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Michael Crawford 00:03

They even steadily or No, I was gonna do bride Bradley. I was gonna say Brian Bradley but okay, that's one it's a steadily Yes, yes. Well, I Well, I was gonna say when he came in that he was even deadlier than both of you. But we have Tom, let's for eights foundation. Yeah, yeah. So we're taking your calls here at 526-573-8526 KPFT. And we're talking about movies. So we're like live and you are. Oh, I'm Michael Crawford. Everybody knows me. I'm your host for this evening. Tom, give us the phone number for the AIDS Foundation. And tell us a little bit about what the foundation does.

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Phone number for the aged foundation is 62367968 Foundation does a whole number of different things. The department that I'm working in as the Education Department, of course, at the moment, the best prevention that we have for HIV is better education. We also have social services we'll deal with with people who are HIV positive. Anybody who wants to put their energies and efforts into something constructive, they can get involved our volunteer department. One of the most important things that I think that AIDS Foundation Houston has is a hotline. And the phone number is 524 A IDs.

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Michael Crawford 01:27

Okay, and if you need information about any aids or queer related groups, you can always call the gay and lesbian switchboard and that number is 5293211. The number again for the gay and lesbian switchboard 5293211. Okay, four to midnight, seven days a week. Thank you, Jimmy. We're gonna go to line nine and Deborah. Deborah. Deborah, Deborah is not there. Let's go. Are you there? Yet?

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It's not Deborah.

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Michael Crawford 02:03

Okay. What is your name? What is your name? What is your name? Okay. Lindsay wanted to make a comment. Yeah, I

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did. I am a married heterosexual female with wonderful children. And I'm on a nice Care team at my church. Through the foundation for interfaith research and ministry, and I have been taking care of PWI. Voluntarily for about two and a half years now. And I thought the movie was absolutely wonderful. I wish more people to see it, I have been through exactly what they have been through. More times than then, more people should have to be the premise of the movie was that that Tom had somebody that what we run into more often is the people that we go in to help have nobody the family members abandoned, and the friends abandon them. And we go in and take over where they leave off. And that's a shame, because these people don't deserve what they have been given. And I mean, God does not, does not give a to anybody for any particular reason. And he doesn't discriminate at all.

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Michael Crawford 03:37

Would you by any chance have a phone number handy for firm in case people wanted to get involved?

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Michael Crawford 03:46

Thank you. Okay, we're gonna go next to line eight. And Greg. Greg.

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Yeah. I just wanted to say that I thought this was a very important work, that it will certainly stand the test of time. And for some of your callers who phoned in, who took kind of some cheap shots, I think the important thing is that they watched it. It's kind of a dichotomy, that they would watch it and then make a cheap shot. But the important thing is that they watched it. That's basically all I have to say. Okay,

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Michael Crawford 04:25

thank you. Brian, you want to make a comment?

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Brian Bradley 04:27

Yeah, there was just something about that young person that called earlier and said that he was HIV positive, and he thought that this film may be showing him a bit of what he might be facing. I'm not going to deny that reality. It probably is going to be what people such as himself or myself, will face in the future. That picture, however, is not totally dismal. And it's a lot of that depends on how you respond to the knowledge that you're HIV positive. The test was available to detect antibodies to AIDS in 1986 I took my ad in and learned I was positive, I know I've been positive longer than that. But from that day forward, I've surrounded myself with very loving, caring, warm people who are angry and not self loathing and don't do not contain any shame over this. And I've lived a very long, happy, productive life and have many more years to come, I'm assured. And one of the main means by which to do that is to go to the AIDS mastery workshop, or go to support groups that the AIDS Foundation has, or many other groups or align yourself with someone like a care team that's, that's as good as the woman is a part of. And you can do things as easy as join ACT UP, you can call them at 9421006. You know, because the reality of this disease is it is a political disease. And by and large, you can just exhaust yourself and devote yourself to the rest of your life. arguing the facets of the politics, having an ACT UP is a good place to do that.

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Michael Crawford 05:59

And we want to say that act that meets every Thursday at 730, at the monitors activity centers, 3330, grouse, dark. Next, we're gonna go to line six.

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Brian Bradley 06:10

Push the button, Scott. It's pushed. Thank

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Michael Crawford 06:13

you, you're on the air.

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Hello, my name is Dan, do you want to make a comment? Yeah, I would. I myself am HIV positive. And my lover is a positive right now. And I just moved him home to Waco about six months ago, because I'm a flight attendant, and I can't take care of him, like I'd like to. I watched the film to see, and it mirrored many aspects of my life. It touched me greatly. I do have a problem, though, with a group that seems to be advocated quite heavily, and that is act up. I feel that that organization as well as some of our other radical homosexual organizations are taking, and just reinforcing the idea that it is a gay disease. I am gay, my, of course, my lover is gay. But we need to hit more mainstream. And we need to back off, in my estimation,

and put our efforts into lobbying and playing the political game that we know it is, but we're going to have to do it on their terms. They hold the key. They've got it. And we're going to have to play that political game whether we like it or not.

 Michael Crawford 07:35

Well, I thank you for your call. You've got you have got the people in the in the office riled up Brian Bradley, you had your hand up first. First of

 Brian Bradley 07:43

all, this is a country whose laws and rules and regulations are based on the individual. No person, black, gay or otherwise should be judged on the whole this individual decision, when I learned that I had this disease, and yet my lover had it when I zipped his dead body up in a bag just exactly like that man in the movie was done tonight, when I took his bot out to the crematorium. And I burned it up, I pushed the button and started the fire myself and paid for it, I earned the damn right to get out in the street and say this is a political disease. And I will wear an ACT UP t shirt or a queer nation t shirt. And I will march down Pennsylvania Avenue into the damn day i die proud of it. And to assimilate myself and say that someone else has the power in the control over my life and death is nothing but suicide young man, you know, wake up, smell the coffee, take one of your frequent flyer miles to Washington, pay some calls on some lobbyists up there and see just how much they don't care. You know, I've been arrested in jail all across this country. And it's because they make the rules, you know, and we have to break them. And when we break them, we can remake them. You respond to this disease in your body and in your life the way you want to. And you're going to have to allow everyone else to do the same thing. Or you're just going to be defeatist. assimilationist is not the way to go, you know, a couple of dead bodies over the fence of the White House might have worked with George Bush and Ronald Reagan up, you know this, please, please, please ain't gonna get it. We don't wait for things to be given to us because they'll never be given to us. We have to take them because they were taken from us, Anthony.

 Speaker 8 09:19

Okay, Brian. Well, while I am not a member of act up, I fully support the actions that they take on around the country and around the world. One of the things I will say is that the part about you know, lobbying and taking on the political end of it, like Brian said, you know, I've been to Washington, I constantly write letters to members of Congress from Texas from other states. And the responses I get from the Texas delegation in particular, would curl your hair, they there aren't too many that really give a damn about what's happening with HIV period. They don't care who's got it. They just don't care.

 Brian Bradley 10:02

Remember what Danna Meyer said when C Everett Koop said, Congressman, what would you do with HIV positive Americans, if not respond to them, he said, I'd wipe them off the face of the earth. This is war, folks. This is war.

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Speaker 8 10:16

You know, the US Congress passed into law, a prohibition, banning immigration by HIV positive people. Now, the US Congress has no business passing laws regarding public health. We have the national excuse me, Institutes of Health, and federal groups that have said American Medical Association, etc, that have said that HIV positive immigrants pose no threat to American citizens. But now it's a law. It's like federal law that President Clinton signed. So you know, you can lobby all you want, you're gonna get you're gonna get a response. It's not favorable. So given that you brought all this up, insert all this up on up here called Governor Richards, she's kind of left us high and dry, you know, call Senator Hutchison, because I promise you, she doesn't care.

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Brian Bradley 11:06

Well, and remember that the federal government also has barred education, to homosexuals about how to contract this disease. Does that not tell you something you ain't flying? The Friendly skies on that one? Marry, they want you to die.

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Speaker 8 11:20

Right? Okay.

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Jewel Gray 11:22

When Russia suddenly takes an interest in this and starts releasing, letting the laws go, they're that archaic and out of date. And we still see in Texas and around our country, these archaic and out of date and out of place laws. You have to start thinking about what's going on in America. What is the what is the plan? Is there a plan? And and and what are they doing when Russia when our arch nemesis Russia is doing better there than we are doing right here in our own state, you have to start looking at our state legislators and the politicians and the people who move and shake this country

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Michael Crawford 11:59

and okay, we're one second. Okay, you're listening to KPFT Houston, 90.1. FM World Radio for the people, Brian,

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Brian Bradley 12:06

but you know, so much of what I've said can be construed as rhetoric, let's, let's answer the question a little bit more intelligently. Since ACT UP formed, we have seen more drugs be passed through FDA on a speedy track than ever before, we have seen women be allowed into models of medical study, which has never been done before on the face of the earth. We have

seen more protocols developed for children than we ever did before. We have seen minorities brought into programs, we have seen parallel track testing come into existence, there have been many, many things that are the direct result of act of actions. I have stood in spoken to these people in money, including money. Thank you. Yes, very much. I have spoke to the others present Surgeon General, who finally had the capability of saying to the world in Berlin, here is the reality, especially with minorities, okay, because President Clinton has told me I can say this now ACT UP in queers and people like that, put that man in office by and large, but I remember what that very same Surgeon General told me in this city face to face in a closed room, not but one year ago, Brian, I can't do any more than what I'm doing right now. Because my president Mr. Bush won't allow me to people are going to have to do something about this. They're going to have to number one die and they're gonna have to scream and holler more. So you know, this whole idea that ACT UP is not effective is absolutely ludicrous. It's it's this is nothing but internalized homophobia on that young man's part. And I feel sorry for him not don't pity him. But you know, he has bought into that lie that if you're nice and you're quiet, that everybody will take care of you. Well, we've tried that for a couple Millennium now. I think it's time to try some other tactics ACT UP's got a few

J Jewel Gray 13:47

like what active does but they've saved lives. Bottom line is they've saved lives.

M Michael Crawford 13:52

And if you want information on act up or any other queer or AIDS related grouping, call the gay and lesbian switchboard at 5293211. We're gonna go to line nine and Fred, Fred. Hi, how you doing? Good. How are you?

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Pretty good. I found that I could comment on the movie. I really, really enjoyed it. I thought it was most powerful movie that I've ever seen. AIDS related. I'm in a positive negative relationship. My lover is positive, I'm negative. We've been together for four years. And we watched the movie together and we learned quite a bit from it. And I think a lot of people should be should look at this and take a look at the reality of AIDS. I mean, this was this is life. This is life and I think that you can learn from this. I really do.

M Michael Crawford 14:41

Okay, thanks for your comment, Fred. We're gonna go to line eight and Kathy. Hello. You're on the air.

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Yes, I would like to applaud the gentleman who spoke the phone call before last. I'm calling from the woodlands I'm the mother of four children. My very best friend works for the AIDS

STUDY CENTER. IT IS GREAT WORK IN NEW YORK. AND THE THING THAT SHOULD BE TO NOT FORGET IS THAT

CLINICAL TRIALS. IT IS MEET GROUP IN NEW YORK. AND THE thing that would like to get across is that this is a preventable disease. I, what I see what's going on at school systems with the drug awareness, responsibility education, the dare group, right? They are not addressing the AIDS issue at all. No. And I am fearful for my child, she's a teenager. Now, I would like to know what's going on in Houston, possibly to try to bring some education to the younger children to avoid this.

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Speaker 8 15:32

Okay, great. This is Anthony, Thanks for your call. And in my regular life, I work for the city of Houston health department. So I can tell you some of the things that I've seen in the school system, particularly in H ISD, that I've been doing this for four years now. Back in 89, we were given pretty much an open door policy and middle and high schools to go in and do AIDS prevention programs, and even handout condoms at the high school level, without any kind of restrictions. And then the school board changed their policy in 1990. And since then, we've been not, but we've not been able to give out condoms, they still allow us to come in and do HIV prevention programs. And we do those on a regular basis. However, the school board really is still very, very leery about doing an all out prevention effort. And there's various reasons for that the best thing that can happen, I think it's for parents, to go down there to school board meetings, and not be nice about it, but raise hell about it and said you must deliver this information. And as a point of information, the Center for Disease Control has given for, I think, four or \$5 million in direct aid to the University of Texas School of Public Health here in Houston. To do now you gotta get this four to \$5 million to do a demonstration program more or less a pilot program in, okay, I hope you're sitting down in 10, schools 10, they're going to spend \$4 million, and they're going to provide education and 10. area high schools. Now, I might lose my job on Monday, but that's a joke.

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Brian Bradley 17:15

And those are 10 schools, if they volunteer if

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Speaker 8 17:19

they volunteer if they get the parents to volunteer if they get the students to volunteer. So we're spending \$4 million of our tax money to do a test project in 10. Schools,

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Jewel Gray 17:29

or could do it in bar could do it in the summer, our loser. Yeah,

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Speaker 8 17:33

and there's a quarter of a million students in HSD. So your call is very, very important. The best thing that can happen is for parents to go down there and raise hell. And just one thing I will point out, and thanks for reminding me about it, Brian, is that the Houston the city health

department and the Houston Post, have put together what we call a Student Guide to HIV. And it's designed for middle and high school level and it's available, free of charge if schools wanted or if you want it for your family or in your church or business or whatever. Call us at the health department at the Bureau of HIV prevention. And this is the phone number 7949092. And we'll make those newspapers available to you at no charge 7949092.

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Michael Crawford 18:15

Okay, and if you'd like to call in here at after hours, the number is five to 65738526, KPFT. And, Tom, you want to comment?

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Sure did. Yeah, I think anybody who's probably up at this hour of the night, this won't come as a great surprise. Young people are definitely having sex. When you look at things like the STD rates, syphilis for girls, 15 and 19 have just gone through the roof. Texas has the highest rate of teenage pregnancies, that kind of thing. As far as parents wanting to get concerned about bringing education into the schools definitely agree with Anthony, it starts with you. Organize a PTA meeting, bring somebody in from out of the city from AIDS Foundation, one of the agencies in town. Talk about you know how you can start a program of education in your school. You know, you're not going to get a student coming forward and saying let's have a frank discussion about HIV. Most school principals around town are going to say we don't believe that's necessary here. So it's got to start with the parents. There's got to be a multifaceted effort. We can do something about it.

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Michael Crawford 19:25

Bob, do you want to make a comment? Yeah,

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I want to make a comment. With all that's going on, the only the most effective thing that changes people's lives, I'm afraid is experience and not even education. But education we must do and taking these problems into the school. I hope when they go into the school, they will take with them. The June 15 issue of The New York Times which projects by the year 2000. There'll be at least 30 million people infected that's a projection from the World Health Organization. And the headline reads of the Berlin con Since conference ends with little hope for AIDS cure, what they are saying is this a realist relative to this whole epidemic, or realist, on the other hand, would be heeding the one clear message sound that at the meeting, prevention is the only way to stop the alarming spread of the virus HIV throughout the world, buys right into what you need to do. And you tell these folks in the schools and anywhere else, Prevention Prevention coming out of Berlin.

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Brian Bradley 20:26

And one thing we've got to do is education and prevention that we've not done in the last 10

And one thing we've got to do on education and prevention that we've not done, in the last 12 years of this epidemic, we have went to Park target populations, such as kids, African Americans, gays, other IV substance users, and we've told them what to do. I have learned I've helped pass out 40,000 condoms to school kids here in Houston, I'm so proud of that. I'm sure that'll get a good response out of somebody. But the most important thing that I've learned out of that is, if I'll shut my mouth long enough to listen, and those kids, I have learned the most incredible things in the world. And most importantly, I learned what it is they need to learn what I know, they need to save their lives. So you know, you really have got to listen, these kids, some of the things that they tell you are, they shock even me and I'm not able to be shocked. But we've got to let's listen to them, let them by and large design their education program, or we're just going to be repeating, you know, reinventing that broken or flat wheel.

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Michael Crawford 21:24

Okay, we're going to be taking your calls into 130. The number is 526-573-8526, KPFT. We're gonna take another call, and it's line six, and Mark. Hello, hello. You're on the air?

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Yes, I just like to make some quick comments. First of all, I am great. I watched the program and I'm listening to your program. Now. First of all, I'd like to say to those who were trying to say that this is a disease, God has got handed out sexually transmitted diseases for sin at the clinics would be quite full. Secondly, I had been in aids work before. And the wonderful thing about this program is is that I have seen this happen to people as that woman said earlier who was with firm, and the film was great in showing people the reality that this is a people issue. This is not just statistics, numbers, and you know, a bunch of medical discussions that deals with people, and to be able to see the face of people, people who are experiencing people who are dying from this. I think that brings the reality to it so that they can see Oh, my God, this does affect people. Thirdly, you know, one thing why I ended up also leaving at work was the political involvement, because it was here in the Houston area. Or should I say the politics involved amongst the agency, really disheartened me. And it just, it was really sad, because to me, the agencies, agencies should all be working together to help people living with AIDS and their families, rather than the infighting that was taking place. I just hope it can be resolved. So that the real issue of what needs to be done in that service, those who are living with days and their families can take place. I wanted to share with y'all

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Michael Crawford 23:26

Okay, thank you for your comment.

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Jewel Gray 23:29

I have a comment about that. Go ahead, Jewel, after watching this film. You know, I was telling some friends about it. And the way I described it, and I'd like to describe it again, is that you know, people just vanish out of other people's lives. These people who have AIDS, they just, you know, it's like they took a train to Hong Kong and have moved to some other part of the

world. Well, that's not what's happened, these people have passed away, they've died. They didn't just stop calling, they didn't just stop writing. They didn't just stop chopping, they die. They're not here any longer. And I'd like that to be. And that's one of the parts about the film that I really appreciated that it showed that this has an end and it's not that they move to some godforsaken part of the planet and just don't communicate with you anymore. They're gone, they'll never be back and the things that they could have contributed and did contribute will never be repeated or given to us in the future. So I want to remind people that they're not just not calling anymore they've died. Thank you.

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Michael Crawford 24:25

Okay, and if you'd like, still relate live view from here shown again on channel eight, that can be accomplished by calling Chantelle eight at 7488888. And they will run that again on their Friday night ENCORE Program at 10pm This coming Friday. Next we're gonna go to line nine. Hello, you're on the air.

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I guess the Phantom. Okay. You wanted to make a comment? Yes. I'm a 23 year old heterosexual and I'm a college student. We all I'm not saying that everybody, but we all think that AIDS We know aids killed. But I don't think anybody could know the devastation unless they watch the the every, the whole bit is phenomenal.

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Michael Crawford 25:14

Thank you, Tom, you wanted to make a comment?

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I get a lot of phone calls from people who are feel the same way that you do they want to set up an educational program of some sort. And one, one extreme example I have is a woman who called me up and she she wanted somebody who was essentially what Tom was on the, on the on his on his deathbed, he wanted that kind of person wheeled into a school to show the kids well, I think that's just, you know, beyond the call of common decency. I agree, I think that sometimes people do need to see that just the ultimate reality of what it's going to do to take it seriously. Your age 23 year old. You know, high school kids college age, kids are not going to be thinking about something 10 years down the road of their actions today, they're probably thinking more about what they're going to wear this weekend, we need to come up with some really much better approaches as time in terms of education to young people. We're probably missing the boat at the moment, I agree with Brian, we need to start listening to the kids, they're probably our best teachers in terms of educating them.

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Michael Crawford 26:28

And it's so obvious that we're missing the point when it comes to young people that another fact that comes out of the Berlin Conference was that half of the 12 million people who are

fact that came out of the Berlin Conference was that half of the 12 million people who are infected with HIV are under 25. So we're gonna go to let's see, where are we going? line six, and Joseph? Joseph, you're on the air?



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Well, I enjoyed the movie very much. Secondly, someone that feels that they may be HIV positive, who has not been tested, but tend to be tested early? How much more would that increase the quality and their of their life



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and their life expectancy?



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is something that I hear so much about Glenn Beck in the community, he tested Should I not be tested? Anthony, did



Speaker 8 27:15

you want to comment on that, or I'll comment on that. I think it's very important if someone thinks that they may be infected with HIV that they find out and become certain about one way or the other. And, you know, it can definitely enhance the quality of one's life because you know, what you're dealing with, you're dealing with reality, and not some fantasy about maybe I am maybe I'm not. And we now have programs in place, early intervention programs in place that are designed just for that, to educate people about what's going on inside their body services that are available in the community, to have people with HIV that are asymptomatic, that are very healthy, stay that way. So, you know, I think the call is very, very important. And if you don't know you should find out you should get yourself anonymously tested. Montrose clinic, Planned Parenthood, various locations, Planned Parenthood is free marches clinic has a sliding scale. But you want to get yourself tested in an anonymous location. Yep, that's it.



Brian Bradley 28:24

Anthony, do you see my Anthony's comments and a young woman who's his college student, they both used something. And that was reality, the young woman has learned something now that she didn't know before the film. And that is that people live and die from this. And she impre appreciates the impact of it, the caller is talking about knowing his positive status versus not knowing it if he is, there still is not a magic bullet out there. But once you start dealing with reality, and you deal with it in a positive manner, your life improves greatly. You sort of cut off the excess in so many ways, and you tune into different things and you surround yourself with the people that you really need to be around. And you start you know, prioritizing things, so much trash just falls away. And you know, I hate to say it having been positive for more than a

third of my life. Now. It's been improved in many, many ways because of that, and I know now how to better take care of myself mentally and physically, to stay alive long enough for that magic bullet should act up be able to bring in about

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Speaker 8 29:26

one of the things I want to talk to say about the movie this is like not related to his call. But this is about the movie because before we ran a times that one of the things that I thought was very, very important and I hope a lot of people picked up on it was the holistic therapies that these guys were dealing with now there's a lot of controversy and some people with HIV don't want to deal with holistic therapies at all. I'm grinning at Brian over here. But you know I myself am a firm believer in holistic therapies and the power of mother nature to take care of us. But you know the saw the the woman who did the channeling and they went to the whole Stick Doctor Who did who put all this stuff in a blender and grind it stuff up for him to take. You know, there's lots and lots of stuff that people are investigating on their own. So this does kind of relate to the call to. But you know, you'll see that when people with HIV become empowered to take charge of their own health and well being, and, uh, hopefully doesn't take HIV to, you know, get that into people. If we take charge of our own health and well being, there's tons of resources out there. And the film did bring that out, because I didn't notice them taking ACT and DDC and DDI. And now he did do the pentamidine. But you know, mostly it was, you know, lots of teas and herbal things and things that are growing, coming out of the ground that I didn't recognize, but you know, and love, and love and love, lots of love. Were queer love. All right.

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Michael Crawford 30:47

Okay. And if you want any more information on where to get tested, or early intervention, or AIDS resource groups or eight support groups, you call the gay and lesbian switchboard at 5293211. What are you pointing at

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Brian Bradley 31:01

me for? Well, we were talking about tested. Go ahead, let

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Jimmy Carper 31:05

that Texas we are kind of lucky here. Because we have anonymous testing, there is a very, very big difference between anonymous testing and confidential testing. Confidential testing means you go to your doctor, he tests you, it goes in your file, and any nurse that happens to work for him can open up that file. And who knows who she's going to tell. Anonymous means that you go to the clinic or pen, Planned Parenthood and you become a number.

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Speaker 8 31:31

They don't want to know your name. And that's very important, right. And I would just want to

another one thing that Jimi said, if you go to your private physician, or if you have private insurance, and HMO or whatever, even if your test comes back negative, it's on your file that you requested the test. And if an insurance company, if you change jobs or whatever, in Texas, insurance companies get away with murder, so they could drop you even if your test was negative, just the fact that you requested the test, lets an insurer know that you consider yourself to be a high risk individual,

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Brian Bradley 32:00

there are two pools of information for medical things in the country. So it's really important, not just Texas, but only have yourself tested anonymously, you know, let your HIV diagnosis be attached to your name. When you go to the hospital the first time then you're real sick, you'll keep your job, you'll keep your insurance, you'll have a quality of life. So it's anonymous testing only.

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Michael Crawford 32:23

Okay, anonymous testing good. competent to testing bad. Okay, we're gonna go down the line call you're on the air. All right. Hi, you want to make a comment?

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Yeah, I did.

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Thank you, you know, you're only talking about some really important things really. Accept is great. And Queer Nation is great. And politics are really important. But the film isn't about that film events kind of love that endures. 22 years in the first place. I mean, how many of us get that, right? And second of all, the kind of love that let him look at the ravaged body of his lover and say, Isn't he beautiful? What the film is about, it's not about politics, or Clinton or Bush or act up or anything else. It's about the kind of passion and love that we as a community find, and we gotta cherish and hang on to it. And that's why the film is so important.

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Michael Crawford 33:11

Okay, thank you for your comment. Caller, you're on the air. Hello, hello.

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You want to make a combat? Yeah. I was with my lover passed away in August. And we were together for eight years of very similar circumstances, by all that. I, you know, I know the politics of it all. But it's sometimes it's kind of overwhelming, you know, where to focus, because it's dealing with the pain of it all. It's hard to it's hard to focus on one to let it there's so

many political points to deal with. That it's it's hard to focus on one thing, you know, what battle do you fight. And another thing on the film of what's on the desperate death certificate, they said marital status, and it said, never married. And I thought that was kind of made a statement because, you know, as far as recognizing as a couple, they spent 22 years together. And the end result was, you know, never married, he wasn't really recognized, which I've experienced myself, you know, you know, it's not recognized with the state or the government. You know, you're nothing to them. As far as you know, you were nothing to that person.

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Brian Bradley 34:31

For good, you can touch on that in America, we still as men, loving man or women loving women can't be legally married, my love and I had every piece of paper now on demand fixed illegally, that brought us to the closest point possible. So it gives you a greater degree of control. But it doesn't give you that little warm feeling that everybody else gets when they see that innocuous picture printed in the paper on Sunday announcing their, you know, marriage and everything. I got to be on Josh's death certificate. Get the information. Yeah. And his was never married. Also, it is a big insult. But that's, that's the pain that he's feeling. Now you'll, you'll get over that I promise you and because you'll remember what it is that you had with him and that marriage certificate that being married won't be important someday.

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Michael Crawford 35:18

Okay, we're gonna be taking your calls for about 10 more minutes and the number is 5265738. Okay, we're gonna go to the next call caller, you're on the air.

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Hi, hi, I want Overlake life as a former caregiver to my darling brother, who died in 1989. Now another caller said that he was moved to tears, I want you to know I sobbed uncontrollably, yes, it's got to show this film again. So that my husband for one can see not only what my brother went through, but what I went through as well. Those of us whose loved ones have AIDS are emotionally ravaged by this disease. And aids affects us all, whether we are infected or not. And this film and in your forum helps keep us all from being alone with our anguish, and act up as well as other groups are doing something about it. And I want to thank you all for your efforts very much.

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Michael Crawford 36:11

Thank you. Thank you. Okay, and if you would like to get generally to show that program again, call 7488888. Anthony, let's make a comment.

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Speaker 8 36:21

Yeah, you just reminded me of something caller. And thanks for reminding me of it. The role of ~~the caregiver is just as important. I can't say enough about it. And this is something that~~

the caregiver is just so important, I can't say enough about it. And I'm a firm believer that caregivers must take care of themselves. You know, when you're, if you're taking care of someone with AIDS or any other illness of this nature, a lot of times you want to just go out of our way and run ourselves ragged, trying to take care of somebody. And, and many of us do that. So those of you that are listening, and that are taking care of someone with HIV disease, AIDS, whatever you want to call it, or any other terminal illness or illness of this nature. Don't run yourself ragged, please take care of yourself, take some time, go to the beach, you know, read a book, I don't care, you know, turn off all the lights and don't do anything for hours. But please take care of yourself, because we need you, the caregiver, and all your strength and all of your commitment to help the rest of us make it through until this is over. So I just want to take the time and say that you reminded me of that caller and really acknowledge and thank all the caregivers for all the work you've done in taking care of people with HIV for the last 12 years. We could not have done it without you. We thank you and we love you for it.

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Michael Crawford 37:36

Okay, we have what five minutes left for calls and want to ask to the remaining callers to please be brief with your comment or question. Let's go to the next caller. Caller you're on the air. Yes. Hello,

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yes. Much like that, that female caller who called earlier, I'm 23 years old. And but I am a homosexual. And as I've heard earlier, there's Christians who are listening and I am personally a Christian, that is my professed faith. And at this time, we are seeing these people who are ravaged by AIDS. It's not a time to get preachy. It's not a time to get on your moral high horse. These are people who are sick. These are people who are dying. These are people who are trying to live their lives. The last thing necessary is someone who feels that it's their right to tell them what they should have lived. The time. And for anyone who's listening and say I've been a caregiver to my mother who's been in a wheelchair since I was five. And I know what it means to take care of someone. And when you have someone walk up to you and call you either faggot or with my mother, they call her camp or cripple and that hurts so bad. Not the time to start throwing names after the person is hurting. Okay, I think the main thing we have to get over.

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Michael Crawford 39:05

Okay, thank you for your call. Okay, I want to say that after hours is here every Saturday night from 12pm to three. So if you like what you're hearing now, tune in next week and the host is going to be the lovely and talented Joel Gray. We're gonna go to line eight and Larry Flair. You're on the air. Yes. Thank you. How are you doing? I'm good. How are you? You wanted to talk about

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that to you all show the show was part of it on channel eight. I relate with that very well. I had a brother, a baby brother that died in 1991. And I wasn't there VSC and I was there. And yes, it

brought tears to my eyes. And I am a castle out over the hill Incorporated. We do testing hassle free testing.

 M Michael Crawford 39:54

Do you have a number for over the hill?

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Yes. 5209554

 M Michael Crawford 39:59

Okay, do you want to tell us a little bit about what what over the hill is and what you guys can

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do? I wanted to supervise, they're constantly there Cadac and Icbc stuff. We do HIV testing free of charge. Not to confidential, but the other one, give us a number. between five to 10 day turnaround come in. Yes, we also have a PWA house people leave. And what we also do is take them to various agencies, including Thomas Green Montrose. Get all of the necessary papers, including the goal car for the hospital, medication, everything.

 M Michael Crawford 40:40

Okay. Do you want to get

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away from the door?

 M Michael Crawford 40:43

Okay, do you want to get that number one more time?

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By 2054? Okay, perfect. No charge.

 M Michael Crawford 40:50

Okay, thank you. We're gonna go to line seven. And David, you're on the air.

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I just wanted to say that I'm really proud of you all, being on the radio this evening. I'm just wanting to say it's special. Hi to Anthony Rios. Sevilla. Hey, David. And also just kind of want to make to make my comments about the movie. I think the movie was absolutely, it was romantic. It was beautiful, courageous, but yet at the same time, it's very educational. My profession is, of course, you know, as a counselor, and as a health educator, I feel that this program with this movie would absolutely be extremely beneficial to the community, whether heterosexual and especially within the teen community. So once again, I'm definitely going to put in my two cents worth on Friday to put in that call to encore. But at the same time, I also just wanted to let you guys know, I think you're doing a great job. And I'm really proud of you. And happy, happy Gay Pride Week.

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Michael Crawford 41:43

Thank you. Thank you. Okay. In addition to calling encore, I think we should all call the White House. If you can call Bill Clinton and tell him what you think about his lack of AIDS policies. And the number is area code 202-456-1414. Or if you want to call Jesse Helms and all those lovable congress people, the number is area code 20222431 to one, or better yet, let's give an Richards a call. She's been sitting around claiming to be a liberal Democrat, but has not done a thing about AIDS. And let's call this especially gay because it's a toll free number. And that number is 1-800-252-9600. And I've just been handed a message that says the number we gave out for firm earlier was incorrect. And that the correct number is 682599 5k. Let's go to the next call. Pick a picket number. Thank you. You're on the air. Hello. You're on the air. Yes,

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you were I just wanted to say that. Back in 82 I lost my lover we had been together for oh, let's see about 12 years 12 and a half years we've lived together right at the time didn't even it was known as was the plate we didn't know what it was it didn't even have a name. You don't get over it. I mean, we were we were loving for that long and there's still emptiness in my heart. And I'm going to tell you some ACT UP and Queer Nation have got the right answer. I'm 42 years old and I just want to say right on guys. I mean we need quick need to don't stop. Thank you.

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Michael Crawford 43:42

Thank you and that number again for ACT UP because 9421006 and the meetings are every Thursday 730 Montrose activity centers 3330 grouse star

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Brian Bradley 43:53

and since act episode good about telling everybody else what to do when you call President Bill

Clinton which ask him Can he spell aids czar ask him does he know who Lowell Weicker is? He's standing there waiting to do the job. He just needs to be appointed.

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Michael Crawford 44:08

So when you're calling a Bill Clinton at area code 202-456-1414 Tell him to appoint Lowell Weicker aides are Oh, okay. We have one final call. You're on the air. Hello. Hello. You're on the air. Hi,

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my name is Taylor.

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I'm a doctor here in Houston. First of all, I wanted to just someone called a few calls back and said they weren't sure if they should get tested, I think right? Absolutely. Everyone should be tested without a doubt. That's really what I wanted to call about. Definitely. I wanted to congratulate I think his name's Brian with act up. I'm just really impressed. I think you guys are going the right direction. I know that some of the politicians aren't going the way they need to. I wish everyone could see this movie. I wish all of our congressmen I wish Bill Clinton could see this because I think we'd get a lot more money. For the research that we need. And really that's where I want to thank or thank you for doing that today, Brian,

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Speaker 8 45:05

thanks, Doc.

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Michael Crawford 45:07

Go by, go, go, go go.

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Brian Bradley 45:09

We've got a great amount of friends in the medical community in the scientific community. And by and large, their hands are tied by lack of money, and government regulation. That's one of the other things that we could do if you don't want to get involved too much in the discrimination area, the politics get involved in the politics of untying the scientist in the doctors hands in America. So he and she can do what they know is the right thing to do and find a cure for this damn disease.

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Michael Crawford 45:36

Okay, thank you. line six, you're on the air.



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Hi, my name's Chris and I was responding to the one car you called in and was talking about kids in high school that I wanted to know how I could get AIDS information activism group started at my school.



Michael Crawford 45:53

Wow. Hello.



Speaker 8 45:56

I tell you, an organization to call that's dealing specifically with adolescents. The acronym is hippie, the Houston Institute for the protection of youth. And they have teenage peer educators that are trained to come into the schools and they have staff that can assist you with starting a group that like you're talking about, and the number is 94298849429884. Houston Institute for the protection of youth column.



Michael Crawford 46:29

Thank you know, is that our final call, we're out of calls. Okay, I'd like to thank my guests, except for Brian Bradley, who's probably going to stay on with this for a little while. Oh, and Anthony, too. Okay, I'd like to see