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Diane Williams 00:00

Sure this is some new information from the women's services at Houston's Thomas Street Clinic. Houston women who are HIV positive or at risk have a place to turn to for free, confidential and anonymous testing, as well as a wide range of other health services. The Planned Parenthood operation at Thomas Street Clinic has been running since last fall, and Lee Virgilio has been doing outreach for the clinic since February. Sometimes the women's services program has only one patient all day but it's not because of their fees. All of Planned Parenthood services at Tama Street Clinic are free to women who are HIV positive or are at risk or think they might be due to their current low patient load. The clinic is open only Mondays from noon to 4pm. But we're Helios says that when publicity and word of mouth let a lot more women know about the clinic services. They expect to have more clients and more accommodate them with longer hours. The Planned Parenthood program offers comprehensive physical examinations for birth control, birth control supplies and instruction including five year Norplant implant, which normally cost about \$600 in a private doctor's office, pregnancy testing vaginitis screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases also offered our pap smears heart and lung assessments, breast exams, blood pressure screenings, blood screenings for anemia, and urine screening for kidney disease and diabetes. All services are free, anonymous and confidential. No one else is doing this really says not for free. Not with all the love and care we deliver it with. We do whatever it takes to make the women okay. You know a lot of women, especially women with kids take care of their kids or other family members needs first and then if there was enough money or if there's childcare available, they get medical care for themselves. We have removed the financial barriers and if they don't care for their children, we say bring them into we the staffers take turns taking care of kids and their mamas, because women with AIDS and those who are at risk have very different needs from gay men, partly because they are not as well organized politically or is often included in the same support networks. Planned Parenthood's clinic at Thomas street offers free education in condoms with each visit. Some women think they don't need the condoms because they're using birth control. But we promote condoms as preventive medicine against syphilis, gonorrhea and AIDS. As for the ones who already have AIDS, well, they sure don't want to expose themselves to any more at least says we don't care how the women got AIDS, whether they're straight, lesbian, bisexual or undecided. We just want them to know we're here and we

care about them and our professional services are free no questions asked. Women who wish to take advantage of Planned Parenthood services at Thomas Street Clinic may call 713-522-7557.

 Jewel Gray 03:02

Okay, now get your pencils and paper out because here comes the phone numbers and the addresses of places that might interest you. Once again, I told you earlier that the Gay Lesbian switchboard has changed its mailing address is PO Box. It is now PO Box 66469 Houston, Texas 77266 Dash 6469. If you have questions or you want to donate to the switchboard, feel free to write drop them a note. You can also contact the gay and lesbian hate crimes hotline through the gay gay and lesbian switchboard Houston and let me give you that phone number in case you need it. The Gay Lesbian hate crimes hotline number is 5299615 the 1992 Texans lesbians conference is May 15 through the 17th the keynote speakers are Sabrina Sojourner. Laurie, hi, you know I've never known iser loge Lo and Emma Emma Perez Saturday evening entertainment is Kate Clinton for all you women out there who adore Kate. Over 35 workshops will be offered ranging from ageism to lesbian spirituality to Latina and women's culture to women's health and sexuality. Registration fee is \$35 to \$45 and this is going to be in Dallas. You can get more information if you call 21472303407. Or you can drop a line to PO Box 191168 Dallas, Texas 75219 And this is a project of lesbian visionary visionaries, Inc. Monica grants coming to town for those of you who know Monica has music and she He's a stand up comic and songwriter singer. And her special guests will be Nancy Ford. They're going to be together at 8:30pm. Friday, April 3 1919 99. Right by at the bayou terrace at 711 Franklin's tickets are available in Inklings, bookshop. 1846 Richmond. Oh boy, the roller skating party from the other side of the world. I remember this. The Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection and the Montrose Activity Center are having a slow skating party. And they're going to be doing this April 4 730 to 11:30pm at the Alameda skate Center at 1075. Zero Alameda Genoa road. That's way way out there for those of you who are interloop people from deep Montrose. That's one half mile east of Alameda mall at the Gulf freeway i 45. It is it works out to be 11.7 miles from downtown Houston. There is a there's a fee to cover your skates and this is a benefit benefiting MCR MCC, our capital gifts campaign and the Montrose activity center bring your friend. There'll be lots of fun. If you need more information you can contact someone at MCC ER or the monitors Activity Center. The Montrose softball league and organization you can be proud to be a part of is begins early April and runs through mid July games were played on Sunday at the Tim Hurd field Jackson Hill and memorial one block west of wall drive. In addition to the regularly scheduled softball games, the league sponsor social events and donates money to local charities. You can find out more information from about the Montrose softball league by contacting writing someone at PO Box 541954 That's Texas Houston, Texas. 77254 Dash 1954 If you're interested in playing in the softball league get wholesome but get a hold of someone there and get yourself a schedule Okay, we're here. I have something on hatch here. hatchings let's see. Where's it at? Hang in? Let's find hatches the oh there it is. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Finger here.

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Thank you thing.



J**Jewel Gray 07:44**

Thank you thing, right? Hatch is youth organization. It's a support group for gamers when teenagers between the ages of 15 and 21. They meet twice weekly. Their purpose in is to empower the young women and men to learn why, who they are what they can be and encourage them to go just go for it. You can contact someone with hatch and get meeting times and locations at 9427002. Or you can write them at PO Box 66574 That's Houston, Texas. 77266 Dash 6574 This dash stuff has just got to go. This desk stuff just got to go I'm thrown by this. Want to talk a little bit here about the men's network which I've always been really impressed with. It's run by the Montrose Counseling Center at 900 Love it suite 201 You can contact them at 5290037 The men's network has held the first and third Wednesdays from seven to 830 March 18 they'll be doing men and leather the leather mystique. Mr. Leather, Houston will be will be there on April one. Oh yeah, that's right. March is gone history. April one, the talk use the talk you look the importance of nonverbal communication among gay people. Ooh, that's nice. Josh crane, PhD, and the assistant professor of human communications at U of H downtown will address the group on the 15th Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays PFLAG are going to speak about their organization and how you can be of help with them. The gay archives will be on May 6. Our precious records. Check bots is presently in charge of the gate archives and will answer the above questions. The above questions which are what are the gay archives and where are they located and what do they contain? On May 20, hogs Houston area outdoor group who are they and what are they? Someone will be addressing the group on this night a About potlucks, cultural events campings and other diverse activities. Oh, I like that diverse activities. I know some people with hogs and they are some happy happy people. Okay. Okay, I have a little bit more information here. Yes, that's it or Dion's got the information.

D**Diane Williams 10:21**

Okay. This is on 2106 Thank you Jul. 2106 questions and answers. There's some really interesting things happening right now a 2106. For those of you who don't know what it is, it's the Texas sodomy statute. I'll read some of these questions that are that are up for information. Let's see. Okay, since the Third District Court of Appeals ruled section 2106 of the Texas Penal Code unconstitutional on March 11, the Texas Human Rights Foundation has received a number of calls about the decision. Some of the questions are at what level is the lawsuit at this time? Our case is currently making its way through the state court system. The first level was District Court level. The case was first heard before Judge Paul Davis on December 10, in 1990, and Judge Davis ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and declared 2106 unconstitutional. Well, Dan Morales, who is our Attorney General, appeal that on April 5 1991, so at that point, Dan Morales, actually not Dan Morales, Linda Morales at our 2106 plaintiffs was on its way to appeal court. That's kind of second level. The next question is why did Dan ralis our attorney general appeal? A lot of people have a question about democratic Attorney General Dan Morales and why he would appeal a ruling in our favor. Well, basically this ruling was so that the so that the ruling would go to a higher court basically 2106 was proved unconstitutional in that one small area of what Tarrant County I suppose. So now it's going to a bigger court in order to be decided for a larger area. Dan Morales basically wants us to wants us to have the the highest court ruling that we could possibly get, and the next to kill it finally

J**Jewel Gray 12:24**

for you exactlv take it as far as it will do. So he kept the law in order. And that's right.

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Diane Williams 12:31

The next question here is what decision was just handed down. The case was just heard before the Third District Court of Appeals in Austin on January 29 of this year, there were there was a hearing and the Court handed down a decision on March 11, upholding the Judge Davis ruling. So it does indeed violate the Texas Constitution and it is once again unconstitutional. The next and last question here is what next. And this says there is still one more level to go the Texas Supreme Court. The Attorney General has said that he is appealing the third district court's decision to the state Supreme Court. I'll go ahead and read with this. As this says we have won two battles, but we have not yet won the war. The Texas Human Rights Foundation is sponsoring the Morales case. That is the Linda Morales et al 2106 case, paying all court costs and all attorneys fees on behalf of the plaintiffs. The Texas Human Rights Foundation has retained Austin attorney Patrick Wiseman to represent them. That same attorney is also representing Michael mica, England, who is the woman the lesbian who wants to become a Dallas police officer. So we urge people to join in supporting 2106 There's a number of things that you can do out there to support 2106. And that ranges from calling your local district attorney to calling the Texas State Attorney Dan Morales himself to joining you know Texas Human Rights Foundation. One of the biggest things you can do right now is there is a petition going around that asks for Governor Richards to just declared unconstitutional for the entire state of Texas. And by doing that she would basically put this all to rest. There is going to be a meeting between some gay activists and Governor Richards where those petitions will be handed in to her and there are many of them out there. Please, if you can find one, sign it. Many local bars and restaurants and organizations have those petitions. All you need to do is be I think you have to be 18 I think that's the only requirement. So please do if your parents know that you know that you're gay and you're under 18 Have them sign it. There's many many reasons why 2106 should not be allowed on the books. It's a stupid simple little law that happened A long time ago, that is not being used right now to actually arrest anyone on the basis of this law at the moment. But it is being used verbally as to discriminate to discriminate and to harass everything from job employment to specifically this mic mic England who wants to be police officer, the only reason she can't is supposedly because she's violating 2106 2106 is actually a sex law. It's what you do in your bedroom behind closed doors. So they would have to actually catch her in the act in order to prove that she is actually a practicing lesbian. So basically, it's a stupid law, do everything you can to get it overturned, and, and written off the books.

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Jewel Gray 15:50

I want to thank the people at twit and the voice for keeping us informed and so that we can keep you informed. We do take from the voice and the and the twit, little pieces of information to pass on to you. And I certainly appreciate their patience with us. Now we're going to hear Sweet Honey in the Rock. I'm going to stick

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Diane Williams 16:09

around. Okay, we're back. Thank you, Jewel. I like to that was living Roderick doing Rosa. And I'd like to read something for once again, all those lesbians out there who like poetry. This is a poem. I was looking through the book that Jewel gave me by Elsa Goodlee. And this is a poem

poem, I was looking through the book that Jewel gave me by Lisa Goodloe. And this is a poem it's called not asking for love. I shall not harm you nor at all nor ask you for anything you need have no fear. I'm only very tired and would like to rest a while with my head here. And play with long strands of your loose hair or touch your skin. Feel your cool breath on my eyes. Watch it stir those rising hills where your breasts begin and listen to your voice whispering tender words. Until perhaps I fall asleep or feel you kiss my forehead to comfort me a little if I should we that is all just to lie so beside you till Don's lamp is lit. You need not fear me. I've given too much of love ever to ask for it. And that was for you, Susan, I know you like poetry.



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Well, I'm going to butt in here just for a second and say coming up next at well at 3am will be Eric what's his face with his show the dating carbon dating game. And he says tonight he's going to specialize in extra long cuts on these albums tonight. So he's going to have music like you know songs like 15 minutes long and stuff like that.



Jewel Gray 17:49

There's some other things I want to remind us about the art festival is this coming weekend. So get out there and festive be festive on the art festival weekend. Flan I know you will be there find me. Splash day will be May 3 and it will be all over the state. It'll be in Austin. It'll be Galveston. Anywhere there's water there'll be splashed and gay people.



Diane Williams 18:18

People in swimsuits that's



Jewel Gray 18:19

right and women in in what do they call those thong?



Diane Williams 18:23

Well, they call those thong bikini CDs. Oh yeah, yes.



Jewel Gray 18:26

Oh yeah.



18:27

Or some people call them but floss bikini. We love it.

J Jewel Gray 18:34

I love it. Okay. There's one other thing my hero my one of my heroes. My biggest hero is Alan Dershowitz. My second biggest hero. My second biggest hero is Malia Irvine's who is we should know around here is a columnist up in Dallas. She was a columnist she lost that job crater didn't he came looking to Houston to to write for us and we didn't grab her. And is she she? She's so she's probably freelancing and doing some syndication work right now. She'll be doing a three on the May 3 will be the keynote speaker of the Austin meeting of the lesbian and gay journalists meeting that will be held I said that may 3. She's the Fort Worth Star Telegram columnist and author of the best selling book Molly Irvine's can't say that Kanchi will she will also moderate a panel discussion on lesbian and gay issues in the workplace, and a mass and the mass media and political campaigns. For more information you can contact our own and teddy bear Juan Palomo. Hello, whoa, whoa, that's it. Our own big teddy bear one at 1-800-877-1887 or You can talk to Kay long cope, long cope at 512-327-7584. For more information about this, this meeting, I want to say a few things about some personal personal notes is one of the nice things about this. This sitting in this chair is that I can put my own agenda out there occasionally. And I'd like to thank those who, who stopped at the PW a coalition carwash, two weeks ago, almost two weeks ago, they had a good turnout and it helped a lot. I'd like to personally thank batty Bob for his participation. He worked hard, and they bunched down their hobby. And the bunch down there who, who worked hard that Saturday, and those of you who stopped in and had your car washed. Thanks for your help. And next time you see the carwash going up having carwash everybody join joining us people if you can't participate if you don't have the time to come down and volunteer, and you don't have the mega bucks to send donations to stop and have your car washed by a button from somebody put your two cents and every penny counts. Okay.

D Diane Williams 21:20

I just love the sound of rustling paper in the background. All right. So intelligent.

J Jewel Gray 21:24

I want to talk to Trey. Trey is a listener out there. I know he's listening. Wrote is a palm tree. I have the poem I wanted to read it tonight. I left at home. I'm sorry. We want to tell you how wonderful it is to get informed getting mail from people out there. Let us know what you think. Drop us a card. Tell us who you liked on the program. What you'd like to hear more of what you'd like to hear less of. Please don't Don't say jewel. Tell us tell us tell us what you think. Tell us how you feeling out there. Tell us how old you are tell you tell us your story. Everything Is Everything here is read and treated with confidentiality. So we're the only ones who get to see it. Pardon? Oh, the address? Oh, yeah. What is the address? You know, I know that for an hour.

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Lovett Boulevard. Houston, Texas 77006. All right, thank

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D Diane Williams 22:22
a lifestyle, not a zip code.

J Jewel Gray 22:24

That's where I left style. I like that. And make that to after hours after hours. That's right, address it to after hours a continuing tradition kpsc. They just drilled you could fit all that other envelope. That's right. We've gotten some mail and we appreciate hearing from you. It helps us know what what direction we're going to take in the future. And it helps us know whether we're doing a good job. So talk to us communicate with us wish we can take phone calls, but we have too many really crazy people out there. And it's really difficult to be able to cut somebody off when they're acting crazy on the radio. So we take very few phone calls. So drop us a line, let us know what you think. I want to talk especially tonight, one more thing on my agenda. And we talked about this earlier in the evening about safe sex and lesbians. I've talked to a lot of women in the last week or so it's been my my agenda for about a week. And I've talked to a lot of women and for some reason, my friends, my lesbian friends are are not thinking much about safe sex. They're not thinking much about STDs, sexually transmitted diseases, they're not thinking much about these things. And I need to stress that there are HIV positive lesbians in this town, there are quite a few. And we need to take universal precautions. No matter who you're who you're intimate with, you need to take universal precautions. I know that the suggestions are a little bizarre dental dams, these little square pieces of green plastic. They're there, they're awful to work with. But they're up there all sounds terrible, but you know, they really aren't sure it can be lots of fun. Eventually, I think of the game of finding out how to play with these things can make them pretty fun. But there are other things and other ways to have safe sex. You do not need something you buy from a store to have safe sex, you can do that with

D Diane Williams 24:33
more saran wrap,

J Jewel Gray 24:35

wrap. There are many other ways if you want more information on lesbian, safe sex for women, and I'm especially addressing the lesbians out there. There are places you can get information you can get information from the gamers main switchboard. You can get information from the AIDS Foundation, Houston, you can get information from the health department. It's not great information from the Help pharming yet but eventually it will be. You can get information from Body Positive, and call any of these organizations a group and get information about safe sex and women safe sex and man safe sex and anything guessing

D Diane Williams 25:13
safe sex. Really?



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Animals? No, no, no, I



Jewel Gray 25:16

guess. So I it's my personal genuine agenda this this week to talk to every lesbian that I know and remind them that we are playing with dynamite. If we start thinking that were separated, and that we're safe, it is not. So the time of safety and sex is over. We need to all take universal precautions. With every intimate sexual partner, we have every one of them. What do you think about that? Diane,



Diane Williams 25:46

I think that it's really great that you've just mentioned that. For me, it's a really important issue because I know so many HIV positive lesbians. And people think that, as I said earlier, the minute somebody believes that they're invincible or that they're not gone, get it. Immediately it happens. That's, that's, you know, the next step, the most important thing that we can do is acclimate ourselves to Bing to getting used to doing the latex thing. I mean, we just have to get used to it. It sounds totally, totally bizarre, especially for women, because I do believe that it is harder for lesbians to have safe sex than it is for gay men have sex because just because of the physicalities and the technical difficulties, if you will. There are many ways to really enjoy safe sex. I mean, apart from the ways are there. But you know, I did hear that. About about cheating. Okay, there's a couple of ways that we know about here. They like that they like that joke. The most, the most, the most important way, I suppose, would be latex gloves. That's the first thing. Always under any in every circumstances, there are spermicidal lubricants. And for women, women think lubricants. Well get them girls because not only can it be fun, it's the only way to have sex anymore.



Jewel Gray 27:17

And this isn't just about HIV, this no this is about herpes exam. This is about any infections, or communicable yeast is a very communicable disease. And I have known strings of lesbians who had the yeast infections that they could trace back to one single woman I've known that, well, could you get her name and stay away from that one?



Diane Williams 27:42

Just kidding. Just kidding. Just kidding. With safe sex, it would be okay. See,



Jewel Gray 27:46

there you go. Okay. You know, I wanted to ask you earlier about having breakfast with me, we'd have breakfast with me and tell me more about latex gloves and safe sex. Oh, sure.

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Diane Williams 27:57

Why the heck not? Let's do it.

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Jewel Gray 27:59

Okay. Let's see. I want to read a poem that I have from a celebrating Women's spirituality calendar this year, this year's edition, and it's everything is a Fool's Day. It's an April, April Fool's poem, and it's called everyday is Fool's day. Oh, holy fools. You are the zero point you grabbed my hand and lead me down the path of strange. You make my tongue speak the unspeakable. You steal my rhyme and reason. You stand me on my head. I walk on air. I lie down with the coyotes and dream of the wet winds whistling through the wiry skeletons dancing on the water, polished black river rocks. I like fires with tortoises, and watch my own heart Blaze. I gather wild mushrooms and hair and lay hands on door mice. I read tarot cards at dawn. The swallows leave me swirling in the spring, your laughter rings across the sky, a healing balm. And that's from celebrating Women's spirituality. If I could pronounce this woman's name, I would be glad to tell you who wrote it. Claudia Lemoore. What do you think color more row?

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Diane Williams 29:10

Claudia Lamoreaux

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Jewel Gray 29:12

Lamoreaux. Sounds close. I'm pretty close. And myself. That's pretty much our show this evening. I want to talk a few seconds about some of the things that we talked about earlier. I want to remind you that volunteering is good. Volunteering is healthy. Yes, yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.

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Diane Williams 29:33

Do the visuals here. Yes. I want to talk about real quickly the magazine that I'm going to be writing or the news, the newsletter magazine thing. There's a new women's magazine coming out. Like I said at the moment it's called women without conscience. It's should be changing its name very shortly. Yeah, it's hard to pronounce sometimes after it three o'clock in the morning. It's hard to pronounce. It's gonna be it's a wonderful thing. Because the magazine has not only articles about getting more active and getting more involved, there's funny articles there's I forgot the name of the column, there's, there's another column if you're into, like Goddess worship and stuff like that. There's Zodiac stuff. It's going to be very interesting. And I'm really excited to be part of that. And that's Thank you, Donna Barwick for that. So I just wanted to mention that again. I hope you all pick up a copy. There's also a personal ad section look in there. Wink wink, nod nod, wink wink,

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Jewel Gray 30:31

nod nod Oh god, I have to go out and run out and get one. Volunteering is, is my big, my big agenda. What I'm agenda is not my is my Word tonight. If you get involved in a group, you are sure that the group you pick you'll find people with common ground because they pick that group too. It's a great way to meet people, it's great way to be social. And it's a great way. If especially talking to you women out there we know we only make about 40 cents on the dollar to male salaries. And if you can't afford to donate money to your favorite charity donate time. If you can't afford to donate the money to your favorite organization, donate time. I personally went through the mastery workshop on a scholarship and I donate my time to the mastery when I can, every moment i have i i can donate to the master I give to them, because I could not afford the the fee for the workshop, they do have a scholarship problem. They do have a scholarship program so so remember

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Diane Williams 31:37

sliding scale and all that. It's a lot of fun. Every time I volunteer though, I go back to the mastery and I sit in on the weekend session and really get so much out of it. I mean, the the going back to volunteer to help basically pay for the money that I couldn't afford to pay them in the first time is kind of to me like getting a second dose and reminding me of all the good feelings and the wonderful people I met and all that kind of good stuff happening that that I happen the first time I went to the mastery. So Volunteering is a constant source of fulfillment for me. And even if that means helping others or helping myself, if you want to take it from selfish standpoint, I'm really glad I'm doing it.

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Jewel Gray 32:25

I also want to remind people that you do not have to take it, get up do something. If you see somebody doing something that you know is discriminating, say something. Write a note, we talked about this before, send an anonymous note to that guy in the office who's tells those terrible women jokes that you don't want to ever hear again, tell him that you're watching him and you want him to stop. Don't put your name on it just telling you that we are there. We don't like it and we want you to stop sex police the sex police, right. I have another word for it. But we'll leave it there. So you do not have to take it stand up for yourself. Establish your boundaries. Do not let people walk over you. I want to read something from unnatural quotations of a book that I just adore reading, just picking up every every other day and find something new in it. It's by Larry King, the husband of tennis pro Billie Jean King interviewed after his wife publicly acknowledged that she had a lesbian affair. And he said it's not contagious. I didn't catch it.

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Diane Williams 33:36

Thank you, Billy. And Merrick.

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Jewel Gray 33:38

That's right. Let's see do Oh, yeah. Okay. And once again, I want to thank twit and the voice. I want to thank Diane Williams for being here.

D Diane Williams 33:47
Thank you, Jewel I had a great time

J Jewel Gray 33:48
made my evening. I want to thank I want to thank the mighty and beautiful Scott out in the lobby. who answered our phones tonight. I want to I want to thank Jim at the board here couldn't have done it without him. Whatever What a ride he is. I want to thank Betty for letting Diane be here.

D Diane Williams 34:10
Betty, my boss at Juliet's

J Jewel Gray 34:12
right. And I want to the Q Patrol people from theQ Patrol I want to thank the Q Patrol for their participation and for being out there for putting themselves at risk to to watch our playgrounds out there. If you see them, thank them. If you see them, let them know that you're you're behind them and we support them.

D Diane Williams 34:36
We'll see you Tuesday night at queer nation. Keith. That's right. queer nation Tuesday night. I

J Jewel Gray 34:41
forgot we should have said that earlier. And I want to thank me. I want to thank me I was yours. We pulled this off again once more time. We've we've we've done it again.

D Diane Williams 34:56
It was great being behind the scenes back here to this has been so much is fine.

J Jewel Gray 35:01
And I've talked to a couple of people out there, we're going to start connecting with more and more people out there. The people who make us possible the people who listen the people who send us some cards and letters, we will talk to you. We'll read your cards and letters, and we'll think about those suggestions. We'll let you know what we decide about them.



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And stay tuned for the carbon dating game with Eric Franklin. And yes, he has a last name and all that nifty business,



Jewel Gray 35:34

all that nifty business. We've had a great time, are we That's it. We see you next time. On the after hours program.