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SPEAKERS

Kay Harper, Bruce Reeves

 Kay Harper 00:01

Well, basically we are going to be just sort of hanging out for the next hour. And then at three o'clock, we're going to be continuing our speeches theme that we've been doing for the last few weeks and doing a tape from actually it's not just from the 1979. March on Washington, there was some there was something called the Freedom Train. That was a chartered Amtrak to go all the way across the country to the March on Washington

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back in 79. Yeah, a long time ago know about that?

 Kay Harper 00:35

Well, I wasn't even out at that time. I was still in high school pretending that I didn't know things that I know. Now. I think

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I was sort of out in 79. I can't remember back that far. That Oh, don't push me on that one. But my memory just goes back about two weeks. That's about

 Kay Harper 00:55

Okay. Well, that's that's fine. But yeah, that's it's a really exciting thing. There's all sorts of people Reverend Troy period from the MCC er who are not MCR, but MCC metropolitan, Metropolitan Community Church, and Robin Tyler, and just all sorts of really dynamic speakers.



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So it's about this speakers on this train. Is that what you're saying? Yeah, what



Kay Harper 01:16

it is, is they had rallies in several different cities. I mean, there was one city where a minister like jumped in or not jumped in front of the train, but later down on on the tracks. Yeah,



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protest. Yeah.



Kay Harper 01:32

Of course, he like laid down on on not tracks that were being used. And he only laid down long enough for the photographers to come take pictures up. And then Then he got up.



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But sounds like a real committed protester.



Kay Harper 01:45

Oh, it was in one of those little bitty small towns. I don't remember which one? I'll find out before we play that.



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Let me mention on the tape, I'm sure



Kay Harper 01:54

they do. But since this way out, was talking about hate crimes. I wanted to talk about the things that are going on in this city, because we certainly had more than our share of hate crimes. Yeah. And one of the things that queer nation has done is started what's they call a Q Patrol, which is a an organization dedicated to slowing the rate of hate crimes against gays and lesbians, and they do foot patrols in the neighborhood. They look great on Yeah, it's wonderful. They have a database system, you know, getting license plates, numbers and stuff. And they talk with HPD in the constables office on a regular basis. They work between 11 and three, and 11 at night to three in the morning, on Friday and Saturday nights near the clubs on Pacific Street, going as far as was Taft and then Welch and Westheimer. And they're trying to cover

more of the Montrose area. But they're looking for volunteers to do that. People to do Oh, yeah, it takes a lot of people to do that. They do four hour shifts, and they are very much looking for people. And let's say if you can even just volunteer once a month, and four hours, I mean, how long? That's really not very much time, you know, once a month. Yeah, you blow that just watching TV? At least. Yeah, so if anybody's interested in that, you need to call during the daylight hours, I would assume. Mark Gardner at 6455252 or Keith Stewart at 524 D 110. And if you need those numbers, you can call us back or call us and we'll give them to you. And one of the other things that's going on is if there should happen to be a hate crime that happens. The Gay Lesbian switchboard has. They've had it in operation for a month or so. But they they have a hate crimes line now.



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And and what is what does that involve?



Kay Harper 03:57

Basically, it's part of the recording that, you know, the government is collecting statistics on hate crimes. And this is a way for gay and lesbian people to call in and talk about hate crimes with someone who is also gay or lesbian, right? Instead of having to talk with the police about it. I mean, certainly you want to report that sort of thing to the police. But, but some people aren't comfortable doing that. And this is a way so that we have more accurate numbers, because the numbers are being collected by the FBI. But our numbers will also the switchboards numbers will also go through the National Gay Lesbian Task Force, who are you know, making sure that that the numbers that the government gets are close to what the real real things are?



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Yeah. Especially when it comes to lesbians and gays. It's still a question of whether it's really a hate crime or not. I mean, it's a shame. It's still an issue, but it is. Yeah, it really is.



Kay Harper 04:58

And So if anybody has been the victim of a hate crime, you can call this the hate crimes line and report that and they'll ask you some some real basic questions and take some information down for the statistics. And that number is 5299615. So that again 5299615



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Okay with the switchboard does not refer these calls on to the police.



Kay Harper 05:27

Oh, no, no, no, this is separate. It's completely autonomous.



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So if you if you want to get the police involved, you still need to call Yeah. And the



Kay Harper 05:35

switchboard will tell you that Oh, okay. One of the one of the statistics, things that they ask is, have you talked to the police about this shit? You know, you're certainly encouraged to do that. But you're you don't have to, if you don't, if it's not okay with you, you don't have to?



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Yeah, there's probably some question as to how much the police can do six hours later, but you know, but it may make you feel better to go ahead and call it in just to keep them apprised that there's stuff going on in the area, and they need to sort of keep an eye on because they've been more sympathetic lately, haven't they? They've been out helping to Yeah, they've



Kay Harper 06:10

been people. They've been doing a lot of different you know, they have the undercover police officers going around, dressed as are not dressed as I'm not sure how they dress is gay and lesbian couples, but being posing as gay and lesbian couples, and they have the foot patrol. And I've read somewhere recently about how they're talking about doing a bicycle patrol in the Montrose area. Oh, wow. Which is a way to get people you know, get police officers on the streets, and in much more visible. But cutting down on costs somehow, I guess you'd have bicycles cheaper than buying them a new squad car?



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Yeah, certainly don't need to worry about gas. And that sort of that's true.



Kay Harper 06:57

And think of the good looking legs as officers are going to have afterwards. Oh, yeah.



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Wow. Okay, we have some music going.



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Kay Harper 07:07

Yes, we do. This is very 70s is what it is. And friend of mine, named Bob gave me this tape. And it's a woman named Willie Tyson. And it's a fun little song about growing up and wanting to be an engineer. Oh, yeah. You



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ready to do it?



Kay Harper 07:27

We're ready to do it. That's a weird mix of music. And I liked it. Yeah. Well, I liked that. That last one. That's Gloria Estefan, and is singing in Spanish. Which I borrowed from my Spanish speaking. Significant Other, I guess is the best way to call her.



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Like, that's a fair term.



Kay Harper 07:53

Yeah, well, she's very significant and sometimes very other. But well, that



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part I didn't know but that's okay. What else do we hear?



Kay Harper 08:04

Sylvester classic, classic Sylvester. You make me feel mighty real. And before that? Was Willie Tyson. Yeah, the tape. Thanks to Bob who who let me borrow that. He said he hadn't even listened to it in about three years. But he had this funny tape that he wanted me to to play. Since I was trying to do funny music. discovered there's not a whole lot of funny gay and lesbian music you can do on the radio, because most of it uses words you're not allowed to use.



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Yeah. One day, that's gonna change. Yeah.



Kay Harper 08:39

I mean, they have to keep up with the way the real world is working. You know, some of the

words that they don't like us using. I hear out of very small children. But well, things to talk about what's



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going on town. You



Kay Harper 08:55

have another? Yeah, I have my little stack of little things to talk about. One of the things that's coming up is actually it's a continuing thing is the ice skating club, the Houston lamda Ice Skating Club, which is now called the gay blades, the lambda gay blades.



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That's real clever. Yeah,



Kay Harper 09:14

I think it's fun. Although I'm not sure what all the women who go are called since not all of them want to be called gay. But they are having their next Ice skating at the Galleria, to try and avoid the crowds. They're doing it in the evening. So they are doing this on Tuesday, February 11. From 730 to 10. You're asked to wear a red shirt if you go. I guess that's so that we can point and say he's one. She's one.



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Monty like cartoon I saw on the advocate once where they were when two people were looking at a high school yearbook and saying he's gay and she's gay and he's gay.



Kay Harper 09:52

That's fun. We did that with my sorority once and figured out that at least 80% of This the chapter that I was in had significant emotional and ethnic texts. What is the word? fictional? Yeah, I guess. experiences with women. Wow. It was kind of funny. I'm not sure national ever figured that



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out? Probably not. Yeah, we'll shut that down real quick. Yeah, they weren't

K Kay Harper 10:21

real happy. I mean, we were kind of an iffy crew anyway, because we actually had persons of color in our sorority and all that fun. No, no, oh, especially in Memphis. They were not happy. But speaking of people of color, especially women of color, there's a new support group for lesbians and bisexuals of color. And they're meeting at the new way, which is on Dolores, which is near. Actually, it's off Mountain View between Westheimer and Richmond. So it's kind of like not in the Montrose area. But they are having a starting a support group, dealing with things like isolation and family just dress and relationships and racism and sexism and homophobia. And by phobia, which is a term I understand, but I'd never heard before. That's a new one to me. And I guess it's for people who, who claim that bisexuals are trying to get the best of both worlds or something. But if they if anybody is interested in finding out more about that they can call the new way. Group which is 7846511. And another thing that that the new wave is going to be doing is a workshop on healing the hearts of race and diversity. That seems to be pretty much leaning just towards black and white racism, but I think it's probably very apropos for other persons of color.

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Oh, yeah. Yeah. And that's gonna be when

K Kay Harper 12:00

it starts on, it's on Wednesdays from seven until 10pm. And it starts on February 12.

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Like a month long or something like that? Yeah, not quite

K Kay Harper 12:09

a month. It goes through March 4, and it's every Wednesday. And it says it's a workshop designed to understand the hurts of race and systemic codependency, which are overlooked in our society, often by people working with multi color, no multiracial clients in the recovery community. Can you put 90s buzzwords in there? I think they've got every 90s buzzword there is

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everyone when you think of really? Wonder how that works?

K Kay Harper 12:35

I don't know. But if anybody's interested, give us a call and we'll give you the phone numbers again.



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That's a Healing the Hurts of race and diversity run by a new way? Yeah. Bob 906. Dolores number two a one.



Kay Harper 12:50

Now they do a lot of workshops for the gay and lesbian community. And so certainly go out and support them. This is a good topic.



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Oh, yeah. Something that I didn't know I didn't know existed. I didn't know there was a problem with the I'm just confused by connecting race and systemic codependency. So I'm maybe I'm missing something.



Kay Harper 13:17

Maybe. Well, next set of music. We had a request last week for Frank and I'm not sure that they had any. But we do have some tonight. Go Frank for you. Yay, Frank. So this is Frank. And one of her funny songs.



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Rodeo parakeet radio Piercy. Okay, let's do it. I got everything. Got everything going? Yes.



Kay Harper 13:45

That was Lindy Roderick, the Eco feminist that we talked about during Marion's interview. And before that was Lynn lavner, who I haven't heard in forever. So I thought I'd drag her off and dust off the CD and play her today. And before that was Frank, for the person who wanted Frank last week, I hope you're listening this week. And we're back here on KPFT. At after hours, a continuing tradition. And we got something in the mail, or I don't know if it came in the mail or now



Bruce Reeves 14:19

I have a question first. What's an eco feminist?



Kay Harper 14:22

It's a woman who's very committed to the environmental issue kinds of things. Okay. See, no buzz word.



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It's a mighty kind of word. It's just what it sounds without.



Bruce Reeves 14:33

We did get some interesting mail. I think Deborah is looking after me as usual if it wasn't in the box this morning, and it was this afternoon when we got here this night tonight. whatever time of day it is, it's late, but it's the first newsletter of the Forgotten scouts organization, which is the organization that helps to convince the Boy Scouts of America to change their policies. as to allow openly gay people into scouting. And Kate and I were just talking about that. Hopefully that would also include allowing openly lesbian people back into the Explorer



Kay Harper 15:12

program. Yeah, cuz I was involved with things like that actually I don't think I ever was an explorer. I think it was just a boy scout.



Bruce Reeves 15:20

That's a long story. Oh, but it was fun. But probably right up there along with the one that I knew the woman Scoutmaster that a troop had one time, which was real interesting. It's forgotten scouts is something that I think it's probably going to become real important to me in the years to come because Scouting is something that I've wanted to get back involved with. I was an Eagle Scout. As a child growing up scouting was one of the few places where I really felt like I belonged in the world. And looking back on it, I think there were probably a lot of gay people in my scout troop because I think that's probably a pretty true statement that most people in Scouting don't really fit in anywhere else. Because generally you take a lot of ridicule just for being in scouting. But when I got out of school I as an adult I served in as an assistant for my home trip. For the four years I was in college, I moved to Houston I was the Scoutmaster of a troop here for three years and moved to Baton Rouge. And at that point, knowing that I was openly gay, I was an assistant Scoutmaster for another six months before I was asked to leave the troop. And so now we're the organization forgotten scouts is trying to find all the scouts that are gay or lesbian, I suppose that want to be involved in scouting and hope to change the organization's bylaws and their policies basically, to allow openly gay people to continue to be in scouting, whether that's as a boy scout, you know, as a child between the age of 11 and 18. That's, that is a scout that also knows he's openly gay. Technically, according to the Boy Scouts, he's not allowed in their program right now. Or if you want to be a leader to volunteer your time, to the organization, because scouting to me is a very important organization. I know I learned a lot from it. If you're interested in joining forgotten scouts, they currently have no dues yet, but they're all asking for whatever you would choose to donate. And you could send them your name and address and phone numbers and what kind of scattering affiliation you had. And whether you want that information to be confidential or

whether you're willing to have that information made public. One of the things they obviously are trying to do is accumulate a list of people that they can actually show the Boy Scouts, we have all these people that are former scouts that are gay or lesbian, and they want to remain active in the scouting program. And you can do that by writing forgotten scouts at 107 to Folsom Street, Suite 383. Nights in San Francisco and the zip is 94103107 to Folsom Street, Suite 383, San Francisco 94103.

 Kay Harper 18:21

Some pretty big names are some impressive kinds of names of people who've already joined and become part of that. Isn't it like the grandson or nephew or something of the guy who founded Boy Scouts? Well,

 Bruce Reeves 18:33

he was definitely yes, he is one of the members. It's among the those that were at the initial meeting were Tim Curran, who of course is the Eagle Scout leading the court challenge to the BSA, anti gay policy. And William boy, us boys, boys Mueller who's the grandson of William Dixon boys, the founder of the Boy Scouts of America. And of course, it's fairly well accepted that even the founder himself was a gay man. Yeah. So it's really kind of bizarre that, you know, 80 years into the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, which their anniversary is coming up on in February, I think it's around the 11th is the anniversary of scattering in the United States. And it's kind of interesting to note that even the founder of the Boy Scouts of America couldn't be a scout today.

 Kay Harper 19:23

Yeah. Well, I know that I was a Girl Scout. I mean, I have a 10 year pin somewhere. And, you know, I've tried to volunteer and they're like, oh, they don't say that in so many words, but they conveniently lose my file.

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Time and time again. And,

 Bruce Reeves 19:41

and, of course, Deborah brought that from me back from California. She was out there for the 1993 march on Washington meeting. The March is going to be called the Lesbian Gay by 1993 March on Washington for equal rights and liberation. It really is. And there's all kinds of stuff that are going to be going on the date of the march is April 25 1993. So I need to start saving our, our, our dimes and nickels now. So we can buy those airplane tickets or trying tickets or whatever you rain to the trend, the train will do all kinds of stuff by then no doubt. The next

regional meeting will be in Dallas, February the first from 10am to 5pm. So if you're interested in that, you might want to be in Dallas for that. For more information in Houston, you can call 5296979.

 Kay Harper 20:40

How big is the region?

 Bruce Reeves 20:42

Um, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

 Kay Harper 20:49

That's a real interesting group of people in the fun,

 Bruce Reeves 20:54

and I'm trying to remap. It seems like at the last meeting, I think Deborah said there wasn't really any representation from Oklahoma or Arkansas, I think but there was representation from Texas and Louisiana. I know hopefully, as time progresses, the other states will get involved as well. And it'll be a very inclusive March. I know Deborah did just returned from the regional meeting, which took place in Hollywood last weekend. And she's going to be with us on the 15th to talk about the March on Washington. And I'm sure she'll be talking some about that meeting, as well as the regional meeting that's going to be in Dallas next weekend. Yeah, and the next national meeting is going to be in Dallas. And that's the ninth and 10th of May. So if you're interested in becoming more involved in that, again, you can call 5296979 and get some more information on how you can get more involved with March on Washington.

 Kay Harper 21:51

Yeah, I know Deborah is really interested in getting people involved especially people of color. That's right. Okay. She says there's no Hispanics

 Bruce Reeves 22:00

but PB it's hard to get people of color involved in in organizations like this. And one of the the benchmarks for the March on Washington is that all the representatives have to be 50% women and 50% people of color. So it's very important that we get as many people of color and women involved in the March on Washington as we can.

 Kay Harper 22:24

Yeah. So more music, we're gonna do some dance music now. wake you up.