, let me unfold it.

- OK. It's almost the same, isn't it?

- Yeah, they just changed a couple of lines. Ready? You take the first part.

- Put the flashlight on there. OK. On my honor, I will do--

- You got to do the salute, Timmy.

- Oh, yeah, yeah. OK. On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty and keep God in my country.

- And to obey the scout bureaucracy, to judge people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally asleep, and sexually straight. Yeah, Yeah, I think we got it right.

- I guess so.
 - Want to see my new pocketknife?
 - Yeah. Is that the one with the corkscrew and everything?
 - Yeah, my dad got it on--
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 - And WRVO Oswego.
 - Among many others.
 - And for supporting this local community radio station.
 - Stay tuned.
 - Every Saturday night at midnight on *After Hours*, we play music.
- [MUSIC PLAYING]
- *After Hours*, every Saturday night at midnight right here on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. And we're going to play music tonight.
 - We are. Stay tuned.
 - What?

- Fun and games and lots of music.
- Lots and lots and lots of music. And You'll figure it out.
- OK.
- This community radio station thanks you for your pledge. You should have received a statement in the mail by now. Please pay your pledge as soon as you can so you won't forget. You can call 526-KPFT to charge your pledge by phone if you wish. This broadcast is made possible by you.
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- Battling off the airwaves, here is my request.
- Yeah, don't stop. Fleetwood Mac, 90.1 FM KPFT Houston. We're here.
- And we're queer.
- And I've got a message for some of my supervisors down at HPD. And it sort of goes like this from Kon Kan, I Beg Your Pardon. They'll get the idea.
- I think so.
- Either here on the front page of the Houston Post and the front page of the Houston Chronicle.
- *After Hours*, every Saturday night at midnight right here on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM.
- And we're going to be taking your requests, so get your pens and papers out. I got a very, very special request for a cop somewhere out there in the world. And we'll play that right after this break, so hey, stay with us.
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