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## SPEAKERS

Harvey Milk, Bruce Reeves, Jimmy Carper

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Bruce Reeves 00:02

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I am what I am I have my own special creation so come to give me the all the Ovation it's more that I want Brighton and it's not a place to hide in lies not worth a damn to you can say



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hi you've discovered after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT



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



Harvey Milk 02:33

we must destroy the Miss horses Roy shatter them we must continue to speak out and most importantly 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 neighbors you must tell the people your work you must tell the people in the stories you shop once they realize that we are indeed their children then we are indeed everywhere. Every every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once you will feel so much better



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and do my own deck some time stand up



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



B Bruce Reeves 05:53

I am what I am. And you're listening to after hours here on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. Good morning. Good morning. My name is Bruce Raven. I'm Judy. And we're your co anchors for this week's after our show. And we've got several things going on today, including our special guests that will be joining us at 1230. They're from love, love, love, love bread.



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Now, this is lesbians over age 50. And I'm really interested in this group because I'm gonna qualify to join pretty soon well, you



B Bruce Reeves 06:32

got a while yet, well, not that long. I



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gotta get them, get them going and keep them on their feet. And they have a birthday coming up and everything. It's really exciting. And they have all sorts of



B Bruce Reeves 06:44

course, as always, we have this way out coming up at 115. And then the second half of the show, we're going to play the Stonewall tape, which we've been trying to get on the air since before Pride week and we were off the air the night we were originally going to play it and things just haven't worked out for us to be able to play it. But that's going to be coming up. And right now I think we've got a very new segment that we're gonna name the queer music because zone with your special guest host.



J Jimmy Carper 07:19

Oh, yeah, you bet. Hi, this is Jeremy. And we are proud to present a new segment on after hours The O FM's OM James A the queer music zone That's gonna run from after the original

heard. The Q M Z Q M James 74, the queer music zone. That's gonna run from after the original announcements, the beginning of the show till 1230 We're gonna feature only gay and lesbian artists whole writing, and we'd like to dedicate it to those men and women who are out there on our streets Friday and Saturday nights, making it safe. The Cupich roll.

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Bruce Reeves 08:01

So what's this first song we've got? Oh,

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Jimmy Carper 08:03

yeah, this is great. This I was in San Francisco last week, was it last week?

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Last week, last week, you were missed.

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Jimmy Carper 08:12

And I ran across a new group called pansy division. Local gay band out of San Francisco. And they've got some great tunes. Unfortunately, many of them we cannot play over the radio. But I thought this

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Bruce Reeves 08:32

was including one you said we couldn't even say the time.

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Jimmy Carper 08:35

Yeah, right. Yeah. But this is a pretty neat little song. called Good. Yeah. If I could read it. Yeah. Oh, that's Sam Pham in a black leather jacket,

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Bruce Reeves 08:51

film and a black leather jacket by pansy division. You bet. Let me be the first to welcome you back to after a

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Jimmy Carper 08:57

while. Thank you. It's good to be with Mr. And I'm going to enjoy doing the QM see. Yeah, that was Ron romanovski. Doing baby take advantage of me a brand new one. That's his new solo album that just came out a couple of months ago. And you are listening to QMZ the queer

music zone. A new section of after hours that we are dedicating to the Q Patrol those men and women who are out there making our streets safe. Before that we heard Frank doing 64 Four. That's a pretty neat song about a 64 year old woman who drives a 64 Ford and she bought it when it was new. Before that, not exactly a new one, but a new one for this show. That was Sylvester and he was doing too late. And before that was the new your girlfriend album at the L word spoken here. And of course, that was L Word. And starting off that, again was the pansy division, that kind of GarageBand from San Francisco, doing a kind of strange little song called Femina black leather jacket.

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Bruce Reeves 10:30

All right, we're gonna do some work on that album and see if we can bring you a few more of the songs from it with a few bleep

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Jimmy Carper 10:37

Yeah, yeah, I really want to do that, because there's some neat stuff on there

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Bruce Reeves 10:40

and go from there. So welcome back again.



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Well, thank you. Thank you. It's

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Bruce Reeves 10:45

nice to have you back on the air. So our special guest tonight is the lesbians over age 50 Low love. And there'll be joining us in just a few minutes. You are listening to the after our show here on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. like to remind you that at 115 We'll be bringing you this way out. And in the second half of the show. We're going to have the Stonewall tape. That's right. So should be lots of fun. Right now we're going to listen to Lin lavner. From her very, very, very, very first album, called ladies don't spit and holler, which was actually the soundtrack from a play. And she's the cast from that soundtrack or singing women is beautiful.



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Nobody anybody else but that makes my blood boil. Women. Yes. I love them. They're so wonderful. And I have two him here with us this evening. From low fence lesbians over age 50. We have Arden and Charlotte. J. I did it. I got both. Hi, ladies, I'm so bad at names. What? Tell me a little bit about love. What do y'all do? What do you all about?



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Well, essentially, it's a networking, support and social group for lesbians. 50 years of age and older. To me, we do lots of things in terms of social activities. We have a regular monthly meeting, and then we always have at least one social sometimes two, sometimes even three grand a month. That's our social group. Uh huh. It just depends on on the time of the year and some of the things that are going on.



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So how many members do you have in your group?



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I guess currently, we probably have about 80. Active



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makes my heart leap. Nice to know. Well, that's great. Um, y'all love had been around for a while in Houston, or been around period, I guess. Birthday.



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October on this year. Yeah. Happy birthday.



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Thank you. Maybe we can get you back in here to talk some more in October. Everybody needs to have a birthday.



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That's great. Yeah, it's been a slow steady growth over the five years. So evidently, there was a need. And definitely try and connect the, the old lesbians particularly are really isolated. And it's now essentially the word is by word of mouth. And now the word seems to be getting out and flowing a little easier than it did the first two or three years. And wow,



**Bruce Reeves** 13:49

word of mouth always seems to be one of the better ways to get something out anyway. Because it's, if your friend comes up to you and says, Hey, I heard about this new great group, you know, it means a lot more than, you know, reading a blurb and one of the papers or something along those lines.



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Well, the women we were trying to find and connect with wouldn't have gotten the information any other way anyway. Well, that's true, because they certainly would not have been to the bars, they probably don't know about KPFT probably. Yeah. So the the word of mouth really is, is the line that we have dependent on to make our connection with these



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may get a lot better, more accurate information that way too. Yeah,



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I guess so. Well,



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that's true when you think about it. Uh huh. So, well, that's good. Y'all do anything like that. Pride Week parades, or any kind of work with any organizations like that and the community.



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We've, we've marched for years now. We've had a contention, Dan and sure is harder to



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Yeah, when they move it to November I'll be a lot happier. That's for Sure,



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but at least it's five o'clock now. That's in the middle afternoon.



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We, we enjoyed it, we usually we usually have anywhere between eight and 12 people who participate, that's a big step for women to that is fading out there.



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We need more women in that parade We need more women every place as far as I'm

we need more women in that parade. We need more women every place as far as I'm concerned. What do I know, a



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acknowledged and recognized to?



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Well, that's true. I mean, there's an awful lot to be offered in that that end of the community. Unfortunately, it's at one in the middle of the other, but somewhere in the middle, we're bound to meet. We don't buy, by the way, just let you guys know that. Very nice. Well, that's different. We're talking groups here and we're talking about friendly people. Excuse



Bruce Reeves 15:53

me. I'm not friendly. No, nevermind. Well,



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versus an honorary lesbian? Oh, yes. He has been, what, five years now?



Bruce Reeves 16:02

It's been probably longer than that. Well, I was telling Matt and rude when I was made it.



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Okay, well, it's been long. I know, he's been one.



Bruce Reeves 16:11

When I was in Baton Rouge dignity chapter. We had only like one or two lesbians in the chapter compared to 30 or 40 men. Why went had gone to the convention, I guess, in New York City. And they were having the Committee on women's concerns meeting. And so I went, and I was the only guy in there and they said, Why are you here? And I said, I'm trying to find out why we can't get women in the chapter. So they decreed that I wasn't honorary lesbian.



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Makes a heck of a roommate too. So trust me, I know this man is a good lesbian. But you look like you had a thought on your mind.



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Playing on the way over here with just a few very fundamental statistics, you know, conservatively, they're supposed to be 10% of the our total population, gay and lesbian, very conservative. Now we Yes, we all accept that. And so that would make roughly plus or minus round 200,000 gays and lesbians in the Houston area. Statistically, 15% of the population in this country is over 65 years of age. So we're looking at 30,000 gays and lesbians, over 65 years of age in Houston,



Bruce Reeves 17:42

and statistically, women



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try at least half of those are women. Quite and so we're looking at at least 15,000 Lesbians over the age of 65. And we're trying to just connect with women 50 years of age and older. There's a lot of women and that's quite a contingent, as a lot of women. Wouldn't that be something in the Astrodome?



Bruce Reeves 18:11

I know I want to be intelligent in the Pride Week perfect. It would be it would be real hard for the the news media to ignore something like that. Oh, yes, that's true.



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They wonderful, get that many women out of their isolation, and to be in a place where they feel good about themselves and being who they are? Not sure.



Bruce Reeves 18:33


What kind of what kind of activities do you all do? Obviously, you're mostly as I guess, a social organization, probably





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social networking and support. We try and be supportive of women who are in life threatening illnesses and things like that we've formed a support network for them. But our socials range, anything from potluck suppers old fashioned ice cream, socials, to going on a bluebonnet trip with a picnic to meeting at Miller theatre with a picnic and a concert, to having an evening with board games and refreshments. Just





 Bruce Reeves 19:27  
good old fun.


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That's it? Yeah. And there's an awful lot of visiting that goes along with

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this, like, it's one of those things where, you know, when I hit 40, I thought, well, it's all downhill from here and I found all sorts of things that I could be doing and it was like, Man, I gotta start shooting for 50. And now I'm really excited. There's something out there for me when I get there.

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There's lots of advantages have to being older really,

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are you so y'all are almost five years old now. What was it like before that? I mean, I know you weren't just out walking the streets, but I mean, they're just there wasn't anything out there.

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Well had myself spent a great deal of time sitting in the women's bar. Just to be with my own kind of somewhere, yeah. being allergic to smoke, I would go home and feel like I don't know what you know, from all the smoke and everything. But it's, it's nice to have a place to go and be with wind and my own age and enjoy the things that I enjoy. We get together and we go fishing. We play cards and board games. It just really great to be with people my own age. And where I can be myself. Yeah, you can be yourself. And it's a safe place for women to line up my age. I

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mean, I don't, I don't bar for a lot of reasons. One is the the noise and in the alcohol flowing, and so on and so forth. But I, I could never connect with anybody. This sounds terrible, I guess to say that all my level? I mean, it's like it was these little lakes. Or yeah, they just they aren't there. And they're just got to be alternative programs out there. For people who don't want to sit around and bars all the time. Well, love



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actually came into being because my life partner of 33 years died in 1980 85. And trying to, even though I had a close support network, they all were couples who are had been in relationships. Now some of them are 50 years. Yeah. And so I had to form for myself a new network of friends my age, and finding them is very, very difficult. And we determined Some friends and I determined that there was no group in Houston. And so I did some traveling, I went to the west coast, where there are prototypes for this. And I also wrote to New York City to Sage and got some information. And so with the help of good women on both coasts, and with the help of some women here, Love came to pass. So I think that's we're about to be bad now.



Bruce Reeves 22:43

That's great. And well, let's, why don't we give everybody a phone number and we'll take a short break and come back and talk some more. All right. So somebody wanted to get in touch with love.



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Our contact number is 66114826611482.



Bruce Reeves 23:04

Right? Okay. And we're gonna listen to some music by Monica grant. Monica was in Houston not too long ago. She's singing a song called PMS from her cassette called harbor girl.