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Susan Palmer, Diane Williams, Scott Lewis, Harvey Milk



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I am what I am I am I special creation so come to give me the all the Ovation It's my little Bryden and it's not a blaze



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lies



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not worth a damn to you can say



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hi you've discovered after hours continuing tradition on KPFT



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I don't want phrase I don't want bang my own drum some pretty bad things from a different angle Dawn life is a sham until you can shout out



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what I am what I need no excuses I do my own deck sometimes he is notified deposit down till you can shout out



H Harvey Milk 02:31

we must destroy the horses Roy shatter them we must continue to speak out and most importantly most importantly every gay person must come out 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 name is your most of the people you work with. You must tell the people in the story shop once they realize that we are indeed their children no we are indeed everywhere. Every every lie every innuendo will be destroyed and you will feel so much better



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do my own deck sometimes I will stand up



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you may all come out. Where will you be when they come?



D Diane Williams 05:49

Hello, Hello, and thanks for listening to, after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT 90.1. This is Diane Williams and I'm here with Susan Palmer and Scott Lewis. And we're here tonight to talk about lots and lots of important stuff, including Pride Week, which is, as we know, this week gay and lesbian Pride Week in Houston. We got a lot of information for you stuff in the news. Important stuff in the news happening. Take Back the Night as new is a rally to that's coming up to commemorate the march on Montrose and Westheimer last year about this time, sort of information happening from the advocate. I'm glad to have y'all here tonight. I know I'm I'm kind of new and and nervous this evening. And Jill Gray. I love you. Honey, where are you? We want to show jewel is not here this evening. So so we're being kind of KPFT virgins tonight. So we're all wondering about frantically grasping at notes. Yeah, thank you. thrill. Okay, yeah, like I said, I'm glad y'all are here. We have a lot of info. Lots of stuff happening. I want to hear a little bit about what y'all think about the upcoming parade and what you remember from gay lesbian pride parades past



S Susan Palmer 07:15

let's give a little info first the pride parade tomorrow is it five o'clock pm begins it would had progresses down Westheimer past Montrose Of course. sponsor is a Houston Lesbian Gay Pride Week committee. The cost of course is free. It's one of Houston's best parades. So everyone

come out, please. I don't I haven't gone to that many. This is the second largest parade. Thank you. Second largest parade in Houston. And we're darn proud of that, too. We're certainly going to be the most flamboyant parade.

 Diane Williams 07:49

Definitely, definitely. We have entries ranging from of course the National Weather Association and in the different bars will have their entries in floats. To galas mean switchboard band. Lone Star, man, I'm sure we'll be Yeah, lots of lots of really interesting and fun stuff. Queer nation, right queer nations there. We're going to be I believe in the in section. So keep an eye out for us. I'm really excited about that myself. I hope I can make it.

 Susan Palmer 08:19

You will make it you will.

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So was the first parade you went to Susan - was it last year, the year before?

 Susan Palmer 08:26

No, no, my first parade was in 89. So this will be my fourth one. I'd only been out for a few weeks before I went to my first one. I do big things and do things in a big way. So this will be my fourth parade. And Scott,

 Scott Lewis 08:41

this will be my second parade. I'm no longer a virgin in that area. It'll be my second parade. And I'm most excited.

 Diane Williams 08:50

Yeah, I remember watching them pride parades from on top of twins. bar that is no longer and probably dates me a little bit anyway. Yeah, it was it was great. A lot of us remember getting up on the roof at Mary's and watching the pride parade. And people think it's a big party. And it's a hoot. It's just a lot of fun to be a part of and that is always true. But it plays a more important role in that. Not only does it allow us a time to be ourselves and to get together and to celebrate and be a part of a community spirit. It also gives us a time to remember what we've done the past year remember our advances, remember things that are important to ourselves as gay and lesbian people. So I'm really excited about it in general.



Susan Palmer 09:47

Well, it's the 23rd anniversary to Stonewall. Right. And I think that's something we should always keep in mind. It'll be my first time to actually march in the parade to walk in the parade and I'm looking forward to it. And it's fits 23 years Have a lot of pride and I think we can look forward to it. And



D Diane Williams 10:03

we also KPFT will have a live coverage of the parade tomorrow from five to seven o'clock. So keep listening. If you can't make it or you know you're gonna be at work or you're gonna be unable to attend, please tune in. And thanks for listening to after hours on KPFT you heard sexuality by Billy Bragg waiting for sex erasure. And we're currently listening to over the rainbow by mecho. And what a tune this is this they just want to get up and dance and this gray was What? What? Uh huh. This is too much fun. Yeah, queers for days are like walking around KPFK right now. Point. Dancing. Yes. Well, listen, we've got some really neat stuff for you later on this way out comes on at 115. After that, we'll talk about some city of the Year awards from the advocate. some really interesting things happening with tech Back the Night which we mentioned. What the heck is this? I guess this is qn stuff coordination demonstration. And and what went on last waiting at last meeting specifically dealing with Randles, I suppose. And I want to talk about the party, the mayor's house. Susan was there. We had a great time we were there. And it was a who's who I'm telling you. We were there with invitations with invitations. I



S Scott Lewis 11:39

was so impressed were invited.



D Diane Williams 11:42

Well, Scott, why don't you tell us why we were invited and what the deal is? Well, it basically



S Scott Lewis 11:48

it wasn't too cold. It was Gay Pride Week. The mayor had been I assume had been approached, wanted to do something. And what they did is they hosted a reception for the AIDS equity League. It was a \$15 donation. If you were able at the door. There were orders wine. And you got to mingle with a who's who in the, in the gay lesbian and AIDS community as well as Bob and Elise,



D Diane Williams 12:21

who's who and lesbian and gay them. It was great.



S Scott Lewis 12:25



SCOTT LEWIS 12:23

It was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed it. It was Ben Reyes was there, Rodney Ellis was there.



Diane Williams 12:33

George graininess was there or NES. And they were all looking very happy and pleased with one another I was hoping for. The funds went to benefit the AIDS equity league. And I thought that was just more or less I went and signed my name and looked in that boat notice I say sign my name and looked in the ball didn't say somebody's name and dropped the \$1,000 check in the ball. I said sign my name and looked in the ball. And there was this huge ball that just had money and checks. Overflowing was wonderful. Lots and lots of folks there.



Scott Lewis 13:03

Well, I think it's really important. And I think it's exciting that finally, we have someone in the mayor's office that is very concerned about AIDS concerned enough to invite people into his home to raise money for it. And I think it's in credible, an incredible statement of Bob Lanier's concern about the problem.



Diane Williams 13:25

And he's not afraid to say this is my gay friend. He's not afraid to say when we Scott and I were were. We talked to Mr. Linear when he was a candidate, and many of our friends gave us Flack, I must say, because he is Republican. And he is, he looks like a good boy. And in fact, he is a good ol boy. He has some past ties that, you know, we would wish him perhaps not to have. But we talked to him. And basically, he didn't use his ignorance as an excuse. He said, You know, I don't know that I I probably know gay people. I probably have friends that are gay. But because of who I am, what I look like where I'm from and my business. They're afraid that I'm going to react to him in a certain way so that they don't tell me and frankly, I hadn't thought about it before. And we basically said, Well, if you want to be mayor, it's about time you think about it. And evidently he has. He's talked to many people about, you know, gay candidates, gay appointees to his staff.



Scott Lewis 14:28

One of the things that I really enjoy about Bob Lanier is the fact that he is not not only in that meeting, did he sit there and tell you and I these things that this is what I want to do. But he immediately picked up that phone and issued a press release. And anytime he's approached by media, where do you stand on this issue? I spoke before City Council shortly before the appointment of Sam Nucci to discuss basically the usage of 2106 in forbidding hiring of Gay and Lesbian officers, and some of sandwiches passed. And, you know, when the media went up there and said, you know, Mayor Lanier, how are you reacting that the gay activists are here speaking about his appointment and boggling your first thing out of his mouth is nobody in this city, no matter who they are, is going to be treated any differently. They're going to be treated equally and fairly, no matter if it's the black community, Hispanic community or the gay and lesbian community as long as I'm administrating the city,

D Diane Williams 15:33

and I have heard him use the JNL word. You know, Cathy kind of talked about it for a little while. And she actually I think she she actually did say the gnl word, but many of the she was in the parade disco at the time. That's right. That's right. Actually, I saw her twins. She was in a women's lesbo bar. Right after when she was doing, she did the Gay Lesbian switchboard bar tour when she was trying to get elected, I don't know, 10 years ago or something. Yeah, but I'm really impressed that he actually does use the jean L Word that, that he stands for. Action, he takes action on what he believes in?

S Scott Lewis 16:12

Well, he you know, he's Kathy Whitmire, while in office didn't set aside a dime of local money for AIDS in any way, shape, or form. And within two months, Bob wrote an \$80 \$80,080, check. \$80,000 Check out

D Diane Williams 16:30

it's a personal offer. Isn't that a personal check? Or was it a city

S Scott Lewis 16:34

this was this was city money was more than had been done in the 10 years previous and that was just the start.

D Diane Williams 16:40

Okay, now, it may sound like we're just kind of raving on Bob. And it's true. We are. But this in no way. In no way reflects on on future baldness. You know, we've got to keep on the mayor keep on saying you know, this is good. It's not quite good enough. But we're glad you're making the attempt. So you know, I'm real. I'm real impressed with what he what he's done so far. And I'm hoping that his entire staff will keep up the action to backup his good words. Anything else about the party? Oh, I noticed something about the party. Nancy will probably kill me for saying this on the air. Because I know she's going to be talking about this herself. But in Bob's den. Bob and Elise have a karaoke machine. One of those machines that you get, you get up and you put the tape in, and you sing to with a microphone. It was too funny. Nancy and I both looked looked at each other and went, it's fine. Oh my god. It's behind them. It's kind of hidden a little bit kind of behind the counter. We sought it out and we looked and we said oh my god, there's a tape and what is it gonna be we looked at each other. And Nancy just intuitively just picked up on the fact that it was going to be New York, New York, I did it my way. And we went over and looked and it was so I can't be to Bob Lanier did it his way in his den with Elise on the garage.

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SCOTT LEWIS 18:05

And Nancy Ford witnessed it all right,

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SUSAN PALMER 18:08

actually, she pursued predicted at all. She was on a search for truth that night and

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DIANE WILLIAMS 18:13

she had a great time. We did look at the Rose. We looked at the Rose Garden. They have a pool there that's like your pool and my pool and everyone else's apartment size pools all put together. It's huge. It's humongous

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SCOTT LEWIS 18:28

everything there's big their entry hall is bigger than my whole apartments. Right? They have they have photos on the wall bigger than my beds hobnobbing with

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DIANE WILLIAMS 18:37

the Republican and famous It was great. No, it was a lot of fun. I want to thank Marian Coleman too. I really do. Thank you, Mary, introducing us to Mayor Bob once again. That was a lot of fun. It was like I said a proverbial who's who of gay politics and influential people in the HIV and AIDS communities. I'm glad to see Luce Winchester loses Director of Office and he's very active in the community and very involved with I guess getting things done. I'm really glad that office is doing such a good job. I had a great time. And I hope that Bob invites us back. There are photos of Elise everywhere too. We tried to sneak one of those out, but we figured that they'd catch us they're like life size after all. Okay, we've got a lot of stuff happening in the news this week. I kind of scoured the papers especially when I found out jewel wasn't going to be here love your jewel. And lots of info happening. There's there's a stack over there if somebody wants to grab that kind of stuff. And oh, if somebody wants to over there just looking through I know this this kind of stirred me up a little bit. There's a little article in here about Wimbledon, the sky of Wimbledon, this 11th seeded men's player from the Netherlands Richard crabs SEC or shark? What, Richard? What a jerk I am. Said on Dutch radio, he admitted saying in a Dutch radio interview 80% of the top 100 Women are fat pigs who don't deserve equal pay what we say? Then he said, she said talking about me. He said, despite his protestations that he hadn't, that he had over exaggerated a little, a little bit. He said what I meant to say was it only 75% of women are fat pigs. Oh, well, and then he said, What I meant to say actually, is that a lot of women are overweight, but that was not really the point he was trying to make. Getting more red in the face. He said, I'm just trying to make a point that they are complaining all the time about not getting equal prize money here that keep pressing it and I think that they should just be happy with what they make. I don't think it's right that women always complain they should earn the same amount as men because they we play five sets and they only play three. When asked what Martina had to say about this, and you know, she did have something to say she always done Martina Navratilova said, I'm gonna beat him up a nine time Wimbledon champion Martina is still one of the fittest women in the game at 35 said I see some pot bellies among the

men but I don't think I qualified for that 80% Since my body fat is lower than cryogenics so Martina will be there with you I'll bring a stick if you're not that Martina will need it. Let's see what else is important in the news. There's a lot of kk k stuff happening recently. Did you did you guys notice

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Susan Palmer 21:42

burnings have been channeled significantly since the Supreme Court ruling last week?

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Diane Williams 21:47

That's right in Channelview. There's a big deal I don't of course I don't have that with me. I have something that says Charles Weatherford and Franklin del brown two leaders of the kk k in Georgia were indicted on charges of burning crosses in front of the homes of white women they believe associated with black men and that's in Georgia. I know that channel view I heard something on the news on my way over here about the channel view which is amazingly close to Houston guys listen up. KK is beginning to be very active and doing stuff there. They have a large chapter out there anyway. You shatter evidently. And they've been burning crosses too. That's scary. That's for us next I'm sure that's right. And that's why we need to stop them where they're at do everything we can to say that you know this is not cool. Let's see airport solicitation ban and we know about that already. La la la la la. It's not really a gay thing. To do to what else is in here. This is pretty interesting. The religion section always interests me being a gay, Christian, and all that kind of good stuff. Fall well Jerry Falwell predicts a landslide for George Bush and Dan Quayle. They'll win by a larger margin in 19 than in 1988. Because of their stance on abortion. He says Mr. Pro Mr. Clinton have both come down on side of the abortionist. Both of them have decided to cater to the feminists and other radical fringe groups wondering who could be talking about. For that reason, Bush and quail will win by a much larger margin than in 1988. That's pretty scary. There's, there's another article about women in the pulpit. There's no turning back now that women have finally found a place in the pulpit in many religions. Check that out, because it's very interesting. I won't bore you with the details at the moment. But it says that, you know, many religions and denominations, denominations don't have women in the pulpit and some do and those that are in the pulpit are viable members and contributing forces within the lives of the church. There's also an article about how Roman Catholics, clergy and the Roman Catholic lady are not agreeing on some of the upcoming reforms. Those reforms include birth control women in the pulpit, and of course, abortion issues. One of the things that I think is most important here and that's what I really want to talk about. Hemi that piece paper right there, Susan. Yeah, there's two things happening. Jerry Falwell, the Reverend Jerry Falwell is doing an I love America rally in Houston Sunday tomorrow or today rather, speaking on the family in crisis. Wonder what he's going to be talking about. I wonder who is going to blame for the family? Tommy Brown, Murphy Brown sexuals email I'm sure. He's gonna be talking about the family in crisis 6pm Sunday at I'm gonna give you the Address, Houston Northwest Baptist Church, it's 19 911 Tomball Parkway. And we know this is during the Pride Parade so you can't get out and protest. But if you know you live in that area and you're not, you know, you're unable for some reason to be at the Pride Parade. Just stop by and wave. Give him a queer wave.

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Scott Lewis 25:20

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Hello geria kiss.

D Diane Williams 25:22

Yeah. The article that I want to specifically talk about in regard to that is Southern Baptist hope to lead members back to voting booths. Southern Baptists need to get back in the political process and use their Christian values to influence American public life. According to a new church publication. The Southern Baptist Christian life commission is sending 39,000 ministers, an awareness Guide, which has information about voter registration in political appointees and elected officials. We want to help people understand that it's not improper to think Christians should have a role in the political process. It's the commission spokesman said But former commission staff member said that the voting drive is an attempt to rally support for Republican candidates from a group that has shifted to the right over the past decade, decade. When the Southern Baptist Convention walks like a right wing Republican and talks like a right wing Republican, one can conclude it as a critical religious constituency of the Republican Party. More said congregations can use the manual for both Democrats and Republicans since the Southern Baptist Convention Council both parties among its 15 million million members. Now the reason I'm mentioning this at all is because we as gay lesbian people. This is This is us guys. This is a stake in our future that they're talking about. And it's important that we as as gay, lesbian Republicans, I know you're out there somewhere. Gay Lesbian Christians, gay and lesbian Democrats, galas mean people in general need to have a stake in our future we need to have a stake in our choices. We need to make sure that our voices are represented. And if these guys are are starting starting a new wave they're really starting a new wave in Republican right wing activism and we need to be right there with them saying that we're not going to take this anymore. Did you have some info over there? No, yes, here. Take this. Okay, we're gonna be going to some music and the music is Gimme gimme gimme a man after benign and I'm sure that would be you Jimmy and you Scott is that correct?

S Scott Lewis 27:44

Yes. That would buy eraser and it is after midnight right now. Okay, so

D Diane Williams 27:49

if you're out there listening and your man that Scott Lewis said blah blah, blah. And this is gonna be dedicated from Gary to Steve Okay, thanks for listening.

S Susan Palmer 28:18

We just got a message for you. We just got a phone call from Julian Kay and they said you sound great. Keep up the good work.

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Yeah.

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Susan Palmer 28:29

Do you think about us God, what do you think?

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Scott Lewis 28:31

I don't know. We might well,

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Susan Palmer 28:33

we must be doing well. They

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Diane Williams 28:34

weren't listening enough. Fire. It's Fair to Midland and hear me shake and you can say oh, I'm going to do this for Jill because