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Michael Crawford 00:01

And it's like, we have to try a lot of different things. I mean, a lot of people seem to think that I am completely totally against, you know, Chris Bacon and GLPC. And that's not true. What I'm against is ineffectiveness. I mean, if they were being assertive and aggressive and doing what they say that they, you know, in, like their charter doing that, then I wouldn't have well, your cat still has small problems with it. But it wouldn't be, you know, the way that I feel now,

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Jewel Gray 00:29

The way I believe that you're perceived is as a nuisance rather than the constitutional necessity that the role that you feel, I believe is the crux of every democratic society is that there has to be people screaming, this isn't right. Before anybody even thinks about changing, if there weren't people screaming, this isn't right, we need something done, yhe status quo would definitely be maintained. Do we have a phone call, Cindy online? Just Cindy, are you there?

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Speaker 26 01:01

Yeah.

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Jewel Gray 01:01

What's happening tonight?

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Speaker 26 01:02



Speaker 20 01:02

I was wondering if anyone saw the appointment for the AIDS Coordinator from the White House.



Jewel Gray 01:09

Oh, you mean the AIDS czar? I didn't see it. But I've heard about it. And I don't know how you feel about it, Mike.



Michael Crawford 01:19

Well,



Speaker 26 01:20

John MacNeil Lehrer last night, and the gentleman interviewing her was the only one who brought up the words homosexual or gay. And it was a rhetorical answer for everything. And come to find out she was appointed for some health thing during the famous Rick, Ritter, Titian, Reagan. I just thought it pretty odd that they could talk 15 minutes or whatever, about AIDS and never mentioned homosexual or gay, she could



Michael Crawford 01:54

I think that that was what like part of the reason that AIDS activists are not like in support of her. I mean, one of the things Urvashi said in the essay that I read was how we have access to power, but we don't have real power. And this perfectly exemplifies that. And that everyone from billionaire David Geffen, who is not exactly an activist, he just had lots of money to throw around to Larry Kramer, we're pushing for Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker to be appointed AIDS Coordinator. Because we felt that he would do the kind of job, you know, he would be on our side and support us. But instead, they chose this woman who has come out of nowhere. I mean, and the only thing that they have, you know, to say, well, she's been experiences was that she was appointed to Reagan's, one of Ronald Reagan's Commission's on AIDS, which in my point of view is not exactly a good recommendation, you know, all right, like,



Speaker 26 02:46

Well, does she have to go through a confirmation process? I mean, I'm ignorant politically, of what happens, shouldn't we be saying there's a problem here.



Jewel Gray 02:58

I don't think this is a confirmation type of appointment. I don't think she has to go before a board because it's, it's only the top people. And this isn't a top position. This is a made up position that they, they, it's I think it's a tokenism position right now, I'd like to see it become a real, a real, you know, action position. But right now, I think it's just to keep us off the backs,

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Speaker 26 03:20

Even asked a specific question, which gave her a chance to mention, he gave her specific question on education and she mentioned targeting certain groups like, minority groups, teenagers, and that on and on, but even in that question, it was never brought up homosexual or gay. And that, to me is so mind boggling.

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Jewel Gray 03:46

Well, you know,

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Speaker 26 03:47

They want it all to be on our shoulders, but now they don't even want to put us in.

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Jewel Gray 03:51

Well, you know, just to play devil's advocate, you know, we've screamed at them for a long time for labeling this a gay thing, all right. And they may be just real, you know, sensitive to that, maybe more, too sensitive. I say that they need to address that a great deal of gay people are, are dealing with this disease, as well as straight people. But they may be just a bit sensitive about it, saying it that way.

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Speaker 26 04:19

They rattled off other great resources that are there like the Ryan White Bill, and this and that, and from what I've been hearing, listening to your program, and others, is that the Ryan White Bill is like several million or billion dollars underfunded from what it was originally intended to be anyway.

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Michael Crawford 04:36

Right. And that's

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Speaker 26 04:37

He brings it up in this long list of rhetorical answers, indexed and I'm thinking yeah, everybody, this sounds so good. But what we've got is probably just nothing but another good speaker, I'm afraid.

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Jewel Gray 04:52

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Jewel Gray 04:54

Yeah, talker. Yeah, is this Cindy from Pasadena?

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Speaker 26 04:56

Oh, yeah.

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Jewel Gray 04:57

Well, it's good to hear from you. We, Cindy's a regular caller, we visit with Cindy on a regular basis and she gives us a lot of news tips and I just like to thank you on the air Cindy.

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Speaker 26 05:06

Oh, well, thank you. Yeah, I'm that poli-sci junkie. Did you ever check out To the Contrary?

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Jewel Gray 05:13

To the Contrary, I remember we talked about something

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Speaker 26 05:16

Hit 30 tomorrow. If you're not too busy, it's on Channel 8. And it's the women's McLaughlin group, only it gets, they get liberals on there too.

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Jewel Gray 05:25

Oh, cool. I will check it out, 2:30 Oh, no, unfortunately. I'll have to tape it if I see it because I will be stomping around muddy fields trying to put a float together tomorrow at 2:30. So I'll have to tape it if I see it. Is it on regularly, Cindy?

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Speaker 26 05:40

Every Sunday. Pretty interesting like they get into things, battle morale.

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Jewel Gray 05:46

Well, I would like to see that. I do remember you mentioning it to me. Well, Cindy, I'm gonna, I'm gonna cut you off here and say good night, and thanks for calling down here. And we're gonna go to some other stuff.

S Speaker 29 05:56

Okay. Well, let me let me say one thing real quick. Gentleman that called about the Geraldo show, I saw that. And the bright man he was referring to that stood up and was having a real problem because these gay kids wanted to come was one of the high school guys that would have to give permission possibly sometime in the future. And he just kept saying no, being gay is wrong. And the audience went down on him. And they had a Christian activist there that was just totally insensitive. But what the comparison was, was with black civil rights, and gay civil rights, and, and he said, no, there's no, there's no connection, because, you know, I can't hide who I am, back with that's what that guy,

J Jewel Gray 06:40

Well, the NAACP sees the connection whether he individually does or not.

M Michael Crawford 06:45

I must admit that as a black queer, I have problems when, when I see white queers making connections between the queer movement and, and the black civil rights movement. Because I absolutely know that a lot of those white queers who are using the black civil rights movement, as an example, have no use for black people at all, were never involved in the black civil rights movement, could care less about black people, except as an illustration to make their point for queer civil rights. So I have those kinds of problems with that too, and also that it's not exactly the same because I can't hide my blackness. Well, I can't hide my queerness does either, but that's because I choose not to hide it.

S Speaker 26 07:25

I really, really want to, when all the Conservatives get down on us, I really want to ask them, I said, just don't do that. Don't do that openly, what country besides America are we supposed to be free? And it's just so simple and so mind boggling that the oppression still exists for any group. I mean, I don't know, be simplistic I guess, but I know that I know Sinéad O'Connor had that it really, when she tore up the picture the Pope, and she recanted on that, so when Sinéad O'Connor recants you know, where is the real power?

J Jewel Gray 08:05

Really.

S Speaker 26 08:06

She recanted on that, they re--reshowed that Saturday Night Live, and she took it back and they put something homogenized in there, that would work. Okay, she was booed off the stage at a Bob Dylan tribute. I mean, really? I mean, are we little confused, it's all tied in together and right now doctors and it's all tied together and it's too bad there aren't coalitions

J Jewel Gray 08:33

Really.

S Speaker 26 08:34

In our, they're start, good coalition so that we can all get together and work on

J Jewel Gray 08:41

The same thing. Yeah, yeah.

S Speaker 26 08:45

Like the conservatives have all their groups together and tax free.

J Jewel Gray 08:49

Yeah, they sure are planning aren't they? And they're getting

S Speaker 26 08:51

Every Sunday, any channel you want. The main agenda, they talk about our agenda. Their agenda is, is profit, is just propagated all over the tube. And it is totally focused on our oppression. How do we fight that? That is mega, mega bucks.

J Jewel Gray 09:10

That's a good point.

S Speaker 26 09:11

I mean, mega bucks tax free.

J Jewel Gray 09:14

That's a good point.

S Speaker 26 09:15

From Robeson to Robertson to Fallwell to it, all down the line, I mean, freedom of religion, but gosh, how do we fight that?

J Jewel Gray 09:25

Cindy? We're gonna see if we can get somebody else to talk about this. Okay, take care.

S Speaker 26 09:29

All right.

J Jewel Gray 09:31

Is this Lisa? No, it's not Lisa. Callback, callback, Lisa. We're sorry. We're not, we're not experts at this.

M Michael Crawford 09:40

We're not mechanically inclined.

J Jewel Gray 09:41

That's right.

S Speaker 25 09:42

Just in case she didn't call back, what she wanted to know is she's young and still in the closet and she wanted to know if there's going to be a place for people like her in the parade.

J Jewel Gray 09:52

Young and in the closet, if you got a mask you can march. Nope, that wasn't him. Okay, so I believe that, I believe that there is a place, I believe that there is a place that she can march and any contingency will let her march out in the street almost.

S Speaker 25 10:17

Yeah, she can march with

J Jewel Gray 10:18

Hippie, HATCH.

S Speaker 25 10:20

Most, more HATCH than Hippie because Hippie deals with homelessness, and HATCH deals with the support that, that gay teenagers need.

J Jewel Gray 10:33

And that's Greg, who will be talking with us a little bit. Greg talks to us often about Hippie and HATCH and young youth groups and such. Well, we don't have a call. Can we do that Switchboard song?

J Jimmy Carper 10:44

Sure.

J Jewel Gray 10:44

I'd love to do that. Sarah put that together and it is dynamite. Give her a second she wants to, she wants to do something.

M Michael Crawford 10:50

And we need that, what the third caller?

J Jewel Gray 10:52

The third caller,

J Jimmy Carper 10:53

Oh, yeah. That's right.

J Jewel Gray 10:54

The third caller will get the pair of tickets. So our phone people please be ready out there. That's right, 526-5738, is that one, is that right? Hey, I did that. So third caller, we'll take it and we're gonna play the Switchboard song. Are we ready? No, no, I just want to hear it. No, she

just wants to hear it.

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Jimmy Carper 11:17

This is what you're, if you watch the parade tomorrow and the Switchboard float goes by, this is what you're gonna hear.

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Jewel Gray 11:24

Sneak preview.

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Speaker 27 11:34

I'm Cindy Friedman

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Speaker 28 11:35

And I'm Brian Nunez

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Speaker 27 11:36

With News Wrap, a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending June 12, 1993. In China, although neither the Ministry of Public Health nor the Public Safety Bureau are admitting responsibility, authorities have closed down the country's only gay venue. Beijing's Men's World Salon was actually opened in November as part of an AIDS prevention effort. But the Workers Daily, an official Chinese newspaper nonetheless attributed the closure partly to going against the purposes of health education. The closure was further justified with a statement that the salon was spreading erroneous points of view by advocating instead of opposing homosexuality.

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Speaker 28 12:28

New government guidelines for sex education proposed for schools in England and Wales offer nothing positive for gays and lesbians. In guidelines currently open for comment, but due to take effect in September, the British Department for Education states, there is no place in any school in any circumstances for teaching which advocates homosexual behavior, which presented as the norm or which encourages homosexual experimentation by pupils. It must also be recognized that for many people, including members of various religious faiths, homosexual practice is not morally acceptable. The guidelines go on to cite the notorious section 28 of the Local Government Act of 1988, which prohibits local authorities from quote, teaching of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship, end quote, the only information about homosexuality the guidelines recommend teaching is the age of consent of 21 for consensual gay male acts.

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Speaker 27 13:29

Interim results are in from one of two studies commissioned by US Secretary of Defense Les Aspin regarding the future of open gays and lesbians in the US military. Along with the study group at the Pentagon, Aspin had also commissioned the RAND Corporation, a Southern California based think tank to examine the issue. RAND formed a team of some 25 legal medical and national security experts to respond to Aspin's instructions to come up with ways quote, to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and determining who may serve in the armed forces end quote, although the RAND recommendations have not officially been made public, senior military officials heard them in a briefing and have been quick to respond. Apparently, RAND is recommending full integration of gays and lesbians into the armed forces and decriminalization of consensual sodomy under military law. One officer told the press this is unacceptable to the military, and it would be unacceptable practically and politically to the Congress. Another complained that they never mentioned cohesion and ignored any potential disruption because they said we didn't have any empirical evidence.

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Speaker 28 14:50

The US ban on military service by open gays and lesbians has affected some non gays as well, saying he was thrown out of Marine boot camp in 1984 because of an instructor's false accusation that he was gay, Robert Foley has taken up the struggle to lift the 50 year old ban. When Foley denied the instructor's allegation and asked to appeal to a higher up, the instructor punished him with extra calisthenics. Foley was also ordered to get counseling from the chaplain. In his efforts to speak with other officers, Foley says he was interrupted and humiliated, he finally agreed to sign separation papers. And even though he's now married, he's failed in three attempts to either reenlist or clear his name. Foley is planning to travel from his home in San Jose, California to testify before Congress against the ban. All the ban does is ruin lives, he told the press. Before I probably would have sat on the sidelines and said that homosexuals in the military shouldn't complain, but I learned that this shouldn't happen to anyone gay or not.

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Speaker 27 15:55

Open lesbian Jackie Goldberg narrowly won a seat on the Los Angeles City Council this week and will become the first open lesbian or gay to serve there. Goldberg has served as the president of the City School Board. Two openly gay men were among the candidates Goldberg defeated in the April primary election. She edged out her conservative opponent in this week's runoff by less than 700 votes among almost 23,000 ballots cast. Council Member elect Goldberg itemized some of her legislative goals of specific interest to the lesbian and gay community.

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Speaker 29 16:33

I'd like to make this a domestic partnership city like San Francisco is which gives them certain legal status. I'd like to see Los Angeles City as an employer, paid benefits to the spouses of domestic partners, whether they be heterosexual or homosexual. And I would like

to see enforcement of nondiscrimination, antidiscrimination ordinances where AIDS and HIV are concerned in housing and employment.

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Speaker 27 17:00

When asked about how receptive the other 14 members of the LA City Council might be to such issues, Goldberg was quick to emphasize that she will be representing more than just the gay and lesbian community.

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Speaker 29 17:13

There hasn't been much emphasis on raising some of the issues and trying to create an environment where ordinances and legislation could pass that would make it friendly toward not just gays and lesbians, but to Armenians and Koreans and Filipinos and new immigrants and longtime Latino residents and Lithuanians and Yugoslav. And varying wonderful potpourri of cultures and peoples that there are in the 13th district. I have always seen myself as a person totally committed to human and civil rights. And that is a position that I take with respect to the lesbian and gay community, but it's also the same advocacy and the same care that I'm going to take to see that the government becomes more accessible to all people who have felt like they have not been sitting at the table.

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Speaker 27 18:02

Los Angeles City Council member elect, Jackie Goldberg.

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Speaker 28 18:06

There's been a quarter of a million dollar partial settlement in the 1990 lawsuit filed against the US National Endowment for the Arts by four artists. Karen Finley, open lesbian, Holly Hughes and open gays, John Fleck and Tim Miller claimed their 1990 grant applications were mishandled and were rejected on political rather than artistic grounds. At the time, Congress had imposed restrictions against funding obscene art, which were later replaced with a requirement that works meet general standards of decency. Although the artists agreed to drop some of their claims in exchange for the payment, they are continuing to contest the constitutionality of the decency requirement.

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Speaker 27 18:47

The Presbyterian Church USA held its general assembly this past week in Orlando, Florida, and chose to study rather than decide the issue of ordaining gay and lesbian ministers. The body approved by more than a two to one margin, undertaking of three years study of homosexuality and the church, a total of more than 30 proposals were presented for and against the current policy of denying ordination to open gays and lesbians, but no action was taken on any of them, and neither side was satisfied by the idea of further study. Seventy demonstrators responded to the vote by marching through the assembly hall carrying across

and shouting "You want to study as to death." One opponent of gay and lesbian ordination also told the press, "This church has been studying this issue for 15 years. It's time for us to have the courage to say what the Presbyterian Church stands for."

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Speaker 28 19:49

In New Zealand, however, the Presbyterian Church no longer prohibits ordination of lesbian and gay ministers. Although an 1991 interim decision prohibited these organizations, that decision was allowed to lapse instead of being confirmed into permanent policy by the New Zealand assembly. According to spokesperson Brian Williscroft, the move was intended to provide a neutral climate for the work of the church's special committee studying the issue.

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Speaker 27 20:15

And among Presbyterian ministers in Auckland, New Zealand, yhe issue is the blessing of same gender relationships. Openly bisexual Minister Geoffrey Vine sparked significant media coverage when he blessed a gay couple in December. The Auckland presbytery responded with a declaration that neither the church nor the state recognizes same gender marriages and the requirement that any minister planning to bless a same gender union must first obtain permission from them. Although a presbytery clerk says this should not be seen as a prohibition against such blessings, Vine called the ruling nonsensical, he pointed out that clergy have blessed things ranging from animals to atomic bombs. He told the press a blessing service is really in essence, a matter of pastoral prayer, which is the core of every ministers work. If we have to ask permission before we can say a prayer, then none of us is going to do any work.

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Speaker 28 21:16

And finally, Christian supremacists in the US have made a regular practice of using video clips from gay and lesbian pride parades in propaganda pieces against gay and lesbian rights, a practice equivalent to portraying the heterosexual majority with video clips from Mardi Gras celebrations. But now there's a little turn about a foot that's leaving arch conservative and self proclaimed bigot Senator Jesse Helms, whining about being taken out of context. Helms is said to have turned beet red when he was vociferously opposing the appointment of opened lesbian Roberta Achtenberg to a deputy secretary post in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He specifically remarked on Achtenberg and her partner serving as marshals of San Francisco's lesbian and gay pride parade quote, sitting on the back of a convertible hugging and kissing, end quote. In what one parade organizer describes as poetic justice, San Francisco pride is now actually using a video clip of Helms in television public service announcements promoting the event, as he says that gay pride parade, I wish every American could have seen it.

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Speaker 27 22:24

That's News Wrap for the week ending June 12, 1993. Follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community

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Speaker 28 22:33

News Wrap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman. For This Way Out, I'm Brian Nunez

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Speaker 27 22:37

And I'm Cindy Friedman.

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Speaker 30 22:43

Late last month, This Way Out reported on several observances of the May 23rd International Aids Memorial and mobilization. Hugh Young now takes us to his corner of the world where an entire country became a beacon of hope.

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Speaker 31 22:56

The International Aids mobilization begins each year just west of the International Dateline in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Beacons of hope began with the lighting of bonfires on 19 hilltops from one end of New Zealand to the other, and even the remote Chatham Islands were included. This was coordinated by cell phone from the stage of the central venue on the waterfront of the capital, Wellington. There, an audience of 5,000 people heard speeches by people with AIDS including 10 year old Van Grafhorst who has had the virus all her life. She found refuge in New Zealand after being excluded from a preschool in Australia. Another welcome speaker was cabinet minister Catherine O'Regan, who has introduced a bill into Parliament outlawing discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and antibody status. Messages were read from the Queen's representative, the Governor General Dame Cath Tizard, who was patron of the AIDS Foundation, which was very much behind the event from Princess Diana and from Elizabeth Taylor. Then to the eerie sound of a MÄori Karanga or call of welcome, 287 [torches], one for each New Zealander who has died of AIDS were brought into the crowd. The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and the National Youth Choir played and sang a specially composed piece of music written around the tolling of a bell 287 times. After people call the names of their friends and heroes who had died, actor Peter [unintelligible] Jones read a translation of a poem by Hermann Hesse. Then Eve Christie sang it in the original German and another piece composed for the occasion by conductor Kenneth Young. Handel's fireworks music, accompanied by fireworks helps to raise people's spirits after this intense, moving ceremony. In Wellington, Aotearoa, New Zealand, I'm Hugh Young for This Way Out. KPFT Houston.

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Speaker 32 25:27

This is Dorothy Allison, author of Bastard Out of Carolina and numerous trashy pieces. You're listening to This Way Out, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine.

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Speaker 33 25:37

Every time I travel, I hear about your program.

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Speaker 32 25:40

William Waybourn, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

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Speaker 33 25:44

it provides people with the ability to stay in touch with what's going on in our community. And there are young people all over this country with those earplugs, listening to your program who are understanding what it is like to be openly gay and openly lesbian and to lead their lives in a positive manner. And I think it's important that everyone who listens to your program know that it is incumbent upon us as members of this community to support our own institutions. And that includes our ability to disseminate our information around the country in a timely manner so that it is meaningful and that we can react to it and I certainly will do whatever I can to ensure your success.

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Speaker 36 26:36

The proceedings at the ninth International Conference on AIDS this past week, exposed again the frustrations of women and third world countries with the accepted strategies for fighting the pandemic. Attendees also reexamined the scientific and economic controversies involved in various drug therapies. Reporting from Berlin on Mike Alkalay, Corey Dubin and Jill Hammond.

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Speaker 34 26:59

This is Mike Alkalay. Women now represent 5 out of every 11 new HIV infections worldwide. That's according to the World Health Organization. Women delegates from around the globe caucus to push for a much stronger focus on empowering women as the key to stopping the epidemic and to demand that their concerns be addressed seriously at this and future conferences. A group of HIV positive women from Germany and other EC countries led a noisy demonstration that included speakers before the crowds along Kirschbaum. That's the boulevard which was Berlin's showcase of prosperity during the Cold War. But in the conferences, opening ceremonies, Aldyn McKean, a New York to the activists living with AIDS, since the days of demonstrating may be over.

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Speaker 35 27:01

We have been screaming for six years as activists and when we first started, we were something of a novelty and we got a fair amount of press coverage and managed to get our message across. That is no longer true today. Nobody cares about another AIDS activist demonstration anymore.

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Speaker 37 27:01

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Speaker 34 28:04

McKean's demands from the podium included that the World Bank forgive some third world debts to help pay for AIDS prevention and care in developing countries. According to Michael Merson, head of WHO's AIDS program, an immediate investment of two and a half billion dollars a year in such projects would save \$90 billion in the future.

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Speaker 36 28:25

We're not talking about a lot of money here. It's a fraction of the cost of Operation Desert Storm and when hardly buy one can of coke for every person in the world. It's only a 1% increase in what the world's developing countries are now spending on health. We've got to find this money. If we don't find this money, we're going to pay a lot more later on.

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Speaker 34 28:45

For the third world, without funding even the least expensive and often most effective grassroots interventions can't grow with the epidemic. Mary Bassett of the University of Zimbabwe says that since 1990, the main financial institutions the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, so called structural adjustment programs have driven up unemployment and the cost of living while slashing money available for Human Services.

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Speaker 37 29:12

In this context, the capacity of community institutions to support individuals in reducing vulnerability to HIV infection, condom availability and adequate treatment of other sexually transmitted diseases. For example, limited by resources.

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Speaker 34 29:29

The split between the first and third worlds was definitely evident.

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Speaker 38 29:33

The North, need to see us as equal partners, not just someone you need to help.

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Speaker 34 29:38

Jack Singh from Malaysia vented his feelings from the podium at the opening session.

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Speaker 39 29:42

The North must recognize that we, as in the South has got a great role to play in all levels. The North must recognize that we from the south need to develop our own models based on our

own experience and needs.

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Speaker 34 29:56

Maxing Yungay from Uganda works with traditional herbalists And he has documented over 400 local plants that are helpful as AIDS related treatments. He has trained people to grow and use them in their own villages. But he resents the fact that Western drug companies see traditional herbs only as a source of potential profit.

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Speaker 40 30:15

Well, I understand in this particular conference, that the majority on the side of the Western medicines, because they're the ones who make the medicines, and they do it as a commercial basis, just to make Africa, the most poor country so that the only milk, because even the Nestle cream as he was selling medicines, they gave them the herbs from Africa, take it to their countries, and then process and give the millions, which they think are more useful than our local herbs.

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Speaker 34 30:46

As the epidemic moves well into its second decade, the third world is finally saying it's time for the developed world to acknowledge and support what they can do for themselves.

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Speaker 41 30:57

In sessions focusing on AIDS prevention, presenters stressed that while some preventive education programs can and do work, they remain few and far between. They have not had measurable impact on the spread of HIV. In her presentation on sex education for young people, Anka Earhart of Columbia University took the US to task for the low effectiveness of both its pregnancy and HIV prevention program. A key factor in this failure, she said, is America's profound ambivalence toward the sexuality of young people.

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Speaker 42 31:29

The messages are contradictory and very confusing. On the one hand, that sexualizing everywhere in advertising commercials, media images. And on the other hand, sex education in schools and in media campaigns is usually either fear arousing, not explicit or irrelevant.

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Speaker 41 31:49

Most experts here agreed that the best solution to the spread of HIV is pure education, coupled with condom distribution, and the availability of treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. Controversy swirled between US and European AIDS researchers over the use of AZT to treat

early HIV disease. Professor Maxine Seligman, principal investigator of what's called the Concord trial, says that their three year study showed that AZT doesn't work.

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Speaker 43 32:17

The real problem is that there was no indication of a real benefit. And that this slide, slight delay in possession to disease is limited and strangest.

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Speaker 41 32:31

The results of the Concord study have raised confusion for both scientists and people with HIV disease about the future of AZT therapy. While Europeans appear to have been quick to jump off the AZT bandwagon, the general response from us delegates to this convention is that more study is needed.

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Speaker 44 32:49

One of the things that it didn't tell us is what is the long term effect?

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Speaker 41 32:52

John Farrow, is the Executive Director of Project Informed, a leading HIV treatment group.

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Speaker 44 32:57

Even though this is three years we're talking a disease with 8 to 12, leave it up to 20 years. Three years is just a snapshot.

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Speaker 41 33:04

Meanwhile, the pharmaceutical giant, Burroughs Wellcome, with almost 50% of its profit from AZT and other AIDS related drugs, published a full page ad in today's official conference newspaper playing down the European study. Reporting from Berlin this is Johanna.

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Speaker 36 33:21

Reporter Corey Dubin comments on new AIDS research by polio vaccine pioneer, Jonas Salk.

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Speaker 45 33:27

For about three years Dr. Salk has been working on a series of vaccines for the AIDS virus, vaccines that cover both prophylaxis that is treating people who haven't been exposed to the

virus yet, and also providing therapeutic treatment for people who have been exposed to HIV and need treatment. Historically, and approaching therapeutic treatments for the AIDS virus. The lion's share of work in the United States and in the world has been on antivirals designed to kill infected cells. The data has been showing though, that the antivirals like AZT and BDI also can be very dangerous to the body. These are all drugs that have toxic side effects. And it's been very hard for people to tolerate. There's some debate over how dangerous antivirals are for people who are seriously compromised in the immune area already. Rather than attacking the infected cells, Dr. Salk is proposing and they believe they're very close to finishing a vaccine that will basically pump up and strengthen an individual's natural immune system to be able to fight off the virus. It's a direction that very few researchers have gone in. Dr. Salk said he's taken some strong hits from the scientific community. But the data they released in Berlin at the press conference made even the critics step back and take a look. He said we now believe that this virus sends out antibodies that protect the virus against the body. That's a fairly revolutionary idea. What he's saying is the virus is intelligent enough in terms of its genetic structure to protect itself from the body's immune system. So they have been looking for ways and they believe they have found it to overcome that. One reporter said it sounds like the virus has a PhD from Harvard. Salk laughed and said, it's much more intelligent than that. And we are starting to understand it now in a much clearer way. The preliminary data presented at the conference by Dr. Salk and his team from the Salk Institute, I think many people thought was one of the first really substantial rays of hope for people with HIV disease.

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Speaker 36 35:50

Reporter Cory Dubin in Berlin.

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Speaker 45 35:54

AIDS activists have been screaming for years about the high prices that the big pharmaceutical companies have been charging for AIDS related drugs. New York City Mayor David Dinkins join the fight by calling for a partial boycott of Astra Pharmaceutical, the manufacturer of Foscarnet, which is now the best drug against AIDS related blindness. That blindness is due to a virus called cytomegalovirus or CMV, and attacks the eyes of up to 40% of people with AIDS. Our huge protests took place at the Astra exhibition booth as activists demanded a dramatic cut in Foscarnet annual \$30,000 wholesale price tag, calling for an independent audit of Astra's research and development costs.

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Speaker 46 36:37

We want Astra to make a profit.

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Kevin Frost with ACT UP New York.

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We want Astra to be strong, and we want them to invest the money into the old formulation of Foscarnet that's being developed in the United Kingdom. The problem is if we can't verify how much money it cost to develop this drug, how can we accept the fact that \$30,000 is a fair price.



Speaker 45 36:58

Ken Rabbin a representative for Astra says they could agree to a price change, but it all depends on their profit margin.



Speaker 47 37:06

We've been exploring that demand for the last year we will keep it under consideration. In the meantime, we guarantee that the price will come down as the sales increase to the level of \$50 million.



Speaker 45 37:15

A similar protest took place at the Hoffman LaRoche exhibition, several new and important drugs against HIV have been put on hold because of concerns that they may not be cost effective for the company.



Speaker 34 37:27

Reporting from Berlin, this is Mike Alkalay.



Speaker 28 38:05

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Speaker 27 38:23

The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and National Youth Choir and the cast from the original movie soundtrack of Cabaret performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.



Speaker 28 38:35

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And Greg Gordon and we thank you for listening on WERU Blue Hill Falls,

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Among many others.

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And for supporting this local community radio station.

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