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## SPEAKERS

Bruce Reeves

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### Bruce Reeves 00:02

You're listening to after hours here on KPFT continuing tradition, Houston, we're back now we're still talking with Michael Crawford, of queer nation. And I've been talking a little bit of history on how to break some of the stereotypes down and get so big. And I know Michael also wanted to talk about something specifically, this is national condom.

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Ad some of you may know that coordination has been involved in distributing condoms, particularly at high schools. We had a very successful one yesterday at high school for criminal justice and law enforcement. Basically, one of the students fathers had died of AIDS and she asked us to come in. So give out kind of financial aid information you need to about over 1000 Condoms. Giving out all this kind of stuff is expensive. So what we're doing is we're asking people in the community to make donations to coordination so that we can go out. We give out condoms at high schools, we give them out to sex workers. We give them out basically, everywhere we go to Q Patrol gives them really can't afford to do it on their own anyway. I'll tell we're asking. Example, call the hotline at 5292969 to make donation or we can tax your tax return. Either call the correlation hotline 52269 Brian Bradley 1901 Great.

### Bruce Reeves 01:55

That's a very important project and it's something that we have to keep doing everywhere it's

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particularly since the city have not spent a dime on anything AIDS related you know.



**B** Bruce Reeves 02:12

It's pretty sad.

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I'm very ill that

**B** Bruce Reeves 02:18

lost my train of thought?

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I'd like to suggest a couple of groups that color might want to check out you know, to get involved in and make are obviously tops on my list coordination. And I am a bit biased. But I creation is has been you know, it's really good. People in general, to short

**B** Bruce Reeves 02:42

what is coordination, this short synopsis because uninitiated people,

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pronation is a direct action group that does actions around sexism query. We've said in City Hall at City Hall against the Houston posts when they fired on Bing. But we do more than that. I mean, a lot of the stuff he does we do get into and a lot does not for example, we're doing awareness training for the guidance conference at HSD next month, in an effort to make the school safer place for young careers. So basically anything that you decided you want to do, you can come into the coordination and we can help you do it. Another group that offers of color might want to get in the queue patrol. Patrol. It's kind of like a quick guardian angel. patrol at the Montrose on Friday and Saturday night between the lender and three serve as a visual deterrent. So far, they've been doing absolutely fabulous work. My understanding they were very well rested, including people armed with knives, guns and baseball. If anyone wants to get involved with patrolling can call the mark five five to see the switchboard always needs volunteers always suggest to figure out what reporting to them

**B** Bruce Reeves 04:32

never get anywhere by sound. That's true. And I guess if Pride Week is important to you or you would like to be more maybe more proactive, join Pride Week or join any of the organizations in the community because you may have to fight a little harder you'll love but you know get in there and make a difference because I feel like I've made differences here we can all make me laugh You're



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right. And I mean, there have been for example, Watkins, who was a black gay soldier



Bruce Reeves 05:08

still is.



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He's done a lot to help for the cause in terms of overturning the military. It's weird. You know, James Baldwin, very openly, very big, he wonderful. And very, you know, very involved in a black civil rights movement stood up and said, Yes, I'm queer, darling, and He better get over it. It's these kinds of things. And these kinds of people that that really helped, you know, the rest of us to overcome.



Bruce Reeves 05:41

Anything else you'd like to, I guess to leave us with this was?



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Basically, I think it's my opinion that everyone in the in the city of Houston, every queer, yeah, that once we do that, all our problems will be solved. They will be they will be so hard at the strength of our numbers. Homophobia does fall to its knees, we will have achieved or



Bruce Reeves 06:12

thank you for coming this morning. To hear this. We hope you'll come back and talk to us some more I'm sure we will talk about you are listening to after hours.



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I'm here now I can hear me. Oh, good. It's been a wonderful evening. Electricity, where were the wood the candles when you need them. Last week on this way out, we had a wonderful little segment on the tape that was done by I believe it was a straight group called disposable heroes of hypocrisy, which I've been practicing for hours trying to say it's called language of violence. And it's the first anti gay pub bashing, anti gay bashing tend to come out of the rap agenda which has produced some outrageously homophobic material during the past few years. And we're gonna listen to that again this week, because we just think it bears worth listening to.

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Bruce Reeves 07:30

Sister Rosa Parks and the Neville Brothers and, or the Neville brothers and sister Rosa Parks, whoever



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I love it. Um,

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Bruce Reeves 07:38

I've been back in the back, getting tapes moving so we can read by our interview with Chris bacon. So we'll have that on hopefully about three o'clock.



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Hey, I'd like to thank all of the wonderful people who have called in to tell us about it because at least we know they're listening. It's true.

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Bruce Reeves 07:56

Accidents do happen. And we won't make that mistake again anytime soon. I



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know. That's right, but

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Bruce Reeves 08:05

that's the way it goes. There's several I guess news items we kind of wanted to hit on this morning. We've been talking about forgotten scouts for a couple of weeks now. And we'll give you the address and stuff for that group again in just a minute. But the Boy Scouts of America are in the headlines again this week. It seems that Boy Scout troop has been threatened with the loss of its charter unless it resends a resolution welcoming homosexuals. The resolution apparently the first of its kind in the nation conflicts with the National BSA policy banning gay scouts or leaders, our organization charters units that adhere to our rules, and if a group doesn't agree with them, then we have no choice but to revoke their charter said Blake Lewis spokesperson for the Dallas based BSA. We can't set let some little troop go off on its own and make its own rules. Scoutmaster Michael Kohn said the 26th member troop won't back down. We feel that if you see something that's wrong, and you ignore it, then you're part of the problem. We feel the national scouting organization is wrong for the anti gay stand. And so we'll see what happens with that wonderful truth. No doubt they'll have their charter revoked and we'll wind up in court.



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Yeah, but I think it's wonderful that kids that age are so aware of what's going on around and that they're willing to take that kind of stand because it's not just the leaders taken in stand. I mean, it's gotta be the truth, the whole troop.



Bruce Reeves 09:33

Meanwhile, if you used to be a boy scout, and you're gay or lesbian, and would like to join forgotten scouts, they don't really have a due system set up yet, but they're asking for contributions. You can get on their mailing list by writing to writing to forgotten scouts at 1072 Folsom Street, Suite 383 San Francisco, California nine four ones Arrow three. The address again is forgotten scouts 1072 Folsom Street Suite 383 San Francisco 94103.



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I don't guess that the Boy Scouts would be real thrilled find out that I was an honorary member for two years. I mean, you know,



Bruce Reeves 10:19

girl thrilled to find out that there was a woman named Charlie who was Scoutmaster of a troop. Very close to me when I was growing up for about two years because there was no man in the community willing to run the troop troop had been in there for years. And Charlie said, you know, I'll do it. She registered as Charlie, when they found out she was a woman. Two years later, they told her to get out. Yeah. And it's,



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she'd been doing a wonderful job. Well, that's kind of what happened to us and Bellaire. My mother was a scout leader, because there just wasn't anybody else who would be willing to do it. And she had 14 Scouts in the group and I helped her out. And I was in. Oh, I think I was a whopping 10 years old, 11 years old at the time, but I mean, everything they did, I did, I was there every week with them and, and they made me an honorary Scout at one of their their things one night, it was a big, big, a big deal. And I was glad to be there.



Bruce Reeves 11:18

So I know the thing that's going to be coming up in our community in the end of April, beginning of May we got a postcard today. From the names project does heartstrings the AIDS Memorial Quilt and new. The Houston names project in cooperation with Diffa is bringing an event in three acts heartstrings the AIDS Memorial Quilt and new to Houston stone Hall on Wednesday, and Thursday, April 29 and 30th. At display the quilt will follow on May 1 through fourth at the University of St. Thomas. Prior to the event to Houston's names project is planning

visits to local area public and private schools, colleges, universities and church groups. Volunteers are needed for the student outreaches so that the message of AIDS awareness in the quilt can be presented to our youth in informative and personal manner. Two training sessions will be held one on Saturday, February 22, from two to four at the end of a building 20 Greenway Plaza on the 10th floor and room five, and again on Wednesday, March 11, from two to 4pm at the AIDS Foundation offices 3202 West LAN, and says individuals as well as organizations are invited to attend either session. And for more information you can call five two names.



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Speaking from experience, they can use all of the volunteers they can get.



Bruce Reeves 12:41

And no doubt there will be also looking for volunteers. When the quilt comes to Washington this October. It will be the first time that the quilt will be displayed in its entirety since it was displayed in 80 880-889-8989.



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How well I'm a year older.



Bruce Reeves 13:08

So it'll be in Washington, the week of Columbus Day weekend, October 9 through the 11th. So that will be something you may also want to be planning to buy an airplane ticket for and go to our first city along with of course making plans to return on April 25 for the National march on Washington for lesbian, gay bi equal rights and et cetera, et cetera. I forgot already.



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It's too much of a mouthful for me. It's just one of those tricks where you're supposed to buy your plane ticket and tell them you're gay and where you're going or is this I believe we've had airline problems the last couple of times here



Bruce Reeves 13:50

and Deborah left me a little note as she was leaving she said one of the names that they debated during the weekend of course you have to if you've never worked with an organization at the national level you have to understand that they spent an entire weekend coming up with and one of the the names that was you're gonna do the beef pardon beep Yeah. One of the names that was considered was extremely popular but for obvious reasons was discarded. goes something like this. dikes sweats from hell take over DC fags can come to beep me silly in the

nation's capitol baby oh baby oh police so I'm sure they had a lot of fun with that one. But but they did finally come up with the official name, which is the 1993 march on Washington for lesbian slash gay slash by equal rights. It's in liberation.



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Okay, whereas Mr. Burgess but I needed to bring definition of cheese



Bruce Reeves 15:09

cheese. I think we left cheese at home tonight. I meant to bring it in. I



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forgot he needed to be here tonight, that's for sure.



Bruce Reeves 15:16

There was another interesting article in today's Chronicle, about a gay group and for the first time in the history of annual councils of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, integrity, the denominations gay rights group ran a booth in the exhibition area. diocesan Bishop Maurice Bennett is is an outspoken defender of traditional sexual morality, which has placed him philosophically at odds with integrity is 1500 members across the nation. Rob Reiner son president of the group Southern Region said he is not sure why the group was permitted a booth after years of refusal. I'm shocked we're here, but we're pleased every year we sent in our application and it was returned, saying we couldn't have a booth. We've always been welcome to pass out literature at the doorways but this is the first time we had a booth inside. And of course, diocesan Bishop minutters said he was not aware that the group was allowed a booth and plans to look into the matter.



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I'm kind of on the opposite end that train is like he doesn't know why they're allowed this year after being you know, disregarded so many years. I'm trying to figure out why they were disregarded so many years so they could get in this year. It's



Bruce Reeves 16:27

just as Mr. Bennett says, didn't know they were being allowed and this year, they wouldn't be slipped



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up. They'll be there'll be a vacancy in that office, you can contact the employment and know how well sometimes it just happens that way.

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Bruce Reeves 16:42

And I guess if they're still out there listening, I'd like to say a special hello to Tom and Laura and all of their friends from Baton Rouge are in town this weekend for some kind of laity conference that the Metropolitan Community churches is having. They may still be listening.



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hotel bars,

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Bruce Reeves 17:02

there's no telling some of them were out for after hours last night and got in at 630 this morning. I understand. So some of them didn't get my understand. But so they're in town having a good time. So we'd like to say hello to them. Um, let's play a little more music. Oh, I can't wait to see what what have we got here? We've got Libby Roderick. Is that it? No. Yeah, Libby Roderick singing Brosa now I put the bike in my newly elected president, the LPC that he's been gay and lesbian Political Caucus. And prior to that, Chris was the chair of the board and Chris okay, we're we've got a minor technical problem here. We're gonna fix real quick and then we're going to have the Chris bacon tape. So we're gonna play something Jimmy just handed me what am I playing track number eight. Okay, bear with us. We're gonna get this folks. I know. It doesn't seem like it, but trust me. Hi, joining us now is Chris bacon, the newly elected president of gRPC, the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus. And prior to that, Chris was the chair of the board. And so, Chris. Good morning. So, what's your vision, I guess, for GOP say? Or how, why are you why?



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Well, anyways, I was I was a reluctant candidate. And, in fact, I was accused of being the Mario Cuomo of Houston, because for the last month, a number of people have asked me if I was going to run, especially after Rob bridges, who had for some time talks about running had decided that he was not going to and, and I kept on telling people that I would not run for caucus president. And in fact, I really, I was very sincere about it. And I did not make my decision to run until the very last moment. In fact, it was the night of the election. And I decided that it was it was a thing I needed to do. It was I say I was reluctant because I although I think the caucuses is historically the one of the oldest and most important gay and lesbian organizations in town. I think there's a great responsibility that goes with being president of the caucus. And I think that people don't become popular as president of the caucus. I would, I would, I would say that almost everybody who has been present in the caucus has made quite a few enemies in the process and you