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I am what I am I have my own special creation so come to give me the all the Ovation it's more that I want a little pride in my old and it's not a place to hide lies not worth a damn to you can say hi you've discovered after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT what I don't want sprays I don't want bang my own drum something is pretty bland is bangle thanks for oh my god life is a sham until you can shout out I am what I need no excuse I do my own deck sometimes he is notified deposit down till you can shout out



Harvey Milk 02:31

we must destroy the Mistresses Roy shatter them we must continue to speak out and most importantly most importantly every 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 the stories you shot once they realize that we are indeed the children then we are indeed everywhere every every lie every innuendo will be destroyed and you will feel so much better



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you do my own deck some time. You may all come out. Where will you be when they come?



Kay Harper 05:49

Good morning. This is after hours a continuing tradition. And I'm okay. It should say who I am shouldn't die. And who are you? Hello. I'm

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Jeff Mackey 05:58

Jeff Mackey. Yay. We're glad to be here this morning.

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Kay Harper 06:02

Yes. Back on Earth, our new three hour format, which is more, more so real different. And this is KPFT 90.1 in Houston. And after hours already said after hours,

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I'm dying continuing tradition. You said that? Oh, good. Well,

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Kay Harper 06:21

that means that that we're not the same people who used to be here a year ago. That's right. We're different people.

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Jeff Mackey 06:27

We're probably different people than we were a year ago. Oh, I

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Kay Harper 06:30

sure I am, huh. Well, what are we doing tonight?

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Jeff Mackey 06:35

Well, tonight we have several things to talk about. tomorrow or today, whenever is International Women's Day?

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Kay Harper 06:46

Yes. Yes. And it's it's Women's History Month all month long.

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Yes. It's about it's about time. Yeah. Well

Yes, it's about it's about time. Yeah. Well,

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Kay Harper 06:53

every March comes around once a year. That's true. And Tuesday is Super Tuesday, Super

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Jeff Mackey 07:01

Tuesday primaries. So it's time to start thinking we're gonna be should have been thinking already about it. But like Better late than never. We're gonna start the game better. Our choices were super Tuesday.

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Kay Harper 07:11

Yeah, we'll be talking about Democrats. We're not going to bother talking about the Republicans because we don't tend to like very many of them. George hasn't done anything for us. And Pat is worse.

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Jeff Mackey 07:22

Had his Yes. Worse than almost anything. Yeah.

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Kay Harper 07:26

And because we have shortened the show down to three hours, we are moving this way out to 115. Yes. So we will be playing this way out at 115. And we're back. Yes. Um, that was for you. In case you couldn't figure

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Jeff Mackey 07:51


even though it's I didn't think it was yes. Really your your speed. That's why it's a little surprised when it came on?


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Kay Harper 07:57


Well, it's it's Women's History Month. So we're doing a lot of women's music. But I mean, we do have have male listeners, and so I figured we would play a song for them. And that was Grace Jones with her interesting rendition of it. And before that, it was known to Hendrix with women who fly like that song. Isn't that wonderful? And the first one was the triplets with you don't have to go home tonight. However, you do have to keep your radio on. That's right. We want you to be

 Jeff Mackey 08:29
around with your radio on if that's your speed. But yeah, the radio on whatever.


 Kay Harper 08:34
Yes, the radio has to stay on. So you have all sorts of things pulled out here. What are we going to do? We're going to talk about politics, or we're going to talk about women. Or we're going to talk about women in politics. We


 Jeff Mackey 08:44
can talk about women and politics and all sorts of things.

 Kay Harper 08:48
Okay. I've got historical kinds of politics and women's stuff. Talk talking about the era Do you remember that way back

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when vaguely vaguely you back in my childhood? I? Oh, I

 Kay Harper 09:02
think you were maybe a little older than a child at that time.

 Jeff Mackey 09:06
Taking part in a demonstration for the era.

 Kay Harper 09:09
Yeah, that's neat. Era was the Equal Rights Amendment. For those of you who don't remember what it was or who didn't hear about it at the time, because you were in elementary school. The our era was was something that was very strongly supported. Well, maybe not strongly. It was 60% of the country supported it in 1981. But by the time they tried to make an amendment in 82, they got defeated. Yes, it was just an incredible thing.

 Jeff Mackey 09:45
Very strange. Very strange. Yeah.



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And let's see, do I



Jeff Mackey 09:50

use the 80s? Were not a good decade for for women's rights. No, the sure weren't strides made in the 70s that seemed to be reversed in the 80s.



Kay Harper 10:00

Yeah, review of the state equal education laws in the late 80s found that only 13 states had adopted the minimum provisions required by the federal title nine laws. And only seven states had anti discrimination regulations that covered all education levels. I mean, that's from little bitty kids all the way up to two universities and such. complaints of sexual harassment climbed 70% between 81 and 89. But a congressional study found that caseworkers were rarely bothering to investigate before dismissing the charges. And the sex discrimination charges filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The EEOC EEOC, yes, those lovely initials, Rose 25%. In the Reagan years in charges of general harassment directed at working women more than doubled. This is one reason we don't talk about Republicans when we're talking about people to vote for on Tuesday. And my last set of statistics for for right now on politics and women. In 1989, there was an educational study done, and three quarters of all high schools in the nation violated the federal law banning banning sex discrimination. I mean, that's an incredible number. And women to in college only really saved 70% of the grants and work studies that guy's got men got boys got women in men.



Jeff Mackey 11:26

That was is that is that the same study? I'm sure that it's been reported a lot recently about the statistics that, you know, the women's educational opportunities just are not equal. Oh, no. But the boys in class and from the earliest years of school are usually called on more than the girls and just from the beginning, it's very unequal.




Kay Harper 11:52


Yeah, a lot of all that going on forever.





Jeff Mackey 11:56

So we've had, we've had a whole decade of nonsense so now Super Tuesday, can we up on Tuesday it's time to start thinking about maybe making some changes. Hey, system, so we're going to talk a little bit tonight about some of the candidates.


 Kay Harper 12:12
We're doing them in alphabetical order them enough. We're gonna do the top three Democrats.


 Jeff Mackey 12:17
Yes. This is the what appeared to be the the three front runners at the moment, starting with Jerry Brown,


 Kay Harper 12:23
and then following with Bill Clinton and Paul Tsongas. I liked that name. That's such an interesting fun name.

 Jeff Mackey 12:30
Yes. names with silent consonants are always enjoyable.

 Kay Harper 12:34
Yes. Anyway. So tell us about Mr. Brown, your Governor Brown.

 Jeff Mackey 12:38
Governor Brown, former Governor Brown, mainly known for his record when he was governor of California had a very strong record on on gay and lesbian issues. One of the most prominent things that you can say about his his record that he signed the repeal of the state sodomy law, hey, that's

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a big deal.

 Jeff Mackey 13:01
That was that's a major step. That's something we're still slogging away at here in Texas, getting trying to do away with 2106. He also supported passage of the gay and lesbian civil rights bill that was recently vetoed by the current Governor Pete Wilson. And also some of you may remember proposition six if you have read or know much about Harvey Milk story. Proposition six was trying to prohibit school districts from hiring gay people. And he came out as strongly opposed to proposition six. He signed numerous Gay Pride proclamations during his term. And he's already said that if he's elected president that he'll support the passage of a

National Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill. So his records very strong. He, he appointed a number of openly lesbian and gay people to office as well, including to the Supreme Court of the state. I remember rose bird I love the name. Yeah. Lesbian judge.

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Kay Harper 14:14

Yeah. And as governor, he restarted childcare programs. He made childcare more accessible for low income parents. He keeps campaigning as an outsider in quotes it says here, he pledges to reform the election system and accepts no more than \$100 from each contributor, which is pretty unusual for a political candidate who unusual. Let's see under Civil Rights I've got a thing from the Ms. Magazine, fair election, Democratic Party contenders. It says for Republicans David Duke and Pat Buchanan, you're on your own. But for civil rights he banned discriminate bar discrimination and state employment he signed a bill legalizing sex between consenting gay adults. But he did close the loophole that was gonna allow gay people to marry. For the women's issues stuff, he's pro choice as a governor. But after he worked with Mother Teresa, he became kind of wishy washy on the issue and didn't didn't sign the resolution supporting the 1989 National pro choice March. One good thing. If you've looked at the Supreme Court recently and all the lovely things that have been coming down, good old Mr. Thomas, Justice Thomas in his way, reactionary right things. Jerry Brown, oppose. The nominations of both Clarence are of all of these people Clarence Thomas David Souter, another wishy washy kind of individual, Sandra Day O'Connor and Robert Work. Unfortunately, only one of those didn't get on to the Supreme Court. And he appointed a record number of women and people of color to his state bench and cabinet. And his campaign staff is 70% women. Wow. Which is an incredibly huge number. That is Yes. And 20% of those are. Well, 20% of the people on his staff are women are people of color, not necessarily women of color. There may be some men of color floating around too.

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Jeff Mackey 16:23

Yes. Yes. Once in a while. When will sneak in, I guess? Yeah. That's so that's a look at former Governor Brown.

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Kay Harper 16:32

Yes, he was governor of California from 74 to 82. And the Democratic Party state chair from 89 to 91.

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Jeff Mackey 16:41

And he debuted Linda Ronstadt and he dated Linda Ronstadt. Hey Soos is a major influence. We want to get all the facts and

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Kay Harper 16:47

Aha, okay, um, let me figure out what I'm doing here. Okay. That was my political set. And you all told me I had to explain it. Yeah. And then

all told me I had to explain it. Yeah. And I'm

J Jeff Mackey 17:05

going through thing selection. Well read my lips was fairly self explanatory. Yeah,

K Kay Harper 17:09

that's that's my token Republican ism thing. You know, well do Jimmy. Jimmy Somerville. It was Jimmy Somerville singing read my lips, which is what we all know George likes to say. Yes. Before that was trail of broken hearts by k.d. lang, which was for all the people who don't make it past the primaries. I see who I mean, I've got a whole list. Como Cuomo. I can't even say it's not gonna make Mario Cuomo. I don't know why I can't say that man's name tonight. Is not doing too well. On his if you want me write me in campaign. Yes. Lots of other people have already disappeared out of the list.

J Jeff Mackey 17:53

Yes. They're falling by the wayside already. Yeah. It's the way the process works, I guess natural elimination.

K Kay Harper 18:01

Donald Hall. And before that, what we're hoping for from all these politicians is a one better world.

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Yes. Exactly.

K Kay Harper 18:12


Political tidbits. US history. Why not? I've got some fun ones. I've got some fun questions. Okay. Franklin. Delano Roosevelt always slept with a Eleanor be his teddy bear warts see his gun.


J Jeff Mackey 18:29


Let's see, given my choice. Well,


K Kay Harper 18:32


we know that Eleanor kind of was like busy some nights.

 Jeff Mackey 18:36
Yes. Yes. That's true. with another woman. Yes. Teske. More political gossip here. Hey, so Beskydy I would guess, teddy bear. I mean, that would be my choice. But

 Kay Harper 18:49
no, that was Theodore Roosevelt who had the thing about teddy bears.


 Jeff Mackey 18:52
Right Teddy in the teddy bear? Yes.


 Kay Harper 18:55
Actually, Franklin always slept with his gun. My phallic symbol or something, I guess. Yes. Well, Teddy Roosevelt. Oh, Teddy Roosevelt son once remarked that when father goes to a wedding, he always wants to be the bride.

 Jeff Mackey 19:15
Hmm, what could that mean?

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I refuse to even speculate

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on referenda. Teddy. Aha.

 Kay Harper 19:23
This is an interesting one. In 1721 When there was a shortage of women in Louisiana, and the government was real concerned about the settlers having relations with Indian women. The government sent 25 prostitutes to the colony

 Jeff Mackey 19:43
aren't my goodness, that's government inaction for you. Hey, you know,



Kay Harper 19:49

who says we can't go around and kill people and do other things when we're government we can also send prostitutes.



Jeff Mackey 19:58

Not these days unfortunately. Whether or fortunately, depending on your viewpoint,



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not a good thing, not a good thing. So what's going on in the here and now in



Jeff Mackey 20:07

the here and now? There are some things coming up in the next week that might want to be aware of some events that you may want to take part in. What kind of events kind of events Well, following up you know, you can take a day off after Super Tuesday and rest up so for Thursday, there are a couple of events. One is an