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GREG GORDON: Welcome to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon.

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GREG GORDON: Oregonian right-wingers push draconian legislation.

LUCIA CHAPELLE: And Rechy rebels against gentrification.

GREG GORDON: All that and more now that you've discovered *This Way Out*.

CINDY FRIEDMAN: I'm Cindy Friedman.

GARRETT GALLAGHER: And I'm Garrett Gallagher.

CINDY FRIEDMAN: With *News Wrap*, a summary of some of the news in or affecting the Lesbian and Gay Community for the week ending May 25th, 1991. A Los Angeles judge has approved the Boy Scouts' refusal to allow openly gay former Eagle Scout Timothy Curran to serve as a scoutmaster. The May 21st ruling by Superior Court Judge Sally Disco was somewhat surprising as her own preliminary decision recognized Northern California's Mount Diablo council of Boy Scouts as a business subject to California's Unruh Act prohibiting discrimination.

In her final determination, however, Disco gave precedence to the Boy Scouts' constitutional right to freedom of expression over current protections under state law. She wrote, "Inclusion of a homosexual scoutmaster who has publicly acknowledged his or her homosexuality would undermine the force of the Boy Scout view that homosexuality is immoral and inconsistent with the Scout oath and law." The Mount Diablo counsel had maintained that the Boy Scout oath pledging the scout to be "morally straight" means that a person not be homosexual.

John Davidson of the American Civil Liberties Union, which represented Curran, asked if the Boy Scouts claim to espouse anti-Semitism, would that excuse exclusion of all Jewish scoutmasters? If they stated that they believed that blacks were inferior, would they have a right to practice discrimination against African-Americans? Curran's battle with Boy Scouts began 11 years ago. His application to serve as a scoutmaster was refused by the Mount Diablo council after he discussed his sexual orientation in a newspaper interview.

Reacting to the decision, Curran vowed, "I will not give up my fight to have the same kinds of opportunities as everyone else in this country and not be judged differently because of whom I love."

**GARRETT
GALLAGHER:** An administrative law judge has broken with tradition by ordering payment of state unemployment benefits to a man discharged from the Air Force after saying he is gay. Jody Brakefield joined the Air Force at age 17, and served with an excellent record for three and a half years, until a barracks inspection turned up copies of gay magazines under his mattress. Brakefield then told his commanding officer that he believed he is gay although he had never had sex with a man.

He was abruptly given an honorable discharge. The Air Force at first was successful in claiming Brakefield should not receive unemployment benefits after being discharged for homosexuality, but Brakefield succeeded in appealing the decision with the help of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

**CINDY
FRIEDMAN:** Members of ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, played the game by the rules in the latest confrontation with the Philip Morris company over the giant conglomerate's political contributions supporting homophobic US Senator Jesse Helms. *This Way Out's* Mark Saccomano has the story.

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SACCOMANO:** Michael Petrelis and other members of ACT UP Washington DC, each purchased one share of stock in Philip Morris to be able to speak at the annual shareholders meeting. Reading a prepared statement, Petrelis told the stockholders about the year-old boycott of Philip Morris products', Marlboro cigarettes and Miller Beer, protesting what he called Helm's "dogged detrimental influence with regard to human rights issues and especially to issues affecting AIDS".

He went on to say that ACT UP members are willing to discuss our boycott issues with Philip Morris, both as AIDS activists and as shareholders. The statement received a remarkably positive response from Philip Morris chair and chief executive officer, Hamish Maxwell, remarking that the company cannot distinguish when we give support to political candidates in terms of issues which are not really related to our business.

He said the company obviously didn't support Helms basically on anything other than tobacco and North Carolina. Maxwell thanked Petrelis for his statement, said the company expects to continue a dialogue with ACT UP, and noted that Philip Morris has made contributions to AIDS services he believes to total about \$1,000,000. I'm Mark Saccomano.

GARRETT In a related story, a recent survey indicates that substantial numbers of gays and lesbians are, in fact, boycotting Philip Morris. Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago-based market research firm, found that half the lesbians and gays they surveyed were supporting some kind of a boycott with Philip Morris the primary target. 7.5% said they were boycotting Philip Morris products in general. 7.5% were boycotting Philip Morris' Marlboro cigarettes in particular.

GALLAGHER: And 25%, including half the beer drinkers, were just saying no to Philip Morris' Miller Beer.

CINDY In California, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is facing its first legal challenge for having discriminated on the basis of sexual orientation. Six-year veteran, Bruce Boland, has filed a \$90 million lawsuit based on his claim that he was harassed and eventually fired after being outed by an arrested suspect in 1988. Boland received numerous commendations during his tenure at the West Hollywood station.

FRIEDMAN: But in April 1989, he made an error in a police report. He wrote he'd found syringes in the front seat of a car. But at the preliminary hearing, Boland advised the district attorney that they'd actually been in the back seat, and the DA dropped the charges as a result. Three months later, the department brought felony criminal charges against Boland for filing a false police report. According to Boland's attorney, the first time such a charge was ever filed.

Boland was reassigned to a civilian job, which his attorney says was the first time a deputy had been reassigned before a conclusion was reached on pending allegations. Although the charges against Boland were finally dismissed by the judge in June 1990, Boland was fired last month.

GARRETT The leading US federal panel on AIDS held its first hearings last week on a subject all too rarely discussed openly and honestly in the States, sexuality. Mary VanClay has the details.

GALLAGHER:

MARY Lesbians, gay men, AIDS service providers, and sociologists gathered in San Francisco to urge the panel to create public policy that frankly addresses different varieties of sexual expression. One speaker made the point that even within subgroups of the population, sexual practices vary widely. Paul Davis of Los Angeles used as his example, the black gay community.

VANCLAY:

PAUL DAVIS: They are transvestites. They are transsexuals. They are drag queens. There are various titles. sissies, homosexuals, persons in S&M, persons who consider themselves gay, persons who consider themselves bisexual, black men who have sex with men, but who do not self-identify, black men who have sex for survival, such as food and shelter, or black men who have sex because of their environment, such as a large proportion of blacks who are in jails or in the prison system.

MARY The scarcity of honest talk about different kinds of sex has political implications for gays and lesbians according to Marjorie Hill. Hill spoke to the panel as a representative of David Dinkins, the mayor of New York City.

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MARJORIE HILL: Only a handful of municipalities have domestic partnership legislation. Even few of those municipalities have civil rights legislation that protects lesbians and gay people. Sodomy in many states still include sex acts between same-sex individuals.

MARY The National Commission on AIDS heard the testimony to help it shape the nation's future AIDS policy. The panel's recommendations are generally considered more progressive than policies actually adopted by the Bush administration. In San Francisco, I'm Mary VanClay.

VANCLAY:

CINDY FRIEDMAN: Briefly, in other news, same gender partners of New Zealand citizens can now apply for resident status. Although the relationship must be genuine, stable, and of at least four years duration, partners who haven't reached their fourth anniversary can apply for work permits for the interim. Other countries recognizing same gender relationships for residency purposes are Australia, Denmark, Holland, and Norway.

GARRETT GALLAGHER: In Canada, the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission has ordered Regina Police Chief Ernie Reimer to make a formal apology and pay a cash settlement for refusing to issue a permit for a 1990 Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade. Reimer had said at the time that he could not justify using police officers or inconveniencing drivers for an event for the purposes of expressing one's sexual preference.

CINDY FRIEDMAN: The United States Supreme Court has confirmed that the federal government can deny all funding to family planning clinics that offer any abortion information or counseling. The decision squeaked by on a 5-4 vote. Although Sandra Day O'Connor, the court's only woman, broke with her generally conservative track record to vote against the decision, the swing vote was cast by the panel's newest member, David Souter.

GARRETT GALLAGHER: Czechoslovakia has evolved its own slang expression for gay, 4%. 4% was the number of males US researcher, Alfred Kinsey, found to be exclusively homosexual. And the term was popularized in Czechoslovakia when openly gay author, [INAUDIBLE], lost a bid for parliament with the slogan, "4% of the people support candidate number 4."

CINDY FRIEDMAN: A poll of over 1,000 Norwegians found 44% opposed pending domestic partner legislation while only 30% supported it. The so-called Registered Partnership Bill is currently stalled in parliament.

GARRETT GALLAGHER: Almost 200 panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt have been touring nine cities in Japan. The display is sponsored by Memorial Quilt Japan founded by dye artist, Hiroshi Saito.

CINDY FRIEDMAN: The Chicago Police Department is forming a gay and lesbian advisory committee to improve relations between the community and the department. This is the department's first effort in establishing a liaison with a specific community.

GARRETT GALLAGHER: There's also a new conduit for gays and lesbians joining in the protests against the embattled Los Angeles Police Department. The Christopher Commission, created to investigate abuse by the department in the wake of the notorious videotaped beating of Rodney King, has designated an openly gay staff attorney, David Huebner, as point person to liaison with the lesbian and gay community. None of the other 40 odd staff members have been designated for a particular interest group.

CINDY FRIEDMAN: And finally, gays and lesbians are not alone in struggling to win equality, and to combat defamation, and in finding it a hard row to hoe. Earlier this month, the very dignified New York Times ran a wire service story with the headline, "Vegetable Rights Bill Vetoes". It seems Colorado Governor Roy Romer squashed a measure the Associated Press said, quote, "would have barred unwarranted negative remarks about vegetables."

"Served up," quote, "to prevent uninformed challenges to the wholesomeness of foods," end quote. The bill's constituency was apparently not steamed enough to take such attacks personally. The story assured readers that no matter how you sliced it, if the bill had taken effect, US President George Bush's outspoken distaste for broccoli, quote, "would not have been libel," end quote. It is not known at this time if the grassroots organization, VAD, the Vegetable Alliance Against Defamation, is planning actions to protest the veto.

GARRETT And that's *Newswrap* for the week ending May 25th, 1991. Compiled from publications and broadcasts

GALLAGHER: throughout the world and written by Cindy Friedman.

CINDY Remember, an informed community is a strong community. Find out what's happening in your area by

FRIEDMAN: monitoring your local gay and lesbian media. For *This Way Out*, I'm Cindy Friedman.

GARRETT And I'm Garrett Gallagher. In Oregon, a conservative group is pushing a bill that would equate homosexuality

GALLAGHER: with necrophilia, pedophilia, and bestiality. Obviously, the gay and lesbian community is alarmed and angry about the move. Catherine Snow reports that massive education may be the answer to fighting such extreme bigotry.

CATHERINE The Oregon Citizens Alliance is a Conservative political group that has consistently fought against equal rights for

SNOW: gays and lesbians. And in 1988, used the initiative petition ballot measure to overturn a governor's order prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The group filed an initiative petition with the secretary of state to lump together homosexuality with sadomasochism, bestiality, necrophilia, or sex with dead bodies, and pedophilia.

The initiative would amend the Oregon Constitution to say that state and local governments could not promote, condone, encourage, or facilitate these behaviors. Lon Mabon, executive director of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, or OCA, said the group is trying to stop the gay and lesbian civil rights movement in Oregon, and that he believes homosexuality is an abnormal behavior. He said he believes that not far behind gay rights will come movements to establish rights for sexual behaviors that are now already illegal and widely condemned, such as pedophilia and necrophilia.

LON MABON: I am convinced that there are powerful organizations out there within the homosexual community that want to establish pedophilia as a normal action in our communities. I believe that there are others that are lined up behind sadomasochism, et cetera, and we're just dealing with them all at one time.

CATHERINE The petition sparked an immediate negative reaction from many quarters. Oregon governor Barbara Roberts

SNOW: called it negative, destructive, mean-spirited, and paranoid, and said she hoped Oregon voters would refuse to put it on the ballot. The ACLU said it was the most disgusting thing they'd ever seen Donna Red Wing, Executive Director of the Lesbian Community Project, was stunned by the OCA's move, and said it meant gays and lesbians would have to mount an educational campaign.

DONNA RED In every era, people need a scapegoat, and I guess it was easier in the old days when they actually used goats.

WING: Today, it's gays and lesbians. It's not politically proper to be an out racist or classist, but it's still absolutely permissible to be heterosexist, or homophobic.

CATHERINE The OCA needs just over 89,000 signatures by June 3rd to qualify the petition for the November ballot. Red Wing

SNOW: said she doubted the measure would pass, but that it had to be taken seriously.

DONNA RED If we pretend that this doesn't matter, if we pretend that this will go away, we're in deep trouble.

WING:

CATHERINE In Oregon, this is Catherine Snow.

SNOW:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

LUCIA Novelist John Rechy addressed the almost 2000 attendees at OutRight '91 as one of the keynote speakers. Rechy
CHAPELLE: was introduced to the literary conference by Rose Fennell of the Lambda Book Report

ROSE FENNEL: This man I met this evening, who I'm going to be introducing, is-- I don't know. He's like an elf man, person, teacher, everything. I couldn't believe the amazing amount of spiritual power in his handshake. And when I was asked to introduce him, I thought to myself, what do I have in common with-- I went up to him-- this is after meeting him for eight seconds-- and I said, hi, I'm Rose. We're complete mirror opposites.

And he gave me a hug, and then I realized I was dead wrong. I was dead wrong by saying that. We're not *Bodies and Souls*, *City of Night*, *The Fourth Angel*, *Marilyn's Daughter*, *Rushes*, *Sexual Outlaw*, *The Vampires*, *This Day Is Death*, and now his 10th book, *The Miraculous Day of Amalia Gomez*, which is due out by Little, Brown in September. He's an author, an activist, a dramatist, a rebel, and I think what's most important is he's a teacher.

I'm so pleased to present to you John Rechy.

JOHN RECHY: In this time of dying when daily we lose lovers and friends, our art becomes even more important in our survival by reminding us of our heritage of endurance and courage. That art must be kept alive. Sadly, many voices have been suddenly silenced before they had a chance to be heard. I think now are three writers in my classes at UCLA and USC. Not only do I miss Kent [? Wynn, ?] but I miss the lonesome old woman he was writing about with poignancy and humor.

Hungry for attention, she baked donuts to give to her neighbors who hid from her, and then she pursued the mailman who soon detoured in his route in order to avoid both her and her donuts. Not only do I miss Rudy Foley, but I miss the witty originality with which he was bringing to life a cunning gigolo swathed in expensive furs, and finally done in, rather grandly, murdered by two violent ladies, Jehovah's Witnesses, appalled by his rejection of a subscription to *The Watchtower*.

Not only do I miss Bob Jennings and his beautiful prose, but I wonder what happened to the marriage he was exploring, the couple who came to respect each other only as their mutual detestation grew. How many other creations of the imagination are dead? How many more memorable novels would George Whitmore have written? And Robert Farrell? And Lionel Mitchell? And so many others whose names I'm sure you'll be supplying at this moment.

There are many dangers to our art. At this time, when it is essential to tell our stories of brave survival, to file reports on the battlefield we are occupying, and at the same time, to uphold our tradition of producing artists of the first rank. What are some of these dangers? Can anyone miss the portents of the past few violent weeks signaling that we are in for a new wave of reaction? A repression of all dissent? And merely our sexual orientation will cast us as dissenters from a self-defined norm.

Emboldened by the current climate, some politicians are already loudly propounding a heterosexual ethic and wanting exclusive traditional values. On that troubled front, the central threat of censorship looms. We are the real objects of the attacks on the National Endowment of the Arts. We are the targets of the Heritage Foundation. At a time when billions are spent to kill and destroy, pittance of support that would sustain our art are being qualified, withheld.

The deadliest element may be the blandishment that if we subdue our voices, join the sudden crowd of mindless cheerleaders, we may, just may, be rewarded. With mutual support, our artists will resist, perhaps raise their voices even more loudly, and at the same time, even more eloquently. There are subtler dangers. One is the increasing ghettoization of our art. Through a kind of gentleman's agreement, our literature is being shoved into a new closet.

Manifestations occur among bookstores, publishers, our universities, and the journals that purport to determine what is important in literature. Dubbed a genre as exotic as Gothic romances, gay writing is now sentenced by the book chains when it is not entirely banished to discreet corners labeled "alternative lifestyles". Major culprits in this bullying of our art are the New York Times and the New York Review of Books, perhaps the most important journals for literary acceptance.

Both have clinging roots in anti-homosexuality. If a book on a gay subject is reviewed at all in the New York Times Book Review, it will be dealt with obscurely, a note in the back pages, seldom evaluated by those critics who signal that serious attention is due. Those homosexual writers who managed to get more than cursory attention in the powerful pages of The New York Times are often coupled. Two writers in a single review as if two of our books equal one of theirs.

Closeted writers are allowed greater attention, either because they are undetected or as a reward for remaining in the closet. Our writing is thus denied its place within the flow of literature. The New York Review of Books, which consistently ignores the work of homosexual writers, did give us front page attention once. When everyone else was baffled by AIDS, that lofty journal carried an article entitled "The Truth about AIDS".

It strongly propounded the dismissed, but highly judgmental theory of immunity overload as the cause of the illness. The same journal refused to print an indictment by regular contributor, Gore Vidal, on anti-gay bigotry in some intellectual quarters. That same publication has, for two years, been sending out, and is still sending out as a gift to all new subscribers a collection of reviews that includes boldly headlined a reference to homosexuals as "fruits."

Occasionally, an article about gay writing appears in a national publication, a roundup. Many of us applaud such a token and mistake it as a step forward. That it succeeds only in separating us further becomes clear when we try to imagine an article corraling John Updike, Erica Jong, Philip Roth in an exploration of the current state of heterosexual writing.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

GREG GORDON: Is there a gay and lesbian sensibility in literature? John Rechy answers that question when we continue his Outright 91 keynote address.

JOHN RECHY: Gide wrote, "What I have to say about such things does not bring them into existence. They exist."

GREG GORDON: Next time on *This Way Out*.

LUCIA Thanks for choosing *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Cindy Friedman,
CHAPELLE: Garrett Gallagher, Mark Saccomano, Mary VanClay, and Conference Recording Service contributed program material. Thanks also to Mike [INAUDIBLE].

GREG GORDON: Robin Flower, The Crystals, and Tom Wilson Weinberg performed some of the music you heard. And Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.

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GREG GORDON: And Lucia Chapelle And we thank you for listening on WCSB Cleveland.

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GREG GORDON: And 7THE Hobart.

LUCIA Among others.
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GREG GORDON: And for supporting your local community radio station.

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[MUSIC - SISTER SLEDGE, "WE ARE FAMILY"]

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FRANK WHITE: This is *Afterwards* for the week of June 9th. I'm Frank White. KPFT will be going off the air at 2:00 AM for maintenance.

[MUSIC - "LEAN ON ME"]

FRANK WHITE: This past Wednesday was the 10th anniversary of the first AIDS diagnosis. Over 300 people attended a memorial service and candlelight vigil at Bell Park on Montrose Boulevard commemorating those who have died of this horrible disease. Lois Moore, head of the Harris County Hospital District, was a speaker. Ann Robison of the Montrose Counseling Center criticized the city of Houston and the County for their lack of commitment to the fight against AIDS.

The crowd cheered as she pointed out that it is now 10 years since the first AIDS diagnosis and the city still hasn't spent of their own money on AIDS. Eugene Harrington made a brief statement and began by saying that he chose his tie for the evening because it was designed by someone that had died of AIDS, Perry Ellis. He also condemned the local government agencies for their inaction on AIDS. Harrington is the founder of the AIDS Equity League, an organization which fights for the rights of PWAs.

The crowd was diverse and illustrated how AIDS is affecting all communities. The gay community has been hardest hit by this disease. The stillness of the night was broken by occasional rumblings of thunder as the assistant pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection sang a very simple song. The song called for all people to work toward a common goal. Why don't you sing along so that we can all sing for a long, long time?

Mothers, fathers, sons, brothers, husbands, wives, and lovers all came together on this solemn night, and proved to the world that AIDS doesn't kill love.

[MUSIC - "LEAN ON ME"]

The thunder heard earlier in the afternoon on Wednesday was from council chambers where the council ignored the request of the gay community for a non-incumbent council district in the Montrose area. Not a single council member presented the plan which had been prepared by Rob Bridges, vice president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the chair of the caucus's redistricting committee. Since the council did not approve or even consider the plan, it will be very hard for the gay community to support the new 16-6-1 plan which will be voted on in a charter election in August.

The residents of Montrose gained nothing while every other minority in the city gained a new district, which will facilitate the election of a minority candidate. Whether 16-6-1 passes or not, we are at the same place we have been for the last 12 years. Once again, the gay community was used to politicians' advantage. And then when we asked for what is rightfully ours, they all turned their backs. All the council members turned their backs on the needs of this community in one of the most important decisions made in the city of Houston this century.

It will be interesting to see if a gay candidate emerges and runs against our former friend, Vince Ryan. It will not be easy for Mr. Ryan to win his seat the next time around if he doesn't have our support. We must remember, the only way to make a difference in politics is to vote, and to vote in a bloc. If you're not registered to vote, do it now. We must send a clear message to the elected officials that they cannot ignore us anymore.

Keeping quiet and playing the game doesn't do us any good. We need to kick some of the two-faced politicians out on their ear, and the way to do this is to vote. Louis Sullivan, Director of Health and Human Services, was interrupted three times last Friday night as he addressed the graduating class of Baylor College of Medicine. Jones Hall was packed for this event, and several AIDS activists were among those in the hall as Sullivan began his address.

Local activists began to stand up and interrupt his speech. They made statements about the government's policy on not allowing HIV-infected people into the country, and accused Sullivan of murdering thousands who have died from AIDS. Some of the others in the audience began to applaud as these remarks were made. The protest was peaceful and effective. No arrests were made, and the protesters were permitted to leave the auditorium without trouble from the police.

President Bush reneged on his decision to allow HIV-infected people into the country late last month. This decision will probably cause Harvard to cancel the International AIDS conference, which will be held in Boston in two years. A memorial service was held last Saturday at the Rothko Chapel for Mike Curran. Mike was the founder of the Harris County Jail's HIV service. He was a very loving and kind man that thought about those people most of us forget about, the criminals.

When Mike began his work, it was just himself going to the jail every day, asking inmates if they wanted to be tested. Over the last few years, more people began to work with Mike, and the program grew into the model for the rest of the country. Last week, his program was finally awarded a grant for a caseworker, which was the last piece necessary to make it truly a full-service AIDS testing and counseling service. Recent articles critical of the county jail hail the HIV service is the only thing at the jail that works.

I knew Mike personally, so I don't think he would mind what I'm about to say. Many members of the county government, gay community, and family members were present at the Catholic memorial service, including Leslie Perez. Is Leslie only an atheist when it means she'll get more media coverage? I thought she had an aversion to crosses in chapels and religious music. Leslie, your grandstanding and double standard makes me sick.

Leslie, it's about time you got over yourself because we are certainly over you. We're also over George Bush. Representative Henry Waxman from California opened the hearing of his House Health and Environmental subcommittee by predicting that the 1990s would be a decade of dealing with complacency. America has become comfortable with the half measures while AIDS continues. The Bush administration led us to spend more on Kuwait in one month than on AIDS in 10 years.

George Bush also doesn't like lesbian priests either. When asked about the recent ordination of a lesbian as a priest in the Episcopal Church, he said, "Perhaps I'm a little old fashioned, but I'm not quite ready for that." Well, George, you better get ready for that sort of thing because as Queer Nation says, we're here, we're queer. Get used to it. The Lambda Program, not to be confused with Lambda Center Incorporated, has relocated to the Stafford Meadows Hospital.

The program was founded by a local counselor, Sharon Stone. If you have a problem with alcohol, or drugs, or life in general, give them a call. Over and above sound therapeutic treatment, the Lambda program's goal is to create an atmosphere free of shame, contagious with encouragement, and thriving with positive orientation and reinforcement. Gay and lesbian individuals are not in treatment because they are gay.

They are gay and in treatment for addictive behaviors, depression, sexual abuse, eating disorders, and other problems. Call them at (240)2626. I think I'd like to talk to Sharon about this valuable addition to Houston's gay community sometime. Maybe we'll have her as a guest. The Montrose Clinic has been notified by the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast that their funding for 1991 and '92 has been increased by 171%.

This funding is to help cover operating costs for the HIV programs, STD women's programs, and the pentamidine therapy program. "We are surprised and extremely happy to learn the amount of our new funding," stated Ralph Lasher. "The confidence in our organization that the United Way has displayed is truly an honor." Among the programs to benefit from the United Way's funding will be an HIV educational outreach to the hearing impaired.

"Education to this group has been lacking in Houston," Lasher remarked. "We have been trying for over a year to find funding for this program. This boost from United Way will permit us to begin this program in earnest." In addition to the United Way funding, the Montrose Clinic was also given a grant by the Moody Foundation in Galveston to fund the hearing impaired HIV outreach. The combination of these two sources of funds will permit us to provide education for the hearing impaired on two separate fronts.

First and foremost, we will be HIV education to the hearing impaired throughout the Houston Galveston Area. Second, we will be education to HIV service providers to educate them on the needs of the hearing impaired and how to accommodate them, and also education for service providers to the deaf community to educate them on HIV infection, and how it may be affecting their clients. Persons interested in more information on the hearing impaired program, which includes an existing case manager for HIV-infected hearing impaired persons funded by the Texas Department of Health, are invited to call the clinic at (528)5531, and that would be for a voice message.

Or for the telecommunicator, call (528)3577.

OK, and now we have the calendar. On Tuesday, June 11, 1991 at 7:00 PM, The Bar Association for Human Rights will be hosting a panel discussion on the subject of handling disputes in alternative relationships at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection at 1919 Decatur. Participating on the panel will be District Judge Ellis [? Trevathan, ?] Laura [? Orrin, ?] and Professor of Law at the University of Houston, Connie Moore, an attorney who has specialized in alternative relationships.

John [INAUDIBLE], the pastor of MCCR, and Angela [? Paserati, ?] a counselor at the Montrose Counseling Center. The moderators will be Mary Ann Babinski, a professor at the University of Houston, and Christopher Bacon, an attorney at the law firm of Vinson & Elkins. The panel will address questions that are of particular interest to the gay and lesbian couples since the traditional legal constructs that apply to the straight marriages are often difficult to apply in other contexts.

Questions concerning home ownership, personal property, child custody, domestic violence, death, and transgenderism will be discussed. Some examples of specific questions are, my partner is HIV positive and I'm concerned that if he gets very ill, his family will not let me see him. What can I do? Do I need a will? There's just all kinds of questions that are going to be answered there. The Bar Association for Human Rights was formed in April of 1991 for the purpose of providing a forum for lawyers to exchange ideas and information of mutual concern.

The organization is open to all lawyers. Those who have often felt excluded by mainstream bar associations are especially welcome. The BAHHR seeks to be an inclusive organization. The Montrose Clinic and its affiliated agencies, the Thomas Audette Memorial Clinic and the Audette Center, will present two workshops in conjunction with the Gay and Lesbian Pride Week activities. The first workshop, "Next Step", is a confidential program of information for persons who have tested positive for HIV antibody.

"Next Step" includes blood testing for T4, T8 cell counts, and syphilis, as well as skin tests for tuberculosis. Referrals will be made as needed for medical care, dental care, counseling, support groups, legal assistance, and case management. This workshop will take place at 2:00 PM on June 15 in the lobby of the Thomas Audette Memorial Clinic at 1200 Richmond. The second program, a medical steps workshop entitled "Experimental Therapies" will focus upon HIV clinical research therapies, which are currently being studied.

This program will take place at 2:00 PM on June 22 in the lobby of the Thomas Audette Memorial Center. Both workshops will be presented by Cyndi Jo Levine, Director of Operations for the Audette Center. Workshops are free of charge although donations are gratefully accepted. The AIDS Foundation Houston has announced a couple of workshops. On Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 PM, one will be entitled "HIV and Nutrition", and it's sponsored by the Montrose Counseling Center and PWA Coalition.

This class examines the importance of good nutrition in people living with HIV and AIDS, and offers techniques for improving nutritional intake. They're going to give you a free recipe book too. So get on over there, girls, and get your book. If you need more information, call (529)0037. I guess this happens every Monday evening, there's going to be self-hypnosis. It's like a mini course. and the hypnotherapist, TC LeNormand, will teach the benefits and techniques of self-hypnotism for stress reduction--

I need to go to that-- behavior modification and self-actualization. Classes can be scheduled once a minimum of 10 participants sign up. So you have to pre-register, and you can pre-register at the AIDS Foundation office or call (623)6796. This has been *Afterwards* for the week of June 9th. I'm Frank White. Stay tuned for *After Hours* here on KPFT 90.1 FM Houston. Don't forget, we're going to be going off the air at 2:00 AM for maintenance.

So stay with us until then. Buddy and Jimmy will be coming up. But first, we have the Weather Bimboette.

**WEATHER
BIMBOETTE:**

Hello. Oh, yes. In Galveston, we have 80 degrees--

MAN:

And you'll notice she's kneeling and not sitting.

**WEATHER
BIMBOETTE:**

Yes. What else would you expect from a weather bimboette?

MAN: Well, we'll talk about it later.

WEATHER OK. and at Intergalactic, we have 82 degrees. Tonight, there's a 20% chance of thunderstorms. But if you've liked
BIMBOETTE: the weather we've had lately, get ready for some more because tomorrow, Sunday, it's going to be cloudy with a 50% chance of thunderstorms. A high of 88 and a low of 72.

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