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SPEAKERS

Buddy Johnston



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I wonder what they call it when they get it on a two we know what would they use them but we can't say it because FCC is full of both when they use the girls and we're here to say that you better do something and right away yeah you better wake up and start using your head because your first amendment right so just about that well the FCC will tell y'all haven't you heard and pick a freedom of speech is a dirty word. Well, the East has got a message for the people who agree with the stupid regulations of the FCC. You think your kids would be corrupted if they hear about poo? There's nothing wrong with them we think the problem is you biology is neat we like our bodies just fine telling us yesterday well we say you like call it a free country but it feels like a prison so right the Federal Communication Commission Japan and paper ready because here's the address 1919 M Street Northwest Washington DC to 00360 Tell another stupid Yeah, tell them that they're destroying our expression because they think it's outrageous. Tell them that they're living in the dark ages, whether yeasty girls and we're here to say we want the FCC to go away. Yeah, go away.



01:04

Imagine a world in which millions of people are at the mercy of a small band of extremists in which works of art are subjected to government censorship, and freedom of expression is a crime. Now stop imagining Welcome to America. 1990. This is calling you Hearst. As an actress, I am terrified by what is happening in our country today. extremists like Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and Senator Jesse Helms are trying to destroy freedom of expression for their own political and personal needs. And since this freedom is so powerfully demonstrated in the arts, they especially want to silence the artist. That's why they're determined to restrict the National Endowment for the Arts, an organization that supports artists all across America. We must fight back. Please call or write to your member of Congress today. Because silence for the arts is silence for America



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sponsored by the People for the American Way Action Fund. I remember an incident four years ago and I was walking through an amusement park holding hands with my lover and was called queer by a child six years old. And from that day forward, I've been all too aware of who the child molesters in this society are. These are gay and lesbian people singing out here what's your reaction to that? I



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have a little boy and I would hate for my little boy to be like that. Those are animals



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I think it's terrible had a rocket



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all the queers want equal rights Why



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don't the way God made



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us do it your mother father led any person who was gay if



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you hear the sounds of the waves brush up against the sand where he has written both of your names with a heart around it you were looking at the sky burning red with a sunset. Quickly a car drives up alongside of you you stop for red light. Suddenly the car is surrounded they circle your blanket coming in closer bottles are thrown out of car windows, the sound of glass breaking baseball bats against metal hand grabs your hair glass at your feet in your face in your eyes, a fist across your face again



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and again. I queer tell them tell them.



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Homophobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry, which is why the

lesbian and gay public awareness project wanted you to hear and think about this message. For more information write us at Post Office Box 65603 Los Angeles, California 9065.



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not to mitigate movements about after I got elected. I got the phone call. I knew I eventually get quite a few of them. One was from a 17 year old child in a small town in Minnesota. And the boy is handicapped. And the boy's parents found out he's gay. And they want to put him in an insane asylum. The point needs help in the gay Moon is about the letter I got from Southwest Africa when he read about a gay person getting elected here. And that person has hope. And that 17 year old kid in Minnesota has hope and we have game eaters not understanding that in a more worried about their own personal power. They're not Elite is their offensive.



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The good homosexual by James Carroll Pickett. The good homosexual accommodates himself checks fantasies behaves properly, purchases, good taste practices, impeccable hygiene, begs respect from oppressors. The good homosexual reads only what is recommended. Attends all the Westwood cinema attains season tickets to the music center votes the straight GOP slate retires from controversy amasses financial security no matter the social toll, finds aids embarrassing, but donates 50 bucks a year anyway, anonymously. The good homosexual subscribes to GQ laughs The loudest at fag jokes, laments the demise of after dark prefers porno in brown paper bags broses grown books where he purchased after the ball displays National Geographic misses dynasty. The good homosexual restrains impulse sustains racism objects to gay as to frivolous refers to himself as a bachelor contains passion remains invisible, maintains there is nothing amiss. The good homosexual swallows bigotry, suppresses ecstasy drives a family sedan just like old dad did. Kisses with a dry mouth and closed lips wears a condom on his tongue just in case. The good homosexual nurtures propriety derives morality from TV shrinks, believes there might be something to inanity shushes all profanity insists on anonymity despises sodomy. Phil's to see why dikes have to be so pushy. The good homosexual drinks Coors beer as advertised in good homosexual publications. keeps up appearances, longs for the cops to crack down engaged as a female for social occasions. relishes assimilation irons crisp creases in casual jeans the good homosexual quells excess attacks radical fags experiences madness in discreet little doses. waters down intensity embraces mediocrity reaps his own self righteous vanity. Does not grasp why silence necessarily equals death the good homosexual kills queers.



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That's right man you headed easy a husband and a nice clean hospital you know I lost mine I lost my street. That's right. They killed him on the street 27 years old they had dead on the street killed by a bunch of kids by baseball bats that's why my my children chose to drop by

street killed by a bunch of kids by baseball bats that's why my my children chose to drop by people like you because everybody knows that grass don't matter. Love those that day God



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think that's Robin Tyler on the stage leaving the chat for lover five we're not going back to the national Washington DC



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want you to save for this next moment? I have the task of telling you that the official count the lsb and gay rights march. The official count is all



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We parents wants to persuade society that our gay children are not acting out of defiance, self indulgence. They're being true to their own nature. Our children are fine men and women. And we say to society, that the Parents and friends of lesbians and gay men will support their children.



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Come on out. Join us, bring your friends. What do you think about the turnout? Well, it's never enough.



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Never enough, never enough.



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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



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you must tell your immediate family, you must tell your relatives, you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, you want to tell your neighbors you must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people in the store to do shopping you



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once they realize that we are indeed their children, then we are indeed everywhere. Every

once they realize that we are indeed their children, then 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.



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I asked people in this campaign to do one thing. Come out. Come out America. Good morning, baby. It's



Buddy Johnston 13:25

like nothing wants to work we got you know what player here not working? I worked overtime this week at the police department. What's the deal? Yeah, that's right. The police department where you are openly gay. Yeah. Well, that's another story. But anyway, I was at the police department. And it was so busy on Thanksgiving. I couldn't believe how busy it was.



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How busy was it?



Buddy Johnston 13:49

Now there's no joke there. Oh, it was just very, very busy. And then the day after Thanksgiving was also a city holiday. And it was very, very busy. And today was like nothing was going on.



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Well, yesterday we had the rain, right? And although shopper acts



Buddy Johnston 14:03

everywhere. Anyway, this is after hours radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose. We're here and we're queer. We certainly are. And we're gonna be talking about something really wonderful that happens every summer time. We all go to Galveston and get a tan. No, no, no, no, that's not it. It's something that's held in response to the Stonewall riots. And it's called Pride Week. And we've got the new officers of Pride Week here that this morning to talk about it. And it's really going to be a great year next year that we say that every year because every year somebody else gets excited and comes out and marches in the parade with the parade gets bigger the next rising from the ashes. Yeah. And every year more of you. I'm not talking more of you. You're the one we're talking to you. Yeah, get the spirit and come out and join us. So you need to stay tuned because we're gonna give you a little history lesson and we're gonna be talking about Pride Week. It's gonna be great. We've also got this way out with Greg Gordon and Lucia Powell. I'll at 130. Frank in the news crew are back there doing something I'm really not sure what they're doing. I don't want to know. And I also want to complain about. Where's

that twist? Where is it? I have to find it. There's some guy that wrote a letter about the police department. I'll have to read it to you in America. Maybe we should try to call them. Well, anyway, here's Alan. We query.



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Thank you, Alan.



Buddy Johnston 15:24

And this is Romanovsky and Phillips. And of course, this is after hours. 90.1 FM.



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I woke up in the morning with you wrapped inside of arm's length. And gays are Hello. Do you know me? I have appeared in hundreds of Warner Brother cartoons with that screwy rabbit who always does to AG yet whenever I travel. Homophobic troublemakers always tell me that there's no wounds and no hotels. No available seats in the West Juan's and no cause to went, it gets downright frustrating. At first, I wanted to cry. What's my sexual orientation got to do with my being a good customer. Then I got a gay man who can express cod. Now I use it everywhere. From crepes and flats to tropical foods in Honolulu to pick up chicks in Australia. Make American Express card does it all. Get now can express Don't be home or without it



Buddy Johnston 16:36

you don't want this is on the wrong speaker wise it's so fast because I'm all wound up. What's the deal? Listen to this. Are you ready? Yeah. This is in the Montrose voice. No. Oh, okay. Well, the one of the rags November 23. Yeah, and it says Montrose, this is the title of the letter in the comment section on page 34. Please turn with this if you have your twit available. Montrose police. There's the key word. Yes. I'm that fact that that works for the police department. So when I see the word police I get crazy. Montrose police priorities. Dear DWT. I think more arrests in the Montrose area are being made in the bars by the Houston Police Department than outside the bars. But I see HPD in full force inside some of the clubs, but we're the police but where are the police when the Montrose visitors are being shot at ran down by cars hit with baseball bats pelted with eggs and generally made to feel like second class citizens like someone from New Jersey I don't know where that came from. Really I'm from New Jersey and it goes on to say let's get the cops on the streets and out of the bars sign will leave his last name out Peter how nice oh Houston, Texas.



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There's a break when is the last time out here arrested in a bars a note




Buddy Johnston 17:59

 Buddy Johnston 17:55

here from the editor that says quote club owners agree with you that the priorities of police are upside down. City Hall has been made aware that police need to spend more time chasing down gay bashers and thugs with knives and guns and less time arresting gays for jaywalking and toiling away cars. Now, first of all, I want to ask the editor, the TW T to get these club owners this. What's his club owner business club owners? It's so generic.

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If I tell people what those police are doing in those places,

 Buddy Johnston 18:31

if there's a club owner that's having problems with the police, please call me here because I'm openly gay. Did you hear that? Openly gay at the police department for the last three and a half years. The police are not harassing you in the club. So if you have a club and you're having problems, please call us so we can straighten this out.

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He's probably referring to the got to the police officers who are employed as security

 Buddy Johnston 18:54

now then I don't know about that. Let's not get into that. We had a thing with that not too long ago. I don't want to mention that. Peter, what's the deal here? Mary I dispatch right when Adam 12 see the man I dispatch for the Montrose area because number one live in Montrose and I feel real comfortable taking care of what I consider to be my community. So girl I dispatched from Montrose, the police officers in one district which which happens to be where Montrose says are so busy running calls, that means answering calls for service they don't have time to go to the club's now I'm not saying that maybe one or two bad cops get out of what they're supposed to be doing and do something they shouldn't be doing. But we've got rules and regulations and we've got procedures and we've got internal affairs and we got all kinds of things to take care of those people so those things don't concern me. But it's just like saying it all homosexuals are bad and and it really makes me crazy. So Peter, if you're listening and I know you're not because you're dancing your buns off in these clubs or you're out in the bars in the back out houses in the bookstores where I'll join you later. But, baby, don't spread this crap about the police. And if you have a club owner, if you have evidence, bring it forward, and we will take care of it. It just makes me crazy. Jimmy that stuff like this is printed. And people immediately think that the police are the bad guys and they're not

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the guy is making a look making an observation and then representing it as fact

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Buddy Johnston 20:29

Listen, I've been doing this program for over three years, openly gay at the police department now they don't run up and throw their arms around me and say oh god, we're glad you're there doing a good thing. But all of the crap that I've gotten over the last three years has come from within the gay community. So Peter, you figure it out and maybe this is just for



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you. Photos began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar the Stonewall on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village.



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Want you to savor this next moment the task of the official count LSB.



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We must destroy the myth swings and drop shadows we must continue to speak out and most importantly most importantly, every gay person must come out



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now you're.



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You met boots are being polished. trumpeters clean their horns, chains and rocks forged the crusade has begun. Once again flags of Christ are unfurled in the dawn and cries of soul saviors sing apocalyptic on airwaves. Citizens good citizens all parade into voting booths and then self righteous saying to the ex away our right to life. I do not believe at some that the vote is an end. I fear even more. It is just a beginning. So I must make assessment look to you and ask Where will you be when they come? They will not come a mob rolling through the streets but quickly and quietly move into our homes to remove the evil the queerness the faggotry from their midst, they will not come close and brown and swastikas are bearing chest heavy with Gleaming Glasses. The time and need for such Rousses are over. They will come in business suits to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs. They will come in robes to rehabilitate and white coats to subjugate and where will you be when they come? Where will we all be when they come and they will come? They will come because we are defined as opposite perverse, and we are perverse. Every time we watched a queer hassled in the streets and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we lied about the boyfriend or girlfriend at Coffee Break. It was an act of perversion. Every time we Hi, I don't mind gays, but why must they be blatant? And said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let a lesbian mother lose her child and did not fill the courtrooms, it was an act of perversion. Every

time we let stripes make out in our bars by we couldn't touch because of the laws. It was an act of perversion. Every time we put on the proper clothes to go to the family wedding and left our lovers at home, it was an act of perversion. Every time we heard who I go to bed with, it's my personal choice. It's personal, not political and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straight relatives bury our dead and push our lovers away. It was an act of perversion, and they will come for the perverts. And it won't matter if you're a homosexual, not a faggot, lesbian, not a dime, gays not queer. It won't matter if you own your own business have a good job or an SSI. It won't matter if you're black, Chicano, Native American, Asian or white. It won't matter if you're from New York or Los Angeles, Galveston or Sioux Falls. It won't matter if you're a bunch of them not into roles monogamous non monogamous. It won't matter if you're Catholic, Baptist atheists Jewish or MCC, they will come they will come to the cities and to the land to your front rooms and in your closets. They will come from the perverts and where will you be when they come?



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As president of the board as President of the Board of Supervisors, it was my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk have been shots



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tweeting we're not in Kansas anymore.



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We must destroy the Miss Rosen for our shattered we must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out the other people with the KPFA come on out.



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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 in shopping



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once they realize that we are indeed their children, and we are indeed everywhere, every every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And I ask



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people



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to do one thing come out, come out America



Buddy Johnston 30:52

Oh, Peter, baby, don't you realize there are 30 to 40 million homosexuals in this country. And once they turn into gay and lesbian people,



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we'll all be better off.



Buddy Johnston 31:03

After hours radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose. We're here and we're queer. And we're going to be talking pride Hang on, we'll be back in a minute



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already have a few words for KPFA come on out. Join those bring your friends. What do you think about the turnout? Well, it's



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never enough never enough.



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We must destroy the myth swings and draw shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out people to do one thing come out come out come out



Buddy Johnston 32:11

is this a gay song it's really not is it? It is now. Just makes me crazy that Peters write his little letter talking about how oppressed he is. Poor baby girl. Come on down to the police department.



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Well, oppression. No.

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Buddy Johnston 32:42

No, it's not that bad. It's just like Harvey said we must destroy the mouse. And that's one of them. And we got to quit stabbing each other in the back. Can't you understand that? We're gonna move this way out in the news around a little bit. So just bear with us. Just come out of the closet with those. How about that?

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Come out of the closet the closet. Be free. Come out of the closet. Gum gum gum. I know it's a dog in there. So come out tomorrow with a scream job and see everybody

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everywhere

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Buddy Johnston 33:44

come out and see everybody everywhere. Yeah, that reminds me of the Pride Week parade

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that shirt. So not only see everybody everywhere, but see him all year round this year.

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Buddy Johnston 33:54

Yeah, it's gonna be great. I understand. There's a lot of things happening. There

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is a lot of things going on. We got the co chairs tonight to talk about

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Buddy Johnston 34:01

the brand new 1991 Cat. Is it 90? Well, already? It really is. In about five weeks. It'll be Christmas. Yeah. I almost brought the Gen Barlow tonight. Oops. You know what that is? Yes, I do. Jerry Falwell will start playing on that next week. But this week, we want to talk about something really special. And it really is special because it is your chance to do something for

your community where you don't have to be political. Yes. You don't have to be in a bar drinking. Right. You don't have to join a group right and volunteer your time for something very special. And there's this is something that takes place every year and around. What middle of



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June? Yeah. end of June, and it's called 26 dish.



Buddy Johnston 34:52

Now, how did you get elected to wait a minute first you need to produce these be right we've



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got we've got the co chairs Felix Garcia. And Annabelle Ivara. Is that correct?



Buddy Johnston 35:03

Correct. Hey, Annabelle, you want to practice? See we always edit out things. So if it didn't go just right,



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yeah, we can edit it out



Buddy Johnston 35:10

right you know what I mean? And there's She's looking at us like if we screw up we just edited



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series really? No. Right now this



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is live radio



Buddy Johnston 35:26

How did you get to be co chair and Pride Week?



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Well I myself I actually nominated, I was nominated myself for Gay Pride week and I am that's how I actually became



Buddy Johnston 35:40

why Yeah, because it's one of those thankless jobs, everybody's gonna be bitching in a year and you're gonna be going, Oh my God, why don't we do this? Now why?



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Why did I do that? Because I feel very strongly about the community. And I feel very strongly about making a difference in my community. And I wanted to be able to contribute something of myself. And I realized that one of the best ways for me to do that was to become a part of one of the most important things which is Gay Pride Week.



Buddy Johnston 36:09

Felix, you've been involved in everything you've got on your team Houston shirt. Yes,



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I did just about everything, right? Well, a little bit of everything. Yeah.



Buddy Johnston 36:17

Why take on something so monumental? Because this



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is a big job. It's a big job. And like you said, it's all year long. And more than people saying, Thank you for a good job. They're gonna be bitching at you.



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Oh, I hope they won't bet. It's really it's a challenge. First of all, there again like, Annabelle, I just want to do my part in the community. And I have to do in team Houston, I saw a need for for Pride week that I just wanted to give a ticket and do something with

 Buddy Johnston 36:52

pride weeks really a community thing, right? Correct. Or we say it is. And we'll talk about that in a minute. It starts out that way. But sometimes it always don't end up that way. We'll talk about that. What have you got in mind for Pride Week in the future? Not not the past? What what do we got to look forward to this year, it may be different or that may be better or anything special?

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Well, we already have the dates marketed for for gay pride with his June the 14th, to the 23rd and 1991.

 Buddy Johnston 37:22


And it'll be here before, you know, because you guys will be back. And we'll be saying and this Sunday, we'll have them go by so fast.

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But I think as far as the anything that may be different, it's just the parade itself, on the parade, codeshare for them. And what I like to do is market the parade more, so I promoted it more than we had in the past. And use that as a marketing tool, you know, implement more raw music, more energy into it. Not so much just making it bigger or better, but just implement what's already been there.

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I went to the last meeting, and he specifically asked about more music and someone else asked about beads that kind of gets people excited. And as I recall, we were the only ones last year that had any been thrown

 Buddy Johnston 38:15

mostly at the police.

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Another point I like that they brought up is the fact of of keeping Pride Week in everybody's mind all year long with monthly event. That's something

 Buddy Johnston 38:26

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we wanted to ask you about why is this week so important to the game lesbian community thing?



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Yeah, I believe it's a time for us to celebrate who we are. And it's a time for us to take a stand on who we are as well. And just like this year's theme, you know, to take pride. And I feel very strong about that. And more than anything else, that's what I believe Gay Pride Week, it's all about exactly.



Buddy Johnston 38:51

People ask us why do you want to do this? Why so much such a big parade? People have parades for everything. Society, we've always done that. And there's nothing wrong with us celebrating our existence. And that's what it's all about.



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That's our national holiday. Exactly.



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I think the Montrose boys. The lady that wrote that article, jazz pas pretty much summed it up when she says it's our culture festival celebration, and they're taking a part of that. And I myself don't think we should taper down our celebration in June. I think it should be exactly just the opposite and make it as loud and festive as possible.



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And being our cultural festival is kind of different than anybody else's because we crossed all lines, all racial, all ethnic. So we can celebrate that difference from those 10 days. And



Buddy Johnston 39:42

that's what that's what really makes me crazy because sometimes you heard people say, Well, you shouldn't do that. This is our this is our week in our day. And why can't we do that? I don't understand there is no random it we keep talking about well, you you know the pride that people come out with That makes us go on every day. If it wasn't gay pride, I couldn't go to HPD every day and be openly gay and do this show and be out. You have to feel some kind of pride in your life.



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As a matter of fact, before Stonewall, and before Pride Week events, hardly anybody was out.

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Buddy Johnston 40:16

Yeah, that's true. Well,



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the thing with the theme that we chose this year being take pride, I like to think of it as that each one of us has our own identity as how far we can come out, because of our lifestyle where they may be work related or family, you know, but there again, we are still encouraging everyone to do their part. And as far as they can come out, and eventually, you know, they will be out.

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Buddy Johnston 40:41

What if everybody came out though? Because he, I hear this stuff. I can't come out because of my job. And I was a girl, I worked for the police department. Yeah, redneck can that be but



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there was a year you went to that parade with the hat and sunglasses. That's before

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Buddy Johnston 40:56

I went to a Pride week meeting. I went to a Pride week meeting and got involved, see, see what those meetings are do to stay away from those meetings?



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No, they're fun. And as a matter of fact, they could always use more people. Yeah,

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Buddy Johnston 41:11

it's always good, good working with it. Because the end result, you feel so great. And really, it really is fun.



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In fact, you've got a lot of committees that are kind of that could use a few people, don't you?



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If you do well, let them know about?



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Well, actually, all the committees right now need volunteers and need people to help them be able to realize all the plans that we have for the future. And more than anything else, I would like to see more women involved as well, not just in the committees, but to see women come to our general meetings. That is something that's been very surprising for me, is to see that there's not a lot of participation from the women's community as far as Gay Pride Week is concerned. And I would like to actually invite all the women out there that are listening tonight to come out and join and participate.



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Buddy Johnston 42:03

Girl, they're listening, because we got more women listening than men. Yeah,



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it's so depressing. And you don't have to have any special talents, do you? I mean,



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no, you don't, you'd be surprised. And most people seem to think that they don't have the experience or the knowledge. But there's no right or wrong. When it comes down to it. It's just a matter of putting your energy behind it and going on with the ideas that we all implement and brainstorm with it.



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Buddy Johnston 42:24

There are a lot of things to do, right. Some of the can you talk about some of the we have



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six committees, and it's broken down to fundraising committee, which is a sharp person as Mark Alexander. And that's basically it's broken out to two separate are broken down into two separate units where that one of that could be implemented one fundraising what the other one crew could be actually doing the the one coming up in the next month. And that's so we could encourage people to not to burn out and there again, to have that energy levels are there all the time,



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rather than having the responsibility all on one shoulder and fundraising,



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as we all know, is the backbone of most organizations. We have the Marketing Committee, that's chairperson is Bobby Miller. And that is, you know, marketing the T shirts and koozies. And we decided to sell as merchandise you know, for throughout the year. Logistics committee as Bob Kinski and he also needs very, he needs help as far as trying to get people in his committee now what is that? Now that's the one where they he contacts at different organizations or clubs that are going to actually have advanced doing Gay Pride Week. And so there's a lot of communication with with the different organizations.



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Okay, so that's kind of like a scheduling of what's going to go on during those 10 days. Okay. We also have



Buddy Johnston 43:44

to guide Oh, I'm sorry, we're sitting here like, Thank God, this isn't television, and she's gonna do all this. I don't have to do anything. Always,



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always say the next committee is a guy program committee, and that's chairperson, Bob alum. And he also needs a lot of help as far as that's concerned in that committee. We also have the Media Communications Committee, which is Jack velinski is a chairperson. And he so far did a great job. We also have the parade Committee, which is Felix Garcia, er and he has some very good ideas as far as implementing some new ideas for the gay pride parade this year. I don't know if you wanted to



Buddy Johnston 44:34

not wait a minute before we say parade I had somebody asked me they said if you're gonna have that parade guy on Ask him if we're gonna march two and a half miles in that he should have Stonewall right in December when it's cool. Now, let's do it in June, when it's hot. Are we going to march all that way in that sun or has anybody talked about that yet?



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Yeah, exactly. Yes, we have and you have already kind of met with a few people. I've done a lot of odd reach as far as going out and talk to the community and get some response. And some of the businesses in the number one problem is the heat. And there again, living in Houston, I

guess we all can relate to that. But I think there's other ways to get around it. And by that, and many meaning that, for one thing, how the parade at a later time where the heat of the day is not the crucial moment, was last year. And of course last year, one thing we have against us was it was the hottest day of the year. Absolutely. But yeah, I can remember years ago when we used to have rain. So I mean, you see the rain or heat?



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Well, actually, it's never been. I don't think we've ever had rain on the parade. Maybe before or after rain there. There have been there been lots of times when it was overcast. And that was really



Buddy Johnston 45:49

nice. I remember frying chicken three or four years ago in the rain thinking this is not gonna work. And then about parade tacos.



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Yep. Beautiful. Some of the ideas that I had to try and to get started here is to have definitely more water stations. Yeah, just to that we did last year. That's



Buddy Johnston 46:06

real important.



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I know I was running around throwing beats and nearly



Buddy Johnston 46:10

Mary was gonna pass out because she's HIV positive right now. I'm



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an old bitch. Let's face it,



Buddy Johnston 46:15

we thought that she was turning green there.



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Well, that's just, you know, there's a lot of PW A's out there. Yeah, we should be concerned with them. i We have said three goals for the parade committee. And one of them is to have some kind of view and stand with bleachers of some kind for PW A's and maybe for the handicap. And hopefully, we can get sponsorship from that to pay for the expenses of that very good. And I think that would help out also, and have some most of the water donated from different, you know, stores or whatever, or whatever, you know, we can implement that. Like setting having to pray a little later time in the evening. In the day.



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Is there any opposition to having the parade later in the day like five o'clock or so?



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And that really most you know, I have been approached about having it in the night and night or having to early in the morning. Most people go to church or either not up yet.



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I'm not they're not up yet. Let's



Buddy Johnston 47:15

be honest.



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I realistic. Five o'clock, you know, it probably be about the best time you know, and they're getting used to give enough time for people to still continue to celebration afterwards are



Buddy Johnston 47:26


one of the reasons it was so long last year also was that we marched down to the side of the starlight 90 Is that in the plans this year? That that Starlight 90 thing? Yes. No.





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Yes. The plans? They still haven't decided as far as location are we know where this can be the same weekend as a gay pride parade or not?


 **Buddy Johnston** 47:46
Is that not? Is that not with the parade? Is that something else?


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Well, that's that's under the Montrose activity center and race there. That's to the building.


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Okay, so. Okay, so starting at 90 is like a just separate entity


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of its own Pride Week


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event.

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Right. Exactly.

 **Buddy Johnston** 48:05
So you guys don't have anything do a star night 90. Well, we're hopefully, Mitch questions.

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You're still trying to work things out like we did last year. Work it out. does happen during the

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week? Yeah, we did last time. Okay.

 **Buddy Johnston** 48:21
Okay. No, I was concerned about the thing, because every year and now three years ago, I was

on the executive committee. And I very well known women's chorus wanted to sing. I won't mention any names heart song. And they were told they couldn't sing because a certain group put the thing on. And then every year it's that way, you know, certain people run that. And last year, they had an open microphone where supposedly anybody could get up and speak. And I know certain people who are not permitted to do that. And that kind of stuff for three years. It's made me crazy because if we're going to have a community thing the community has to be involved.



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Well maybe that's the point it has it's just an event it's not part of the parade. Well if a that's the



Buddy Johnston 49:07

we need to save those questions for the Montrose activity center then people Oh, okay, because if they're going to have a community event they need to let the community play there you go, girl. I mean, you know what, why would we? Nevermind? No, talk about those modules, activities. People go ahead.



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What you were just saying here about the community involvement or we're both Annabelle and I agree on that and, and we've been quoted in Montrose voice as the new image for the for this Gay Pride Week committee hearing, and it's because we both feel the same way that it is a community effort and we definitely want the community to be more involved. There's lots of organizations and bars out there and they all have their own identity and purpose. And in gay pride, we committee is made up of all of them. And that's what we outreach



Buddy Johnston 49:57

we've been trying to get the black community involved or the largest now was in a meeting in the chiefs in chief Watson's office last month. And Chief Colby said the largest growing community now in Houston is the Vietnamese community. So if they're growing large, that means they're gay and lesbian people in those communities. We've been trying for years to get the black communities involved. So we got to get those people understand that they're welcome to come on down. Or look how long



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it took the guy next to get involved.



Buddy Johnston 50:26

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We're just excited about this. So maybe you guys can pull this off? Yeah.



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Fact, I'm sorry. Yeah, I'm actually starting to plan an outreach program to where Felix and I can both go and meet with all these different organizations, and establish a relationship with them. And not only that, but in my part, I see that I would like to direct that more towards the women's community, even more. So to try to get women to participate, and to just become a part of this as well. And not just for the week of Gay Pride Week, but all year round around here. There's a lot of different events that we're going to have throughout the year. And, you know, this is a celebration that it's not just a one week celebration, it's an all year round celebration, because



Buddy Johnston 51:15

our lives are all new year round, right? Absolutely. We want to be able to take that pride to work with us every day, not just to the police department, because if every gay and lesbian person came out of the closet, 30 million of us tomorrow, we wouldn't have to worry about it. Because other gay people would see how many there are. And every year just go, wow. And we would have a hell of a parade. I mean, I love that we get 20,000 People in Montrose, but in this city in the metropolitan area, there have to be between three and 400,000 of us. And we only get 20,000.



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But I think there again, that's where the prod we committee has to initiate the energy and build up this enthusiasm. And it has to start from this month on now. Not not in May or you know, or six weeks before that. And that's the reason why I've been implementing most of the committees to to finalize some of the things that they can go set goals and deadlines. And just like the parade route, it will all be finalized by January. And you you know that I agree on Felix, I



Buddy Johnston 52:16

love to hear you say that. Because the first time I went to a Pride week meeting, I said something like, we can have the greatest parade in the world. But if no one comes, we're just like tooting our own horn. And this woman said now she's not here to defend herself. So I won't mention her name. And I really won't Girls, look at me, thank you. And she said, it's not our place to bring people out of the closet and into the streets with the parade and it is our place. If we don't do it here, and at the private meetings and at the GLP. See, and at the switchboard and stone soup, who's going to do it? They're not doing it at HSD. We're not doing it in any state or governor or federal government office. So we have to do it. And I love to hear you say that. Yeah, well,



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on ahead They can hear me anytime

go ahead. They can hear me anytime.

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Buddy Johnston 52:59

Well, I can't shut you



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know, some other people sometimes compare the community has has compared us others to other cities in the nation. And it's good to know what's going on in in LA or San Francisco, New York and what they got the ideas are there again, I think we need to focus in in the Houston community in the Montrose area and what our needs are, and what we want to want to see and celebrate how we want to celebrate this. And and by doing that, that's what we need to, to kind of gear, the focus here and elaborate on what we're doing. And I think that I'm also being the people to get more involved.



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I'm very excited about this idea of having at least one event a month to keep the Pride Week in front of the people because I can remember, every every parade day, I ended up by saying, Boy, this was really great. You know, I wish we could have this feeling all year round. And you can we can I do?

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Buddy Johnston 54:01

I do it every day at work. Can we take some phone calls? Do you want to do that? Take a chance and see what happens for a few minutes. We'll take a break and we'll be back in just a second. We're talking about Pride Week and you listened to after hours on KPFT Houston wine, how



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can they call us girl five to six 4005 to six

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Buddy Johnston 54:19

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Hi, this is pokey Anderson. And I'm Cherry Wolf. And we have a quick quiz for you. What's a feminist? A, someone who hates men

