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## SPEAKERS

Harvey Milk, Bruce Reeves, Judy Reeves

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 Bruce Reeves 00:00

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I am what I am I have my own special creation so come to give me the all the Ovation

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it's what I want

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little pride in

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and it's not a place to hide 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 am what I don't want sprays I don't wanna bang my own drum it's pretty bang things from a different angle Dawn life is a sham until you can shout out I am what I need no excuses do my own deck sometimes he says no return no deposit down till you can shout out

H Harvey Milk 02:31

we must destroy the Miss Roy shatter them we must continue to speak out and most importantly most importantly every person 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 you work with you must tell the people that a story once they realize that we are indeed the children now we are indeed everywhere. Every every lie every innuendo will be destroyed and you will feel so much better

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do my own deck sometimes

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will stand up

J Judy Reeves 04:40

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

B Bruce Reeves 05:45

Good morning. Good morning. Got your mic little Hi. You're listening to after hours here on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. My name is Bruce Reeves.

J Judy Reeves 05:55

And I'm Judy.

B Bruce Reeves 05:56

And Jeff's with us tonight Deborah's spell dropped by for just a few minutes to check mail or

something. Then we have our guest this evening, our Allen and Robert from Miss camp America, Miss Sandy sensations, and Michelle on the Lear and they're going to be talking about the up and coming first annual first annual spring could tell you an anomalous debutante ball. Yeah, right. So that's gonna be coming up at about 1230 at 115. We have this way out. And in the second part of the show, we're gonna talk about a lot of the news that's happened in the last week. There's a lot of different things going on in the community. It has been a rather bizarre News Week. It sure has. And I'll be back with you. We'll both be back with you next week as your co anchors. Next week, our guest, our 1230 guest is Bill Scott from the new Counseling Center. And I'm not sure which one of Bill's hats we're going to be talking about. So many, he has so many and so we may talk about all of them. And our two o'clock guests next week, hopefully will be the co chairs of Lesbian Gay Pride Week 1992 Because that's coming up right around the corner. And they're going to be going into full gear here real quick for that. They've been running since about September already. So never seen a slow pace. And I didn't get here with my calendar tonight. So I'm not really sure what's happening after that. We got a little note in our box today that says KPFT has got a new manager as of May 1. So we're looking forward to meeting him and working with him in that new position. So that should be a lot of fun. Very exciting. So there's lots of stuff going on. But right now we're gonna listen to a little music. And the song is from the album, the nylons. We're acapella and it's called Rise up and that was a racer from their album The two ring circus singing gimme, gimme, gimme. Give me a man. Thank you. Well, sorry, you could give me one. I'll see what I can do for you. And before that, we heard Jesse cotton and Tony, are you Kuya or Gianni? I have a question about that song. Yeah. Because we used to share why did he ask her out on a date? Well, I just don't know. Or maybe both of them. I dated a woman once. Oh, yeah. And you're sorted past? Yes. I don't want to talk about it. Luckily, she was a lesbian when I'm trying to marry her. Yeah, but she didn't know it until you well, you are listening to the after hours show a show for and by the gay and lesbian community of Houston here on KPFT 90.1 FM, and there are two other gay and lesbian radio shows on KPFT you might be interested in listening to and they are the Wildenstein show which is on Monday evenings at nine o'clock with Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski. And Friday mornings from 9am until noon is break through with your producer pokey Anderson you did that? Well. You wouldn't. So my name is Bruce

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Judy Reeves 09:18

and I'm Judy

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Bruce Reeves 09:19

and we are your co anchors for this evening. Kay and Jewel both have the week off Jeff Bottoms is here with us as well and we've got our cast continues to grow if if, if gay and lesbian radio sounds like something you might be interested in doing for free from midnight to 3am periodically play volunteer or you know if you've got some time in the middle of the day, you know that you might want to be involved in radio and produce some segments that we might could use on after hours? Let us know. drop us a note at 419 Lovett Boulevard Houston 77006 And of course the show is called after hours on Ah, and, you know, we'll be glad to talk with you about it and see, you know, if you want to work with the show you don't have to be on the air to do the show. We need lots of outside and you don't have to be on the air live. I mean, we can always use people to help answer phones and, and just, there's a Marriot of things really. And all all inputs are helpful. Oh, wait, so you know, or give us a call at 526 4000. And we'll see what we can do. Oh, earrings as we speak, how exciting and there's someone answering the

phones. We're in good shape tonight. Gemma still be here. No, Jim's got no, no kind of be Deborah or Well, someone answered the phone. So maybe Jeff answered the phone. But anyway, so someone is in the lobby tonight answering phones. So you can reach us that way as well. Five to six 4000 If you'd like to call in. Tell us what you can do for after hours. Shall we listen to some more music? Oh, sure. Or well, actually, we have to hurry because I want to hear these. Miss camp America people the Queen's Yes. So lovely. I have a card I want to play first and then we'll listen to some more music



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that we are 10% of the population. That's what they say. Now, I'm standing out here. Everybody would come out



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why don't they represent us better? Why don't they, for example, sell products to us on television. I've been sold a product on television, I can see it now I'd be standing in for a letter drag looking very much. I look into that camera and I'm saying I drink tonic water and I'm proud. I'm a lesbian women's out loud



Bruce Reeves 12:16

and you're listening to after hours on KPFT a continuing tradition here on KPFT 90.1 FM, Houston. And the song we just heard was called my mother's clothes from the Ramona scam Phillips album emotional rollercoaster. Before that we heard Kate Bush singing Rocket Man, an original Elton John song with the original words. And that's from an album called two rooms celebrating the songs of Elton John and Bernie top and and before that, we heard a little ditty by Lynn Leiria, that tonic water commercial that she did on the stage for the rally for the March on Washington in 1987. So that was kind of bash. I did that just for you, Judy. Joining us now are Alan otherwise known as Cindy Sensations. And Robert, who is otherwise known as Sean deLear, sometimes known as Miss camp American 1989. And they're both with Miss camp America, and a wonderful group that I've come to know and love a lot in the last three months. Because I'm one of the new associates, you're gonna get to know and love us even more. It's just more than one. But there's the we've got a wonderful event coming up. And that's kind of why we're here tonight to talk about that.



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Yes, it is. Every year Miss camp America has several fundraising events. I'm just not used to having this big of a microphone in my mouth. That every every year we have a number of fundraising events that help us raise money for our annual show that this year is going to be on September 19. Before we actually talk about the fundraising event, I think, Robert, I'd like to give a little bit of a history of what Miss camp America Yeah, I think that would be wonderful. Since Robert has been a former Miss camp America. I'd like to kind of defer to him and let him talk a little bit about

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Bruce Reeves 14:23

Thanks, Dave. You know, I wrote my notes. The organization read on is that in 1969, there were 11 people who got together at one of the founders house to watch the Miss America Pageant from Atlantic City. And the one of the I don't think it was in the city that many years ago. They claim that was and they cram the first Miss camp America that Not, of course, one of the fant, one of the hosts crowned herself as the reigning Miss camp American 1969. So that there will be a reigning queen and she could give the crown up. The pageant has gone from that from homes as a big party. It just got too large to the high camp. Some of you may remember that I don't. From the high camp, they went to the Sheraton for several years and from the Sheraton to the tower. And that's where I joined them I think and at they started in the tower. And from the tower, we've been in the alley, the ever lovely Astra village Hotel. That was a lot of fun that year, my writing year. And then for the last two years and again this year will be at the Music Hall. And that's been an experience to what I've discovered in the last two years. I'm thoroughly enjoyed, have enjoyed the pageant and I'm looking forward to participating in some way this is grown every year our audience now in the show has changed dramatically from what they used to do. They used to first year they just sat around and watched and everybody drew everyone was given a state to represent when they announced the top 10 And then the from the top 10 They cry on the new rating ms camp and then they put sheets around her and took her out to one of the bars and paraded around a wonderful

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that hasn't changed but it has it has gotten bigger every year and it's a lot of fun. Basically what the show is it's sort of a take off on the real pageant we have 10 or nine what we call the top nine finalists and they compete in talent presentation and evening gown and in swimsuit and it's all very high camp fun competition not really competition because the the outcome is determined by the outcome in Atlantic City pretty competitive

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Bruce Reeves 16:58

well and they sure they're you know they're vicious out on stage they put up a different now last night I was talking to someone about the Miss camp America Pageant now great and wonderful it was and someone next to me, decided to help out so they said you know it's it kind of makes the real Miss America Pageant look like a dog and pony show. Ponies. Several because because the costumes and the costume changes in the scenery and the whole nine yards for Miss camp America is probably 10 times bigger and more fanatical.

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And you know what's interesting is we have noticed that every year we do big production numbers and always have a theme for the show this year. The show is

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Bruce Reeves 17:46

the 24th annual Miss camp America Pageant. I all he male review, come and come and

celebrate your femininity with us.



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The interesting thing is that every year when we have our theme when we do our big production numbers, it seems that one or two years after the real Miss Texas pageant always has a production number that is exactly what was being but we think of ourselves as trendsetters. Yes, the date for the pageant this year is September the 19th. And it's going to be in the music hall again this year.



B Bruce Reeves 18:19

It's gotten to where we call Miss USA, Miss America, people in Atlantic City in January to find the date so we can start getting a theater or something and we start we started planning a month ago. And I think we even have the dates for the next two years or something like that, too, because Pat just got a little carried away when he was. Well, they've been moving it around lately. One year they moved it because of the Olympics and they moved it later. And then usually it's the weekend after. Was it Labor Day in September? Yeah, maybe.



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But it's been mishap, America has gone through a lot of changes in the past few years, as has our community Netskope America was originally formed as simply a social organization. But within the past, probably five years, we've taken on a much more active role in doing community service as well. For example, we do collections for the stone soup pantry, we do hospital visits to persons with aids that are in the hospital and take them them gifts. Within the past few years, we've also started at each of our fundraisers, making a charitable contribution to different charities. And so we try to be in a time when there are so many serious things going on in our community. We try to be a breath of fresh air a night when people can just go out and enjoy themselves and have a lot of fun. But we ourselves realize the importance of what's going on in our community and we're trying our best to help out with that as well. In that vein, our first fundraiser this year, which fuchsia of lace is going to be highly involved in is going to be on.



B Bruce Reeves 20:04

That's me that's that's



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is going to be on March 29, which is the Sunday I guess this is now Sunday. So two weeks from today. It's going to be held at Rich's which is located at 2401 San Jacinto here in Houston. And for the first time we are going to have Miss camp America's first spring cotillion and almost debutante ball, which is a truly sick idea come up with come up by a lot of really sick individuals, basically. But the idea is that we're reclaiming reclaiming our Southern tradition.

And we are going to present our 20 new members as new members of the MS camp America society, with all we get to wear why? That's right. It's going to be a wonderfully fun event. Each of the new 20 associates will be introduced onstage to our reigning Miss camp America, Dame Edith, who will be enthroned on Rich's floor. And you have to be there to see what she's going to be sitting on, but it's going to be a lot of fun.



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There's the unused one.



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There, Southern histories are going to be read. We're just going to have a lot of fun with it. Each of the 20 new associates is going to come up with a sort of a fun campy debutante type outfit. They all have very campy drag names you've already heard fuchsia Lovelace. In addition, one other one is named Emma. Emma, what Imitation of Life, one second or third generation. But it's going to be a lot of fun. Our charity for this fundraiser is going to be the Houston pet patrol. And I don't know how many people out there know exactly what the Houston pet patrol is. But it's a very, very worthwhile charity that doesn't get as much attention as a lot of other charities do. And what the Houston pet patrol does is for persons with aids that have pets, they take the initiative to help those people take care of their pets, the idea being that as long as PW is Pw A's have a pet to take care of their life is going to be enriched and they're going to be able to have a higher quality of life. So the Houston pet patrol takes the initiative to take the animals to the vet to provide food for the animals. And sometimes just to go and talk to the pet owners and give them a little bit of moral support when they need it. So this this spring Quintilian and debutante ball is going to be a portion of the proceeds are going to benefit the Houston pet patrol. So we're very proud of that, that we're going to be able to help out this charity while at the same time having a really, really good time. The time of the springtime debutante ball is going to be from 330 to seven. And again, that's at Rich's here in Houston.



B Bruce Reeves 23:03

And just exactly how is it we're raising all this money? Well,



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it's sort of an innovative idea. Since we have so many new associates this year, we decided that it would be kind of fun to really get them involved and crowded debutante of the year. And the way that the title debutant of the year is going to be earned is that each of the new associates is collecting votes and the votes are \$1. So essentially \$1 equals one vote. All of them are out in the community trying to collect dollar pledges. And on the day of the cotillion, all of those will be turned in tallied and the person whose country has collected the most dollars, or the most votes will be crowned at the ball as the debutante of the year. And

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Bruce Reeves 23:47

there are some crazy girls out there trying to get these votes. So if someone starts begging you for dollars, and they mentioned the word pet patrol, give them one and they'll go away.

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But it has been a lot of fun because we have probably the best associate class that Miss camp America has ever had this year. And it's been exciting to see what the new associates are doing. For example, tonight, Robert and I were at a cocktail party that one of the new associates through to collect votes for the title debutante of the year. And I know that there are others as well who have been attending parties and and hitting people up and I had a birthday party

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Bruce Reeves 24:31

for Miss Judy last night. Very successful people to bring money for me not her name it was for the pet patrol,

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I should say That's right. And like I say that's that's the wonderful thing about this is that it a portion of these proceeds are going to go to benefit the pet patrol and like I say we're real proud of that because we realize that there's a problem in the community, we realize that it's a serious problem. And though although we are a social organization, we want to be there and provide help for all The people that provide us the opportunity to get up on stage and make absolute idiots out of ourselves every year.

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Yes pick

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Bruce Reeves 25:07

for yourself. Girl Scouts because let's take a short musical break and we'll be back in just a few minutes and talk a little bit more about Miss camp and tell people again when and where this wonderful fundraiser is going to be and how they can put some money into the cause and also talk a little bit about maybe how they can join this camp.