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SPEAKERS

Buddy Johnston



Buddy Johnston 00:05

Sunday, November 27, beginning at 6pm. On the steps of City Hall in downtown Houston, you're invited to a celebration of life rally. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Harvey Milk. The gay and lesbian community and their supporters will come together to celebrate life on the steps of City Hall in downtown Houston. Entertainment will be provided by HeartSong, the Montrose singers, NCCR choir and a variety of singers, poets and speakers. Special guest speaker will be supervisor Harry Britt from the city of San Francisco. The celebration of life rally broadcast live over KPFT beginning at 6pm. This Sunday. Join us on the steps of City Hall and help us as we remember the life love and courage of Harvey Milk. The celebration of life rally live from downtown Houston, Sunday at 6pm right here on KPFT. Will you hear what you've been missing?



01:29

I'm dedicating this reading of my poems to the new year to all of you for a wonderful new year. I've written these poems over the course of the last 10 years. And the first poem is called a prayer and it I wrote it because it's inspired by trying to write a prayer that an atheist could relate to. And those of us who are wavering between agnostic and spiritual denominations of some sort, I hope will relate to it as well. A prayer Oh power that moves us. Thank you for giving us courage and patience to survive the events feelings and thoughts we experienced both within and outside ourselves. Give us strength and wisdom to remember joy at times of depression. Guide us on paths of goodness truth and love. Help us love others and ourselves. Help us accept it when others do or do not love us. Give us energy to get stronger with each attack on our values and being help us turn hurt into anger. Anger into power, power into change. Give us patience to teach the ignorant. Help us use our vulnerability as inspiration for creativity guide us to use our creativity, knowledge and skills to serve humanity, our planet and Universe. For when we love, respect and serve ourselves and others. We are closest to the power that moves us for that opportunity. We are proudly and humbly grateful for my guitar I follow your shiny smooth curves with my palm as you sit on my knee near my chest. Lightweight yet sturdy, sweet sounds you make when I slide my fingers up and down your neck and I stroke your belly. When my touches light, you whisper sing and when I play you hard we

shake the house resonating a deep chord for Lisa as children in Virginia, we pricked our fingers with a thorn Mixed Blood swearing eternal sisterhood. You took me to abandoned lots where we climbed over fences, finding treasures and trash. We stayed at each other's houses, talking until sunrise comparing our bodies once we touched tongues to see what a French kiss was like. Yuck. After school after playing with toy soldiers, guns and cars, I'd help you with your homework. We saw each other every day. Then reluctantly I moved to New York. Later you told me you sat on the front stoop of my vacated home for an hour after the van drove away. We wrote each other every week, said we missed each other. We wrote about camp school and boys. The letters became monthly than seasonal. 10 years later, I watched your wedding. We barely had time to talk in that crowd. I stayed at your best friend's house. When did I lose that title? 20 years after I left I returned to Richmond. I climbed out of my rental car and stared at you a moment in mild fear. Your eyes matched mind. We hugged smiling wide. At your house we talked until midnight comparing our lives. Once I imagined us touching tongues, and unfulfilled, pleasant fantasy. You took me to our old school where they had long ago shredded my records, but your name remained in a book in the tiny library. After the school we visited my old house lawn unkempt saplings turned to trees mailbox fallen hanging on one nail. The shed in the backyard had broken windows. As I stared into the cracked panes, then into your brown eyes. I realized that I left my first love when I left you in Virginia. You remained in the Old Dominion to become a wife and mother while I wandered around America alone. Spreading my roots so wide they disappeared



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Ode to chocolate I sneak away from others to hold you taste you have you bittersweet smoothness sometimes rich and elegant sometimes cheap and stale. When I let myself go wild taking too much your body becomes part of mine an hour after you've gone I'm full of sadness. You've promised me satisfaction and you let me down again



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banana house for man he got me further well in big house a big one on a buy lots good things. Give me money if I do what'd he say? He say he won't miss stick my toes in his ear. Man he got me God drive on his roads. He big banana buy lots good things. Give me money if I do what he say. He say he wants me rub his knees with ice cream. Mani got me boat sail on big seas he big banana buy lots good things give me money if I do if I do want his say he say he walked me paint his face with grape wine Mani got me Jules cover me body he big banana by a lots good things give me money if I do what his say his say he won't may scratch me name on his back money dry min knots Ogden so strange. He big banana buy lots good things. Give me money if I do what'd he say? He say he want me tell the Yankees he could bond I guess you could call that a hybrid accent. The next poem is called daughter song. She cries aloud not seeing me. After all I've done how can this be? I've given so much sacrificed and now you're so out of touch. I can't see how I don't understand why you turn away. All the good things you are coming from me. I just stare at the floor. Her words roll on the track. She gave birth to my soul. Now she wants it back along the same lines of murdered mother daughter conversations this is called you said it's sort of a coming out from you said you said it was okay. You said it was okay if if I if I was you know I was you know you said it was okay you said but now you say why if why if it was okay in theory was okay. But now you don't you why? And this song is called Suicide city. Round midnight the lamps dim in suicide city. Empty bars swallow people or empty

cars run them down. Round midnight children kill in suicide city. Throwing stones kicking hard anyone who is alone. Round midnight old folks crawl through suicide city staring through faces and coughing up walls. It's midnight guide me out of suicide city. I'm frightened the gates close soon and on a wider note the Gospel according to the Moral Majority, or whatever they're calling themselves these days and Dyk hikes with mics on bikes racing tykes on trikes, yikes they kikes who liked taking hikes wearing nice Nikes on pikes yikes they cakes Third Reich was right must fight those types Heil.



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Wrestling before the birth of a storm before the birth of a new moon, she suddenly attacks from behind. She presses my scalp in a vise grip. You will always be alone. You will always fail at life. You will never do anything right. You will never be happy. You don't know how to act. You don't deserve to live before the birth of a storm before the birth of a new moon I push it her to no avail. I say stop it. Stop saying those things. Let me go. But she bears in harder. She twists my stomach into knots when I'm supposed to be hungry. Why bother getting out of bed? Why bother dressing? Why bother eating? Why bother living with her clutching my belly? Her legs wrapped around my hips. Mouth biting my throat I crawl to the telephone to ring a friend. Janet says have you tried loving her? I look into the mirror. I tell her I love you. She finds it hard to believe I say it again. I say I love you. Let's dance. I put on a record in the living room. I shake my hips, wiggle my head rip on my arms while Aretha Franklin demands respect. Thank you have a good new year



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Bye Oh wait info for him new re Houston heroes name the Gulf Coast. The best coast you know it all figured out. The world class and the world can help us out. We know US



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and Canada we come to Houston was the best.



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In the United States, AIDS is primarily a sexually transmitted disease. So if you're going to talk about AIDS and how to prevent AIDS, there's no way you can avoid talking about sex. We don't



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talk about AIDS because one we don't know about AIDS. And secondly, to acknowledge the

existence of age we must acknowledge that other things are going on such as men having sex with men, we don't talk about that. But



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it needs to be that you're not afraid to discuss it. You have to know you're saving a life, possibly your own. If you can at least cut down that barrier and talk openly. If you can have sex with somebody and be that intimate. I feel you should at least be able to talk about it. Each



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of us must take the responsibility for keeping aids out of our lives. Know the Facts about AIDS. Know how to protect yourself and your family. Tell others for answers to your questions about AIDS call one 803 428.



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America responds to age 62nd radio spot number IB Dash 60 Dash 705 Minnesota.



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Personally, I learned about the disease and all the implications when my brother was diagnosed. And it was a harsh reality. I had to learn a lot very quickly even though I thought I knew a lot What about AIDS? The picture changed when it became a family issue.



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If I, the Son of a Baptist minister from basically a rural area can acquire aids, anybody can. Obviously



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women can get AIDS. I mean, I'm certainly here to witness to that. That it's, it's not a we they disease, it's an us disease.



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AIDS is a fatal disease. It's also preventable. Know the Facts about AIDS know how to protect yourself and your family. Tell others for answers to your questions about AIDS call one 800 342 AIDS.



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America response to 860 radio spot number IV Dash 60 Dash seven off to New York



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deciding to have sex is potentially exposing yourself to the virus that causes AIDS. This is not like gonorrhea and syphilis that can be treated with a medication and will go away.



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Even if there is one encounter one sexual encounter, that sexual encounter can be with someone who's already infected with the AIDS virus. We've



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had a problem with young people not knowing about protecting themselves. Now that AIDS is here, they've got to be a little more careful, and we have an obligation to share with them the information that we do know and to say, AIDS is a very serious disease.



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AIDS is not a problem that affects other people. AIDS affects us all. Know the Facts about AIDS. Know how to protect yourself and your family. Tell others for answers to your questions about AIDS call one 803 428.



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America response to age 62nd radio spot number IV Dash 60 Dash 706 Carol



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when I first started using IV drugs, I didn't share needles, I was sort of careful. Being a nurse, you know, I thought I had all this awareness and that but towards the end of my addiction, I started sharing needles the last couple months and I'm certain that that's how I got it. I am fairly convinced that other people who share those same needles have been infected. Also. If I could change one thing about my life, it wouldn't necessarily be that I would not want to have AIDS but it would be that I would be able to live. Whatever time I have left with more energy and less pain than I have. Now.



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18:20

We have been trying to do something about AIDS for less than five years. During that time we were more involved with AIDS and any other disease. Our solution isn't going to turn up tomorrow. As



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your main line and drugs is responsible for the high number of AIDS cases in our community. Sharing drug implements can be lethal.



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There is no cure for AIDS that's today, but it is preventable. It's everyone's job to work at prevention. No



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family member has ever gotten aids by touching, living with or caring for someone with AIDS. That's the truth.



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It's important for everyone to find out the facts about AIDS. AIDS has had its effect on the community. You need to learn how to deal with it. Tell your friends and neighbors to get the facts. It's important.



19:07

AIDS is calling on all of us to help each other. Spread the word and we can stop the spread of AIDS.



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For more information about AIDS, call one 800 342 AIDS



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This is CTC dash one dash 30 e dash r 8730 seconds English, Jenny



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I'm Jenny res a Catholic and very involved in my church. I've got three beautiful children. I never thought that eight would happen to my family or my oldest son has AIDS and I'm watching him die. One



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Hispanic dies of AIDS every four hours. Don't be one of them. Be informed. Call one 800 342 ai d s. That's one 800 342 AIDS.



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My ad is dying and part of me is dying with him



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this is CDC number two dash 30 e dash r 87. Alejandro



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I'm only 100 binaries. I finished school. I have a good job. I help support my family. My kind of guy doesn't get AIDS. Right? Well I have AIDS. I don't mind telling you. It's devastating.



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One Hispanic gets aids every two hours. Don't be one of them. Be informed. Call one 800 342 ai D S That's one 803 428



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If I had a second chance I'd be better informed. Believe



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this the CDC dash three dash 30 e dash r at 730 seconds English Hector



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I'm Hector Munoz. PhD writer consular IV studying five countries working nine. Then I got AIDS and istilah consular now I counseled people living with AIDS.



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Question How many of the following people are living with AIDS?



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I'm Hector Munoz. I have three college degrees. I study in five countries. I work in nine.



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I'm Carmen rageous. I've got five children. The youngest is two. Because of them. I stopped using drugs.



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answer all of them live with AIDS. Jenny Rios son Eddie is dying of AIDS. Alejandro buddy this was diagnosed with AIDS in April 1987. Hector Munoz was diagnosed in February 86. Carmen Reyes was diagnosed in September 86. Her two year old daughter was born with a virus. One Hispanic gets aids every two hours. Don't be one of them. Be informed. Call one 800 342 ai DS that's one 803 428.



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