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SPEAKERS

Harvey Milk



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I am what I am I have my own special creation so come to give me the all the Ovation it's more that I want little pride in my old and it's not a place to hide lies not worth a damn to you can say hi you've discovered after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT



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don't want is I don't want to bang my own drum bang things from a different angle God life is a sham until you can shout out am what I am and what I need no excuse I do my own deck sometimes he is known no deposit down till you can shout out



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we must destroy the Miss horses Roy shatter them we must continue to speak out and most importantly most importantly every papers come out



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you must tell your immediate family you must tell your relatives you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors you must tell the people your work you must tell the people the stories you shop you



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realize that we are indeed the children and we are indeed everywhere every every lie every innuendo will be destroyed you will feel so much better



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do my own deck some time?



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You may all come out where will you be when they come?



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Okay, we're here. This is after hours of continuing tradition. This is Jewel Gray. I'm here with Diane Weems tonight, and we're going to be doing some good stuff. Tonight, we're gonna be talking about a lot of things that are current, or we're gonna be talking a lot about the Gay Pride Week and the festivities and the events going on. We'll give you a lot of information later. So get your pencil and paper ready. We're going to be given phone numbers all night. Got some good music tonight. We have an excellent production staff here who are picking the music tonight. And they're starting off pretty good. We're going to go to ratio waiting for sex. To Greg in and Diane Williams is here. And we're going to be doing talking some dirt here tonight about some of the events going on in town. We're going to share some phone numbers. So once again, if you if you're out and about stop somewhere, get your pencil ready. We'll be giving out some phone numbers in a while. One of the things we want to talk about tonight is the Baptist Convention. That's just just finished. Isn't it just finished? Yeah, I believe it's just finished and they elected Ed Young as their their leader, their president, they're



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the person in charge. That's right. Charge Ed Young is the head minister at Houston, Second Baptist two over there at Boston. One way, one of the scary places was truly scary. I've got a lot of personal memories of that stuff during my coming out years.



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Second Baptist not very helpful. I just been reminded that I didn't tell you what the name of those two songs were. We listened to right said Fred. Don't just kiss and there's more to love than boy meets girl by Jimmy Somerville. Okay, back at it did the work. That was yeah, the Baptist stuff. Oh, yeah. One of the favorite, favorite things to chew around and local, local spots.



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I know this personally really angers me a lot, being a gay Christian. And it really, really upsets me when I think of all those pseudo Christians out there that you know, are so judgmental and full of hatred and stuff. I was at a protest recently and a guy a Christian minister type person came up to me and started spouting hatred, just venomous calling me a you know, a demon from hell and all this other stuff. And I was it was great. I was so proud of myself. I just sat there and said, Sir, you really need to find the Lord. You have a lot of hatred in your heart, you know, you really need to find God and he just didn't know what to say. He was just totally, you know, lost on that.



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Give it back to him. Ah, yeah, yeah. They tend to be surprised that you you have that knowledge that you that you are a Christian too. I've, I've seen the battles at the, at some of the conventions that they've had they had the last one, didn't they? They had it in New Orleans.



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Yeah, this one was the Southern Baptist Convention. And it wasn't like Indiana or something, wasn't it? Well, where was it? Indiana? I think so. Cleveland or something?



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Yeah. One of the big cities in Indiana. Yeah, it's a vowel state. It's a it's a it's a what state?



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It's a valid state, Indiana, Ohio, Idaho,



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any of those? Yes. Well, what is interesting to me is that Ed Young is such a homophobe. And such a conservative person. And and I the last time I heard the convention last convention that they had, I was under the impression that it was leaning toward or very, very close vote to going in the other direction. So this must have been really, really surprised to a lot of people.



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Yeah, what I know about it, I must admit is not a lot, but I do know that they were really wondering about Ed Yang, and he was there was between like three people. And it was a very, very close vote and At the end, he did Garner all the votes. And when another big thing that

happened at this convention was the fact that a bit of a rift took place, there was a bit of an excommunication there. Some of the Southern Baptist churches that endorsed unions of some kind, or rites of blessing holy unions for gay couples, or dating, right, or dating gay, lesbian, clergy, and doing holy unions and right to blessing for gay and lesbian couples, those churches were firmly told that they were not allowed to do that and still be members of the Southern Baptist community, and were more or less excommunicated. This is I know they're hurt. They're devastated. This is this is I think it would be wonderful if these churches could get together, I think that they are planning on doing something. But from what I've heard, the churches are planning to get together. I know that I happen to have friends in Atlanta, and my friends in Atlanta, are straight. And they're members of a group called straight but not narrow. And they're very open and outgoing. Heterosexual is for homosexual rights and equal rights for gay and lesbian people. So that's very important to them. And I think that the new wave of Christian dome, which is going to be very ugly, ugly, exactly. There's going to be for every action, there's a reaction. And I think that for all the freedoms that we've won, and all the rights that we've won, the church specifically the church that's afraid of, of losing its hold on the people that the power that it has and the people that it has, more or less in its grasp right now are going to really grab a hold of them and go for that new conservatism which is very scary. It's very frightening.

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Oh, yeah. New Conservative and really reeks of the way it's happening just has a lot of familiar feel as what happened just prior to the war in Germany. The the hatred and the hysteria about morals and, and family. Focus, those were the same kinds of things that were going on in pre World War Two Germany in the getting on the bandwagon and joining your neighbor to defeat and the ugly Jew. That's right. It sounds a lot like communism, to defeat the local homosexuals. They and what really bothers me is these people have their hands and everything we were talking earlier about, not just the Baptist Convention, but the religious. The Christian, basically, the Christian religious community, in some parts is, are getting very aggressive and very assertive in their protesting of our lifestyles and the choices we make and choices in in particular, we were talking about the Operation Rescue in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, right? That's right, they're gonna have a big

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Yeah, recently, the protests I was mentioning before was a clinic defense that we, I was, I was a party to Gosh, it wasn't a week ago, maybe two weeks ago, and that was at seven o'clock in the morning, a bunch of us from coordination, got together with our friends at now, Houston, now you have H a national organization, woman, and some other there was another group of people there that were Catholic, but they were Catholic for concerns of human rights. I'm not I don't know the exact name of their group. But we all got together and basically did what's known as clinic defense. It's a form of counter demonstration. And we stood out front and made sure that the people going in we're not harassed the and we were very peace loving. We're very, very open and easy to talk to. And I was just so impressed with the caliber of people that were there for pro choice reasons. The people that showed up for it was mostly I believe, if I'm not mistaken, it was mostly a Catholic church, a particular church kind of or particular organization. With the aid of some people from Operation Rescue, I believe we're there to demonstrate against abortion right. And they brought pictures of, you know, what they termed

as, you know, maimed fetuses and aborted fetuses that were, in actuality, probably two and three year old children, you know, they were, it was disgusting, horrible pictures of violence. And that's not what it's about. I mean, as a Christian, you know, I have to have what, what I believe, is my own personal set of choices. And if it was up to me, I don't know that abortion would be for me, but I'm not willing to have anyone make those choices for me, not the church, you know, perhaps I'm a Buddhist, you know, maybe I'm a Muslim or something, I'm not gonna want this particular Christian religious person, making those choices for me and what's happening inside my body. Same as the government, I don't want the government to make those choices for me. So we have to stand up and say, I don't want those choices made for me. These people were very fervent in their religion. And as a matter of fact, there was one woman there that I tremendously respected. There was one woman that was very adamant about her religious beliefs. She was, you know, standing there, you know, silently praying silently, you know, doing what she needed to do. She was there for a reason, and she was accomplishing her mission. She was keeping their side peaceful. However, some of the people on their side were, as I said, spouting venom and calling us vile demons from hell and saying that we were you no vipers, and just this terrible stuff and saying that we were homosexual, which had no really hurted me. I was, you know, I immediately called him a heterosexual and he just looked at me like, Hmm, I don't get it. It's great. When you know, your jokes go over their heads,



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we had a caller call and we appreciate our callers input it the convention was in Indianapolis. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for your help here. I wanted to say a few things about this, in particular, my own opinion, I guess, as I agree with you, I don't think abortion would be my choice. But I don't want that choice made by anybody else. I don't want it made for my sisters. I don't want it made for my friends. I don't want to make for one single woman anywhere. Because if you make that if you have that decision to make, it is the hardest decision you will ever make. And it's not as it's not, I don't believe, basically, that this is not an issue about birth control. It's not about birth control. It's about being able to support another person being able to take care and love another person, being able to go through that by yourself or with your family. If they're not supportive. It's about a lot of things. And I think the religious community forgets that and thinks that this is like it's just an ugly birth control. And I don't agree with that. And I do want to say that some of us do not necessarily agree that abortion is the answer, but we are more result more. I'm have a deeper belief that the choice is the answer that each person make their own decision. If this were a man's issue, if this were a men's issue, abortion would be I heard someone say this one night, or abortion would be sacrament. And it because it's a women's issue, I tend to have real difficulty with all the males out there shouting about all the single males who have no children, and have no family out there shouting it. Single mothers or single, expectant mothers going into these clinics. Some of these women are not going in for an abortion. They're going in for health care, free and counseling, most of them actually counseling. The abortions are not as frequent as as these people would have you to believe. The Welshman's Part and



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Part of the reason that we got on this discussion I know is because Operation Rescue is going to be doing some I call them clinic attacks. They're going to be especially they're going to be very heavy in Baton Rouge. Baton Rouge, Louisiana is getting hit by Operation Rescue between July

6 And July 13. And I don't have a phone number at the moment. I'll be glad to get one for you. But you can contact now. You have U of H and you can contact I believe queer nation has a phone number. There's there's some other people that have phone numbers that you can contact them about this. We need people to go to Baton Rouge it's a Monday through I believe it's Monday through Sunday, but most specifically, we really need people to be there on Tuesday, it's gonna be really important that we get bodies out there not to necessarily do scary, horrible radical things, but to show up and pledge your support for, to coin a phrase sisterhood, you know, it's to say cliche things, sisterhood and unity with people. And I was just handed a note here that says pro choice does not mean pro abortion. And that's absolutely right. And they're going to try to tell you that it does, or they're going to try to get in fights with you, they're going to try to get in verbal battles with you. And the bottom line to all that is that there is no fighting them. These people are fervently religious and addicts. That's right, they're fanatics. They're very fervent, and there's basically no fighting them, what you must do is stand there and hold hands with the person beside you and say, This is what I'm here for. This is what I believe in. And I'm showing my support for the right to choose.



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I think it's important that the lesbians out there who are listening, and even the gay men who are out there listening, that you know that because you are gay or lesbian does not make this not your issue, it is your issue. Because when these people are through with this, they're going to be in your backyard, you are naive it, you can believe it, when they take away the choice for this kind of thing. The next choice is going to be where you can go, where how often you can be together, how long you can come and physical contact with each other. These are privacy laws live, they're gonna get in your bedroom, they're definitely gonna get in your bedroom. Because if they can get into your body, your bedroom is easy. So if you think that this is not your problem, that this is for, for straight women on welfare, while you're wrong, get out there and pay attention. This is not it's not an issue about class, it's an issue about choice.



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The one that I was at the the last demonstration for pro choice that I was at, was very evenly half and half male and female, it was also half and half gain in strength, gain heterosexual. So it was very evenly matched. The people were from very diverse sections of the entire community of Houston. And we were all standing there, it was very unifying was very powerful, and was very warm feeling like you did what you have to do. And it's a decision that we all must face, eventually, you know, doing what you have to do that is, and I'm glad that I went it was my first abortion choice related demonstration, and I will be doing more.



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Well, Randy keeps me in touch with it. He's been kind of telling me about it every week.



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Thank you, Randy. He was there with me too.



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I've been really eager to get involved with that. You know, one of the things I told Randy, when he was telling me about this and the photographs of the babies and and the ugliness I told him that he should get pictures of starving children in Ethiopia, and, and the Abused Children in Brazil and Argentina. Well, part



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of that part of their mission. I mean, there were several people there that came, you know, straight couple heterosexual couples, with their children that were mentally disabled, diseased or whatever, or differently abled people. And they were there saying that we love our children anyway. And that's wonderful. I mean, I think that that's amazing, it's amazing that they would be able to take that stance, but basically, that has absolutely nothing to do with the reason why we're here. It's not about murder, it's not about saving another person from, you know, a debilitating disease or selective abortions, that's always going to be wrong, selective abortions is always going to be wrong, because that's gonna, you know, do that super race thing. That's pretty scary. But basically, it's about choice, it's about who's gonna decide as long as this thing is within my body, I want to have domain over it. And when it leaves my body, it becomes a case of murder, no murder, suicide, no suicide, that's something for the courts to decide that something for that individual to decide. But as long as it's going to be within my body, I want to have the right to choose what happens to me in my body. So I think that's where people are having a misconception about, right.



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Yes, I agree that they think this is an abortion issue. And we know it's not. There are a lot of people out there standing in those very picket lines who are not are only there because they're afraid that their choice to make those decisions, whether they ever have to make that decision or not. They're afraid that their choice to make that decision for themselves. It's going to be it's going to be regulated or stopped entirely so we could use your voice we could use your body. Come on. Tell us what you think getting involved in one of these things and meet some people who feel like you do. The there's a local, if you want to get involved, you can write to Planned Parenthood or call Planned Parenthood, they have a waiting list. I believe I called recently of people willing to escort people into the clinics. So if you want to get involved called Planned Parenthood and let them know you're interested, and that you want to, you want to help protect that, right. Some of the other things that I've found pretty interesting this week was a case going into the court about the police treatment of that young man from San Antonio, who was at the LA festivities a couple of months ago, you said he was arrested for public intoxication and taken down to jail, and they're thoroughly humiliated because he had his nipples pierced. And seems that these Bo honk police officers in the jail and I've been there, I know you. He's Bohan police officers



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down there, you know, get some kind of thrill out of embarrassing and humanitarian either yes, exactly a power trip. It's not enough power to have a gun or have a penis and a gun. They have to go. They have to go and pick on interchangeable weapons, people who are different than themselves and they thoroughly humiliated this man. And I would like to say from from Houston and from I'm sure most of the gay community here that we are, we are very sorry this happened to you and that we don't treat our out of towners like that, as a habit. And this was I'm beginning to think that this is more rare than it used to be. It used to be very prevalent that the police department and the police, the jail was the big bastion of macho down there. Basically,



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this is I happen to be out and about during that NLA. Weekend. That's national leather Association weekend. And there were many out of towners here we had a great time, it was a lot of fun. And basically, what has come of this is that the police, that person that that incident occurred to her has made the gay community Houston aware of what happened. And the gay community, Houston has spoken up, we have responded to that and said, We are not going to allow this to happen anymore. We've gone to the police station and said, What are you going to do about it. And since then, the police are doing a type of sensitivity training. And that is including currently not only gay and lesbian sensitivity training, it's also gay teen runaway sensitivity to your sensitivity training. And also I don't know how to exactly people that are into leather, basically how to approach the different aspects of our leather community. And that would be basically this person that had this occur, was wearing a harness and the harness strapped down under his privates and through his jeans. And the cop asked him to take it off. And the guy said, I can't it's you know, it's strapped, I'm going to have to do some severe, I'm gonna have to go somewhere private to take this off. And the cop was adamant, but the cop didn't know that. I mean, the cop was not aware of what he was saying of what he was seeing and what he was saying. And once he knew it, because this cop was who this cop was, he used that and said, you know, well, we're gonna make you and blah, blah, blah. And eventually they did, but basically, you know, mess with his his nipple rings and pulled on him and stuff. And although this may be foreign to some of us, and this may be not so foreign to others of us. The bottom line here is that this person had a right to wear the attire that he was wearing. It's not illegal, there's nothing wrong or criminal about what he was wearing. And the police used this aspect of his personality to single him out and say you are different and I'm going to pick on you because you were different. Not enough that this person is gay. This person is also into leather. Well that makes you very sick.



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So a lady picked on Saito mask exactly at the police station and it's right from what I understand are representing them separated him and then paraded a parade of people through and forced him to raise his shirt to show them it's right as pierced nipples. I mean the humiliation must have been really I'm really sorry that this has happened in our city. I wish to

do a guest really guest and I really wish that we could do better now you hear me out there Bob. Let's do something. Let's let's clean this up here. We don't want what's going on in New York right now.



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I must come Man, I must really commend the constable specifically, well, actually two constables, specifically Jacques Garcia, but also Victor Trevino, they've both been extremely helpful in training their constables of both sexes of all races, about what it's like to deal with the gay lesbian community about not talking down to us, not singling us out and being able to say, Oh, she looks, you know, really Butch. Obviously, she's a lesbian. That's not true. She looks really, or he looks really feminine. Oh, well, obviously. He's a fact. Well, that's not true either. There's a big, there's a huge diversity. I mean, we are everywhere and in the police station. Actually, now that we mentioned this, I have a friend that was in the police station. A friend of hers is a female police officer. The female police officer is a lesbian. But obviously, within the police force, they don't know that she is very closeted. She was attached to if I'm not mistaken, one of the vice versa stings where the police officers went out as gay people. While she went, she was assigned to another female police officer. And they were holding hands and Montrose gay people supposedly stopped them on the street and pointed at them and said, they're not really gay. They're just cops don't mess with them and really pointed them out and said, you know, obviously these people are cops. Well, it doesn't matter whether or not these people are cops. And it doesn't matter whether they're gay or straight in their private lives. The bottom line is they're coming down here to protect us. They're in our neighborhoods to experience what it's like to be us. So if they're straight, or if they're gay, if they're cops, if they're not. We need to watch out for our brothers and sisters on the streets. And supposedly this particular program is currently going on and they are still making arrests with that program.



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If nothing else, if you're afraid to get involved in something you see on the street, at least be a witness. Recognize the the hair color, hide the color of car, license, tag number, anything you can do to aid in the capture of someone who's perpetrating a crime on someone out on our streets. If we don't do it, it's not going to get done for us.



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I hate crime in Houston equals someone shouting Hey fag from a car, you could be arrested in Houston and put in the jail until you know you're called up and fined or ticketed or whatever happens. You can actually be taken down and booked on charges of I believe it's harassment verbal harassment or something. I don't know what it is. But it is actually a registered hate crime. So keep that in mind.



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I'd like to point out that that also goes for yelling, racially slurs, racial slurs out the window too.



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For those who the N word is unacceptable



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sitting out there in their white sheets. It's also against a lot of do that now so and we'll catch up yeah, we're we're gunning for you for sure. You are involved somewhat or were involved majorly with the last Take Back the Night speaking.



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I was odd. I was hoping you would ask me that because I have to get to my phone they have to get to the phone to find the phone number floor we can we can talk about it and get this numbers. Yeah, I'll get the number during the next song. Basically take back the streets is basically what happened last year around July after the killing of Paul Broussard and the brutality posed on his friends that evening, I believe it was July 4 or fifth or third right around the night before after. And for those of you that have not heard about it, where you have been guys, basically, there were three young men leaving heaven as it was closing one evening and they were set upon by two cars of 10 teenagers from the woodlands that chased them and beat them with boards with nails on them and gauntlets and kick them with steel toed boots. Paul was actually stabbed several times with a knife and he died and was it was fatal. The other two guys one got away, more or less unharmed. I believe he was I believe he was slightly injured and the other person was injured a little more severely. However, Popstar passed away, we as a gay community as a gay lesbian community. I hate to be so politically correct all the time. As a gay lesbian community and transgender roles and bisexual community. We hit the streets we got to Montrose and Westheimer few days after that and