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## SPEAKERS

[Together], Michael Crawford, Speaker 1

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[T] [Together] 00:06

Going to the chapel and we're gonna get married, go into chapel and we're gonna get married.

M Michael Crawford 00:19

Okay, that's God, we can't sing.

S Speaker 1 00:21

I know. But that was the fact that wasn't the issue or singing.

M Michael Crawford 00:25

No, it wasn't. That was a fabulous way of coming to the issue of marriage. And I want to, I want to wait a minute,

S Speaker 1 00:33

What were we just playing?

M Michael Crawford 00:34

Oh, we were just playing Melissa Etheridge, from Ain't Nuthin' But A She Thing .

S Speaker 1 00:39

Uh huh. And the name of the song was the Weakness in Me before that. That was your your cut that we played on the tape? Oh,

 M Michael Crawford 00:47

Marijuana in Your Brain by Lords of Acid from the album Buddha You.

 S Speaker 1 00:50

Yeah.

 M Michael Crawford 00:52

Okay, marriage. I'm still accepting proposals. But that's not the point. One thing I want to say, right off the bat about the marriage issue is, it's going to be the dominant queer issue of 1996. You heard it here. First I made, I'm making that prediction. And one thing that we need to get in the habit of doing when we're talking to our friends, our families, the media or whoever about the marriage issue is we need to say marriage and not gay marriage, same gender, marriage, sex marriage, because we're not seeking something that's totally separate from what heterosexual is already had the right to do. What we're seeking is pretty much the same thing, except that it will be primarily a civil ceremony with us.

 S Speaker 1 01:35

Right.

 M Michael Crawford 01:37

But basically, what's happened is, some gay couples in Hawaii have gone to court to say, yeah, it's unconstitutional in Hawaii to ban marriages between persons of the same gender. So it's, it's supposed to go to think the Hawaii Supreme Court. In July of '96. And the state, the state of Hawaii has been told they have to show a compelling, not just an ordinary reasoning, but a compelling reason why same sex marriages should not be allowed. What we're expecting is or a lot of queer activist seem to be expecting is that the state will be unable to do that. And marriages will be legalized in Hawaii. Now, what that means is me and my newfound boyfriend, whoever he may be, can fly to Hawaii, get married, come back to the state of Texas, and say to the state of Texas, you have to recognize this as a married couple. And the big fear among a lot of states in the union is that that's exactly what's going to happen. So some states have already tried to legally define marriage as being between a man and a woman, whatever. And now, it's the point when we should be organizing against it. I do know that the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is doing an amazing job, not just on the marriage, just but a whole range of issues. The director of their marriage project has been crisscrossing the country, trying to organize people and get them excited about the marriage issue. And one of the things that I'm hoping to do in the near future, ideally with the revitalized coronation, is I

want to organize a freedom to marry roundtable where queer people from queer groups all around the city will be invited to come together to begin to plan strategy for working around the marriage issue. What do we want to do? How do we want to educate people? How do we build up support in our own community? How do we outreach to the straight community and what we can do in terms of legislative efforts?

 S Speaker 1 01:58

Yeah, I think so. Yeah.

 M Michael Crawford 03:45

Would you get Would you consider getting married if it was legalized?

 S Speaker 1 03:50

Yes. I mean, well, my lover and I've been together for 13 years.

 M Michael Crawford 03:55

Isn't that great?

 S Speaker 1 03:56

Uh huh. So it's like, um actually I think, when we were riding with Diane Yes, in the car. And she was saying that it's a good thing that we would have a gay marriage, but the thing about it is, you know, just make sure that you really want to get married.

 M Michael Crawford 04:14

Right.

 S Speaker 1 04:14

Because that's what any marriage but I mean, you know, how how we are I hate to say it.

 M Michael Crawford 04:19

But I mean, because if you if you go to Hawaii, you get married, come back to Texas and decide to want to get divorced you have to go all the way back to Hawaii. And because in Hawaii, you can't just get divorced you have to establish residency for I think for its for three months,

something like you know, before you have to be a resident of Hawaii for three months before you can get.

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Speaker 1 04:39

So this is this is really serious. And you know, I hope, I hope it does come and become law and we do we are able to get married but at the same time, I hope people are responsible enough. And you know, not like the straight community where everybody's getting married. Everybody's getting divorced and stuff like that. Let's be the pillar of society. Why don't we.

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Michael Crawford 04:58

As if we aren't already.

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Speaker 1 04:59

I know.

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Michael Crawford 05:01

Yeah, I mean, and that's what I think the functions of us activist is to go out and to educate people about what the issue really means. There. There are pluses in there are minuses, and we should understand that clearly. But I still think we should we should go forward full guns with the with the marriage issue. And I'm hoping that the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus here and its new president Pat Gandy, go Pat, will pick up on the issue and go with it because they know the Dallas Lesbian Gay Alliance has formed a marriage project within their organization, and they are making it their top issue for 1996.

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Speaker 1 05:36

Well, I guess we're gonna have to get Pat ol' Pat over here and see what she's got to say and get the ball rolling. All right. Pat, are you there? Pat?

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Michael Crawford 05:48

Pat's been busy being an activist. That's what she does. Pat's wonderful. If anybody that's out there doesn't know her. You have the opportunity to meet or to hear or speak. She's just the most amazing school teacher you ever want to meet.

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Speaker 1 06:00

And she has a fabulous house. She does. I just love it. It's just like, Martha Stewart galore.

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Michael Crawford 06:07

Martha Stewart is a lesbian. God and you didn't hear that here. We were gonna go to a song.

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Speaker 1 06:14

We were? Oh, actually didn't you wanted to? You wanted to talk about the gay bashing thing, didn't you?

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Michael Crawford 06:19

Oh, I thought we were gonna find an appropriate segue.

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Speaker 1 06:25

[INAUDIBLE]. All right. Well, this is it. I mean, we make our own segues. Yeah.

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Michael Crawford 06:28

And we're running out of time because you know, that's-.

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Speaker 1 06:31

That's why we have to be really pushy, because time is short.

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Michael Crawford 06:34

Yeah. And well, thank God that MTV destroyed all our attention span so that now we can't keep up long conversations or anything anyway. Okay, what one of the most interesting things about the the reformation of Queer Nation, and I know that I keep going back to that topic, but that's important because something like Queer Nation is so needed. There have been two recent gay bashings that have been pretty bad and it's highlighted the need for renewed activism in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. On November 26, two lesbians were bashed in the Randalls parking lot. Now, I'm not really sure which Randalls location it was, and I think the women are doing okay. But, you know, just another attack on lesbian and gay people in an effort to dehumanize us and to frighten us into staying into the closet. And on Wednesday, as we mentioned a little earlier, in part one of the program two Neo Nazis from Montana, stepbrothers well half brothers brothers attacked a gay- a pair of gay men in a in a West Harris County Bar early Thursday, Thursday night, Thursday morning, Wednesday night, and one of the men was stabbed 35 times and left to die in his bed. And the other man was being beaten up before. Patrons of the bar stopped him and the two murderers and you know, we're calling them murderers, not alleged murderers.

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Speaker 1 08:05

Because we can.

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Michael Crawford 08:06

Yeah, they were caught by I think- off duty patrols.

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Speaker 1 08:11

And he was on his-. Yeah, he was on his way home. He had just gotten off duty.

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Michael Crawford 08:15

Okay, a patrol deputy, who saw two men running by covered in blood. I mean, this is just another example of the vicious wave of hate crimes that is taking over Texas, it seems. And-.

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Speaker 1 08:30

I really the nation, don't forget, they also the lesbian couple up north that had their own real estate company-.

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Michael Crawford 08:36

Was it Oregon?

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Speaker 1 08:37

Yeah, yeah. Yeah, I know, because that's where you were gonna go on.

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Michael Crawford 08:44

I mean, there's a lot happening. And we were talking about this stuff, not to depress you or to make you, you know, frightened, but in an effort.

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Speaker 1 08:53

In a way we are.

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Michael Crawford 08:54

Not to make them frightened, but to make them angry and motivate them to take action. Because it's absolutely necessary that if these hate crimes are to stop, if the discrimination in terms of employment is to stop, if our gay kids were to stop killed, feeling compelled to kill themselves, because, you know, schools are telling them that they're evil, because they happen to like a person of the same gender, then it's incumbent upon each one of us to stand up and make a positive change. And you can do so in whatever way pleases you. You know, I have my way I take to the streets, I'm involved politically, I'm loud, I'm outspoken. And that's what I do. But you don't necessarily have to do the same thing. It's just important that you come out of the closet that you talk to your friends, to your parents, your co workers about the fact that you are gay and what it means to be gay and what it means to be gay in a society that does not value homosexuality.

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Speaker 1 09:48

But also you have to get back to our disclaimer at the beginning of the show, saying, you know, if you're not ready to come out, you know, it's okay. But at the same time, if you're not going to come out, and somebody's sitting there and they're making those gay jokes and all this kind of stuff. You know, maybe the only part that you can come out is is not being a part of it. Yeah. I mean, if that's if that's all you can do at this point right now, you know, that's you.

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Michael Crawford 10:14

Yeah, I mean, and I understand that there are some situations, for example, with teenagers, right, who are dependent upon their parents for basically everything, right? Who cannot come out, because you're afraid the parents will kick them out of the house.

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Speaker 1 10:27

Or for whatever reason.

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Michael Crawford 10:28

And I say, stay in the closet in that situation, take them for everything they have, get that college education, get out and get a good job.

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Speaker 1 10:38

Remember, it's in our agenda, we have to be well educated.

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Michael Crawford 10:41

Exactly. Point number seven, be well educated. You know, take him for what you can get, get the education, get out until you're in a situation where you're on your own, and you can survive.

the education, get out and you're in a situation where you're on your own, and you can survive and then come out, we will be here waiting for you with open arms to love you and support you, and so on and so forth. But I must say that for some, you know, 45 year old marketing executive for bank united, who's making, you know, \$50,000 a year, I find it a little hard to, you know, to accept the fact that he or she says that they cannot come out. That's just my personal opinion and doesn't reflect the opinions of After Hours or KPFT.

 S Speaker 1 11:21

Within a Iar KEOS College Station, Brian.

 M Michael Crawford 11:24

And there are a lot of cute guys who call in the station. Anyway, but that's not the point. So please, please get involved. We need you, we need your support. I mean, even if it's just calling up an activist, you know, and saying, hey, we support you. Because it's going to take all of us to change the world. And that's what we're after we are we want to change the world to make it a much better place.

 S Speaker 1 11:47

Right. If if, if you can't if you're not the type of person to get involved with this, and that if for some reason, you can't, you know, not all of us live in Montrose, you know, sorry to say, I don't either. And, you know, if all you can do is just be there, for a younger child, a younger person who's in the closet or an older person's closet, and it's just somebody there you can talk to, I know where I work. We just got another co worker in there. And he came out to me the other day. And it's just so great because she and I share an office and my boss was saying, Well, we're gonna fix up the space over here. And again, it was on the office and I'm thinking that's kind of cool in here. You know, I mean, you know, we have our own little Montrose there in a corner. Yeah, yeah. And, I mean, like you said, for whatever reason, you know, I don't I don't care. It's not my business, but I mean, do something.

 M Michael Crawford 12:40

Yeah. So get involved.

 S Speaker 1 12:43

Even if it's just going to Crosswords and supporting the gay businesses.

 M Michael Crawford 12:46

Crossroads?

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Speaker 1 12:47

Well, you know what I mean, I don't mean crossroads. I'm just saying, you know, gay business gay authors. Gay music. Three yeah, there's another store.

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Michael Crawford 12:57

Flip the CD in the CD player, okay. Oh Roy be aware we're gonna give away a CD now. Yeah, okay. He's talking to guys on the phone or whatever. Anyways, not not to cut her off or anything, but we're running out of time. We said two more CDs to give away right? Okay. The one we're gonna give away now.

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Speaker 1 13:19

If nobody calls I get it.

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Michael Crawford 13:20

Okay.

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Speaker 1 13:21

Right.

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Michael Crawford 13:21

Exactly. You don't answer the phone is the new album by Oasis. And the album is called What's The Story Morning Glory and you all might remember Oasis who came out last year with the album. Definitely may be featuring the fabulous single Live Forever now that's not the single it's you want. Okay, write the name of this thing or is Wonderwall. And wait, wait, wait. We haven't people are calling already. We didn't even play the song.

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Speaker 1 13:47

Wait a minute girl. Okay, queen!

M

Michael Crawford 13:49

The first person who calls after the song begins can get Oasis's new album what's the story Morning Glory. Hit it.

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Speaker 1 13:57

This one?

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Michael Crawford 13:58

No, the one you just gave me.

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Speaker 1 14:00

That's why I was pushing it here.

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Michael Crawford 14:01

Yeah that one.

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Speaker 1 14:02

Alright. Here we go.

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Michael Crawford 14:07

All right. That was Oasis from the album. What's the story Morning Glory in the song was Wonderwall and I want to congratulate Jared on winning that CD. It'll be out in the mail to you on Monday. We still have one more CD to give away and we're gonna give that away now. It's the new album by Garbage. It's called Garbage earlier, I think to start off the program the second half of the program. I'm sorry, we played the song here, the queerest of the queer and we can't say we both agree but hey, we'd like it anyway. Okay, so we're going to be playing-.

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Speaker 1 14:40

We don't care bear. So we were gonna get a little T shirts and we're gonna make them and says we don't care bear.

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Michael Crawford 14:46

There you go. So okay, so when this when this song starts and the song is called, Not My Idea by garbage. The first person who calls in will get the new Garbage album. Go.

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[Together] 15:09

Duh-duh-duh. Here we go again.

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Michael Crawford 15:12

All right, God, we're having a good time here in the control room.

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Speaker 1 15:15

I don't think the people in the next show, they're but don't think you're gonna get on the air. Come on.

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Michael Crawford 15:20

We still got more music. Anyway, that was Garbage. And the song was Not My Idea from the album Garbage and congratulations to David for winning that. You know, we didn't have any women winning when and stuff maybe-.

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Speaker 1 15:34

I was gonna take the stuff but you know I just because he was gonna give me that one but I just said it. No, that's cool. Yeah, and just beat him up and take the money.

M

Michael Crawford 15:43

Okay, and just some kind of personal little note. Well, not personal for me, but those of you who have heard of Butch Vig.

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Speaker 1 15:51

Butch Vig?

M

Michael Crawford 15:52

Vig.

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Speaker 1 15:52

Okay.

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Michael Crawford 15:53

V-I-G. He's a producer. He produced Nirvana's Nevermind. Okay, yeah. He plays drums for

Garbage. So.

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Speaker 1 16:00

Oh, yeah.

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Michael Crawford 16:01

And it has all these lovely pink feathers on the cover for some totally unknown reason. And the coordinate color coordinated condoms that go with this package. Red and yellow.

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Speaker 1 16:13

I'm speechless. That's what I am. I'm just speechless. You are. So now we're going to we're getting ready to wind down and we're going to play one of my I hope she comes out someday, Tracy Chapman because I will be there waiting with bated breaths.

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Michael Crawford 16:27

Die.

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Speaker 1 16:28

Ah. Oh, that's talking to me.

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Michael Crawford 16:31

Okay, you knew I was?

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Speaker 1 16:33

Wait a minute. Wait a minute. So here's. I hope you liked the show. And if you did write us here at After Hours at K- at-.

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Michael Crawford 16:40

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Speaker 1 16:47

Isn't eight or 6.



Michael Crawford 16:49

I thought it was 6



Speaker 1 16:50

6, 6. Yay. Thank you.



[Together] 16:52

Thank you, gentlemen from the next program.



Speaker 1 16:55

So now all right. Okay, so call us let us know if you liked it. And and if you didn't like it. We're Gigi and your name?



Michael Crawford 17:03

GiGi?



Speaker 1 17:05

No, I'm just giving out names that GiGi was here earlier.



Michael Crawford 17:08

No I'm just a substitute. So if they didn't like it, it's because I'm not professional. Okay.



Speaker 1 17:13

Whatever. Exactly.

 Michael Crawford 17:14

Clueless.

 Speaker 1 17:15

So here's Tracy Chapman to close this out. And stay tuned to the guys that are next and I forgot their name. So here-. They have a great radio program. Right. So write us because Jim wants letters. And so do we. Bye bye. Don't forget Queer Nation meeting Monday.

 Michael Crawford 17:32

at seven at the Montrose Branch library. And don't forget to look out for Boys Life and girls something coming sometime soon. I'm sure some women will start Girls Life.

 Speaker 1 17:42

Bye.