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## SPEAKERS

Harvey Milk

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This is tape number four. Take number one. This is George Greanias a city council member for district C, wishing you a very good very early Sunday morning here on after hours on KPFT FM 90.1. I want to thank buddy and all the folks who have taken so much time and put so much of their energy into bringing together the after hours program for giving me the chance to visit with you for a few minutes each week about various issues affecting us as a community, and the things we're trying to deal with in city government. I also want to remind you something I mentioned several programs ago, and that is that I would look forward very much to hearing from each of you on your ideas for future programs about questions you'd like me to answer about issues you'd like me to address, or about suggestions that you might have on how city government should function that you'd like me to comment on. If you want to do that, please get in touch with KPFT FM 90.1 here on Lovett Boulevard and let them know, they'll be in touch with me and we'll be in touch with you. Because we'd very much like to hear from you, all of us who are helping on the after hours project. Tonight, I want to continue something that we talked about last week. And that has to do with the business of economic development, this whole business of creating new jobs and retaining the ones we already have. I think that here in the Montrose area, in neighborhoods not too far from the Lovett street address of the KPFT offices. We have been showing over the last two and three years. What city government if it's enlightened in the way it does business, and the private community can do when they work together to improve the economy of an area. You know, it has not been an easy time for any neighborhood in the city of Houston over the last three or four years. The difficult economy, the high rate of foreclosures, the failure of businesses that we all know and loved and patronize have been difficult for all of us. But perhaps the Montrose offers a model for other neighborhoods around the city about how to maintain stability. In times of trial and crisis. Some of the ways in which that has been done, have been through good partnerships with city government. And to that I am proud of stuff. I want to just describe briefly tonight as examples of how we can work together. As you know, for many years, the Montrose has been promised its own branch library. And for many years, that didn't happen. Then three years ago, we started working on the project in my office, and we quickly got the rest of the city to be serious about this question. The problem was, as with so many situations in city government today, there was a potential shortage of money to build the building. At the same time, we've been working very hard to improve Montrose Boulevard to bring it up to the quality that we know it is

potentially capable of. Now here we have, on the one hand, a problem of the city trying to build a library with potentially not enough money to get the job done. On the other hand, we had developers on Montrose Boulevard, who were looking for opportunities to improve the quality of life through new projects. What would make more sense than bringing together one of those developers and the city and have them work together to the mutual benefit of both parties. And that's what it is exactly what happened. And that's why today, just one block north of Montrose at Richmond, you will see going in to the Old Central Church of Christ building the new Montrose branch library. It is going in the sanctuary of what was formerly that church, which has since moved out to another part of our district, in this part of a project owned by a fellow named John Hanson called the camp of Neely. And what Mr. Hansen did was to give the sanctuary of that church building to the city of Houston for a library. Now, what does Mr. Hansen get out of this? Because I know you're asking that question. What he gets is a very stable tenant in his building, with about 600 folks a day coming in and out of the library, some of whom may stop by the flower shop that is now there, or the ice cream parlor, or the St. Thomas bookstore, or the black Labrador restaurant. Each of those businesses employ people who might not otherwise have a job. If the city through the library, we're not generating the foot traffic that makes each of those businesses more viable than it would be otherwise. That is a good partnership. The city gets a library for about half the normal cost in a better, bigger building. We get to restore and maintain a structure which is very important to the overall look of our community. And we have created jobs above and beyond those of the librarians who will staff the library in those four businesses, which might not exist if it had not been for the partnership between the city and the private sector. That's a way to create new jobs by doing our traditional jobs such as providing libraries in a very untraditional way. The other project is Richmond Avenue. Many of you have heard me talk about it. I'm very proud of that project because it is the first time that city government has undertaken to plant trees and put a better grade of sidewalk in as part of a standard road widening project. Now what has happened, because the city has taken a little extra care, and shown a little extra concern for our neighborhood. First of all, a lot of the apartment structures up and down the street, especially places like 1400, Richmond, have done a substantial amount of reworking and improvements on their properties. And I sit I'm single out 1400 Richmond because they've also taken over responsibility for the Esplanade in front of their project. In addition to that, we now have intimations, it's only that, but we have intimations that there'll be some new businesses moving in on Richmond Avenue, because they see that the city and the private citizens along the street have a commitment to that area. And they think that that means a good economic climate for new businesses to come in. So bit by bit, we're putting together a new center of economic activity along a street that just three and a half years ago, was pretty much the worst stretch of street outside of Beirut, Lebanon. Those are two really practical examples of how city government doing its usual job in an unusual way, can help generate new jobs and new economic activity which might not otherwise exist. And I think those are just two of the many examples we can cite here in the Montrose area that the rest of the city ought to look to. For too many years, Montrose has had a reputation city wide that has been less than favorable, and is my job. And it is my goal to make sure that the rest of the city understands that this part of my district, which I think so much, is setting the pace and showing the way for the rest of the city, and how to bring government and its citizens together for the purpose of rebuilding our local economy. This is George Gunny a city council member for district C. And again, I want to thank buddy and all the folks who have put together after hours for this chance to share a few minutes of this very early Sunday morning with you and urge you again to let me know what issues you'd like me to address what questions you'd like me to answer, or what proposals you'd like me to consider. In these few minutes we have together each Sunday morning. In the meantime, I want to wish you all well. Have a good weekend. And a good week. Bye bye.



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I didn't know we were getting a lag. I didn't know we were getting well. You know I march. You can do it a couple of times if you don't want.



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Well, let's try it a couple texts. They can pick one. You ready? Sure. These are KPFT FM 90.1 promos for the marathon. This is tape number one. Hi, this is City Council member George graininess, urging you to pledge your support to listener sponsored community radio in Houston. KPFT 90.1 FM please call 5205738 Be generous without your help. KPFT 90.1 FM cannot do the job that we think it is capable of for this community. Call 520-573-8520 KP ft. Okay, try take number two. You don't have to Yeah, I'm sort of I'm running around a little bit.



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Tell Garlon to type. Well, it



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helps because it keeps me from talking 20 minutes. Hi, this is City Councilmember george graininess urging you to pledge your support to listener sponsored community radio in Houston, Texas. KPFT 90.1 FM, please call 5205738 That's 520 KPFT for listener sponsored community radio in our city. Okay, tip number three. Yeah, we'll talk to Foreign they can pick one. Hello, this is City Council member George graininess urging you Yes, I mean you to pledge your support to listener sponsored community radio in our city. Kpf ti 90.1. FM is a Houston institution. And we need your help to make sure it stays that way. Please call 5205738 That's 520 KPFT Okay, take for



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ya. I want to mention that there are stations in your district like you did. Okay. On your after hours thing. I guess just we'll do one with that. Sure. That's just



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Take number four. Hello, this is City Council member George Prineas urging you to pledge your support to listener sponsored community radio in Houston, Texas. Coming to you from District see my district. It's KPFT 90.1 FM KPFT is a Houston institution that we need. Please help by

calling 5205738 That's five to OKP ft. Okay.



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Great. Thank you so much. Hey,



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by James Danforth while



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you're Herbert Walker Bush do solemnly swear That I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and will to the best of my ability and will to the best of my ability preserve protect and defend the Constitution of the United States preserve protect and defend the Constitution of the United States don't help me God so help me God



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go to see the game towards trilogy a movie is a man's story on life a man trying to find his place in the world a world that isn't necessarily built for him and he because he's brave and spirit and truly have heart built the place where the world within the world that's right man you had an easy you lost your husband and a nice clean hospital you know I lost mine I lost my brother's street that's right. They killed him on the street 27 years old they had dead on a street kill my kids went baseball bat that's why my job my children do the job I've never liked you because everybody knows that quiz don't matter those that don't



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did in New York was for the famous husband and wife team that were in the theater they told me to get out of this boat to people I don't think it was 20 years I didn't get out of the business that made me healing that made me more determined than ever to make a place in myself towards trilogy a movie a demand story of life story of a man trying to find his place in the world a world that is necessarily built for him and he because he's brave and spirit and true have heart build the place where the world within the world in south to start with homosexuality coming from the strip hopefully something eye towards them see how they're gonna take it hopefully they can open their eyes take a look at what we're doing and and have a new view there's a certain something to know that you had a dream you carried out your dream made it a reality and and that people actually appreciate that you did it. And that's that's nice clothes not only do you feel good about yourself you feel good that a couple other people might go for their dreams because you did



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want to be a part of my life I'm not editing happens.

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We end this conversation. No.

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There's one more thing you bound. I have taught myself to sew, cook fix plumbing build furniture. I can even pat myself on the back when necessary. Also, I don't have to ask anyone for anything. There's nothing I need from anyone except for love and respect. And anyone who can't give me those two things has no place in my life

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woman I love you. I do but if you can't respect me You've got no business being here

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No, there are easier things in this life than being a drag queen. But I ain't got no choice. Try as I may I just can't walk in flat

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David, tell me you going to school? Yeah. Hey, these aren't just from Florida Cuba we were hijacked what? I'm not going to complain. Thanks so you go to college. high school. High school. Senior freshman. There be sweet. Tell me, David. Just how old are you? 16 In two months something wrong. Not at all. 16 in two months. That's wonderful. You put your whole life ahead of you. Well, mine is flashing before my eyes. Will water move water? Darling, if you don't think you will be too young to be out in the world room. Love.

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The Juvenile Court did. So here I am. I need to talk. You can call the school you had to meet with my principal. You mean will people know you as the one I love when people move with their fathers live with their wife, their fathers. Hi top.

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I'm here partly tonight to say some good things about Texas. I'm proud

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to be a Texan. I know that I could not have heard Harvey Mills challenge to me. And not something in my life in this stage. prepared me to hear the word of freedom that Harvey spoke to us. I am here tonight. Because it is time that all of us who love this state that gave us life and has nurtured us and taught us our values to stand up and claim the history of the state for freedom and justice and human respect, away from the forces of narrow mindedness and bigotry that too often dominate the politics of the state of Texas. Already have a few words for KPFA? Come on out. Join us bring a friend. What do you think about the turnout so far? Well, it's never enough never enough. We must destroy the myths once and for all shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out. As difficult as it is, 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 you're working with. You must tell the people in the store you shopping you. Once they realize that we are indeed the children and we are indeed everywhere. Every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And once you do, you will feel so much better. And I asked I asked people all over this country to do one thing come out come out America.

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Tonight we have a special interview from the lamda program at Stafford Meadows hospital. With us tonight we have Sharon Stone, the executive director and founder rusty Smith, the program director and Dr. David Franklin, Medical Director. Welcome. I really enjoyed you last week. It was very good to have you here on Gay Pride Week. Tonight though, I wanted to get a little more in depth with the what we were talking about. I'm really interested in the program at Stafford Meadows the lambda program Which I guess you found it right, Sharon? Yeah. Okay. When did you found this program? And how did it come about?

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Well, I use said about four years ago I was. I had been for about seven years been a volunteer for the AIDS Foundation. And it was so difficult to find treatment anywhere in the whole city of Houston at that time for one of my buddies, and I got very frustrated. And as I was flipping through ms magazine, I happened to notice an ad for one of the treatment facilities in Minneapolis. I called them up and said, they needed me as a representative here in Texas, because I couldn't, they had no nothing to offer here. If I could sell the only thing they did was ship them off to Austin State Hospital, and keep him for 10 days and detoxing and sending back and he was on my doorstep and 10 days, even after a commitment order. And so the moment the word AIDS was even mentioned, everybody was just done interested. So Subsequently, I became a marketing person for that particular facility here in Houston. And it was a little bit frightening because no one had ever done any marketing for anything gay ever in the state of Texas. And I didn't know how this was gonna affect my career, I didn't know how it was how I was going to be received, I had none of that knowledge.

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Were you out at that point, I



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was out, bring you out. No, I was out and as much as people in the culture are out, but I had never been out professionally ever. And so here I am in a relatively new profession to me, because I had come out of the real estate industry before I got into the chemical abuse industry. And so it was, it was very, very scary, because I knew on one level that, that I would be guilty through association, and that it may ruin any, if any career opportunities up the line. I had no idea how I'd be received. But as it turned out, it was really an interesting experience. Because in the city of Houston, people just don't, they don't acknowledge that this is the fourth largest gay community in the United States. It's like we don't exist. We don't want to talk about it. And I was the first person that most of the mental health professionals knew that was out that they could talk with. So my phone started ringing and people were asking me questions, and, and everyone was telling me that they knew that there was a need for this specialized treatment and subsequently this other treatment center decided to use 800 numbers. And, and decided they weren't going to have me anymore as a representative. They had one in New York and one in Chicago at the time, too. And we were all told on the same day, we didn't have a job. And I thought, Well, great. That's no problem. I'll just put this program in a hospital here in Texas. I mean, naively, I thought that this, this was going to happen just right overnight, and I thought everybody's going to just want this. So a lot of shoe leather. And three years later, I finally was able to get a hospital to take it even home. I had no support from anyone to continue on as it was getting towards three years. Everyone from my lover to my therapist was telling me, why don't you forget this year, I've got a thriving practice. I own my own private practice, Sharon Stone associates. So they say you've got a private practice that is going Why don't you just let go of this and quit. But they will, you know, sometimes there things that push you beyond what you're able to even you don't even know why you're being pushed, but you just keep going. So a hospital did take it a year, a little over a year ago. And then we found it exciting venture to start this. And then of course, it became very, very clear that we really needed to have our own unit that we couldn't be a unit that was mixed, because we knew we needed mix. Well, we were mixed in with a heterosexual population. And as our passes, the gay population is great. If you've got two or three homosexual people on the unit and they're behaving themselves with a 25, heterosexual they could say, well, we really like you even if you're gay. But when you're standing head to head and toes to toes, then the heterosexual people aren't anymore expecting the gay people there. And they didn't come to deal with their homophobia either. They came to deal with their chemical dependency. So it became very evident that we had to find a hospital that was going to let us have our own unit. And we didn't have to deal with those kinds of things. And that's what different metals provided. And so we're really excited. The program that we're developing out there is even far more exciting than we've been able to have in the last year. And everything kind of comes in increments as people get more comfortable with it.



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So that's why you did it.



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I know personally, several people, men and women from your program, I've met them yet different meetings through throughout the city here. And it seems that they are getting a good foundation, you know that, that the program's there, you know, build a firm foundation to go out into the world to basically what you're doing isn't that you're trying to prepare them? Absolutely, what we're trying to do is give them the tools to reintegrate back into the world. I think generally, what we find is that when we've been talking about the idea of being out, well, that in itself is real shame invoking I mean, the fact that we are a population that has to be either out or in or hidden. And so we try to do is give them the tools, the 12 step basic recovery tools to go out in the world, and live reintegrate back into the world. You know, interestingly, you mentioned it, that this was the first time you had been out professionally. And now you're talking about being out. There's an interesting story about Glenn Maxey, who was recently elected, the first time he ran for office, he was closeted, and he lost. The second time he ran for office, he was out and he won. And I mean, it's like, that's the way it's going, you know, and it's wonderful. It's an exciting thing. But even as you say that, I mean, I think one thing, you just indicate his honesty, and that's what we learn in 12 step recovery. Honesty is empowerment. And when we as gay and lesbians come out, I think we're empowered. You know, this program also deals with HIV from my understanding last week, yes. And I'd like to just let Dr. Franklin talk about that a little bit, because that that is a major concern. You know, we know that alcoholism and drug addiction is treatable, you know, it's a chronic fatal disease. But if it's treated, you have a pretty good chance, you know, how do you deal with HIV? Well,

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you can look at HIV, basically, I look at it in three different stages, you'll have the day individual or the individual who's worried, okay, he's either worried well, or worried about being infected or worried about being positive, that creates a lot of anxiety, a lot of stress often requires a treatment for that counseling for that. The second sort of population that we see are the newly diagnosed, newly diagnosed HIV positive, again, very traumatic event for the person, and requires counseling, and advice and medical advice and psychological counseling as well. The other population that we deal with are people who are infected with HIV who are having direct psychiatric or psychological consequences from the infection itself,

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you're seeing dementia,

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dementia is one, but people don't often appreciate that other psychiatric illnesses can be the direct effect of HIV. And what would normally be seen as a sort of a regular depression could be the direct effect of HIV, or an anxiety disorder or a panic state can be the direct effect of HIV. Also, any opportunistic infections that affect the brain of the nervous system, as a result of HIV

can manifest with psychiatric symptoms. So we're very attuned to that. And we take a real close look at that, if necessary, we call him a specialist to help us make those diagnoses and make the appropriate treatment.



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Great. So you're not saying that? Yeah, you're you're saying that if someone does have a physical problem neuron, neurological or whatever, you will get the required treatment clearly. That's wonderful. Well, what do you see happening with the lamda program at Stafford Meadows? I it's growing, we know it's growing. We see people coming, you know, more and more, you know, to meetings. What do you what's your plans for it?



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Every day there any plans for it? That's probably one of the most exciting things about it. One of the things that we haven't mentioned here is that there are a lot of areas that we have to touch on. That a lot of people aren't aware of. A there are a lot of probably about, I'd say a good 40% of our population, men and women both have been eating sexually or physically abused. So we have a lot of work in that area that we do. We work with sexual addiction, which are more commonly found among men, but we find them with women too. A lot of the compulsive types of disorders will include eating disorders, along with chemical abuse. So there are just many, many phases of this that that we get involved with. And a breast has done a really good job of pulling our program together. Maybe you if I've missed some of those you did with a little bit of



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when we talked earlier, I asked the question about the family counseling, why would a gay person need family counseling in I would keep thinking of it in a traditional sense, and maybe you can explain that? Sure. What we find is in the gay and lesbian community, we have what is known as the untraditional family, we have an extended family, our friends, the people that cared about us. And what we've tried to do in our unit is to recreate a functional family. And in really doing so, we've tried to recreate a family that is open, honest, communicate openly and supportive. And also take into the mind that we are not just recreating a straight world into the gay community. But we are taking what is our family, and trying to recreate a healthy family model within that family. That's really important. We have in many ways been being called a tribal community. We are a sub culture, not just taking what we know is the straight world, but taking what is ours, and making it better making it healthier. And that's what we tried to do in treatment. There is a reading today I went to a memorial service for someone who had passed on from complications of age. And they did a reading from a book called The color of light. And it's a meditation book put out by Hazelden. And the reading was about the Indian hair with Tao, I don't pronounce that properly, correctly, but what they are the people who do things backwards. And the tribes have these people, because what they did is they challenged society, they challenged society to look at things differently, to see that their ways or not, the ways they're not set. And it went on to say that gay people are the they're, they were known as clowns to clouds and gay people are the modern day clowns. You know, when we were faced with AIDS, when people were trying to handle it the same way as they handled everything else.

Organizations, you know, just sprung up and started handling the problems in new and different ways. And so, you know, this, I see this as being another one of those things, I'm not calling you clown, but I think you're you know, you're doing sandwich, you're, you're looking at it and in taking a new and innovative approach to this. And it's so important when you're

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taking any kind of when you think chemical dependency, or any kind of psychological and psychiatric illnesses, you've got to address the cultural basis of this, we're finding that there are differences in a lot of areas, like in the black areas, as far as crack cocaine abuse, there's language and whatnot, that is different than is in the white, and a lot of different areas that you cannot use a middle class mainstream, white heterosexual approach to treatment. And this is this is very, very much like on our unit, for example, a lot of cancers being used, you know, especially in therapy, I mean, laughter is really promoted on our unit because as much as we need tears, and we need emotions to come out, we also have to be able to laugh and and to find things. lighten things up a little bit. And those are things that if we're, when we're not in a specialized place, we're not safe to do that. Yeah. You know, I mean, how many heterosexual things can you say, can a guy sit down say, girl,

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you know, I mean, you just can't do that. And so it's very still thing for gay people not to be able to be themselves and to be natural.

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You know, I've been I've been out at my work now for four years. I've always, I've never been like, closeted. But in the last four years, it's been, that has been the most free because I can, I can be myself and before I was never able to do that, and, you know, it was rough. It was rough at first, you know, because I would get scared When I would, you know if somebody would make a homophobic joke? And you know, I would, I would have to say something because I was always saying something when it was a sexist joke or a racist joke, I said, That's not funny. And I had this experience, and it was one of the major things traumas in my life was to a table, which is laughing hysterically at this joke, and it's not funny. And they like, they just tried to rationalize it. And it wasn't funny. And, you know, before I was done, they were all quiet. And it's like, I don't know, necessarily, if are if I'm looking for acceptance, you know, I'm not I don't believe I am looking for acceptance. But what I what I do want is the respect, you know, and, and that that self respect comes from dealing with what's going on. And I think if you're in an anesthetized state, be it with drugs, and in some altered consciousness, you cannot process your feelings and emotions. Do you believe that in you know,

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I think that's, that's clearly the case. In the in the environment, that that we're providing in this program, it's not so much an issue of being gay, being gay is is more or less taken for granted, in other words, that the person in treatment is automatically past that point. And then they can

address the issues that they've come to us with the chemical dependency or an eating disorder, pain and anxiety disorder. It's very freeing, as you said, it's freeing for those of us who work there, too. It's freeing for all of us professionally, to be in an environment where it's okay for us to be gay. And we can touch and hug each other as we would like to do and talk to each other in our own language, if you will, it is very free.



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Well, you know, that's good. If you know that you get that out of it, what do you share? And what do you get out of it. And other than that incredible salary, I'm sure, what are your ROI.



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But you know, just watching people get wealthy, I've worked in the traditional settings, I had to before I was able to, before we can have this kind of a program. And when I was watching them coming out of that other one in Minneapolis, they were coming out and staying sober anymore. And they were getting well, and they weren't in traditional settings because they had to sit there and be quiet. I can't tell you how many times I've talked with men who told me that I was told when I went into treatment, a I couldn't talk about the fact that I was gay, because it had nothing to do with my diction. And B, I couldn't talk about my HIV status, but I was supposed to go out and be sober. And then I mean, only the major things that affect your life, and I suppose to speak about in treatment, because you might upset the heterosexual, you know, and that is just they want the dollars in most of these treatment settings, but they don't want to provide anything that is going to help with the the problems that these people come for an effort



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that's institutionalized homophobia.



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Absolutely.



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You know, we run a tape here from a comedian, and she talks about that gay people shouldn't be so blatant, as the women talk about their little black panties that they bought, you know, to seduce their husband, you know, but they gay people shouldn't be blatant engineers, she just goes on with all that. It becomes institutionalized in the Chronicle, I believe it was last month, they said that homophobia is acceptable, it isn't acceptable discrimination. And it's, it's incredible, you know, and that's what people are up against, of course.



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And of course, even you know, drinking and drugging, you have to be usually grinding in order to act out sexually, people go out and get blasted. So what we have to do is we have to deal with, right to the denial that people are even homosexual when they come off the booze and drugs.



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So that is in with the denial that is, that's also what the basis of what alcoholism and addiction is, is denial, right?



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And so that's why you find it so much higher in this community is because in order to get around all that shame and guilt and whatnot, they've had to really get cropped in order to be who they were because they've had to pretend all that



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well, plus we've we've grown up being experts at denial. We've lived a life of denying our own sexual preference. Many of us are for most of our our lives, and so we become experts on how to deny our, our existence or



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the program that you've developed there. I noticed that You do travel in, you know, into town and and you bring people and socialize them. What's the point of doing that? Well, I, I think, you know, key to addiction is isolation. And we have to learn to do is come out of isolation and integrate. That's recovery. And two aspects are very important too. I think recovery within the lambda program is Stafford metters, is recovery and discovery. And that's just real key. Because we all know that that's what means going beyond being sober. And that's what we do. We move outside, we move outside of ourselves. We're almost out of time for this interview, Sharon, would you like to say anything to the people out there who are still suffering, you know, from from the disease, of alcoholism and addiction, and any, you know, would hope for people?



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Well, I can say if there are people and I know there are many out there who are suffering from it, that life is is an incredible experience not having that in your in in the way they are. Being gay is an absolute exciting, wonderful thing when we can get in touch with that. And I encourage anybody to give us a call if they feel like they have a problem and would like to do something about it. Stafford Meadows is at 2402626. And we certainly would, would encourage anyone to call if they if they feel like they



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can just number be called at any time during the day and day or night. There will be somebody there to talk to that. That's wonderful. I really appreciate you taking the time to come over because I'm very late. And it's been a very hectic weekend. But we thought that this program was valuable, and that's why we wanted to have you on and we've been listening. We've been talking with the people from the lamda program at Stafford Metis hospital, and that's in Stafford, Texas. And you can reach them at 2402626 Call anytime if you have a problem.