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D Diane Williams 00:02

I don't know if you have been in the information in front of you about tomorrow. There's mass orientation tomorrow. No, I don't I don't think tomorrow Sunday from 1pm to 3pm. There's a mass orientation somewhere. Allen, wait a minute. I haven't written here somewhere just for you what you have and I'll try to find that for Okay.

J Jewel Gray 00:23

Houston defending choice is a coalition of diverse, diverse groups who are organizing clinic defense in August. Starting on the 11th of this month, they offered complete clinic defense training every Saturday morning from 830 to 11am. For more information you can call 981288. For they need volunteers for fundraising, recruiting police and legal work working with the media and other activities. You do not have to be at the clinic to help. You do not have to be arrested, you do not have to put yourself out there there are a lot of other things you can do. If you are afraid of what might happen if you get out there. If you don't think you can grow yourself, or you're just afraid someone you're still afraid in the closet with choice. You don't have to participate in that way. There are other things you can do money as needed urgently, and you can send your donations to Houston defending choice 36 Or one Fannin more on choice. They're trying to train it says here they're trying to train 2000 clinic defenders here in town to defend these clinics.

D Diane Williams 01:31

Very basic maths orientation. Very basic stuff. They'll just teach you what your legal rights are, and what the other people's legal rights are. They'll also teach you how the other side tries to verbally intimidate you and what you need to do to protect yourself against that.

J Jewel Gray 01:48

On Saturday, August 15. There will be clinic defense training and pro choice rally at Houston warns that its robotic Lunesta, National Organization for Women. And HCG just says it's going to be a rally doesn't say where so I guess we'll hear more about that.

D Diane Williams 02:09

call the hotline call 981 8484. I think the hotline for Yeah, this thing's gonna be tomorrow is part of that mass orientation. It's tomorrow from one to 3pm I don't have the exact address but it's gonna be on BeechNut somewhere in southwest Houston. I can't remember exactly where I got some kind of Allen Parkway village saying Oh, that was yesterday. That was yesterday from error. Actually, that was this morning, this morning at 8am which is telling you right now while we're in there,

J Jewel Gray 02:38

let's take a minute and remind our gay brothers out there and lots of young brothers are lesbian sisters who think that this isn't about them because they're not going to be pregnant. And are gay brothers who think that they're, you know, this is not about them. But what do you think these people are going to do when they when they overturn Roe v. Wade, what do you think they're going to do next? They're going to be on our doorsteps believe me. They are already talking about it. They're already talking about what what they'll be doing after they finished with the abortion issues. This is a matter about us because we're talking about choice. We are not discussing abortion. This is not about abortion. It's about taking the choice to make decisions for individuals away from us. Let's not let them do this. One of the decisions that they they want to take away is whether a woman can have a safe and legal abortion. But there will be many other individual choices and decisions that they will try to take away. These are people who are burning Huckleberry Finn and books and and trying to home tutor them so that they don't get a feel of the real world. So don't think this isn't about you. Because if it isn't right, the second it will be tomorrow.

D Diane Williams 03:56

I've got some other info here. One of the things I have is let's go from that weighty weighty topic to skate nine roller skaters. I'll use rollerbladers as your roller skaters actually the indoor time this is a four wheel type of four square wheels as opposed to four in a row. You people out there with nice calves and thighs. You want to do this roller skating thing. I give you all the credit in the world because I used to do this when I was like a kid and I haven't done in a while I'm really anxious to get back out there sounds like a lot of fun. A Skate Night it says roller skating Mondays from 7:30 to 10:30pm. July 6 July 20 August 3 The meaning August 3 and August 17. Trade Winds roller rink that's 5006 West 34th at highway tonight gosh this is right around the corner from my house. Admission by Valders includes skates it benefits the smile people's sexual minorities use sistance League. Also there's ice skating on Tuesdays from eight to 10pm at the Galleria that's is open to the public. The top one is not a completely public thing, but this is open to the general public. The first roller skating is open to I guess the gay public or the friends and family of gay. I don't know. Anyway, ice skating Tuesdays. August 11. It says wear neon. I guess that's how they'll know me. Neon means your queer folks or neon means you're gay or lesbian. If you don't like that, particularly like your thighs, Diane. Oh, stop.

Or start as the case may be. Outdoor skate Sundays at 8:30pm August 9, and August 23. Starting at the MCR church, Cool, good to know outdoor skate 9090 indicator and as we know that phone numbers 8619149 For information on all the skates and more contact the lambda roller skating club 523 6381. Joey Okay,

J Jewel Gray 06:02

I want to remind people that in 1993, there's going to be the event of the century then then the gay and lesbian homophobe.

D Diane Williams 06:15

Oh, homophobes march on Washington. I

J Jewel Gray 06:17

could never get this right march on Washington for lesbian, gay, bi equal rights and liberation. This was just too long. What would the acronym be for this?

D Diane Williams 06:26

I don't know. But it would be pretty confusing. There was a big deal. They spent many, many hours discussing how many labels that we're going to put on there. And that's what they finally came up with. And I think all you transgender people out there are definitely included. But I think that you're a little overlooked here. I don't know.

J Jewel Gray 06:46

Well, this will be next spring on April 25. In Washington, DC. And I want to remind you that they are having planning meetings here. Every where to go where to KPFT headquarters. They're having planning meetings, the second Tuesday, Thursday of every month at the GLP. See, that's again, Lisbon Political Caucus meeting. That's a 900. Love it. So if you're interested in participating in the planning of the March on Washington and getting people there and putting people up, then that's the meeting to go to you to get more information. You can call 5296979. Didn't ever bell just get elected or given a job as a regional national coordinator, National Coordinator for the Regional Coordinator in the national location? In other words, Deborah,

D Diane Williams 07:35

we love you. We're sorry to see you go but we're glad you got the job. She's moving to Washington. She'll be there for the year. That's right. She'll love that be there through what April probably May after pull up the roll away. I'm

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Jewel Gray 07:45

coming to stay with you currently. Devin, what's

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Diane Williams 07:47

happened? Where do you live now? I mean, he's your problem.

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Jewel Gray 07:49

We're gonna get a big apartment. Deborah, we're kind of in. That's right. Okay, we're gonna

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Diane Williams 07:54

get two more real quick. Okay. Two more, and this is directly from twit. Thank you people at twit this week in Texas, July 24, through 30s with a very handsome man in the suit on the front cover. And believe me, I don't normally notice things like that. This guy's pretty cute. And he's from Houston. So you're listening, whoever you are. Eric Anderson, you're kind of cute. There's two things I want to talk about. One of them this was in the news into it and in the news in general. I went to a live meeting last Friday lesbians in business. And that group is really really growing. I can really see the progress those women have made in their lives in the community in the organization that they've built and I want to give them all the credit in the world. Houston women announced campaign to pressure CDC lesbian AIDS Project calling for more research on women and AIDS. Okay, let's see. Last Friday for women representing the lesbian AIDS Project held a press conference to announce the start of an effort to pressure the Centers for Disease Control into devoting more attention to women and HIV. Conducting the briefing were Brenda Kelly wet Barbara urban, Suzanne Anderson and Anita Torres. All members of the lesbian AIDS Project, a special interest group of the AIDS equity League. These are women that are involved with lib. And as I said before, they're doing a fantastic job. The focus of last Friday's meeting was lesbians and AIDS and it was very educational. Love the film, by the way, love the film, I'm gonna have to start bringing dates to live meetings. It's great. The article goes on and I'm not gonna read all of it to you go get the twit read for yourself. It says I read a bit of it. A statement read by Callaway. I hope I'm saying that right. noted that the first case of female female HIV transmission was reported about eight years ago. But as yet no study has been done exploring the risks of Women to Women HIV transmission. One of the NGOs campaign is to counter the notion that lesbians are at low risk for HIV and that government agencies can therefore ignore the issue. We were brought together for the purpose of informing the Centers for Disease Control and the US government, that lesbians do exist. Lesbians do have sex and the lesbians do have health issues, the statement read, I'll let you read the rest of the story. But basically, to just touch on that, again, the CDC, we are not even a statistic we just don't exist. When they ask us information on HIV testing, when they conduct clinical trials, we just don't exist because we are not a valid group to study, we need to make sure that we do exist because there are many strains of HIV more or less, there are many ways that HIV can be manifested, that affect women that it doesn't affect me in the same way. So we need to be aware of that. And speaking of clinical trials, HIV drug trials and Houston's Baylor lab tests, office visits and medication free of charge. Houston, the infectious disease section at Baylor College of Medicine is currently seeking HIV positive adult patients 18 and older to participate in two clinical trials

under the direction of Steven Greenberg. There's a couple of drugs that are going to be compared with Acyclovir Xover racks. Patients must have a T for count of 100 or above, bla bla bla, and another trial combination therapy with AC T and ZD and BDC versus ad, AC T, DTC, and welfare on which is interferon alpha, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. Basically, there's a lot of stuff in here, you really need to know that's very pertinent to the HIV community, please do go and check that out. It's a way if you're in the gym, or if you have heart trouble if you have a hard time getting your medication, call those folks.

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Jewel Gray 12:01

And this is a good time to remind everyone out there that my participation on all the after our programs was dedicated to the men and women of the Baron Care Center. The place I love to be during my eight hours of work. I also want

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Diane Williams 12:15

to say real briefly that I want to command not only the Greater Houston age Alliance and all the board members, even the ones under fire, I know it's hard to be under fire. Please make the right choices. I specifically want to come in those members of the HIV service providers organization. There's hundreds hundreds of us out there fighting and we're fighting for you we're fighting for people with AIDS in their caregivers. So thank you all for that.

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Jewel Gray 12:43

Now we're gonna go to Romanovsky and Phillips when heterosexism strikes

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Diane Williams 12:53

okay, that does in rather cold doesn't it? Certainly does. I love that. I love that song when heterosexism strikes. That's a real catchphrase these days, too. Well, we're back. Actually, I'm back. Jewel is looking at me from across the room. Nowhere near a microphone but my buddy, my queer brother, my friend. Queer Michael Crawford is a barrister. My course is there my queer sister Well, I'm not your brother. So I'll be your course sister too. We'll be sisters, but I'm not gonna be your brother.

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Michael Crawford 13:25

Okay, sisters. It is.

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Diane Williams 13:27

Okay. Oh, and I want to do something. I kind of meant to wait to open this up. I want to open this this beverage this refreshing beverage up for Laurie Kendrick, of a competing? One? Oh, 6.9 radio station. I want to do that because Laura Kendrick is such a baby. She is like so cool.

To the cars. You might say. Evidently, she has a boyfriend so she's just cool with cars, but she always drinks a refreshing beverage. And I'm considered this got got got for Laura Kendricks. Okay, Michael, I want to talk about some important important things. Okay. Like what

 Michael Crawford 14:04

he's looking at me like, oh, maybe randos deploy Randles. Michael,

 Diane Williams 14:09

where were you? Last night about this time or night for night before about this time last night. But it's today night before I before that? Where were you before lasted right about now?

 Michael Crawford 14:18

I was with the boys in prison. Oh,

 Diane Williams 14:21

I knew that. Well, let's talk about what precipitated this. I know that I just put a fire up here in the control room in the control room and KPFT that says, if you're queer, why are you shopping here? Randles discriminates remarkably,

 Michael Crawford 14:36

exactly. They discriminate against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender roles, people with AIDS and queers. They hate

 Diane Williams 14:44

us, everybody. And you know, I may get slapped for saying this. I don't know if this is like, politically correct me or not. And frankly, at this moment, I don't care. But I did work at Randles for two weeks or so. And yeah, I needed a job Romain. This was some time ago and I noticed when I worked there that I'll say this again, I've said this many times, people of color, bagged groceries and chase carts, women worked in the bakery. And in the deli department men were butchers, people, men of color were stocked boys. And nobody got paid anything. If you were white, if you look like a cheerleader, male or female, especially, there weren't that many males checking. But if you look like a male cheerleader, I guess if you looked, if you looked clean and sanitized with straight white teeth, you got to be a checker if you were a boy. So when we were out, there we went. Ladies and gentlemen, and babes and dudes out there. We went to Randles. And we had a protest, and I was yelling to those people of color chasing carts. You know, you want benefits. You know, you don't want to be chasing carts out here in hot sun, you know this people discriminate against you. Please ask them for benefits. I'm not asking people to leave their jobs and strike their jobs. That's that's hard to do. It's a very hard decision. I am

asking people to look at their surroundings and not accept what they get what they're given if they're not given enough. We certainly didn't when Randles fired Steven Liddell, because his roommate had HIV. And I think it's really important that Randles get called on all of its homophobia.

 Michael Crawford 16:27

And also, when they did not support the boycott against the green sheet, they were the only business in the entirety of Montrose that did not support the green sheet boycott, of course, they will gladly take our money just won't support our rights or issues. Then to make it even worse, they threw out the Houston press, because they ran gay and lesbian personal ads. They told the press either the G word goes or you get the hell out of our stores. And they threw the press out.

 Diane Williams 16:56

Yeah, that was really rooted in. Also a friend of mine. Actually, let's let's go back even further, a friend of a friend. Both friends are transgender roles went into Randles. And this friend of a friend was treated. horrendously, I'm not even gonna say disrespectfully, because it was much worse than that this transgender role that I believe is irrelevant, totally irrelevant whether or not the operation was complete period. But I believe it was and this was a woman went into the ladies room and was followed by female officer and

 Michael Crawford 17:35

said he'd been at her peeped in to see what she was doing,

 Diane Williams 17:39

I guess to see which direction she was standing or sitting exactly. And scream and told the female cop to leave did so then the transgender went into like the coffee shop area and got some coffee, and was harassed by the police officers asking this friend or was and asking if she still had male genitals in front of in front of everybody at Randles loud enough for everybody to hear, and just really harass this person. And basically this person left in a state in a state, you know, in a frantic state. And cool to say the least. What can you say uncle?

 Michael Crawford 18:19

Randall Randles is homophobic to bigoted? The some

 Diane Williams 18:24

that's so don't shop there. Because if you're queer, then why are you shopping there?

 Michael Crawford 18:28

Exactly.

 Diane Williams 18:30

And if you're lesbian or gay, why are you shopping there? And if you're a transgender, or if you're bisexual, why the heck if you're a straight liberal, why the heck are you doing that?

 Michael Crawford 18:38

You're anything other than a homophobic pig? Why are you suffering? They're here.

 Diane Williams 18:43

Thank you, my parents actually are still shopping there. They stopped shopping. They read the stuff in the Chronicle or in the press or whatever. There was somewhere that Randall says put gosh, where we employ the most gay people in the city of Houston.

 Michael Crawford 18:56

That's only because they're one of the largest private employers period, but they become the bit that's not even true.

 Diane Williams 19:03

I mean, because it'll say the very same thing exactly who's counting, and one in 10, let's say one to 10 that are people that are out, not counting people that are closeted, did they go to all their employees and take a poll, which one of you guys are queer, which one of you guys likes doing this and likes doing that? So I don't even want to know. Basically, this is very frustrating situation. Randles is using their money to

 Michael Crawford 19:30

to hurt us or using our money to

 Diane Williams 19:31

hurt they're using our money, the money that we've been given them, to call the media to their, to their attention and to away from us.

M Michael Crawford 19:41

For example, channel two refuses to cover the fact that coordination has been boycotting rambles for over two months now, because roundels this channel two's largest advertiser, trying and they don't want to upset Randles at all.

D Diane Williams 19:54

That's right. Basically enough people were angry enough So that finally one red young soul who didn't have to work the next day or were you were sick that they were Yeah. finally decided that it was important enough to him that he was gonna get some tension and I gotta tell you the thing that impressed me the most Michael that logging chain Michael Crawford ladies and gentlemen boys and girls went to a Randles flagship not the one we've been protesting not the one that we've been going to day after day week after week specifically charging went to one that they weren't necessarily expecting us to be at which by the way went along said we will be in an unexpected location soon I'm sure we'll locations multiple perhaps even at the same time Mr. Onstad. And surprise. Firstly, we do and we're getting them ready let me tell you and Michael went there and wrapped logging chain around his midsection and around a pole and went in screaming tell us about it. Tell tell us about what happened. From the moment we got there. I was there. And we had we had a spy we had a spy and Jewel gray Jewel gray wrote her scooter up there and and she's not even looking at me, wrote her scooter after Randles and went inside the store to scope things out for us. Thank you, Jewel. Tell us about it. Well,

M Michael Crawford 21:18

basically I went in while the other handy queer nation people were out leafleting trying to encourage people not to shop at Randles I went in pretending to be a heterosexual shopper. Was it hard? It was hard. It was hard. And they had people stationed along the aisles looking for what would happen. They knew that something that queer nation was going to do something they didn't know exactly what. And at the appropriate moment. I pulled out the chain, wrapped it around my perfect 32 minutes waste. And started screaming boycott bigotry, boycott Randles.

D Diane Williams 21:53

And where do you keep the chain? How'd you get the chain in there in my purse? And is it a person a person is agile? I would I wouldn't say my hat's off to the person. Exactly. Yes, it looks like kind of a backpack. Oh look kind of budgets kind of camouflage thing has kind

M Michael Crawford 22:08

of all inspired look.

D Diane Williams 22:11

And I started suddenly I suppose you could pass for a head row if you wanted to.

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Michael Crawford 22:14

I don't want to thank you. I started screaming. Then the PR person that they had stationed at rambles came running over as the cameras were clicking on me and all this and she and I got into a confrontation.

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Diane Williams 22:27

Isn't it amazing that Cindy guards ladies and almond Cindy guard who are ex homophobe of the year next owning second only to rent a law instead was just happen to be that store. Gosh, Cindy,

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Michael Crawford 22:41

overcoming. Apparently someone is spying and coordination.

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Diane Williams 22:46

And there's a good, there's a good bet that we may know who some of these people are. Just keep that in mind. Well,

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Michael Crawford 22:53

Cindy, Cindy garbs and I got into it. Then I got into it with her son who was awfully cute. Even if he was homophobic, he was often a redneck from heck, but he was beautiful. And eventually I got carted off by the police, where I spent the evening in jail. And with a very we were picketing outside by the way at the time. Yes, they were I heard them and I think that was wonderful. They were they were fabulous. And I had my lovely little red armband with signified me as a homo.

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Diane Williams 23:21

He did get a homo Tang. Yeah, we made sure we followed you all night long. As matter of fact, by the way, I want to thank John for this too. We say his name on the air. Sure, why not? And he's an out openly everywhere. John Aerobie. I love you. You're such a sweetheart. John did us the courtesy of following and at times even proceeding, Michael to the to the jail, went down there and checked up on and made sure that he was okay. Got us the case number because I know I tried to call about Michael for about an hour or two and they lost you they couldn't find you. They claim that was a white male. That's right. They did I heard that that's a stretch. And there was another there happened to be another Michael Crawford and at the same time he was a white male. So I get that. But he had a different name. And I don't even I don't want to

go into that. But the deal is John Aerobie got your case number and your case number immediately went out to all of us on the phone tree and every single queer with that information got access to calling about you and for you. I want to thank everybody that called

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Jewel Gray 24:25

Yeah. I want to tell a story about character. After the protest. I went across the street to to check out Shirley Valentine at my local video store and video store. My Ex Works. Hi, Lisa. And while I was coming out of the store, there was a young black woman with two children in a car and she was standing out watching the protests across the street and she had seen me drive up and she asked me what what's going on over there. And I said, Oh, that's queer nation across the street. They're protesting Randles because Randles discriminates against people of color. Women and homosexuals. And she said well, all right for them. Her and her two children stood there and watched what was going on. And she was real supportive. And I was real surprised at out of the blue, that this woman was standing there and was supportive of the, of the protests that queer nation was putting up. So I wanted to, I wanted Michael to know that the even people who didn't know what was happening once they knew what was happening, were very supportive of your actions over there. There were a

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Diane Williams 25:29

lot of horns honking and things happening, good stuff happening,

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Jewel Gray 25:33

then the young man who came in wouldn't cross the picket line. Yeah, there was

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Diane Williams 25:37

a lot of people that came in and wouldn't cross the picket line a couple of times, people drove up legally, we cannot cross certain boundaries, we can't go over the sidewalk, or we will get arrested. So we have to stay on the sidewalk. We had flyers and we couldn't, you know, we can't give the flyers to people in the parking lot legally, the cops will immediately come and put the cuffs on us. So we have to say come and get these fires. It takes a lot for somebody to get out of their car to come get a flyer from you. So I want to say thank you, all those people. Tell us I got I have to know where to get the chain. And did the fire people cut it off? Or did the police people cut it off? How'd they get it off?

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Michael Crawford 26:16

I got the team from my local hardware store. My first time in a hardware store. None.

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Diane Williams 26:20

All right, get the clear clapping.

M Michael Crawford 26:25

And it was the police department that cut it off. But they did call

D Diane Williams 26:29

the fire department and enter into and all kinds of

M Michael Crawford 26:35

was great. See, probably not a helicopter at this time.

D Diane Williams 26:37

But you know what the funny thing was was that drew more attention. Thank you. HPD. We loved it. It was great. Keep up the good work. That's right. And thank you, Michael. Because I know that was really important. I know that was scary God and how frightening it must have been. It was fun. Yeah, I know that. I have a lot of friends who've been arrested a million times. Because it's something they believe in a lot of people feel that this issue is, in a way trivial that. I know that I think okay, I'll be honest here. I originally thought that Randles took a backseat to AIDS this or Randles took a backseat to this or, you know, different levels of protests at different times. And, and to some extent, I still believe that. But at the same time, everything counts. The way Randall Armstead presents himself is homophobia and it is killing queers. Do you want to talk about those important?

M Michael Crawford 27:38

Yes. I mean, while I agree with you that AIDS is an exceptionally important issue. And that's why we are reactivating act of Houston and taking it over from Leslie Perez.

D Diane Williams 27:51

Sorry, Leslie, but the

M Michael Crawford 27:54

but I mean, the issue is we have to fight homophobia wherever it may be. And at times, that even means we have to fight it within our own community. You're saying that you initially felt that the Randles issue was was trivial is was actually kind of widespread? Because still deal PC has not rendered a decision on whether or not they support the boycott.

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Diane Williams 28:17

They directly been asked, I don't know, have we? We plan on asking them? That's good. I think so. So Chris, if you're out there listening or get ready, yeah, because we're gonna ask because it's important. And by the way, I support G RPC. I'm really pleased with the progress you've made, especially recently, I think a lot of that has to do with a nice Parker's run for city council. I just want to say thank you to all the people that have been active. And thank you even to Tony knight who started more grassroots working with the gRPC last year. So it's very important that all of us work together, and that we get off our collective gay butts, and get things accomplished or get out of the bars and into the streets. Thank you. We will be asking, we intend to ask everybody to support the boycott. This is not going to go away. It's not a trivial topic. There's a lot of important stuff happening out there not I I'm really at fault in a way by saying this is important. This is important. Remember this, this is important. I say that every day. Every time I come on, I say got more important stuff for you. The bottom line is this is important. It's it's fun for me and I would probably do this just because it's fun, but frankly, it would get boring because it's fun. It's not because it's important. Everybody that's available to come out in no matter how long that process may take, no matter how close in your family or close or far out in your workplace and who you shop with and everything else it takes. It's important and it starts, it starts where you shop. I mean it starts everywhere. Even if your closet or you can stop shopping, and Randalls

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Michael Crawford 30:10

exactly, you can call and tell them that you're, you're going to stop shopping there because you will not support a business that does not support you. i In that case, you don't even have to leave your real name. You can write letters to the corporate office telling them that you are ripping up your your Courtesy Card and you might not be back until they support you. You can show up show up at the coordination meetings to help us plan actions against Randles. You can just call your friends and tell them not to shop at Randles.

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Diane Williams 30:42

Yeah, there's a lot of there's a lot of things you can do a lot of different situations. Actually, I want to let everybody know that crown books was having a sale on Larry Kramer's book. From the Holocaust from the Holocaust the making of an AIDS activist. It was \$1 it was \$1 \$1 for a hardback book. Can you believe it? Every budget conscious bone in my body is just shaking right now I'm gonna go and get like 10 of them. So go to crown books, and get learn Kramer's reports from the Holocaust making him an AIDS activist because basically, it's a compilation of his speeches. And it really is a good historical perspective of the beginnings of people being affected with AIDS and HIV.

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Michael Crawford 31:31

It chronicles it also tells how he found it act up.

D Diane Williams 31:34

That's right. And that's that's the second half of the book. That's just basically what I'm getting into, which is very important, of course, but I'm really I read, gosh, what does that Randy Schultz book and the band play and the band played on? Thank you. I read that. And it was life changing for me. I mean, I really read that. And it was a chronicle. It chronicle the AIDS epidemic. And that was really life changing it it. It spoke to everyone. So I think that it's important that we read up on things of importance to us, and that we are aware of the people who came before us and what has historically important in making of our culture and society that we live in today. You read it?

M Michael Crawford 32:24

Yes. And, and I liked it. But frankly, books, both books, I much prefer Larry Kramer's book because because he's a wild man, because he's the wild man because it's not about sitting in your bed feeling sad or feeling sorry, but about taking effective action to save people's lives. And if we continue to sit on our butts and only go out to the bars and be part time queers, and only thinks about sex, alcohol and disco, then we will die.

D Diane Williams 32:56

That's right. And we have to work together on this to lesbians, gay men, queers wares, bisexual transgender roles, young people, all people, we have to respect our elders and teach our youngers. So that's everybody does that. Everybody don't get every label we can think of here. I think so. Okay, we've got every label. Is there anything else anybody wants to say now that my microphone has quit? Okay. Is there anything else? Anybody else wants to say? Around here, please?

M Michael Crawford 33:23

I'd like to, please do briefly talk about where nation has planned for the Republican convention.

D Diane Williams 33:30

Oh, okay. I want to read these four things real quick. Sue Cooper, and the greater Houston AIDS Alliance. We've got a couple of demands. These demands. I meant to read these earlier. The goals and demands of the protests against the resolution AIDS Alliance are number one, fire Sue Cooper from the Alliance and the county positions. Yeah, keep the Texas Department of Health monies at the alliance. And that's also extremely important. That's what you say when you call these cons, these county commissioners. You want to get back Ryan White title one and keep the title two monies. And number four is keep the Alliance alive. And if you have any questions about that, go ahead and call to thanks for listening about the gha stuff. It's very, very important.

M Michael Crawford 34:15

Okay, coordinations convention activities. Basically, what's happening is we have actions planned for the entire week. But our primary actions will be around youth issues and around the military ban on homos. On Tuesday of the convention, we are holding a dramatic demo at the Mickey Leland Federal Building at noon, solely around youth issues and we will demand first of all that the federal government all governments, in fact, stop attacking our youth stop pushing them into suicide and to do things that will make their lives better. We're demanding safer sex and AIDS education at all levels in all Schools. And we, we essentially have decided that we have fed, we're fed up with people trying to kill our young people, and that if we're to survive and prosper as a community, then we must take care of our own. Right. Okay, Wednesday is the big demo on the military. And that's probably the one where most of the queer nation people will be, will feel compelled to be arrested. Because this is an issue that infuriates me because

 Diane Williams 35:32

it's the one we're closest to winning to. We're very close to this. Yeah, it's

 Michael Crawford 35:36

one where during the Persian Gulf War, they, they had what they call a stoploss policy, where they allowed queers to go to the Persian Gulf to be shot at and to shoot other people. And then when we came back, they threw us out. So we're going to be protesting that then of course ACT UP has all of its actions.

 Diane Williams 35:55

We read some of those earlier the, the environmentally correct flyer, military and one side youth on the other very important. I think it's really important. I'm glad you were here. I'm glad that that we're here every week to talk about this activist stuff. Jill, every time I think of this, I just gotta shake my head Jewel said, you know, I'm glad you're gonna be coming on your show is gonna have a real political edge to it. I was like, No way. God this is just gonna be fun political. Once again, I'll say it. You were right. Okay. I think we've got some music to end where to go to now we don't just tell me. A lot of lesbians who town. You tell you. You're right. I know that. I know that. So you're right handed. I know that. She likes that. Have we talked about quip we have not talked about quip. And you know, quip has a lot to do with the same issue we're talking about earlier. racial and gender parity in organizations. Clip it is an affinity group, a new affinity group. Thank you. Thank you of queer nation. quip is queer women in power. I think this is coming about because more women are getting involved. With the choice issue coming up. There are a lot of lesbians out there who feel compelled to be part of activist groups because they're becoming aware of the own injustice. They're the own in their own injustices, the injustice is perpetuated on them. A lot of bags of pro choice to Oh yeah, definitely. And a lot of facts are. In quip, I'm not gonna say are quit but are in quip. And they're gonna wear shirts and say dark power. And I'm really appreciative of every man that's in quip, we're gonna get T shirts together. They'll say things like dark power and queer women in power and another dark for fag rights and other fag for dyke rights and things like that. And stickers and buttons we're hoping to do. We need donations. I'm going to be blunt, we need donations.

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Michael Crawford 37:59

We're also hoping to put together an action for the convention solely around lesbian male patients. Because during throughout the AIDS crisis, gay male health issues have been at the forefront and lesbians have been helping a lot. Net. And I think now it's our turn to return the favor. We need to talk about how breast cancer and cervical cancer and other health needs of lesbians and women are underfunded.

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Diane Williams 38:23

That's right. quip is especially important, and it's wonderful that women can get together for this. Women are. Hang on a second. How are you? Okay, is that better? I think that's better. It's important that these women are out there. I want to thank especially to women that have started showing up at queer nation, who kissed in front of Randalls one night at a protest, you know who you are. I don't know if it's okay to use your name on the radio or not. But I'm really glad that you're here. You also came to the protests at SU Cooper's house. And it was very brave of you that you were out there. I know that. Maybe that was new to you. I have no idea about your own personal background. But there are a lot of women that are becoming involved. There are a lot of women who are standing up for our rights. I want to thank Suzanne Anderson, who is queer at live and queer live is also not an easy thing to do. I want to thank every woman who speaks up wherever I want to thank every man, every white man, every man of color, every woman of color. It's hard to do to stand up for what you believe in. I want to thank jewel. I want to thank all my guests. Jewel, it's been great. I really the past two weeks I really been I've missed what we have on the radio and let's get together. Let's let's go out some time. Let's do some going to breakfast. Yeah. Oh, that's true. Let's play footsy at breakfast club with me that I want to thank everybody and NCCR Thank you, Carolyn. Thank you, Scooter. Thank you, Kevin. I always forget your name. I'm sorry. Thank you, Kevin. Thank you, all you queens who just been snapping and reading each other all night long. Thank you, Jimmy. I love you.

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Jewel Gray 40:18

I want to remind everybody that this is a lot of new blog things that we talk about or about our community, our culture, and who we are. But those people out there who might be listening who are straight, and they're just curious, thank

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Diane Williams 40:31

you. Thank you. Thank you. Yeah, listen

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Jewel Gray 40:33

again here. You know, we have a variety of things going on in the show and other shows. Listen again, and your input here is as important as anybody else's strike but not narrow. That's right straight but not narrow. We know we have a lot of straight brothers and sisters out there who

are really supportive of the things that we're doing and we want to remind them that when we thank people that we sometimes inadvertently forget to thank the straight supporters out there.

 Diane Williams 41:01

Speaking of angry, angry, My dear my lovely lovely dear, where are you? I thought you were gonna come down here tonight. Call me girlfriend.

 Jewel Gray 41:12

Write us at four 419 Love it. Houston, Texas. 7706 a

 Diane Williams 41:18

lifestyle nada zip codes right after hours is continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1.

 Jewel Gray 41:26

And we will see you next week. With the Julian Diane show.

 Diane Williams 41:30

Yes, this week it was the diamond jewel next week. It'll be the jewel in Diane show. Also please stay tuned for the BBC News followed by the carbon dating game. What the heck is that with their listeners have to listen carbon dating? Is that an age thing?

 Jewel Gray 41:47

And we'll see you all next week.

 Diane Williams 41:50

Bye. Thanks for listening.

 Bruce Reeves 42:32

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