

MAN 1: *After Hours*, every Saturday night at midnight right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM.

CLAUDIA Rebecca and I went camping. We made camp. We spent some time eating. We were laying down by a stream and all of a sudden there were shots. My arm exploded. Rebecca was hit twice and started to bleed to death. Attempted to carry her. I was unsuccessful. The entire walk out of the woods I believed myself to be hunted.

My name is Claudia Brenner. We were identified as lesbians by a stranger with whom we had no connection. He will spend the rest of his life in prison. But Rebecca, who was 28 years old, is gone.

WOMAN: Homophobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry, which is why the Lesbian and Gay public Awareness Project wanted you to hear and think about this message.

MAN 2: For more information, write us at Post Office Box 65603, Los Angeles, California, 90065.

MAN 3: The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature that may be considered objectionable by some. Listener discretion is advised.

HARVEY MILK: Somewhere in Des Moines or San Antonio, there's a young gay person who all of a sudden realizes that she or he is gay, knows that if the parents find out, they'll be tossed out of the house. The classmates would taunt the child. And the Anita Bryant's and John Briggs are doing their bit on TV.

And that child had several options-- staying in the closet, suicide. And then one day that child might open a paper that says "homosexual elected in San Francisco." And there are two new options. The option is to go to California and stay in San Antonio and fight.

Two days after I was elected, I got a phone call. And the voice was quite young. It was from Altoona, Pennsylvania. And the person said, thanks. And you've got to let gay people so that young child and the thousands upon thousands like that child know that there's hope for a better world. There's hope for a better tomorrow.

Without hope, not only gays, but those Blacks, and the Asians, and disabled, and seniors, the yeses, the yeses-- without hope, the yeses give up. I know that you cannot live on hope alone. But without it, life is not worth living. And you, and you, and you have got to give them hope. Thank you very much.

MAN 4: Of course, that's Harvey Milk who was murdered only 11 months after being elected as the first openly gay person in the history of our nation. Harvey was a supervisor in California in San Francisco. He and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were murdered, shot to death one November morning by a fellow supervisor, someone that they worked with.

I'm sure at some point, someone that they-- some-- what trusted just a little bit. And Harvey's death brought many, many people to the forefront of the gay movement. And I'm sad to report today that the *After Hours* program is going to continue on tonight as we've been doing for almost four years.

Otis said something just before he went off the air that we were not going to the parade, and we're going to do this, and we're going to do that. And we're going to clarify that all for you. I've never told you not to go to the parade. I've never told you not to feel good about what's going on down there today.

What I have told you is that I can't play that game today. And I'll explain in detail later on. I've seen too many people die of something called AIDS. I've continued to watch a government ignore us. I go to work every day and see gay men who are scared to death that someone's going to find out.

And every week after week after week, I continue to get calls from young people all over this city who say I'm the only one. So this program tonight is dedicated to someone by the name of Mike [? Meech ?] and to everyone else who's ever had a little bit of hope that Harvey Milk talks about. Because that's why we're here.

We're not here to be friends with everybody. And we're not here to make everybody happy because we certainly don't do that. We're here to tell you the truth. And the truth is, I didn't want to do anything tonight but sit here and tell you the truth. And if I did that, I probably would go to jail.

And I may try to explain that later. So there's a lot of wonderful things getting ready to happen. Most of all, it's gay and lesbian people coming together to tell you that there is hope. So stay tuned. *This Way Out* with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chappelle will be here. Frank will be here with the news.

And then around 1:00 or so Jimmy and I will be back. And you know what happens then. This KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. And life goes on. Thank God that it does.

MAN 5: Inciting to violence is never protected speech, such as the slogan "club faggots."

MAN 6: Through witch hunts, inquisitions, internment in concentration camps, jailings, bashings, we have not only endured, but we have created some of the world's greatest art.

WOMAN: Jews are one of the most oppressed minorities in the Soviet Union. There are few groups in the population that are even more oppressed than Jews. And gays and lesbians are one of them.

LUCIA This is Lucia Chappelle.

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GREG GORDON: And Greg Gordon. And you're listening to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and Gay Radio magazine on After Hours.

LUCIA Right here on Pacifica Radio 90.1 FM KPFT, Houston.

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

LUCIA And I'm Lucia Chappelle. New spring fashions for the collegiate bigot.

CHAPPELLE:

GREG GORDON: A sexual outlaws challenge to the city of night.

LUCIA And why is this conference different from all other conferences.

CHAPPELLE:

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

CINDY I'm Cindy Friedman.

FRIEDMAN:

MARK And I'm Mark Saccomano.

SACCOMANO:

CINDY With News Wrap, a summary of some of the news in or affecting the Lesbian and Gay Community for the week

FRIEDMAN: ending June 8, 1991. Major meetings of several US Christian denominations will be reviewing their policies towards gays and lesbians in the next few months. But an Episcopal bishop has jumped the gun by ordaining an open lesbian in the nation's capital.

Washington DC Bishop Ronald Haynes has not been actively campaigning for gays and lesbians to be allowed into the priesthood. But on June 5, he ordained Elizabeth Carl, who is openly living with another woman. His action distressed presiding Bishop Edmond Browning, who feared it would polarize discussion of the issue at next month's general convention.

The convention will be reconsidering a resolution it passed in 1979 barring gays and lesbians from the priesthood. The best known of the almost 3 million US members of the Episcopal Church is President George Bush who while affirming that regional churches have a right to do what they want told the press, perhaps I'm a little old fashioned, but I'm not quite ready for that.

MARK The US Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA, has agreed to reconsider lesbian Julie Dubbs' application for a

SACCOMANO: security clearance without regard to her sexual orientation. Even though this settlement will not be binding in other cases, Dubbs' attorney believes this to be the first time the CIA has considered a known gay or lesbian for security clearance at any level, and therefore sees it as a breakthrough. Dubbs told the press she is happy with the settlement. The CIA declined to comment.

CINDY A new report warns that safer sex may pose some risks of its own. The US Food and Drug Administration is

FRIEDMAN: urging latex manufacturers to remove water soluble rubber proteins from their products because of life threatening allergic reactions in at least 50 reported cases, some involving latex gloves and one involving a condom. Although the allergic reaction to latex was first noted among children undergoing surgery, a letter to the Medical Tribune warned physicians to evaluate the issue for adults as well, noting that doctors are not likely to make the connection between condom use and systemic allergic reactions.

On the other hand, latex condoms are better protection against HIV than the natural membrane lambskin condoms. Research indicates the latex prophylactics are 99.6% effective against HIV compared to 95% for the lambskins. In response to a crusade by Jim Nissley, who contracted AIDS despite faithful use of lambskins, the board of supervisors of the California County of Santa Barbara has voted to become the first county in the US to require posted warning signs.

Merchants will incur fines unless the following warning is posted in English and Spanish wherever condoms are sold. "Condoms are not 100% safe. But if used properly will reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS." Tests have shown that latex condoms can prevent the passage of the AIDS, hepatitis, and herpes viruses. But natural condoms may not do this.

MARK SACCOMANO: The debate apparently continues at the White House over lifting the US immigration ban on people infected with HIV. Mary VanClay has this update.

MARY VANCLAY: The Bush administration has decided not to decide for the next 60 days on the question of barring foreigners with HIV from the country. A June 1 deadline for settling the issue was put off due to a dispute among several federal agencies. Though, the issue has become a hot potato domestically. The White House may also soon start to feel international heat.

The International AIDS Society has announced that it will drop its endorsement of the eighth International AIDS conference scheduled for 1992 in Boston if the ban is not lifted. Harvard University, co-sponsor of the event, has also said it's considering dropping its sponsorship if the current law is not changed. And a coalition of advocates for immigrants and for people with AIDS have sent an open letter to President Bush about the issue. Robert Bray with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, DC, says the furor over the immigration law shows that 10 years into the epidemic the administration is still responding to the disease with panic and fear.

ROBERT BRAY: We are rejecting all logical health and medical evidence on this issue. We continue to blame the victims of AIDS. We continue to fight people with AIDS instead of fighting the epidemic.

MARY VANCLAY: Conservative lawmakers have argued that foreigners with HIV could put a heavy burden on public health services. Critics of the ban say there is no evidence that people with HIV are trying to immigrate just to get health care in the US. In San Francisco, I'm Mary VanClay.

CINDY FRIEDMAN: Briefly in other news from around the world, the coordinator for Gays and Lesbians, Spain's largest gay and lesbian organization was able recently to win a promise from Spain's Ministry of Justice that the nation's new criminal code will prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

MARK SACCOMANO: The annual conference of the international lesbian information service drew 400 lesbians from across Europe to Barcelona recently. Leading the agenda was racism within the lesbian community, with white women and women of color meeting both separately and together to strategize on the issue. And with the conference adopting Audre Lorde's term "Zami" in preference to the controversial term "negra" to describe Black women. Another leading topic was the lesbian peace movement.

CINDY FRIEDMAN: A party held in Berlin last month to raise funds for the International Lesbian and Gay Association was attacked by a gang of skinheads. Two mainstream sources reported 70 attackers but a local gay reporter counted only 30. The skinheads set off fireworks, smashed up three cars, set fire to a storage shed, and attacked party goers with iron bars, wooden clubs, and gas pistols, sending one woman to the hospital and injuring another.

MARK Sweden's leading national organization RFSL took a conservative course at its annual conference, voting down a motion to establish a clinic to provide artificial insemination to lesbians and defeating motions to strike down age of consent laws and to support pedophile groups.

CINDY And finally, would you believe Roman Kalinin for president? Yes, running against Boris Yeltsin and Nikolai Ryzhkov for the presidency of the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, Kalinin is the 23-year-old gay activist and founder of the Moscow Gay and Lesbian Union. He's gotten more column inches from the Soviet news agency TASS than any of his opponents and international coverage as well.

Kalinin's candidacy began as a joke and became an opportunity for public education. But he does have a platform, a strongly anti-communist and rather cynical platform on economics. So the republic to foreign monopolies we might as well Russian economists aren't having any luck. And who cares what language the executives speak if there's something in the stores?

On defense, disband the army. Nobody wants to attack us. I don't think the United States wants to defeat us simply to spend billions of dollars fixing our ruined economy. Sell all our arms to Saddam Hussein. He also proposes cutting the price of vodka by 80%. It's the only thing the people have left, he says.

Can he collect 100,000 signatures in support of his candidacy? We're buying people's votes. Russian millionaires who wished to remain anonymous have donated 100,000 rubles to the cause. We are soliciting nominating postcards. And the postcards will be entered into a lottery. 10 people will win 10,000 rubles each. I think that will get people's attention.

Can he win? Julie Dorf of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission says it's possible because there is, in fact, a willingness to listen to anyone who is anti-communist. And people are desperate for humor right now. They're willing to overcome the radical ideas and the homophobia in order to get a laugh.

MARK That's News Wrap for the week ending June 8, 1991, compiled from publications and broadcasts 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 monitoring your local gay and lesbian media. For *This Way Out*, I'm Cindy Friedman.

MARK And I'm Mark Saccomano.

SACCOMANO:

HENRY You're listening to Naming Names, a regular broadcast of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, alerting you to dangerous media images, which misrepresent the lives of lesbians and gay men. Keep paper and pencil handy. In a few minutes, I'll be giving you the names and addresses of where to write and fight back.

Some members of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity at Syracuse University who call themselves "the crows" have produced and sold at university events a viciously homophobic T-shirt. The front, along with the motto "homophobic and proud of it" features a circle with a slash, the international symbol for forbidden over a limp wrist with the words, "it's an exit, not an entrance," a reference to anal intercourse. The back has this slogan "club faggots, not seals," illustrated with a macho looking bird.

And remember that the group selling these shirts is called "the crows." This bird is wielding a club over a prone figure seeing stars. The T-shirts appeared on the Syracuse campus in the wake of a number of incidents of harassment of women and gays including bashings. The university has been highly resistant to disciplining "the crows."

When pressed, officials insist that they have not established that lesbians and gays are a distinct group. So-called freedom of speech cases like this are prompting heated debate on campuses across the country. Now, we never want to advocate censorship.

First Amendment rights are precious to our own community. There is a time, however, when one person's freedom to say anything he wishes, in this case where anything, inhibits another's freedom to participate in the same class or community. Moreover, inciting to violence is never protected speech, such as the slogan "club faggots." To make your views known, write to the incoming chancellor of the university. Suggest sensitivity training for the whole university community with emphasis on the Greek letter fraternities and the real man attitude that they perpetuate.

Write to Dr. Kenneth Shaw Chancellor 300 Tolley Administration Building. Tolley is T-O-L-L-E-Y. Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, 13244. Or call the University at 315-443-1870.

Naming Names is a regular feature of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamations. It is produced by WBAI in New York City. If you see or hear any anti lesbian or anti-gay defamation, please let us know. And send us copies of any letters you may write or receive in connection with Naming Names.

Contact the GLAAD office nearest you. Or write to us in New York at GLAAD 80 Barrack Street, Suite 3E, New York, New York, 10013. Or give us a call at 212-966-1700. This is Dr. Henry Yeager for GLAAD. And I'll talk to you later.

LUCIA CHAPPELLE: You're listening to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Greg Gordon. I'm Lucia Chappelle. The city of San Francisco played host during the last weekend in May to the 12th international conference of gay and lesbian Jews. The three-day event was co-sponsored by the world Congress of gay and lesbian Jewish organizations and San Francisco's lesbian and gay synagogue congregation Sha'ar Zahav and attracted almost 500 participants. While most came from around the United States, 10 other countries were also represented. Lisa Geduldig has the story.

DENISE EGER: [SINGING IN HEBREW]

LISA Lesbian Rabbi Denise Eger from Los Angeles led the service acknowledging the end of the Sabbath for the 500
GEDULDIG: participants in the 12th international conference of gay and lesbian Jews. Participants from as far away as Israel, Budapest, and Russia attended the conference. For some, it was the first time ever attending a conference that openly brought together people from both identities, gay or lesbian, and Jewish.

[? Olga ?] [? Zuk ?] is a Soviet-Jewish lesbian who lives in Leningrad. She says that in her country Jews who are gay or lesbian have to be in the closet as Jews to the gay community and in the closet as gays and lesbians to the Jewish community. Speaking through an interpreter, she says she believes that homophobia in the Jewish community in Russia is even stronger than in the rest of society.

DENISE EGER: Jews are one of the most oppressed minorities in the Soviet Union. There are very few groups in the population that are even more oppressed than Jews. And gays and lesbians are one of them. And Olga believes that the Jews who have suffered all their lives, can turn around and oppress someone else. And they do.

LISA [? Natasha ?] [? Sharon ?] [? Dach ?] is also from Leningrad, also speaking through an interpreter, she says that
GEDULDIG: she has a different view on the origins of homophobia within Russia's Jewish community.

DENISE EGER: It has to do more with the social tradition that stems from the religious tradition. And specifically with the attitude toward women and the family. Jews in the Soviet Union who have been so oppressed have elevated the role of the family, the role of procreation, the role of continuing the community to an extremely high priority and therefore see gays and lesbians as an immediate threat to that.

LISA The international response to AIDS workshop focused on the Jewish communities responses to the AIDS epidemic
GEDULDIG: within gay and lesbian Jewish organizations and the Jewish communities at large. [? Haila ?] [? Ross ?] works with the AIDS Committee of Toronto, Canada. She talks about the concerns of four Jewish men in her HIV support group run through a synagogue in Toronto.

HAILA ROSS: The four men that are in my group are all different, but they all want to talk about Judaism and how it affects them, how it affects them as Jewish men with non-Jewish lovers, how it affects them around death and dying, and what will happen when they die. How will they get the right rabbi who will treat their lover as the principal mourner whether or not they're Jewish? Will they be able to have the funeral service that they want to have?

LISA [? Ross ?] says that AIDS awareness is just beginning within the Canadian Jewish community. And that it's not
GEDULDIG: going to progress until both conservative and Orthodox rabbis become educated about the issue. The conferences keynote speaker Paulette Goodman is the National president of PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, an educational and support group in the US. Goodman speaks as both a Holocaust survivor and as a mother of a lesbian daughter.

PAULETTE GOODMAN: After I found out that I had a gay child, I crawled into the closet that she had just opened. And it came back to me very vividly that we were not allowed to be ourselves. She was not allowed to be herself. And very early on, I made the parallel between the two. The Jewish issue during the Nazi occupation and the gay issue here in the United States land of the free.

LISA

GEDULDIG: The International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews which began in 1976 has been held in the United States, the Netherlands, and Israel. The biannual conference will next take place in 1993 in London, England. This is Lisa Geduldig in San Francisco.

[MUSIC - THE MONOTONES, "BOOK OF LOVE"]

GREG GORDON: This Way Out's presentation of the keynote addresses from the OutWrite 91 Gay and Lesbian Writers Conference concludes this week with the last installment of author John Rechy's remarks on the continuing mission of gay and lesbian literature.

JOHN RECHY: We do not have to write about gay subjects to be loyal to our identities. Whatever we write we are gay. Just as Proust remains homosexual, and so does Gide, and Virginia Woolf. There is indeed a gay sensibility. And it manifests itself whether we write about homosexuals or not. Sensibility is affected deeply by early background.

We are the only minority born into the opposing camp. Non gay Blacks are born into supportive Black families so are other minorities into theirs. We are born into a heterosexual world. The origin of our unique sensibility may lie in the camouflage we learn quickly to adopt in reconciling secret desire with acceptable performance.

The gay sensibility may be marked by its risking of extremes, a duality often revealed within seeming contradictions. Thus, the drag of transvestites links with the drag of leather men. Both share an awesome knowledge of the decorative power of sequence.

Muscles and mascara find reconciliation as elements of refined artifice. So, too, William Burroughs' orgiastic anarchy is contained within a highly conceptualized form. Genet's super hung studs become drag queens. Carson McCullers locates a very special beauty in grotesquerie. Gore Vidal's cool intellect allows the tone of dishing.

Never have we needed more of the strength derived from our art and never have we needed more for our voices to be heard beyond our ghettos. Without in any way suggesting that we return to those methods of imposed concealment, I would say that writers like Wilde, Proust, Gide, the earlier Isherwood mastered the noble art of infiltration into the mainstream of literature. These admirable subversions educated readers who did not know they were being educated while acknowledging that at times we need to speak only to each other.

We may explore the possibilities of refining the subversive tactics of those earlier times to allow, indeed to invite the gay author to write about what heterosexuals call their world but which is ours too, to locate ourselves fully on the widest landscape of literature where we belong. That may be one powerful way out of the enclosing ghetto, limiting the reach of our voices.

At the same time, that we will provide a picture of the world that no one else can see like us. We will teach even force the world that shuts us out to see us fully within it as we and only we know that we truly are. At times, we ourselves forget our heritage of unique courage. We need to be reminded of it and to let it be recognized widely.

In exploring that heritage, our two long invisible history, we may even allow ourselves to celebrate for all to know the bravery of our besieged stereotypes, those who have lived longest on the front lines. Yes, I am talking about the noble flaming queen and the noble roaring bull dyke to find enduring defiance there.

Who else can convey what it is to live in a world that renders a strangers in a million ways by excluding us, pretending we don't exist? Who won't learn from a novel of multiplied oppression by a Chicano or a Chicana, a Black woman or a Black man? Certainly, it is only we who will be able finally to illuminate the real metaphor of AIDS, which lies not in an indictment of our sexuality, but in the outside indifference to our dying.

It is the writer who will carry those messages and so many others. And they should be carried not only to those who already know them, but to those who must learn of them. And the messages must be delivered not in the banal prose of the propagandist, but in the careful sentences of the artist.

Through witch hunts, inquisitions, internment in concentration camps, jailings, bashings, we have not only endured, but we have created some of the world's greatest art in this time that requires for many a thousand acts of daily courage. Some of our best writers continue to live fully from day to day and to produce just as fully some of the finest writing anywhere.

I congratulate this wonderful gathering, this affirmation of our enduring pride by men and women, novelists, playwrights, poets, journalists, readers, publishers, all dedicated to ensuring that our writers will convey the vital message written in superb language that not only are we here, but that we and our art are here to stay.

GREG GORDON: You've been listening to the conclusion of a keynote address by writer, activist, and teacher John Rechy at OutWrite '91 a gathering of almost 2,000 lesbian and gay writers and publishers held in San Francisco. Our thanks to conference recording service for also providing the keynote addresses of Kate Millett, Edward Albee, and Paula Gunn-Allen during the past few weeks. Almost 60 tapes covering the three days of OutWrite '91 are available from conference recording service in San Francisco. In the US, you can call them at 1-800-345-2010.

LUCIA Thanks for choosing *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Cindy Friedman, **CHAPPELLE:** Mark Saccomano, Mary VanClay, Dr. Henry Yeager, Lisa Geduldig, and conference recording service contributed program material. Thanks also to [? Mike ?] [? Alkali. ?]

GREG GORDON: Debbie Friedman, The Monotones, and Michael Feinstein performed some of the music you heard. And Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.

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GREG GORDON: And Lucia Chappelle. And we thank you for listening on WRFG, Atlanta.

LUCIA KUMD, Duluth.

CHAPPELLE:

GREG GORDON: And Plains FM, Christchurch.

LUCIA Among others.

CHAPPELLE:

GREG GORDON: And for supporting your local community radio stations.

LUCIA Now, you all please stay tuned.

CHAPPELLE:

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FRANK WHITE: This is afterwards for the week of June 23. I'm Frank White.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

This past week, I spoke to Veronica Diaz from Starlight '91 and a representative from Houston GLAAD, that's the Gay and Lesbians Allied Against Defamation. They cleared the air about 101 KLOL and the sponsorship of StarNight '91. GLAAD had filed a complaint with the FCC against KLOL last year. And in the negotiations with KLOL, some incredible changes have come about.

One of the changes was that the station has begun monitoring their disc jockeys to guard against racist, sexist, and homophobic comments made on the air. Another measure that they took was installing a seven second delay on their phones so that callers-- we have the problem here. If a caller calls in, sometimes it's too late to cut them off.

With the seven second delay, they can be cut off before they make a slur, a racial slur or sexist slur, or a homophobic slur. Another very important thing that KLOL has done is they have no longer have Moby on the air. And Moby was one of the biggest offenders.

Also negotiated with KLOL was an agreement that since they are located in the heart of Montrose, that they need to support organizations and groups within the community. And so this year, StarNight '91 approached KLOL and asked them to please sponsor StarNight '91, and they agreed. It is an attempt for KLOL to become an active participant in the gay community.

We must put down our differences and begin to work together. And this fundraiser is raising money for a MAC, a Montrose Activity Center, building. If we support this event, we're supporting everyone in our community.

So I'd just like to say that the fighting, the infighting has to stop. And it's beginning here. And we have to be united. It's great when you think about it if we could all work together for a common cause and get behind our gay brothers and sisters and support them and what they're doing.

In South Africa, we have a peculiar problem with the Blacks fighting Blacks. And the white minority likes that because it keeps the Blacks powerless. We can't allow that to happen. So we have to unite and come together.

Pacifica Radio 90.1 FM KPFT will be broadcasting the Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Parade on Sunday June 23. And it's going to be a four hour special. It's going to include tapes from the Pacifica Archives and a live broadcast from the parade. It should be exciting.

Pacifica radio has always supported gay radio programming with Wilde 'N Stein. It's the oldest continuously running gay and lesbian radio program *After Hours* and *Break Through*, which is on Fridays at 9:00.

The Imperial Court is hosting the Montrose pet show at the Metropolitan Multi-service Center backyard on Saturday, June 29. There will be a blessing of the pets at 2:00 PM, followed at 2:30 by the competitions, a grand parade and the awarding of trophies. There is an entry fee of \$5 for each judged category and a \$1 entry fee for the grand parade.

The proceeds will go to the Pet Patrol. Organizers [? Dot ?] [? Thomas ?] and [? Lester ?] [? Pace, ?] a.k.a. Lisa Lawrence, encourage as much variety as possible. There's even an award for the oddest pet.

Other awards include the pet that inspires the most affection and the friendliest pet. One eagerly anticipated event is the master pet look alike contest. Costumes are allowed on either the pet, its owner, or both.

The Imperial Courts Imperial Princess Royal Pitty Pat Magnolia Sugarbaker, PMS for short, is readying the courts second annual July 3 patriotic extravaganza. This star speckled revue will sail into [? Cousins ?] July 3 from 9:30 till midnight.

Tonight, we're going to be speaking with the Lambda Program at Stafford Meadows directors. We have Sharon Stone, the executive director and founder, Rusty Smith, program director, and Dr. David Franklin, medical director, with us tonight. Welcome.

DAVID Thanks.

FRANKLIN:

RUSTY SMITH: Thanks.

FRANK WHITE: The Lambda Program is an alcohol and drug treatment program at Stafford Meadows. And we want to talk about it tonight because it's the only program in Houston that deals specifically with gay and lesbian issues. And we have in our community the disease called AIDS. And it's killing a lot of people.

But what we know about alcoholism and drug addiction is that it's killing-- that-- that there are one in three gay and lesbian people afflicted with alcoholism and drug addiction. So more people are dying of alcoholism and drug addiction than are dying of AIDS.

And this program is designed-- we were speaking before the show. It's designed to address specific issues dealing with HIV/AIDS and alcoholism and drug addiction. So, Sharon, would you start and tell us a little bit about in your-- the-- like the mission of your hospital? You mentioned that people are in treatment for alcoholism and drug addiction not for homosexuality. Can you tell me a little more about that?

SHARON

Well, they're in treatment for their drug addiction and alcoholism. But we also-- it's a psychiatric hospital, so we have other things such as depression and manic depressive illnesses and other types of psychiatric illnesses also. They are not in there specifically for being gay or lesbian.

But the realities are that the pressures from the culture that the gay people have to endure on a daily basis contribute to the tremendous amount of stress that we have in order to-- that adds to the chemical dependency. The fact that we're gay is not why we have a larger percentage of people.

We're three times higher than the straight community in our chemical dependency. We can probably document about a third. And it's probably closer to half of our population.

FRANK WHITE: And that's just chemical dependency?

SHARON

That's chemical dependency.

STONE:

FRANK WHITE: Wow.

SHARON

And then, of course, if you have any inclination towards any other types of psychological or psychiatric illnesses, they'd be exacerbated by the pressures of the culture. And, I think, those are a lot of the things that Dr. Franklin can elaborate on.

FRANK WHITE: Well, with this being Gay Pride Week, how do you address-- you can't be proud if you have no self-esteem. How do you address that in your program in the building of self esteem?

RUSTY SMITH:

Well, I think, generally what we do is you addressed how AIDS is affecting the community and how alcoholism is affecting the community. And those are attitudes. And it's attitudes that we have to address.

And one of the key attitudes as gay and lesbian people is that of shame and shame and its effect on how we grow. And that's what we're trying to do. We're trying to build a program where it is a shame free environment, where it's more than just being OK to be gay, but it's encouraged to grow as a gay or lesbian individual in treatment.

FRANK WHITE: So you nurture this in people?

RUSTY SMITH:

We nurture. And we try to go back and give some of the nurturance that was never given as a child, some of the modeling-- positive role modeling as a gay and lesbian.

FRANK WHITE: OK. From the HIV standpoint when you arrive at Stafford Meadows, are you required to be tested for HIV?

DAVID No, it's not a requirement. It's an option for each individual. And if the individual decides to be tested, if they haven't been tested, then they'll get appropriate counseling to help them make that decision. And once their result comes back positive or negative, they'll get further counseling as well. And they'll get a lot of support, both psychological support counseling and medical support as well.

FRANK WHITE: Great. So the kind of counseling then would be like as far as treatments go. Like, if you're HIV positive and you have 11 T cells, I mean, are you going to tell them to go on AZT or other protocols or--

DAVID We have an internist who works very closely with our program. And he does basic physical examination and

FRANKLIN: laboratory testing in all our patients. And if there's an indication for further treatment, for say, HIV, he will direct the treatment at that point. And he's an AIDS specialist. And he's a real good doctor.

FRANK WHITE: Yeah, great. Are you going to be in the parade tomorrow?

SHARON Yes, we are.

STONE:

FRANK WHITE: All right.

SHARON Yes, we certainly are. We're going to be out there. I think you've arranged for--

STONE:

RUSTY SMITH: We are going in grand style. We will be in a pickup truck. And part of what is really important about that is very often treatment for the gay and lesbian population is done by a straight population. And part of what we're trying to say is gay and lesbians have a right for dignified treatment by dignified gay and lesbians. And that's really important. And so what we say by being in the Gay Pride parade is that we are proud to be gay and lesbian.

FRANK WHITE: And you're part of the community. That's great.

RUSTY SMITH: Absolutely.

SHARON Absolutely.

STONE:

FRANK WHITE: And it seems that there's been articles in the papers recently. Started with the 10th annual AIDS-- the conference last week there were articles on AIDS and gay and lesbians in Houston. And then this week's issue of *Houston Press* features among many, Annise Parker, who's running for council now. And it just seems that we're becoming visible. We're not invisible anymore.

SHARON That's very exciting. That's--

STONE:

FRANK WHITE: It is exciting.

SHARON --really exciting.

STONE:

FRANK WHITE: But there's problems with that too. And, I think, that maybe that's a lot of what's going on too with people that are just-- if you're not chemically dependent, you can still use your program for what we were talking about before the HIV depression.

SHARON Or just depression in general.

STONE:

DAVID Exactly.

FRANKLIN:

SHARON Maybe Dr. Franklin could explain a little bit more about that.

STONE:

DAVID Well, clearly that the incidence have not just--

FRANKLIN: