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SPEAKERS

Roy



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Are any of that wonderful, good stuff, it just doesn't just come together,



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sitting around doing stuff? Well, I know Brian keeper is, is a part of your group. It's fun.



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That's true. That's true. We have a lot of fun with Brian keeper. And the really interesting part is how it happened. Sue Schechter, the chair that we elected to be the chair of the Harris County Democratic Party, called together some gay and lesbian leaders, basically, you know, whoever we could get to come to the meeting and a few that weren't invited, but you know, with it, but, you know, saying, well come on over to a party headquarters for lunch on Monday and around 1130. And we'll get together and we want to talk about re energizing the Democratic base, and, you know, that's possible for one thing, and then then another, this grown out of focus groups that we had done, we did one with the out with the caucus with the caucus and but we pretty much went around the county after Sue Schechter got elected and did focus groups and all kinds of communities. We were doing these luncheons where we were providing sandwiches and chips and drinks for folks to come in. We're doing them every day of the week. And we're doing with gay and lesbian groups. We're doing them with women's groups. We're doing them with black, brown, wow. You know, whatever kind of groups in an effort to reconnect with the voters. And what do the voters want to hear? I'm talking electoral politics here. I'm not talking about what we're going to have to face when the legislature goes into session. Next year, what we have in front of us is an election. We will elect the people that will have to deal with them. Yeah. And two years down the road. We either reelect them or we don't. Yeah, between we need to have people that we can walk into their offices that will tell us the truth. Can we do this? How do we do this? Pardon me? How do we how do we make things better? For the Gay Lesbian?



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Bisexual queer? Yeah, thank you. God, are



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Texans the GLBT GLBT. Texans I you know, that's that's where I'm coming from. If it's someone that is a Warren Chisholm, you know, I'm gonna get real personal. If it's a Warren Chisholm or any one of those other right wing wackos that we've got up there in Texas State Legislature. We need to add to work on getting rid of them. Or we need to elect enough Democrats to outvote them. When I asked Sarah, the question about what was it going to take to change the Republican Party? I didn't really hear the answer I was looking for.



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And what was the answer you were looking for?



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Well, the, you know, I'm looking for what is it going to take to change the Republican Party? And the only answer I have is based on my experience of what it is taken to change the Democratic Party Exactly. Losing a big time election. Electing Gary Morrow, President edit for governor would derail George Bush's bid for the presidency, George Bush's campaign to become President of the United States would be dead. Yeah, no,



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but I wonder if his background stand the scrutiny.



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But if Gary Mara wins this election, anything there is no way he can win the Republican primary. You can't win the Republican primary if you can't carry your state for governor.



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That's true. That's true. You can't. So what do you want people to do on Tuesday?



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It's real simple. What I want people to do on Tuesday. I want you to go in and punch to take that ballot, drop it in the can and go home and enjoy the day.



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Okay, okay with me, Michelle, I really want to thank you for being here tonight.



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A couple of personal things before you leave whatever you're doing Oh, let



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me let me tell you,



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I'm you know, I'm gonna go ahead and do that. Michelle's a one story I want to get out of here while I'm still in one piece.



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The story I want to I want to like you, I've seen Scott around. Yeah. And I was I'd never really knew who Scott was. And I was involved in a what we called a legislative matching party, which is we went through our The caucus went through its membership list with the address. And by matching the address to a codebook, which gives the precinct we were able to figure out what precinct everybody was in, okay? Now, the thing is that people give street addresses that sometimes are not in the precinct book. And we were there. And we'd run across one of these dresses, particularly some of the downtown addresses, which really aren't in a precinct. But there's a lawyer's office and a user. And whenever we ran into something, that was a problem. Scott would say, Oh, what was that address again? Oh, that's the 67th precinct. flabbergasted. I mean, we had to spend \$30 per book. All we had to do was read Scott,



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he might have cost more than 30



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bucks. Yeah, I would have been more expensive than the book. And there are, you know, we've all heard of idiot savant. And no, no, it's this sort of thing where you know, you they're, they're just these parameters. And I'm actually I'm an election judge on on election day between 7am and 7pm. I have no opinions about anything. And I become a complete idiot. But there are addresses that people keep throwing at me. And because we've had to do combined elections, where I've conducted an election for more than one precinct. I know that what the addresses

are, I know which precinct they belong in. And the wackos keep drawing new lines. And for some reason or other, I waste brain cells by remembering why they were the lines. Well, what can I say to me?



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I was amazing. I was impressed. I was really impressed.



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I really do want to thank you. And it was one of those things that the people who work for me don't understand.



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So he doesn't want to go into his personal life here. What do you do when you're when you're not doing political?



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Or what is? What is the what are the Stonewall Democrats going to do on the third or the fourth or the fifth? Or the sixth? Okay, after the election.



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You know, this is the this is a situation that this election just happens to be a good opportunity for us to engage in a good number, a goodly number of trial runs in voter registration, get out to vote, targeting voters, finding voters, pinpointing what kinds of strategies work and what kinds of strategies don't work in terms of turning out gay and lesbian Democratic voters. We are here in terms of Stonewall, I am here for the long haul. This is the name of this project is Project 2000. We are here to turn out 10,000 Gay and Lesbian voters for the Democratic ticket by the year 2000. Seems



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easy and amaze. Since we have between three and 400,000 queers in this town,



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and complete by doing that, we will completely nullify the right wing vote in Harris County.



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Just think if if a higher percentage of queers would vote,



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you know, what I want is by the year 2000, to be able to have a computer list of gay and lesbian voters that we can count on to early vote. And the voter, the county clerk is gracious enough to provide anybody who wants it with a list of people who voted the day before an early election. And we had to go to stage No, no, no, no, I was okay. Anything else? Okay. But we can match our list of gay and lesbian Democratic voters to the people who have already voted. And by election day will know a world every day. We will know who has voted and who hasn't. by election day, we'll have a good list of gay and lesbian voters who we expect to vote Democratic who have not voted.



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Ah, that's, I see where you're going. That's great. And



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they will get phone banked on Monday night. They will get phone banked on Tuesday morning. And if we have to, we will go out and knock on their doors. That is how we elected Lee Brown mayor. That is how we passed affirmative action in the city of Houston. And it is time to use that same strategy, like judges at the courthouse.



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I've received those calls from the caucus and I want to say right now, you know, take me off that list. I'm gonna About, and I'm gonna vote democratic. So



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we're going to, we're going to know who voted. We won't know how you voted, and but we'll be pretty sure know who, yeah, that you voted the straight party ticket, or that you voted for a good number of Democrats in the gay and lesbian community, or demographics tell us we turn out the gay and lesbian community, Democrats win.



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Right? Now if we can just get more of us out to vote.



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That's what I'm here for.

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And we are everywhere. This show originally was geared for gay men within the loop. And as it turns out, this show is listened to by mostly people outside the loop, and only about half of them are gay. So there we go.

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You know, had Democrats come in all kinds of flavors, colors and in all kinds of sexual orientations. I really just appreciate the fact that there are folks out there who are eligible to vote and willing to get up off their chairs and walk on into that, walk onto that polling place and plop down that voter registration card and say, I'm here to vote. He's good.

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We'll finish up elections, and a few days, I presume to take a day or two off, but my presumption is also that Stonewall Democrats will not stop working.

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Oh, absolutely not. This election is a part of the opportunities that we have been presented with, to try to motivate people to get people out to vote. We'll go through a debriefing period of looking at what worked and what didn't work. We have a tremendously energetic group of primarily young people who are willing to do voter registration they're willing to do public service. opportunities presented you know, showing the video of out out of the past.

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All Yes, that's a really good read on

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what is Coming Out Day on October the 11th. Participating in developing the candlelight vigil at Rothko Chapel, doing focus groups with hatch. That is a short list of what I can remember that Stonewall Democrats have done this month. Prior to the fifth of October, we were out registering voters in the bars. We were out registering voters in front of the restaurants we were out registering voters at the Kroger store on Montrose

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you know and so in November you will continue that work.



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Exactly. Hold on just a moment. Okay, this is Richard handle with flow wrong one.



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The sound of Texas APFT Houston. Thank you Richard. 90.1 K E O S college.



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That's right. Hello, college station now.



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You're listening to me Hello. usted quiere radio with



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attitude on Jimmy Carper. Michelle Myers is here.



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And Hi, I'm Scott Herbers. I happen to be here for as long as my sanity last



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for the Stonewall Democrats. So Oh, okay. Big Roy is here also. Here we go. Okay, there we go. I am. This is



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yeah, this is gonna get personal right.



Roy 14:03

I love you, Scott. Thank you, Roy. Gonna say that another thing people can do? Yes. Which is what I have done is I have gotten people from work who normally would not vote in who've given up on voting because of the Bill Clinton's troubles. You know, they've become very disgusted with the whole situation. I've gotten them to I've convinced him to go out and vote

Tuesday in support the Democratic ticket I've also since I ride the bus Metro all the time going to and from work. I just have open discussions with everyone on the bus and I've convinced a lot of people to go out and vote Democrat.



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I'm not the reality is that Democrat I mean that the process of governance the process of determining the outcome of elections is based on them. mutual self interest, we talk to each other about what we care about. And we can lead each other to engage in behavior voting, that promotes our self interest. If we don't have the self interest, if we deny it, if we isolate ourselves, we get what we deserve. As far as Bill Clinton's sexual, whatever it goes, I really don't care. And I venture a guess, from the people that I've talked to, the vast majority of Americans really do not care and are really tired of hearing about if



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they're, I think maybe a lot of them care, but they are tired of it. You know, let's it's over with we know it. Let's go on with with life.



Roy 15:59

Well, there's nothing that I what I did take to get these people to vote was I found out what their concerns were, I found out what they cared about. And I showed them how the Democratic Party does have the more positive approach to their concerns.



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When we talk about, and, you know, the, for those of you that have been victims of some of our focus groups out there, I want to really thank you for the input that you gave us. And from the youngest to the oldest, from the most racially diverse to the most racially isolated groups. It's pretty much the same thing. Voters are interested in this particular phase of where we're going with the state of Texas. They're interested in education. They're interested in the future. They're interested in affordable, accessible health care, oh, that's a biggie. They're interested in clean air and clean water. And they want to enjoy a degree of personal safety. Sure. It's fine thing again, that Yeah. And those are the kinds of issues that resonate with voters. It really disturbed me to no end that we had particularly one particular race where the two candidates on various sides were beating each other up over the crime issue. And it's sort of like, I want to go up there and whack him upside the head and say, hey, look, you need to talk about education, a joke about health care. And you need to talk about the environment. And the last thing you need to talk about to the people right now is crime. But, you know, sometimes, candidates and campaigns won't listen.



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If someone is interested and working with the Stonewall Democrats becoming a member, and



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that's known while Democrats currently meet at the Grace Lutheran Church, well, last Monday of the month, at seven o'clock in the evening, and Jimmy Jimmy is giving, giving me grief because I'm actually a deacon at the Grace Lutheran Church. And when Stonewall outgrew or blew the walls out of the Harris County Democratic Party headquarters. In our first meeting, we had to go someplace that had a lot more space because we just had way too many people show up for the first meeting for that little bitty space we have over on lum ranch. And Grace was kind enough to set aside the last Monday for us Grace Lutheran, Lutheran Church wonderful



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at has done wonderful things in the community. I know. Other organizations meet there too.



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And Grace, there is no pain at wall.



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One California, California 2515 wall drive,



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you got a walk around there because it's a beautifully arc. The architecture of the building is just beautiful.



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It's Thank you, you know, the the people who have gone before us in that role on that particular corner here in Houston, had a heightened degree of sensitivity to artistic beauty.



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Yeah, I mean, it just, it's just it's a jam. So



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last Monday of the month, the last Monday of the month, seven and 7pm. And, you know, well, you know, it's meant, my, my supervisor with the people I work for is one of these folks who is

just real obsessed with time and everything has to be in you have to be there exactly on time, my lover and certainly I know but you know sevenish Sounds good to me. I don't think we ever get started before 710 or so. And we are out of there by 815. So good meetings. And, you know, since we don't really have any structure right now, basically, we review what we've done. We take a look at what we want to do, and we lined up people to do it, right? No, it's it really has a it has a life of its own. And it's this organic thing that when it started rolling, it just sort of pulled us all in and women going along with I call it getting sucked into the vortex. And it's the organization accomplishes so much that it actually is frightening. We have political campaigns calling us and saying they want to connect, they want to be present, they want to come to the gay and lesbian community and say hello to support us and support the cause of equality in this community.



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And it's all coalition building, and we need to do it.



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So you know, when when we get those sorts of calls, we go out there on the Halloween night, dress up as ninjas and, and parade through this jam parade through the streets and pass out bumper stickers and harass bar owners. And you know, it's just it's amazing because it's this this convergence of the various entities in the gay and lesbian community that I haven't seen him a long time I haven't seen since the first Kathy wittmeyer race. And may I



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say you look quite fetching in that ninja outfit.



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Thank you, sir. Thank you very much. Scott. Hey, were something I mean, you know, I was thinking about just wearing their jeans and T shirt, but then you know, you see what the t shirt looks like.



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Scott, thank you for being a guest on after hours.



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And before you leave. Tell us what Tuesday is. Oh, yeah, how many hours?



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Good evening ladies and gentlemen on Tuesday is election day. With the polls will be open from 7am to 7pm. Looking at blue and white card and look at what precinct you need to go to if you don't already know about the straight Democratic ticket most areas in Harris County go to the end of the ballot and vote for the HEI as the school bonds. Thank you.



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Thank you. Thank you.



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Thank you, Michelle and Jimmy, it's been a wonderful evening. It's



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been fun. It has been fun. Okay, and just about the rest of the show. We're going to do music music, music music and so we are taking your requests at 526-573-8526 KPFT for your favorite queer music. I've got a couple already so let's line them up. Right now we're gonna I've got one by Marsha Stevens off of her latest CD which is a wonderful CD by thank you by the way, and I'm playing the title cut no matter what way and you're hearing it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station



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this is State Representative Glenn Maxie and you're listening to after hours I'm KPFT Houston 90.1 FM



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the sound of Texas KPFT Houston of Pacifica radio network station 90.1 FM 89.1k e os College Station.



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Oh yeah, that was extra fancy with no mercy that's off of their last EP. They are no more sorry. But this EP is really, really good. Sorry



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for the interruptions. Right from public radio news by the governor and Brigadier General Montgomery Smith, commander of the New Jersey National Guard is at the Armory in Trenton where he's giving a statement press statement now



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whatever it is can hurt.



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Later, dude,



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Hey explosions, public radio news in Washington. This



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is Gene Morgan. And before that we had Marcia Stevens with no matter what way you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT, Houston 90.1 and KEOS College Station 89.1 Hello there Aggies. Glad you're listening in. This is a music show for the rest of the evening. We're going to have a new segment here in about about 510 minutes. 15 Whatever. You know, we're kind of loose tonight, folks. And Michelle, and big Roy will be bringing you that news. And then we'll be doing music for the rest of the evening. And you can get in on it. If you'd like to hear your favorite queer music, give us a call at 71352657385 to 6k P F T. And here's one we've we've had requests for this almost every week. It's a wonderful piece of music. It's by ESCWA Zito, it's off of his CD called the veil. And last time I was in Lobo, I saw one of the CDs available for sale Lobo had handles a whole lot but many of the many of the artists that you hear on after hours it's kind of hard to get you may not be able to get at your regular record store and so when that happens I usually give out the address over the air so you can contact them if you would like to get and hear more about that artists but I'm gonna shut up and play some music from the veil by ESCWA Zito This is my absolute favorite off of off of his album it's called Higher grant



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this is scooter with us the folks we're going now to public radio news for an update on that alien thing.



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bulletins too numerous to read have been piling up here we've been informed that the central portion of New Jersey is completely blacked out. Due to the effect of the heat ray weapons and overseas satellite



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communications are also out but from radio and telephone reports. We understand that there have been possible landings near London, Paris and Moscow.

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We've been attempting to reestablish our link with Dr. Pearson to Princeton. We fear he may have been a casualty of nude fighter

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nude fighting. What do you mean nude fighting? What is the President down there something new fighting I swear this country's going to hell in a handbasket. These aliens show up and think they can do anything sexual they want to fighting How can that be? What do they break big

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down there at public radio news. So we're back local, this is KPFT Houston.

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Boots are being polished. trumpeters clean their horns, chains and locks forged through crusade has begun. Once again flags of Christ are unfurled and the dawn and cries of soul saviors sing apocalyptic on airwaves. Citizens good citizens all parade into voting booths and in self righteous saying to the extra way our right to life. I do not believe that some that the vote is an end. I fear even more. It is just a beginning. So I must make assessment. Look to you and ask Where will you be when they come? They will not come a mob rolling through the streets but quickly and quietly move into our homes to remove the evil the queerness the faggotry from their minutes they will not come closed and brown and swastikas are buried and chest heavy with gleaming crosses The time and need for such uses are over. They will come in business suits to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs. They will come and robes to rehabilitate and white coats to subjugate. And where will you be, when they come? Where will we all be when they come and they will come? They will come because we are defined as opposite, perverse, and we are perverse. Every time we watched a queer hassled in the streets and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we lied about the boyfriend or girlfriend at coffee break, it was an act of perversion. Every time we heard I don't mind gays, but why must they be blatant? And said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let a lesbian mother lose her child and did not fill the courtrooms. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straights make out in our bars by we couldn't touch because of the laws. It was an act of perversion. Every time we put on the proper clothes to go to a family wedding and left our lovers at home. It was an act of perversion. Every time we heard who I go to bed with is my personal choice. It's personal, not political, and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straight relatives bury our dead and push our lovers away. It was an act of perversion, and they will come for the perverts. And it won't matter if you're homosexual, not a faggot, lesbian, not a dyke. Gay, not queer. It won't matter if you own your

own business have a good job or on SSI. It won't matter if you're black, Chicano, Native American, Asian or white. It won't matter if you're from New York or Los Angeles, Galveston or Sioux Falls. It won't matter if you're Butch or FIM not into roles monogamous, non monogamous. It won't matter if you're Catholic, Baptist, atheist, Jewish or MCC, they will come they will come to the cities and to the land to your front rooms and in your closets. They will come from the perverts and where will you be when they come?