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Buddy Johnston, Tom Wilson, Harvey Milk



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began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar. The Stonewall on Christopher Street



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took great pride and what's happened in the gay community and what's going to happen



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there's no question in my mind that the people of California are going home with take you're taking the classes.



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John Briggs has just considered



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both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk had been shot and killed and White has been found guilty of one count each voluntary manslaughter is now broken loose cops are now bashing heads the national march on Washington for lesbian gay rights that's what this report is about gay and lesbian people saying you know what's your reaction to that? I think it's terrible had a rocket nor is that every one of us



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can I we are marching as are others across America and we shouldn't have to be

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alive right not going



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back for I think that's Robin hilar on the stage leaving the chat for lover for life we're not going back Washington DC for gay and lesbian rights



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want you to savor this



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next moment, I have the task of telling you that the official count of the lsb and gay rights march the official count is five.



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Harvey Milk 03:06

we must destroy the myth Swinson bra shadow them, we must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must 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 show the people you work with. You must cover people in the stories you're shopping once they realize that we are indeed their 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. Prior radio affiliates for KPFA come on out. Join us bring your friends.



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Well, it's never enough. Never enough. And I asked. I asked people



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to do one thing. Come out. Come out America. Have



Buddy Johnston 05:04

I said I liked that Harvey Milk thing by now. Every time I hear it, you know, that's, that's a brings back a lot of memories. Why? Well, that's the way you open the show. That's the way we used to open the show and the show's called after hours and insert every week every week. I can't talk. Thank God rolling. I have talked for a couple of minutes there. The show's heard every week on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. And what the hell are we doing now? We're celebrating life from the heart of Montrose. We certainly are and this is our attempt at a salute to Stonewall, which occurred in June of 69. 1969. 20 years ago, has it been 20 years 20 years ago, this month, and we're not going to have a whole lot to say Thank God for you as you listen to this tape. But this is our attempt at saluting stonewalled by playing some of the stuff we've played over the over the air. What for the last few years. Yeah, yeah, so we've been digging and picking out tapes, and this is buddy jam, and we're ready to go I guess. We can't say anything nasty about anybody would guess anything that's just gonna play a bunch of our faves. Okay. Enjoy the tape and remember to celebrate Pride wherever you are in the Sure. And from the crew of after hours. We love you and we wish you the very best of Stonewall 28th generation of PRI.



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Disorders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village. Almost every homosexuals it was in New York at the time of the Stonewall Rebellion has his own private memory of what took place. One of the longtime leaders of the gay rights movement, Craig Rodwell remembers that



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this way, the first thing that was Friday was on the way home from the friend's house. The rain was just starting at that time. And we noticed the crowds. We went over there. And a crowd was gathering out in front there was a paddy wagon pulled up and a few people being taken out. The crowd was very quiet at the time. I wasn't. I started yelling gay power and get them off to the bars. And I love her nudged me and told me to shut up. But in about 15 minutes the crowd really started doing it.



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By the end of the week, Scores of police and riders had been injured, many were arrested and one man a cab driver was dead.





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That started with those you calling in several things thrown at the police. And then the police retreated into the Stonewall and then after the police barricaded themselves inside. It's like half an hour later, the riot police started moving up Christopher breaking up the crowd, which has really become a very angry crowd. Hundreds of bottles and rocks there wasn't one window left in the whole place after about 10 minutes. And he broke the crowd up into small groups. And this went on for like two or three hours back and forth and the whole area. I think they thought that people would just go home and run. Especially since they were gay people they're not used to gay people standing up at all, especially in front of police. But the people would, they would chase people away and then they go around the block and come in another way. And this sort of tug of war went on all evening. And then on Saturday night, it was much the same thing started about nine crowds started to gather in the area, their small groups on the sidewalk. And then around 11 or 12 they started taking over the street and stopping cars and coming through most of the gay people in key fires with the genuine, an angry mood. A lot of chanting, a lot of hand holding a lot of assertion of being gay. And it was a way of saying we're tired of hiding tired of waiting to live tired of denying our basic identity, denying ourselves newfound pride really a collective pride in their identity.



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Another important outgrowth of the riots was the formation of numerous action oriented homosexual groups in New York and around the country. Of course, Manichean societies and similar groups had been around for years. But these new organizations were different. They're composed for the most part of younger and more militant homosexuals. Some of these groups formed before the rebellion, but after the Stonewall, they grew rapidly in strength and the numbers. One of the largest of the new organizations in New York is the Gay Liberation Front. The Bob Kohler tells when it was founded



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June 28 69. Today after the riots,



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was it forming or was there a lot of movement toward an organization like this before the Stonewall incident?



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No Homelessness matters. Sheen had come out on the streets with an Action Committee during the riots, but it wasn't answering the needs of the people and a group of people from that action committee, forum GLS,



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new and more militant groups have sprung up all over the country in Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Detroit, and in many smaller cities,



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it still is a relatively small minority of gay people who do reflect this new spirit, whatever you want to call it. The fact that there is a minority or a group of gay people or large group, reflecting it is very important. And I think it's going to affect the masses of gay people in the coming years.



Tom Wilson 10:44

We're coming out in Kansas Perry and Roma, Manila, Managua, Toronto, Tacoma, we're in the Rocky Mountains, the Alps and the Andes. We are



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coaching on the field called Lincoln, Nebraska.



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Way up in Alaska, you're in the legislature's



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in Utah and Texas.



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We are happy where



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we live in in Grenoble and also you got to run into lowball Tel Aviv and



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the Straits of Gibraltar are in the strength you can be damn Shaw we are in New Hampshire.



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We will not be trapped on wisdom and not



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all across Holland, wherever one hikes



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or fights.



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We're serving in the prisons in southern Missouri, also the gods or even the jury. We're living in Harlem in West Hollywood. We're everywhere.



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we're in the DA on the outside the Shriner we're on the Seventh Fleet and Castro's where



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we have lots of



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we're in Bangor, Maine, San Francisco has opened its Golden Gate.




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Still not legal in 25 states. On the east side and





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we're living in grass on the banks of the Nile. We're living in Thailand and Three Mile Island.


 Harvey Milk 13:17
You remember.


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The Coors Brewing Company and the gay community if you're to have patched their differences, troubles started brewing for coolers in 1977 after rumors circulated that the beer company discriminated against gays in hiring, and had contributed to a need of riots anti gay crusade


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although cool is claimed the rumors were false gays began boycotting the beer and sales began to fall off.


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I remember when I had my first beer in Danny,

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who's decided to confront the issue with a promotional campaign aimed directly at gays telling them the anti gay rumors attributed to the company were false. Bob Russo is the top public relations man at the Adolph Coors Brewing Company I'm not trying

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to be a big shot or anything like that, but I get my drinks have

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not contributed to an air Brian or any other

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campaign. Our company did not stand on issues at that time and

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discriminate in our hiring based upon sexual preference.



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As part of the campaign, the full page ads were running gay magazines. The ads featured a young man with the copywriting in part I've heard the court side And I'm satisfied who is does not discriminate on the basis of sexual preference



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to bar owners and community leaders in an effort to explain that they have not been discriminated against in their hiring



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now John at the bar is a friend of mine



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he gets me my drinks for free



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according to cooler and it's the gay boycott has all been ended. Unfortunately though the campaign has upset some people who are opposed to gay rights



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by publication challenging that we are somehow pro that's obviously not correct. We are neither pro or anti anything



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we run out the whole misunderstanding and Dover kisses one brouhaha that hardly has coolers laughing.



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Oh, hi. Hi, ru ha



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produced by Harry winder, I'm Susan O'Connell on the nice plant



Harvey Milk 16:27

of Harvey Milk of a supervisor in San Francisco.



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And I'm Greg Gordon for I am RU. Gay. We're up in San Francisco in in Harvey's office at Castro camera. And Harvey is graciously taking a few minutes out of his very busy schedule to talk to us about politics in San Francisco and how he got elected the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in California history.



Harvey Milk 16:55

The legislators and the executive officers be they the local supervisor, be the statewide run your life. They run your life and they spend your money when they collect tax money from gay people. And don't give us anything back and returned. Take it for their golf courses, take our tax money for their pet projects. And give us an Taavet insult us by not giving us our rights. That's not motivation if you like being harassed by the police, if you like being third class citizen, if you like being beat up by pugs, if you like the church yelling at you don't register, don't vote. But don't complain. If you want to shove you be shoved back in your closet. If you want to be the traditional gay person who gets beat up and whip his home and say, Well, I'm gay and I deserve to get beat up fine. Otherwise, the only thing you could do is registered to vote. And I'll tell you what the gay movements about after I got elected, I got the phone call. I knew I eventually get confused when 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. That boy 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 gay meters not understanding that and no more worried about their own personal power. Elite is the offensive power radio 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 never enough. We must destroy the myths reason for shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out. 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 work with. You must tell the people

in the stories you shopping once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere. Every myth every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And runs. Once you do you will feel so much better. Have



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I asked people all over this country to do one thing. Come out, come out



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America come out



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as president of the board as President of the Board of Supervisors, it's my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk had been shot and killed



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the suspect the supervisor downright.



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suspect named Dan White, white male dog 32 years 685 pounds 43 piece brown suit considered armed and dangerous.



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former supervisor Dan White is now in custody repeating former supervisor Dan White is now in custody. Jeremy what's really clear?



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The breaking glass, the angry crowd and the screaming sirens that you just heard were recorded Monday night at San Francisco Civic Center. Tonight our show will focus on events occurring that night. And the night that followed. Not since the late 1960s Has the United States seen such a violent expression of its people's anger and frustration, as we're seeing

Monday night in San Francisco. But on Monday night in San Francisco, the focus was different than that of the 60s. On Monday night it was gay people openly gay people lashing out their frustrations at a society who by its very structure standards and oppressor to gay people. Rocks, bottles, fire strong angry words were thrown at the symbol of that society, City Hall and its protectors, the San Francisco Police Department. Throughout the history of gay people, there have been scattered demonstrations against the society who opposes us the events since and including the Stonewall Riots of 1969 in New York City being the most famous up till now, but never in the history of the gay movement. Has there been an event such as this of such magnitude, a page in gay history has been turned. We have now emerged as a social force of the necessary dimensions to challenge the powers that be and to push society towards something new and better. Monday night fruit punch was with the over 10,000 people protesting the Dan White decision as a direct attack on the dignity of gay people.



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Why dad why?



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Walking up poke arriving at growth rate before we enter the civic center plaza. The chant is



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the crowd has assembled candles are being lit posters are held on high the streets the steps of City Hall the street in front of it back to the reflecting fountain.



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It's failed. Well over 5000 people I would estimate at this moment. The chance again build



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police have arrived at City Hall at the doors of City Hall. They've got riot squad here on this question is jumping going on? You may hear at the doors of City Hall The police are pushing people off the snap



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the grating in front of City Hall continues to get torn down



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bye What do you think of what's going on right now?



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I think they should burn down the whole place. It doesn't represent City Hall doesn't represent us. The city government is representing us. We can burn it down and we'll make it again. The people who have provided the human chain it has now broken loose cops are now bashing heads of the people of indeed the people who had formed a human chain to to protect City Hall are now getting bashed by police. The people. The people who had been protecting City Hall are now getting dragged away by police. The police are now moving out into the crowd moving out into the crowd and just flailing about



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can you comment again on why you people got hit on the steps who had been sitting there and not moving in indeed, protecting people? I don't know why



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ask them why.



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Over what over half an hour you had been sitting there in a human chain that was about an hour I got. I don't know exactly how long we're like, okay, no, I guess describe for us what was happening on staff before the police came and started beating people.



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We were just trying to cool people with no plan, no strategy, no leadership, just whatever power of suggestion and persuasion we had. And everybody up there was just just sort of got the same idea and came up. And



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there was an agreement that the cops wouldn't affect the people who were standing protecting an agreement between who there was an agreement between the people who were organizing the line and the police that we would not be assaulted. And we're standing there holding the line. We moved the line gradually further and further away from city hall. And then there was a rush on the entire crowd and aimed at all the people who are holding City Hall from this assault. There were injuries. There were flooding and I'm injured



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running back to please have literally beaten the crowd.



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Gate people are carrying gay people away who have been hurt in camp as the police have moved through. The police moved into a group of people who were sitting down and not moving and just clubbed away when they realized that obviously our non violent non moving was not going to work. Gay people proceeded to run and now pretty much there's a there's a 15 foot distance between us and the line of police who are coming down you can hear their voices finally they're getting their chance they can you can obviously see to speak back and here they are



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just getting one not in Kansas anymore.



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We must be over the rainbow



Harvey Milk 29:25

summers in Des Moines or San Antonio with a young gay person all of a sudden realizes that he or he is gay knows that if the parents find out to be tossed out of the house, the classmates would taunt the child and the neither Brian's and John brigands are doing their bit on TV and that child had several options. Day in in a closet, suicide and then one day that child might open up a paper and says homosexual elected in San Francisco and there are two new options and options to go to California today in San Antonio in Might, two days after I was elected, I got a phone call. The voice was quite young was from Altoona, Pennsylvania, as a person said, thanks. And you've got to let gay people so that that young child and the 1000s upon 1000s Like that child know that there's hope for a better world. His hope for a better tomorrow without hope. The only gays but those blacks, the Asians, the disabled, seniors, the SS, SS without hope the SS give up. I know that you cannot live on hope alone. Without it, life is not worth living.



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And you and you, you got to get home