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Speaker 10, Speaker 7, Speaker 11, Speaker 3, Speaker 12, Speaker 6, Speaker 4, Michael Crawford, Speaker 9, Brian Bradley, Speaker 2, [Together], Scott Lewis, Jimmy Carper, Speaker 5

B Brian Bradley 00:01

Can we just stop and say, then it's not the drag queens that have the benefits? It's not the ACT UP members that have the protest. It's the people who do absolutely nothing. You know, why do we spend our time on debating?

S Speaker 3 00:15

What just occurred, I think that I must say, I don't always agree with Michael, but I would have made the same speech. And I think being an activist can be very stressful for a lot of people, and I think what happens is those people who are activists in any capacity, whether it be in ACT UP or Queer Nation, or GLPC, or people who work for the Switchboard, or the AIDS Foundation, and, and there, there are, there are many, many organizations, but those of us who go to fundraisers, it's very interesting, you see the same people at all the fundraisers. And they're not necessarily affluent people, they're school teachers, and they're people who are bartenders. And they're the same people who are members of these organizations. I think what, one of the reasons we tend to pick on each other, it's, those are the people who are visible, and the the invisible people with the money who don't do anything, yhey're not around to be picked on. And, and I think maybe out of our frustration, you know, the people in GLPC, might pick on someone in ACT UP if they're not a member of ACT UP and vice versa. And, and it is destructive. And because quite frankly, I'm grateful to anyone who is involved in any organization in this community, it doesn't have to be an organization that I'm aligned with.

S Speaker 2 01:38

I'd like to jump in though and talk about activism. I mean, you know, supposedly, we're the fourth largest city in the nation, and we supposedly have a large gay community. And yet, you know, the activists are limited. And you know, you can, that's been, you know, verified by what everyone says about, you always see the same people at the same places. And I think the way

we have to address that, as activists is realize the health of our community. I mean, all of us, you know, have been raised in this damages society, like Toni was talking about the racism and the sexism, and homophobia, and we all suffer from that. And I think we're at a time in our history where we're taking personal inventory. And I think, you know, as activists we're knowing that we have to get healthier, and as we get healthier, then people will be drawn to us. And right now, we're from a very sick community. And you know, and I mean, I'm just blown away with I mean, I refer to it as Clinton's ban, because I think he should have put it out and let you know, the others refer, you know, refuse it or shoot it down. But I think he, you know, copped out on us, and I'm really upset about Bill. And I think, you know, after the RNC, and I kept waiting to get over the Republican National Convention, because it was just so horrible in the city, and you know, just the oppression, and it's in, it's in the air and in our community feels this, and it's frightening, when you know, that the cops push you around and beat you up. I mean, that's frightening. And if you're not a healthy person, you know, you're not going to subject yourself to that. And so as activists, you know, taking personal responsibility for ourselves and getting healthier, you know, we have to also realize that we can't victimize the people in our community, because they are just victims. And, you know, as we get healthier, you know, perhaps we'll be stronger to encourage them to come out, and whatnot. And as far as groups go, you know, and overlapping and things like that, I think that's great that, you know, two groups get in at least under the same umbrella, and if there's friction and conflict, well, at least then there's going to be growth, you know, and I mean, I don't know, any organization that hasn't gone through, you know, major reworks and, you know, constant ups and downs, because there's just evil and whatnot. And I think, you know, as a woman activist, and as a feminist, you know, checking out like, feminist ethics of communicating, because if you notice that the same things keep happening all the time, well, you know, it's time we fix it, you know, stop and take stuff and take time long enough to fix it, rather than just continuing our mistakes. And we're all fed the same program, you know, and it's from the government, it's from the patriarchy, we all keep following the same old shit, you know, so now we have to like just stop and take care of ourselves, and hopefully as individuals will get healthier and then we'll have a healthier community.

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Scott Lewis 04:10

If you have a question, or if you want to join in on this will take a couple of phone calls at 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

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Speaker 3 04:18

I got one more question. One more statement. Can I do it?

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Scott Lewis 04:24

Go ahead.

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Speaker 3 04:25

The only pet peeve I had lately, and I told you this also was a referral that there's only 50 activists in this community after Washington DC

activists in this community after Washington DC

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Scott Lewis 04:36

What does that

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Speaker 3 04:36

There are a lot more out there that are doing doing work in this community whether they work for the, the telephone, Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, Gay and Lesbian Switchboard,, whether you belong to TGRA, which has a larger membership than 50. They're always raising money for gays. You got the Colt 45s, you got the, oh my god, the Imperial Court of a Single Star which has a lot of members. I mean, there are a lot of activists out there, and they're not getting credit for what they do, just because they don't scream and holler downtown.

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Brian Bradley 05:10

Well, what, but who said that anyone should be in this for credit, I thought we was in this

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Speaker 7 05:16

Well, that's why I say you should not say there's 50.

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Brian Bradley 05:19

I didn't say it. Okay. Okay. I think by and large, the gay and lesbian community is very, very juvenile, that they are in here for reasons that they don't understand. If you're in this business for one reason other than for your own personal gain, then you need to get out of it. Because you need to be in it to affect and change your own life. And if anyone else's is changed by what you do, then that's just as you know, well and good. But if you're in this for credit, then Mary, you're singing the wrong tune, because you ain't gonna get none.

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Speaker 3 05:48

But it looks bad when you think that only in this community of Houston, that we have 50 activists, we have more than that. And they, they work, they work with patients that are have AIDS. And you don't take those in consideration. You know,

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Speaker 5 06:02

I didn't hear anybody say that. No, no, that was it's been,

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S Speaker 7 06:05
It's been said on this radio station, hasn't it?

B Brian Bradley 06:07
Well, it's not been said,

S Speaker 3 06:09
And you said it.

B Brian Bradley 06:10
It's not been said at this table. And it's not been said from this mouth, because there's very few corners in this city that I hadn't stepped in myself. And I haven't said it. And I know it for a fact that there are people, tens, legions of people.

M Michael Crawford 06:23
I think the point is not so much the number of activists, although that is a concern of mine. And I repeatedly say that there are not enough people involved, and I will say that until every last queer is out claiming for our rights. But I think the point is that, unlike a lot of other major cities, in even smaller cities, Houston has not been making the kind of gains that have been made, for example, in Miami, or Seattle, or Boston or Philadelphia, and other cities like that. We haven't even come close to having a person, a queer elected to political act, to political office, we haven't even come close to getting a queer rights ordinance. I mean, other cities that their mayor show up and ride in convertibles at the head of the queer Pride Parade, we haven't even gotten close to that. And I think that's what we need to be talking about and need to be taking into account the fact that we have a lot of good people involved. but we're not prioritizing in a way that will enable us to make the gains that we need to make. But we used to do that.

B Brian Bradley 07:24
But wait a minute,

M Michael Crawford 07:24
We used to do that.

B Brian Bradley 07:25
In spite of all of those things not being achieved, that you talked about, you know, no one in the listening audience needs to be reminded of what we don't have. We all know that. In spite of all

listening audience needs to be reminded of what we don't have. We all know that, in spite of all the things that we haven't achieved, we still manage somehow to thrive as human beings, as men and women, as people that are ill, as people who want their, you know, due rights in life. So, you know, let's not paint too inaccurate a picture of Houston or Texas being some backwater. I've lived all over the United States and traveled all over the world. And it's far, far more oppressive in a lot of places than it is here, not to say that we should accept that. But you know, this is not the worst place in the world to live. And the reason it's that way is because a lot of people have decided to stay here where the problems are recognized and not traipse off to New York City where probably two or 3 million people live that are queers, but they only get 300,000 out for the parade. You know, it's always nice to look over on the other side of the pasture and say that Los Angeles has their act together, au contraire, I don't think they do, proportionately speaking, I don't think they do. This is not a bad place to be, this is not a bad place to start from. Because we have made it a better place to be, still got a long way to go. But you know, we've got to encourage people who that we've just criticized for not doing anything. We've got to encourage them enough to stay here and to do something about it. So let's not paint a utopia somewhere because it doesn't exist anywhere. Not at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue or at 61 Riesner Street.

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Speaker 2 08:56

But there's different places in the city where your elected officials are more willing to listen to you. I mean, you know, Mayor Bob, I'm sorry, you know, that man. You know, I don't think he's fooling anybody. You know, and I mean, you go down to city council, I've gone to city council meetings and those people are so blatantly disinterested in what you have to do, or say to them, commission a court. I mean, you know, we've got Clint Eastwood Jerry Eversole sitting a rat of, I mean, the whole crew of them and the elite being led by Lindsay, you know, and they have absolutely no understanding or even a tolerance for the gay community and they make no bones about it.

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Brian Bradley 09:33


We do have some unique situations here on city council, like I've said, and I'll say it again, and we have a city council member who has a brother dying from AIDS. We have a city council member who had a son died from AIDS. We have a city council member that has two gay and or lesbian children. We have another city council member that has a gay son, but we have the mayor closet, I'm gonna stop right there. You know, they, they are unique in the sense that they sit there and let us strangle to death.

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Michael Crawford 09:59


And in, and in a situation like that, where council members have had, you know, children die of AIDS, we have one of the most desperate AIDS situations in the entire country. And that's not just because we have so many people who have died or people who are infected with HIV or who have AIDS, it but it's also because of the fact that we don't spend nearly enough money on preventive education, we don't spend nearly enough money on taking care of the people who are already infected. And that's making the problem worse, and it's worse because we have not held our politicians accountable.


 Speaker 2 10:31
And Planned Parenthood just closed the only women's HIV clinic in the city.


 Speaker 5 10:36
I wish and I would love to hear around the table if people think this is relevant.


 Scott Lewis 10:40
Let's have Vivian give us an answer to this.


 Speaker 5 10:43
Okay. Um, whether, whether the incredible separatism in the city first of all, if, if it's not separatist, you let me know, okay. Whether the incredible separatism in races in this city and, and in men and women in the city, and the noninclusive language, even from the leaders of this city, both in print and in, in public, i.e., gay and lesbian community. If, why that is and what we can do about it, or if that's anything of any interest to any of us.

 Brian Bradley 11:23
I seem to spend more time on worrying about things like food, housing, medication, less so than language, apparel, or other things not to denigrate those things, Toni, but I'd much rather have a full belly than be called the right thing.

 Speaker 5 11:37
Okay, well, let's, let's get to that, Brian, just a second, then be called the right thing. Are you just as interested women and men's issues?

 Brian Bradley 11:45
I think my track record would say

 Speaker 5 11:47
Great, great. Then let's talk about the organizations that we've worked in that have put money and time into women's health care issues. Please raise your hand.



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Brian Bradley 11:58

National Organization of Women, AIDS Equity League I think was one of the

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Speaker 3 12:02

First organizations in the country to start a lesbian AIDS Project. I let me say I think that's not to say that we really are far away from from addressing women's issues in the gay and lesbian community.

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Speaker 5 12:21

Thank you.

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Speaker 3 12:21

But I, I think this is really a national problem. And to suggest that this is just a unique beast in Houston, and that Houston leaders are particularly insensitive, I think that this is, this is a society problem at large and gay men are taught the same things that straight men are taught, and we do need to work on that. And we need to address issues of race. And I think that's very important. I think finger wagging is not going to solve the problem. I think it's going to be education, sensitizing people, and we have a long ways to go.

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Brian Bradley 13:06

It's just, it's not just man. I mean, two weeks ago, I was in Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson's office in Washington, DC. And you know, and I couldn't get anyone's attention about HIV and what it's doing to Texans. And I thought, well, here we go. We'll just, you know, do it the old fashioned way. We've got a female Senator here, surely she'll be more concerned about females. So I started rattling off the latest statistics that are pertinent to Texas, and that's that the African American women we have a 79% increase of HIV positive babies being born to women, you know, from the time, the last time, that didn't faze them. I mean, they were answering the phone. Yes, Senator Hutchinson is pro-choice. And the next time the phone rang, no, Senator Hutchison is not in favor of women getting abortion. So it's just not, not just a white, straight male, heterosexual thing. You know, I know lots of sexist women. I know lots of racist African Americans. I know lots of homophobic queers.

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Michael Crawford 14:03

Alright, but I want to take exception to that. I mean, I understand what you're saying. But I think that whole line of thinking just completely and totally oblivious to the issue.

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Brian Bradley 14:13

Now,

M Michael Crawford 14:13
Wait, wait, wait, no, no, no, listen to me. Listen to me, please.

B Brian Bradley 14:19
Okay, go ahead.

M Michael Crawford 14:20
I will tell you that I have not felt comfortable as an African American faggot in any group I've ever been in here that includes Queer Nation, which I was a part of for two years, that includes Q-Patrol, that includes ACT UP, I can tell you that I have had white gay men call me nigger to my face.

B Brian Bradley 14:38
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M Michael Crawford 14:39
Wait, wait, listen, no, listen to what I'm saying. Listen to what I'm saying. To my face, simply because I happen to pick up the latest issue of TWIT, which by the way, did not have, you know, a black, brown or Asian face in it. You know, and what really gets me is that it's just another reflection of that whole white liberal attitude where when, when, when women or people of color start talking about race issues, race and gender, it becomes, well, everybody is that way. I understand that everybody is that way. But we're talking about a particular issue here and now. I don't want to know what's going on nationally. I want to know what's going on here in Houston, because this is where I am.

B Brian Bradley 15:20
I raised the issue only because I want to ask you to look at the individual and not look at the group. Do you remember when you were thrown off the front steps or the back steps, whatever it was at the 611 Bar, because they wouldn't let black people in there? Who was standing right there beside you?

M Michael Crawford 15:32
I remember.

B Brian Bradley 15:33
I wanted to talk up some points.

M Michael Crawford 15:35
I can tell you who was there, it was, there were, there were two people of color there and about 20 white queer nationals. And I made it a point of saying that repeatedly on the air here. But I've also was critical of the, of the queer media for not even bothering to show up for the action because they did not think racism in the queer community with an important issue.

S Scott Lewis 15:56
I have to say that you're listening to After Hours, a continuing tradition on World Radio 90.1 FM KPFT. We do have a couple of phone calls that we're going to take. Can we say horizontal hostility?

M Michael Crawford 16:10
That wasn't horizontal hostility, that was just an intensive discussion.

S Scott Lewis 16:13
Okay.

J Jimmy Carper 16:14
Can we say KPFT Houston?

S Scott Lewis 16:15
KPFT Houston? Did I did I not say that? Roy? Are you there?

S Speaker 9 16:20
Yeah, I'm here, I'm queer.

S Scott Lewis 16:22
How are you doing? Wonderful. You have a question.

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Speaker 9 16:26

A comment to Chris Bacon and our other caucus members. Okay. I was one of the founding members of the gay liberation front back in the late 60s, Connecticut, which was a forerunner of the Political Caucus. Now I'm going to tell you that before AIDS came around, the only time because gay, the gay community got any kind of, made any kind of progress was through street activism, not through sitting in an office with a fax machine or writing letters, that doesn't get the news media, that doesn't get aired, the politicians don't care about that. You're spending time at fax machines and letter writing campaigns. That doesn't mean anything to them. We've got to hit the streets. You've got to be politically active. And I'll tell you what, for a long time in this city, our Political Caucus did absolutely nothing. Zero. We had absolutely no progress made as far as gay rights in this city. We had our gay pride parades, and everything. But but that was it. That was it. It wasn't until groups like Queer Nation and ACT UP started hitting the streets, that it wasn't until all of a sudden got, got killed and the community got out into the streets. The community, that the city started taking notice.

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Michael Crawford 18:05

That's right.

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Speaker 9 18:05

And I'm going to tell you something, Chris Bacon. Despicable, embarrassing with our Sam Nuchia, how you say his name was, came to speak at the caucus. I mean, you know, people like Adolf Hitler and Jesse Helms love you and your kind. And if you don't think that,

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[Together] 18:27

Not nice. You can't

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Speaker 9 18:31

These politicians to Hitler, the right thing, you haven't been listening to After Hours. They do have the camps ready for, they got others for us.

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Scott Lewis 18:41

Roy, you've got everybody anxiously awaiting to say something, so sit back, and here's a response. Who wants to go?

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Speaker 5 18:47

I would, I would Roy. My name is Toni Knight again, and I'm past president of the caucus. In comparing certainly I really disliked Nuchia which was obvious but in comparing Chris's

comparing, certainly, I really disliked Reagan, which was obvious, but in comparing Chris's behavior to someone that supported you know, Hitler, I, I personally feel is an unfair characterization. And I believe because your goal, like our goal is to go forward, I will personally let you know, is one reason why we were able to put together when Paul Broussard Jr. was murdered, that I was able to spend as much time on the press conference and put that together was because of the unseen work that Chris Bacon was doing on other projects that were important in the caucus, and because of the unseen labor that he did, and again, I want to get back to ignorance. I want to get back to how convenient it is for people to, to partake of things that go on by unseen people all the time. Rather than learn who's doing stuff, and rather than finding whatever way they can, in my opinion, whether it's in the closet or out of closet, but whatever way you can to participate, and to go forward in the community.

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Scott Lewis 20:14

We're running out of time. So we're gonna go right to this next call. Cindy. Are you there?

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Speaker 10 20:18

Yep, I'm here.

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Scott Lewis 20:19

How are you tonight?

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Speaker 10 20:20

Oh, I'm doing fine.

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Scott Lewis 20:21

You have a question or comment?

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Speaker 10 20:23

Yes. I just wanted to say, I called a couple of days and haven't had any luck, called director assistant, trying to get the Gary Graham Justice Committee, because someone's name keeps popping up on the TV. Jerry Patterson, with all kinds of right wing stuff and capital punishment stuff. I'm really, I'm really not capital punishment, which, and I feel it's really relevant to our community in the long run down, but anyway, so I wanted to go see what the rhetoric was, a town meeting was called. And I thought, since his name keeps popping up, that it would be cool if they were there, or if they at least knew where he was going to be is that San Jac Wednesday night.

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Brian Bradley 21:07

Cindy, you can call Jew Don Boney, he should be able to tell you that

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Speaker 10 21:09

I called Craig Washington's office, I called KPFT in there to get the right people, I call directors, I just didn't have any luck. But I went on ahead and went anyway, I started not to go. And I went on ahead and went, and he was still in people in on what great things he does,

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Brian Bradley 21:25

Cindy, we're gonna put you on hold and someone's gonna give you a number. Okay, of the air, of the air.

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Speaker 10 21:29

Okay, thanks. Can I finish what I was?

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Scott Lewis 21:31

Thank you. I want to go around the table right quick, because we're real short on time. We've seen, we've seen, we've seen horizontal hostility right here at this table tonight, I believe. And I want to talk about just briefly go around the table as we finish up tonight, what's it going to take to unite the community? What are, you know, what are our goals as a community? And what do you see them as, let's just start with Toni and go around.

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Speaker 5 22:02

Oh, I'm gonna sound like recording. Please do not discount me again, when I talk about non inclusive language, what you're doing is that every time that you promote whoever you are, whether you're a bigot or not, racism or sexism in the community, you would be better off ripping up money, you'd be better off ripping up support, because you are ripping off most of the support, the only hope of coalitions that we have, and most of the support in the gay and lesbian community. Every time you do that, you are ripping up money and ripping up support and you will never feed your friends, you will never be healed, you will never have enough housing until we have dealt with our own personal prejudice and stop them now. Thank you.

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Scott Lewis 22:48

Renny.

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Speaker 4 22:52

I don't know what it's going to take to get people involved. Obviously everyone here's involved and knows a lot of people that are involved. And I don't think that's, personally I don't have the problem with the hostility between the different groups of people that are involved. I have a problem with people that aren't involved. And I don't know what it's going to take to get them involved. It just, there's room for everybody. And there's groups for everybody, I just think we need to work on, on trying to get more people involved in and I don't know what the answer is.

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Scott Lewis 23:16

What do you see as our goals? Our next issue? What should we?

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Brian Bradley 23:19

What is this with the goal stuff, you'd like to have a plan.

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Speaker 5 23:23

That's right call him a woman put them down. There you go, let's go for it.

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Brian Bradley 23:27

Excuse me, Toni, Mary is a boy's name.

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Speaker 5 23:30

We know, I wasn't calling him a woman or girl.

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Speaker 4 23:32

I guess I'd like to see,

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Brian Bradley 23:34

I'm not gonna buy that

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Speaker 4 23:35

Sexual orientation in the civil rights bills. I was looking on the, on, on our little board at work on Friday, and I guess the Family Medical Leave Act of '93, or whatever it's called, just, just went into effect. And one of the, one of the provisions on there was to take time off for people to take care of immediate family, spouse or son or daughter who's sick and dying. And, and that

would certainly help out in our community to take care of a, you know, a lover or a friend that has AIDS. And, you know, I guess we don't get that opportunity. So I mean, I think it would help. I'm not an attorney or anything, but I think it would help if, if we were included in that civil rights bill, that would make it a lot easier for us to do those kinds of things.

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Brian Bradley 24:18

That's great goal. That's good.

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Scott Lewis 24:20

Terri.

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Speaker 6 24:21

I think I would just like to see people who are members of one organization, get involved or at least attend a meeting or at least talk to some people of another organization, before they start being critical of that organization's goals or their means to achieve their goals. If you haven't been to a LIB meeting, or a HATCH meeting, or a WAC meeting, or an ACT UP meeting, or GLPC meeting, you don't really know what those organizations are about. And if you don't talk to those people, and you just sit back and criticize them, you're not doing anyone, including yourself, any good. So that's what I'd like to say.

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Scott Lewis 25:00

Rainbow

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Speaker 7 25:01

I'd like to see some type of networking done in this community. You talk about the early 80s when we used to have activist downtown, we had quite a few hundred people down--downtown on the steps. We don't, we only see about 50 now. And it took networking, we had different organizations that were contacted that we don't have that anymore. We depend on two groups. Basically, we don't have no networking. My name is not on any of these guys list, GLPC or ACT UP. I belong to other organizations. And if there's some way, there could be some networking with maybe the Switchboard, helping out whenever there is a good cause you get all the facts, get it all down context, some of these organizations, maybe a representative that has an outreach to the membership, you might see more people, if you try it, I don't know, it worked in the early 80s. I remember a lot of guys that or a variety of different people. I mean, you just didn't see ACT UP T-shirts, you didn't see anything. You saw cowboys, you saw leather, you saw all kinds. And I don't know some of you remember, it was about '84, '85. One of the good years downtown. And we were on the steps, we covered the steps. We covered those. I mean, we covered the whole area there. But I think if you want activists, if you want street activists out there, I would say contact some of your organizations and get some networking or something work out that way.

S Scott Lewis 26:34
Michael Cooper.

M Michael Crawford 26:38
I'd like to first, first said, I'm sorry, Brian, I'm sorry. I know, I don't hate you because you're white.

B Brian Bradley 26:44
I know, you're all had this Tony Orlando conference. Did you want to grab that microphone?

M Michael Crawford 26:48
We're all in it for the media attention, dammit. First, I'd like to say that, networking is a two way street. If these active, if these people are willing or wanting to get involved and get active, they know how to call ACT UP or GLPC or whatever. I can say that as a member of Queer Nation, we, tens of thousands of leaflets. And it got virtually no response, response, so, I don't think we've seen an overwhelming amount of horizontal hostility here. Despite what Scott said, I just saw like my exchange between me and Brian as an intense debate. And Brian is still the guy I most fantasize about getting arrested with. I, but in terms of goals, I would like to see on a national level us concentrate on AIDS, a federal queer rights bill, and single payer national health care. On a local level, I'd like to see us work on getting a queer rights ordinance on queer youth issues so that our kids don't feel like they are the only ones that. that they need to commit suicide because their parents make them feel like trash. I would like to see us actually sit down and talk and not just talk and mouth the words, but actually really get involved in action oriented way to create a queer inclusive curriculum. I mean, a queer inclusive community, one that rather than just seeing, you know, white liberals talking about how they're opposed to racism, actually go out and try to get people involved. And I'd also like to see a respect for the different tactics. In this war that we're trying to win, we have to, we have to utilize every tactic at our disposal. If that means lobbying, fine, we'll lobby, if that means blowing up Jesse Helms his house. Fine. Works for me.

S Scott Lewis 28:33
Donna.

S Speaker 11 28:35
I think that it's the networking is necessary. And I think it's beginning to happen, at least in the women's groups that I've been associating with, you know, you see it happening. And that's really good. And I think it's really important that we get concerned about our language and our

sensitivity to language and just the unaware racism and sexism that we put out daily, you know, and I think once again, I think that as we become aware of that, and we grow healthier, our community will benefit by that.

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Brian Bradley 29:03

Soon to be former president, Megan.

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Speaker 11 29:06

Oh, can I make one more statement about separatism. Women's Action Coalition is a women's action group and it is separatist, and I don't know if they'd like to use that word. But that's the gist I get from it. And men are not allowed to our meeting. They come and we invite them to functions and things like that. And I support the idea of separatism, because I think at times we do have to separate ourselves from the mass to get healthy, and to put ourselves out there. And you know, and I believe once again, there's room for all of it. And you know, as far as which bills, I think we should get passed, I'm still pushing for the ERA. I think that would cover a whole lot of ground.

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Speaker 3 29:46

If I had any wish I'd make, I'd wish that people in our community would like themselves more, that they wouldn't stereotype each other as much. And in the stereotypes not only applied to gender and race, one that hasn't been mentioned tonight is age, I think that is sometimes the stereotype that afflicts our community in the most severe manner. And I think sometimes the people who are most sensitive about stereotypes, forget that one, because they're most guilty of it, so.

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Scott Lewis 30:22

Vivian.

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Speaker 2 30:24

I think that the gay community is its worst enemy as of this point, I think, me, as a personal goal, I think that we need to unify before we fight the right wing, because we're not going to get anything done for fighting each other. And I just feel like educate and heal ourself and be happy with ourself and unified if we could fight the opposite wing.

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Brian Bradley 30:47

Thank you. Thank you, everybody. I guess it's my turn. And I'm moving the microphone, as I've been telling everyone not to. Since I can't teach the whole world to sing in perfect harmony, I, I want to just read a long paragraph out of a book that I finished last night by James Robert

Baker, Tim and Pete, and I'm real serious about this, I want you to hear what it says because it's a good book. And I encourage you to read it. But I have reached a point in my life, that I think this is the next step for myself and a lot of other people. This is just not fantasy from, for me. It's not just fantasy for other people. It's the only option I know of left by and large. And maybe someone can show me another option, so I won't have to be the immoral person that I might be if I were to do something that's outlined in this book. Just to set it up a bit. You've got a bunch of relatively young people in the book, who know a lot of people who have died, and they protested and they marched and they petitioned, wrote and they faxed and they asked, and they voted, and they paid medical bills. And they did this and they did that. And they went to church and they did everything right. And it came to no avail whatsoever. It's nice to say that at 19, whatever you did something and had benefited somebody a millennium away. That's good. That's part of our responsibility as human beings, I think, however, we are human beings. And we tend to be selfish sometime. And maybe sometime in our own life, we want a little bit of that enjoyment. And after we've done all those things that I regurgitated earlier, and haven't gotten what it is that we solved, we run out of ideas. And we might arrive at a place that a young man in this book has gotten to, and this one will leave you thinking about it. Obviously, something's wrong. They're talking about someone who had went away. And they was wondering where he was at. One of them didn't even know that he had it. It's what? AIDS, but he told me he's cured, he says he went to Morocco and invoked the sun. Don't ask me what that means. Sounds like that Crowley stuff, Pete said. I thought that was just a phase he went through. He seems to be back into it again. He said he tested negative after having been positive. Do you think that's possible? I don't know. Maybe? Who knows. He said the whole thing was caused by people's bad thoughts, hatred aimed at gays like a negative prayer. I can see that in a way, Pete said, if people allow themselves to be magnets for that kind of s. But the best defense is an offense. That's what still pisses me off about most homos though, ACT UP and Queer Nation don't go nearly far enough. I agree with Larry Kramer. They're just putting on street skits. It's Mickey and Judy in pink triangles shirts. They should have gone into St. Patrick's with submachine guns. Here in LA, they should kidnap Mahony and get him. They should go into the Vatican, remove the fag art and dynamite the place. Douse the pope with gasoline and set him on fire. But most gay men are still suck ups. They're still into playing victim and martyr, which is just what people want to see. Be a good little faggot, and mince off to the hospice and pay the price for your sins. F that s, why should we always be nonviolent? That's why I've had it with these effing AIDS vultures like Louise Hay and Marion Williams, hug a teddy bear boys and visualize Bambi til you're too weak to cross the room, let alone pick up a gun. George Bush couldn't come up with a better containment plan.

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Michael Crawford 34:30

Praise the Lord.

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Brian Bradley 34:32

The book is Tim and Pete. It's a love story. James Robert Baker, it is.

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Scott Lewis 34:39

Thanks a lot guys for being here tonight.

S Speaker 5 34:42
ACT UP meets every Thursday night at the Montrose Activity Center at 7:30. The phone numbers 942-1006.

M Michael Crawford 34:48
Any other shameless plugs?

S Scott Lewis 34:49
What's the

S Speaker 2 34:50
WAC meets every Wednesday night at 7pm at Lawndale on Main and Fannin.

S Scott Lewis 34:55
Renny? The GLPC plug?

S Speaker 4 34:56
The caucus meets at 3330 [unintelligible] Montrose Activity Center first Wednesday of every month at 7:30.

S Speaker 11 34:57
And WAC lesbian issue caucus meets on Friday nights, call the hotline for that date.

S Scott Lewis 35:08
What's the hotline number again?

B Brian Bradley 35:11
Before we leave Renny tonight and Terri, they're both on the dinner committee, banquet committee or the feed committee, whatever it is, the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus's annual banquet this year. And they're going to tell us very briefly, who, what, when, where and why.

- S** Speaker 6 35:27
The dinner this year is at the Four Seasons Hotel on Saturday, August 21, Seven o'clock, dinner is at 8, and we're very excited this year to have Torie Osborn, the Executive Director of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, as our guest speaker, she's going to be on at nine, we're going to have tickets available for just her and the dance, which is a first thing, we've never had a dance before.
- S** Speaker 4 35:50
And we're truly excited about that.
- S** Speaker 6 35:52
We're extremely excited about it, and that's gonna be \$15 and the dinner tickets are \$50. A table of eight is \$350.
- B** Brian Bradley 35:59
Do you have a number that people can call?
- S** Speaker 6 36:01
521-1000.
- B** Brian Bradley 36:04
521-1000.
- M** Michael Crawford 36:05
Who's doing the music at the dance?
- S** Speaker 6 36:07
It's an out of town discjock, Renny knows more about that.
- S** Speaker 4 36:10
Jay, Jay Edward McMillan is paying for the dance. He's out to Austin.

S Scott Lewis 36:15
Does that meet with your approval, Michael?

M Michael Crawford 36:17
Well, I was hoping from the guy who was at Heaven from Warsaw. But,

S Speaker 4 36:23
I don't think that goes in our budget.

S Scott Lewis 36:27
I know how much we pay for him.

B Brian Bradley 36:28
So Saturday, August the 21st.

S Speaker 4 36:29
August 21st, right.

S Scott Lewis 36:30
And 512-1000?

S Speaker 4 36:31
512-1000 and we hope to see you all there.

S Scott Lewis 36:35
We are going to go out with some information about some other programs you can hear here on KPFT. And with one of my favorite songs by Gladys Knight and a show she did with Patti LaBelle and what's the other woman, the one that can't sing, Dionne Warwick, that's her. Ray Charles said it, I did and I was just repeating. I was just kidding. Anyway, and "I Will Survive," my favorite we're all going to make it.

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Speaker 12 37:13

This is a Point of Pride a minute of gay and lesbian history. In July 1921, The New York Times expose the squad for, to entrap homosexuals at the Newport naval training station. The Times labeled most details unprintable, but did say the investigators engaged in sodomy to entrap sailors. This led to a major scandal for the Navy and the Navy Secretary at that time, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. This has been a Point of Pride written by Mike Cheswick for information on gay and lesbian groups or activities called the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Houston at 529-3211.

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Scott Lewis 38:05

This is Zoey Bonay, on love songs. Sunny, just kidding. This is Scott. And I want to send this next song out to everybody who's feeling a little depressed, a little lonely. Maybe you've lost that special someone or maybe you're just feeling blue tonight for whatever reason. Don't worry, we've all been there. We'll all be there again but you're going to get through it. You're going to survive. This is for you.