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Buddy Johnston 00:01

So there's a whole community of gay and lesbian people that are squawking and flapping their wings and not going anywhere, because they don't. Yeah, I guess if there is a moral to the story, it's that the gay and lesbian communities like that little duck, they've been in that cage for so long, and they just don't realize that they're already free. There's a lot of us who do not that. And I think about that a lot. I thought about it last night when I was at work, and I had had some problems and went out on my break, and I walked over to tranquility Park, because I want to start doing a new show on Monday at 10 o'clock called Tranquility Base. And I was over there as listen to Jimmy Somerville saying, read my lips. And I was just wondering, I was just thinking, how grateful and how lucky we are, and how grateful we should be. For everything that we have, we have each other kids, a lot of folks don't even have that. So you're very, very lucky as you listen this morning, believe it or not. Anyway, Gerald, this is Mahalia Jackson. We'll be back in just a minute. While whatever, oh, Lord, I wish we could find this on CD. Anything by Aaron CD. It's Mahalia Jackson. And I believe that's the name of the album. And I hope you can find that Gerald. I hope you enjoyed that. Jimmy, this is from the the world party, new out new album. Goodbye, Jumbo. And I was listening to this a couple of times I keep talking about my father, because this is really hit me really hard. Yeah, my father's death. And I guess because we would never work close and always hope that someday we would be and I still is not. Really. I mean, it's like maybe I can pick the phone up and he'll still be there. You know what I mean? Yeah, but you can't, and you'll realize that it's really horrible that it takes a death to make you appreciate life. Well, I know that that it happened because I was there and saw his remains. We talked about this when I came back home from my father's funeral that all that energy and love has got to go somewhere other than where we are. And we've talked about this even before then with programs dealing with the quilt. Because we have lost so many people. So quickly, it seemed like sometime, Mark Schmidt, who did our news was just ill and gone so quickly. It's like a Wizard of Oz. People come and go so quickly here. And I see it at work all the time. I mean, lives can just be over in a minute. I think that's what bothers me so much about things like the Pride Week, people not wanting people to come out what are they going to want? Are we ever going to do it if we don't do it today? Today is the day now is the time. Like those move. That's the funniest thing too, because every one who I've ever talked to who is out, the first thing they said was, why did I wait so long? I know, I just can't understand that. But this song is that you have to listen to this and tell me because I don't know. I think this is a very,

very beautiful song. Because it talks the name of the song is sweet soul dream that talks about how fragile these bodies are that we're here. I mean, I scraped myself last Sunday on my on the side of my neck when I was shaving. And it's taken almost a week for this place to heal and child it looked like I just had something horrible going on in here. Yes, I noticed that. You know, and I chew my fingernails, unfortunately. And they look like hell. But if you Nick yourself, or you twist, you know, you break a bone or whatever. You know, my father died basically because his kidneys stopped functioning and his blood pressure went went down so well they couldn't get it back up, had the greatest heart in the world to see that triple bypass surgery three years ago. But these little bodies that we're in are just It's a miracle that we're alive as long as we wait as long as we billions and billions of cells have to do their jobs all the time and correctly and you look at the the wonderful minds that are in bodies that don't function properly. I can't think of the physicist now. There's one from England. I can't think of his name. He was in a wheelchair in a wheelchair and cannot speak. But he's one of the greatest minds in the world right now. And the song I think kind of goes along with that idea that these little fragile things that we're in just kind of hold us back sometimes So he's singing about a release. Do you know who that is? Who Hawking, Stephen Hawking? That's who it is. Thanks, Richard. That's who it is Stephen Hawking one of the most brilliant minds living today. And there's like one or two people who can understand him. He has written several books and gives lectures, but he cannot speak. cannot move. It's his ability fighting disease he has, and it's just incredible. But anyway, this is from the album world party. And it's Well, I'm sorry, it's by the group world party. And it's from the album, goodbye Jumba with their new album, and the song is called Sweet soul dream. You're listening after hours on KPFT Houston. 90.1 FM. Let me know what you think of this baby. Okay, here we go. Hey, what do you think? I really liked that in that while. Now what does he mean by sweet soul dream? Well, he says give me the key to unlock this. I don't know. I've listened to it about a million times and I'm not sure. I like the idea. That's why I said earlier I think there's some subliminal messages in here we'll be talking about a lot of things in that in like experiencing life or realizing your realizing some far off goal in life you might have. And I would give a lot of things up for that. This Listen, listen to this kind. Okay, okay. It's from the same album. Goodbye jumbo from World party. This is called Take it up. Okay.



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Yeah.



Buddy Johnston 07:01

Well, to me that's talking about truth and inner awareness. Beating out hypocrisy. Isn't that wild? Yeah. Boy needs to work on his falsetto a bit though. I love it. I love his voice. I need to get the first album. Because I've never heard I have a copy of it. Do you really on CD? No. Oh, boy. I guess if it ain't CD, it ain't nothing. Maybe. I guess we're through. We're trying to do CD players here in the studio. And that's all they can deal with. I guess we should quit trying to discover what the true meaning of this album. Yeah. Yeah. It's not exactly guru time here. Well, it's like, yes, it is. Gay guru. Yeah. Everybody thinks that we have all the answers. And we don't have any of the answers. No, because we get up and go to work and struggle and hurt and cry and sleep alone. And I like that I'm a real people. Yeah. You know, I was at the BAS one time and somebody said, What are you doing here? Well marry the same thing else everybody's doing here. I call it one of those 976 lines. One nine. We didn't call them. That's okay. We did a whole show on that. Remember? Yeah. But I called one one time and somebody said I said, my

name's buddy. I didn't know you're supposed to live at everything and Oh, well. He's a guy that does a radio thing. Yeah, well, what are you doing colony here? Like it was just his bubble was burst. It's like Dr. King Ralph Abernathy just died and someone was critical of Ralph for writing out a story about Dr. King and wow, human. He was a he was a man. Yes, please, girl. Everybody wants things to be bigger than life and kids. I got news for you and ain't me bigger than your life. And that's what life's about. Just life. That said, honey, and when you realize how much control you have, we all eat. We all go out and buy groceries and do laundry and please, we all don't do laundry. Well, we don't let you do laundry. Roger does the laundry. God for small favors. I hate doing laundry more than anything in the world. In fact, in beaches when Bette Midler told who is that in beaches with her, Barbara Hershey that, say it again. Barbara Hershey, she told her that she was doing her laundry and she said I think this is the nicest thing anybody's ever done for me. I could relate to that. Because I hate doing laundry. I do the laundry and I'll get like down to the T shirts and things I'd like just throw them in the drawer. Oh, Roger folds everything. How do you ever find anything? Oh girl, it's all in the box. I mean, the drawer you just open it now we are opposites. You know, I I I get a lot of pleasure from opening up my closet and everything is freshly cleaned out. My closet everything jumps out if you don't clean out your closet there Yeah, girl. I haven't gotten any closet the doors. rip those doors Justin Long. I really don't. Yeah. It's weird. Look, I walk in the bedroom. You see everything there. And if you'd like to walk into my bedroom and you're sharing and hearing, yeah, but Your call is Dale in southwest Houston called and wanted us to play Rod Stewart's Do you think I'm sexy? No, no? Okay, Dale, I don't have that. Oh, we can sing it. You ready? Put that down. Do you think so much for that girl. And then just to play say Matt. Hi. Yes, that is E something. Oh, Candle in the Wind by Elton John. Yeah. What's that for? Ryan? Why are Ryan White? Yeah. Ryan, the teenager who just died? Oh, yeah. Ryan's probably here with this. You know, I thought about that one time. What if you can't take I your CDs and your teddy bears? And what kind of Heaven is that if you don't have all this stuff. And then after my father died, maybe we just become like one big part of the something other than what we are consciously. You know what I'm saying? Consciously I see you and you see me and that's it. You know what I'm saying? And maybe when we go wherever it is we go that we just our energy becomes part of that energy that makes the world go round. So maybe you do get to take it with you. There you go. In a way maybe you don't need CD players and bodies that bleed every time he just barely scraped the skin a little bit. Anyway, this is a nice song and I want to play this for Ben and Matt. I haven't heard them call it and ask for song. This is This is Matt. Yeah, but I mean together. He's dedicated. He wants to play this role. Well, I brought something that they asked for last week, right? Well, we don't have Candle in the Wind by Elton John. Boy. Is that that that is a good song for Ryan. But believe it or not, this is a good song too. It's called candle on the water. Oh, by Helen Reddy. Have you ever heard that? No, no. Have you? Yes. This is from a movie a Disney film called pizza dragon. You've never heard it. I didn't see pizza drink. It's very nice. It's well, it's Helen ready. We'll play this for you, man. I hope this suffices. It's the only thing we get with the word candle in it. But anyway, what's what are you doing? Girl? I don't mean that candle in your trick bag. No, no. hot wax on the you know what? We'll talk about a lot of songs with the word candle in a bit there more than you realize. Just play the song marry



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listen, I did it. I finally told my parents I'm gay. It's great. How they take it? Well, my mother kind of suspected. But my father. He just broke down and cried. You're kidding. No. It was pretty bad. He was sitting at the kitchen table. Didn't say anything. The tears just rolled down his face. That's okay. You'll get over it. God I hope so. It was awful. How do you feel? That's the important thing. I feel all right. I really do.



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Reflections of a Rock Lobster. A story about growing up gay in rural America



Buddy Johnston 14:00

who and if you never heard that Old Time Radio, the gateway and we'll hear it next week right here on after hours. And Courtney wanted to hear something from Rocky Horror right yeah. Hard to do.



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SUV Mepps mom first of all have dinner with em.



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Patient but the array is really to blame. So I'll remove the core but not the symptom.



Harvey Milk 14:58

Oh baby. Let's



Buddy Johnston 14:59

do it. A Time Warp again. You want to Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Should we I get into this? You want to? Yeah. You got the time warp. Oh, please. Madness takes its toll



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you want to do what? I want to bring a male date to the senior prom.



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And what makes you think you can do that? Well, you see, sir,



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the rules say that any senior can take the date of his or her choice. Being a gay man. I think I'm entitled to take a male date. Absolutely not. Can I talk to the student council about it?

H Harvey Milk 15:42

No, you can't talk to the student council. Now, look, I know what you're trying to do. And I won't allow it. How come? I don't have to defend my decisions to you, Erin. We went through all this last year, or have you forgotten what happened to your friend Peter Grayson?

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I haven't forgotten. But there's a difference. Peter was only 17 Then but I just turned 18. I could take this case to court if I wanted to. You would go to court with us. Yes. If I had to.

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Well, My decision is final Aaron. Nothing's going to change it.

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Yeah. Well, we'll see about that. Peter, I was getting worried rain was late.

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Aaron, you look fantastic. Well, I should. After all, it's a night of my prom.

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Come on upstairs. I've got a tuxedo. Did you get the lavender once? Did you really think I was tacky enough to wear lavender tuxedo? Well,

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I am reflections of a Rock Lobster. A story about growing up gay in rural America. When Erin Couric decided to take another young man to his senior prom, the story made national headlines and court history. Rock Lobster is the tender coming out story of one brave young man and his very special night at the Bronx. So

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yeah, next week, right here on after hours. If you haven't heard it, man, you need to call everybody you can think and girl get those cassettes going? Or you can make a pledge and get a unedited copy right here. Right? Yeah, we have to edit. Oh my goodness, because the FCC don't want you to say, I don't want you to say and they don't want you to have a song like that.

Yeah, they we do. But it's funny. We're playing all the stuff from Rocky Horror because Aaron and his friend go to see Rocky Horror before they go cruise the Metro parking lot. Where the guy says I'm going to bash your faggot head in. You can say that on the radio. Yeah, yeah. But they can't say I can't remember what the word is. Now if it was up here at seven o'clock this morning, yesterday morning editing that tape, or whatever it is. You can say all that wanna bash your head and and promote hatred and bigotry and violence, which can't say things about making love. Yeah. Isn't that wild? That's that's very strange. In this state. It's illegal for me to love another man. Girl. Our love is criminal. Somebody wanted to hear this. Yeah.



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Talk to you about love. That's why we're here isn't it? May I remind you that love is against the law. That love as we know it is a criminal activity. That lovemaking involves illegal act. We are here because we have committed them and we enjoyed them enormously.



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We are an army of lovers. That is a fearful thing. We are the only minority group also that you can join overnight



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in the twinkling of an eye in fact



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we who have committed the crime of loving we are freedom always more risks than servitude ever offered. We dared to no pleasure. May I say pleasure again. I don't think it's been mentioned much today. We had guts enough to love. They tried to cover this with guilt. Shame does Honor they made it as awful for us as they could. But it was wonderful. It is getting more wonderful. Fellow criminals. Never forget your nights and the days of you're fighting for their freedom. Remember this experience. It is the tenderest finest moment of our lives. And in the clamor for our civil rights, always remember that they never granted them Norwich through them, they only stole them. And remember most of all, that we have so much more to give them than they have ever taken from us. We have been places we have known things, scenes suffered, feared, felt, experienced ecstasy, hell wonder. All through our illegal acts. They have brought us the full richness of the human experience. Our freedom finally, when they understand it, it last is theirs. So keep loving, keep making love. And soon there will be enough. Thank you.



Harvey Milk 21:41

Good. I'm Harvey Milk. I'm 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 has graciously taken 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 22:13

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 a 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. By otherwise the only thing you can do is registered to vote. And I'll tell you what the gay movement is about. After I got elected, I got the phone call. I knew I'd 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. 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 are more worried about their own personal power. Elite is offensive. Hi 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 myth Swanson 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 stores you shopping once they realize that we are indeed their children then we We are indeed everywhere every myth every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once and runs once you do you will feel so much better I asked people in this country to do one thing



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come on tripod you headed easy you lost your husband 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 lay a dead on the street killed by a bunch I catch my baseball bats that's why my my children chose to drop I'd be like you because everybody knows that grass don't matter those that



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time as President of the Board of Supervisors, it's my duty to make this announcement both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed



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a supervisor



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Thank you very much Dan White white male adult 32 years I don't know if I can



Harvey Milk 26:57

man may not come out with your family you must tell your relatives you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, your people your work you must tell the people once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere, every myth every lie every innuendo will be destroyed.



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Right. You missed that. There is only one way to deal with an individual who is compassionate care and confidentiality and without discrimination



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was strikes we don't blame those who are suffering. We don't burn the accident victim didn't wear a seatbelt. We don't reject the cancer patient that didn't quit smoking. We try to love them and care for them and comfort them. They don't fire them. You know what a victim don't cancel their insurance.



Buddy Johnston 30:34

All I saw were hanging around carts in and out in and out as Roger is getting ready to read from the way of love of way of life hang on a little bit so angry ENOUGH is ENOUGH is ENOUGH is ENOUGH girl was still on



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no I was just saying I can see the Ron that's doing this



Buddy Johnston 31:06

get Roger in here





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come on out



Harvey Milk 31:48

to do