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SPEAKERS

Harvey Milk, Kay Harper, Bruce Reeves, Michael Crawford



Bruce Reeves 00:02

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I am what I am I am my own special creation so come take a look give me the all the Ovation it's what I want a little pride in and it's not a place to hide in lies not worth a damn to you can Hi you've discovered after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT



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I am I don't want sprays I don't want bang my own drum something is pretty mangled tried things from a different angle Dawn life is a sham until you can shout out



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



Harvey Milk 02:34

we must destroy the Miss versus ROI shattered we must continue to speak out and most importantly most importantly every gay person 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 in the shop once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere every every lie every innuendo will be destroyed and you will feel so much better



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will stand up



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



Kay Harper 04:49

come? Good morning. This is after hours a continuing tradition. And I'm Kay Harper. And I'm doing this solo tonight, people so it'll be fun. Tonight, we're going to be doing this way out at 115 and interview with Michael Crawford at 1230. At some point during the evening we're going to do during the morning, not evening, it's past evening. Sometime during the morning, we're going to do a tribute to Bruce Cook, who died three years ago last Friday, and Michael Pittman who just recently died and a few other people. And as part of our celebration of sorry, Pride Month, we're going to be doing older gay and lesbian people's special tape that's been done. But first, Sylvester, a traditional familiar face traditional, traditional, familiar favorite, followed by something that you might not expect him to be doing. And this is Sylvester. This is K with after hours, a continuing tradition. And we just heard three by Sylvester. This is the show we were planning on doing last week. But since we didn't have an exciter or something, there was no show last week. But we are doing all gay and lesbian music, or not gay and lesbian music, music buy out gay, lesbian or bisexual people. And Sylvester was certainly a very out gay person. And coming up in just a few minutes at 1230 We're going to be doing an interview with Michael Crawford, who was just recently in the advocate, picture and everything, um, the May 19 issue of the advocate with Gloria Steinem on the cover. And that's coming up at 1230 at 115. We'll be running this way out from California. And later on we will be doing as part of Pride Month and in a selection of interviews with older gay and lesbian people here in Houston. But this is the wrong one. This is romanovski and Phillips.



Bruce Reeves 08:19

You're listening to after hours here on KPFT 90.1 FM Houston. My name is Bruce Reeves and joining me this morning as our guest is Mr. Michael Crawford, who is a rare, very well known member of cremation. We've heard his name many times on the air of after hours. And Michael, we'd like to welcome you back.

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Michael Crawford 08:38

Thank you, Bruce. Glad to be here.

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Bruce Reeves 08:39

So what what is it that brings you to us this this wonderful morning?

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Michael Crawford 08:44

Well, queer nation has decided to invade the public school system. Yes, exactly. And I can bet all those little questions are shaking in their boots now. Basically, what we're gonna do is we have set aside June 20, to have a queer youth town meeting, what we're doing is we're inviting all queer youth in the city, all people who are interested, interested in youth issues, to come to sit down with us to plan an agenda to say what we want what would help make the city safer for our kids. And then we're all going to sit down and figure out ways of achieving those goals. Pretty simple.

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Bruce Reeves 09:24

Sounds pretty simple, but it sounds like it's gonna be a lot of work. It's

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Michael Crawford 09:29

going to be a lot of work, but I think it's gonna be worth it. As it is now. Adult crews have done very little to advocate for youth. So basically, the young people are left to fend for themselves. And that in turn leads to the epidemic, of course, teen suicide, the teen AIDS epidemic, alcoholism, drug abuse among young people, and we want to fight that. We don't think that it's very good to ignore our young people. We are the only minority that Does that the black community, the Hispanic community all get together and sit down and say, This is what we want for our young people. And they appreciate about getting that. And we think we should do the same way. pushing pushing. Proceed military person. Yeah, gotta be pushing.

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Bruce Reeves 10:15

Well, I can understand that. So how many people do you think you'll have?

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Michael Crawford 10:19

We're not sure. Because this simple work this hadn't been done in Boston yet. So we're not sure what the interest level is. We do know that, since they're like half a dozen groups co sponsor with Queer Nation, that we should get at least 100 people.

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Bruce Reeves 10:36

Okay, well, you said half a dozen groups who are in these groups.

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Michael Crawford 10:40

I have my list. In addition to Queer Nation, it's being co sponsored by hat. Smile, the Gay Lesbian student organization at Rice Montrose clinic, the munches Counseling Center, and the Gay Lesbian switchboard.

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Bruce Reeves 10:57

Well, that sounds good. What about the game lesbian Student Association at U of H, once?

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Michael Crawford 11:03

We contacted them, they did not return their messages. So we assumed they were not interested.

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Bruce Reeves 11:09

Well, maybe they'll get involved here after they hear their name bandied about

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Michael Crawford 11:13

their ago, embarrassment.

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Bruce Reeves 11:17

But well, that sounds like it sounds like a good group of people a good basis for

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Michael Crawford 11:22

Yeah, and I think it's gonna be pretty exciting. What we are trying to do is to set create a situation where the young people can come in and say, This is the problem that I have. This is how I think it should be handled. I want it to be a situation where adults are not in control, where everyone has an equal say, in what goes on, right. And the youth are upfront in setting, what is the youth agenda. And one reason I think it's important to have, like queer nation there is because sometimes again, people can't do these things for themselves, because they are in the closet and can't come out because the parents or they don't know who to go to, or they're

afraid of doing things that can be construed as activist type of work. Yeah. So other other of us, you know, can take the list of things that they think need to be done and go out and do it for them.

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Bruce Reeves 12:14

All in. Yeah. And coordination has a real good record, also of being a very non controlling group, I guess that makes sure that everyone in your own group is hard. So that sounds like a real logical way to, to make sure that maybe this town meeting, so what you're calling it,

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Michael Crawford 12:32

we are calling while we're hesitant about that. It's because of everything associated with the last town meeting. Okay. And this is not what was so long ago. Yeah. So I mean, there was talk of doing a nother town meeting, but we did not want to put the effort into because we didn't think we would get the support from the community that would warrant all our time.

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Bruce Reeves 12:58

Maybe it will be whatever it is called, I'm sure it will hopefully have a lot of the same good benefits that came out of Houston's town meeting one, which I keep wanting to know why they called it John meeting one. There hasn't been one since then. But I guess that shows hope on somebody's part that there will be down meeting to someday crystal time. But I know I've heard a lot about town meeting one I wasn't out and I wasn't living in Houston at the time of town meeting one. But, um, I have no doubt but what, you know, this meeting with with,

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Michael Crawford 13:32

yeah, we're also hoping that we'll come up with like a coalition of groups at the end of this, and that we can meet periodically to evaluate what on before, say, for example, we decide we want sensitivity training for all teachers in all school districts in the surrounding area. And we you know, a couple of people coordination, hats and the Counseling Center decide to work on that together. And we go off and do that. And then later we come back and report to everyone else, what happens and what we did, that was good, what we could have done that was better, so that we keep on improving and figure out who has the power and how we can best effect those people.

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Bruce Reeves 14:18

Okay, and I know I heard you say it's gonna be on June 25. Yeah, at First Unitarian Church, First Unitarian Church and what time from nine to four, nine to four. Big time,

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Michael Crawford 14:31

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it's, well, it's gonna be a situation where in the beginning, people will stand up and introduce themselves and explain why they're there. So that we get a sense of a sense of community, and then it's going to break up into smaller groups where people can discuss and come up with agendas or items at the Think of most important. Now after that, we'll get together and back into the big group and come up with the complete big agenda. Following that we'll sit down and decide who wants to work with whom? On what. Because some people may not be comfortable with working with Queer Nation, some people may have special interests, so they can go wherever they feel most comfortable.

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Bruce Reeves 15:17

And work. I mean, obviously, a lot of the people from the groups that are co sponsoring the event are going to be interested in being there. But who else? Or who else do I mean, the new one, anybody that's listening, are you primarily interested in in the young adult?

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Michael Crawford 15:32

We want anyone who is interested in issues we expressively would encourage young people to, to come. And I want to make a special plea for women. And for people with color, because usually in these kinds of situations, it's always gay white men, which, you know, is lovely. But to

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Bruce Reeves 15:55

everyone, right? That's right. Yeah. And when you set everyone up, so what's the target age group, I mean, I know hatches are basically teenagers and smile is similar, we

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Michael Crawford 16:07

figure that figured out that a youth is 25 and under, okay, but a lot of our efforts will obviously be concentrated on the school district, because that's where you were able to find most of the teenagers. And that's where a lot of the harassment comes in. Why? I mean, we would like things like, school based gates, discussion groups, we'd like a cool, inclusive curriculum, we need to talk about how we achieve these things. I mean, who who do we target in?

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Bruce Reeves 16:43

Coordination has been involved in with doing like condom distribution and that kind of stuff in the schools. And of course, the names project just recently, sort of did their little round with the schools as well, what what kind of feedback, have you seen from that, kind of

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Michael Crawford 16:57

what we get is pretty much what I've expected, the adults are uptight, and just totally out of it, to have no idea of importance of getting this gets this kind of information, therefore, they try to stop us. Several times, people have tried to have us arrested, which they cannot do. But the

stop us. Several times, people have tried to have us arrested, which they cannot do. But the students, they weren't the information they loved. The condoms are and people are calling us asking us, please come to my school. Because people need this information. My best friend got pregnant, or my best friend got BD. And you know, no one ever said, you can prevent pregnancy by wearing a condom or birth control pills or whatever, and why. And so we give them to really like, they thank us and ask us to come back. That's good. But at the moment, there are problems with HISD and a dedication. Because late last year, queer nation held demonstrations in a school board meeting, which got them to come up with a enhance education plan. Actually, sexuality was actually included homosexuality and bisexuality. So it was actually pretty good. But now, they are saying that they don't have the money to put into effect teacher training to let the teachers can educate the students. And if they don't move, we're gonna have to move on them again, more.

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Bruce Reeves 18:23

That's what it takes sometimes, yeah. In line going to the schools, have you actually run into teenagers that come up and say, you know, hey, I'm gay, or I'm queer, or whatever, you know, point me in the right direction can

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Michael Crawford 18:38

be? No, usually, because they're usually a lot of school officials hanging around that list of students who would do that or afraid, right. But I mean, we get we get calls and we're on our telephone line, saying things like that.

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Bruce Reeves 18:55

Okay. Well, that's good. So do we have an official title then for this event?

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Michael Crawford 19:02

We don't have an official title. Queer Nation haven't voted on the title. It takes us forever to do anything,

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Bruce Reeves 19:08

but not only vote.

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Michael Crawford 19:11

It's like, well, we vote. Before the 28th, we will have a title okay. And it will be good.

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Bruce Reeves 19:20

 Bruce Reeves 19:10

So it's something along the lines of a town meeting for the youth of the city of Houston to get organized and set their goals and their agenda for what they want to do with their lives and their issues in the coming future.

 Michael Crawford 19:37

Yeah, so that we can create a generation of creators that are, you know, firm and confident in their queerness so that they make Queer Nation look like wimps.

 Bruce Reeves 19:47

Well, I don't know that I'd ever consider traditional. But let's take a short musical break and we'll be right back. I think the title of this song is, I don't even remember what the title of the song is. It's Baramulla ASCII books and arguably time to come back. Hi Susie. And you are listening to after hours here on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. And our guest this evening is Michael Crawford. Of course the song we just finished listening to what's called outfield blues. And it's from the romanovski Phillips album, I thought you'd be taller. And I know anytime I I'm talking about young adults on the show at all, or even people just coming out. Now feel blues always comes to my mind first because it's the first gay music that I ever heard. And it had a very special meaning for me then, and it still has a very special meaning for me for me now, because I can remember as a child being out in left field, because I wasn't any good at the silly game. I didn't want to be out there at all. And, you know, that was just kind of the way it went. And I eventually got smart enough to say, Well, no, no to do this anymore. They laughed at me. But anyway, our guest this evening is Michael Crawford and he's here to talk about the up and coming

 Michael Crawford 21:18

queer youth summit with no name. And

 Bruce Reeves 21:21

that sounds good. On June the 28th from nine to