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Welcome back to the new gospel revival our Seriously folks, it's after hours on KPFT Houston celebrating life in the heart of Montrose. And now I'm handing it over to the collective to see what they do with it.



Ray Hill 00:22

He's out of his mind. And it's amazing how he does all of that on that math organ,



Buddy Johnston 00:26

that again, void she's on now we the people every Mondays at midnight,



Ray Hill 00:31

and he used to be on the prison program. That's how he got his digs into the eras. He didn't do that anymore. Well, he's got to make a living. Which sounds weird enough to folks like you, right? I was there when but he spoke to the council,



Buddy Johnston 00:48

really that we're going to talk about that here in a little bit. But joining us right now on after hours, the new expanded show, our very first guest and who else could we ask but Ray Hill, and we're



Ray Hill 00:59

political season and I threatened to kill you.

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Buddy Johnston 01:03

I will talk about my adventures at City Hall and a little bit but, Ray, there's so much going on. And we asked you here number one, to pin you down on some things about homophobia within the community. Gay Lesbian Pride Week, this coming year, what's going on at City Hall, the police shootings and things that are going on in prison. In fact, we were just talking about something that happened in Huntsville today. It's been

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Ray Hill 01:29

since Wednesday, well, I went up Monday, and then I skipped Tuesday went back Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. And I didn't have the heart to go back today. I've been following the Curtis weeks case up there. And I've got a little essay with your permission that I will read, I write a good bit now. Those of you who have just dropped in from another planet probably do not know who judge Hampton is. But Judge Hampton is a judge out of Dallas, who after convicting a young man of killing two gay men said that he only gave him a 35 year sentence because after all, this fagot shouldn't be out on the street at night picking up teenage boys. So with your understanding of that, because I don't include that in the article because I'm writing it for publication that has carried that news for some time. But the title is justice or the lack thereof. Judge Hampton of Dallas will not have any bruises from his recent slap on the wrist delivered by special judge appointed to look into his homophobia. It was determined that Hampton does gust pending matters with the media which was wrong, but that what he said was judicially a okay, it is difficult to tell whether among whether being homophobic is judicially cool, or prejudice in general has no effect on the outcome of cases to justify review or concern. Either way, we have no recourse but to try to persuade the general public themselves not void of homophobia to help us politically retire the bigots. In the case of Hampton, his party Republican will support his reelection against our attempts to defeat him, and many unic like gay and lesbian Republicans will tell us that we should overlook their nearly unanimous position and wait for change to come. Democrats only offer marginal improvement, but they enjoy a larger often blinder following. Just last week, I spent several days in Huntsville, Texas, observing the trial of an inmate accused of attempted murder of a guard for spitting on him while infected with human immuno virus. His saliva was determined to be a deadly weapon. He was convicted and sentenced to 99 years in prison. The judge in that case was Alan Stilley, who is best remembered for presenting cases to Harris County grand juries without autopsy report to prevent the cops who kill gay victims from being indicted. The Gary Wayne stock case is still vivid in my memory. Gary's killer was never brought to trial because Alan Stilley withheld high facts from a grand jury. Alan Stilley as the judge in the courteous weeks trial qualified Paul Cameron and Eddie gay activist psychologist removed from the American Psychological Association for publishing unreferenced and largely made up research data as an expert in the transmission of AIDS. Alan Stilley denied a change of venue and allowed a jury largely composed of relatives of prison guards to be seated in judgment of an inmate accused of trying to kill a guard. The whole trial was a three ring Stark circus from start to finish, but it establishes a legal precedent with sobering implications for all HIV infected people. We cannot defeat Alan Stilley at the holds he is not elected. He once was. But he retired and enjoys an active and lucrative career, an active and lucrative career as a visiting judge without ever facing the body politic. The legal profession seems unwilling to clean up their own. And the

College of judges have taken up compulsory sandbox maintenance. But they have more pungent matter than sand in their box. They seem above the electoral system, and those who run for office have their fix solidly in perhaps Curtis weeks expressed it more clearly than we first had meant imagined. He spit on another guard. After his new Senate's was pronounced. In Curtis's situation, another two year sentence would have had the same effect as the 99 years he got. And beyond that everything including execution is an academic exercise. Curtis has nothing left to lose. If they keep pushing the rest of us to the wall, perhaps having nothing left to lose is our most powerful weapon.

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Buddy Johnston 06:15

What can we do Ray?

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Ray Hill 06:17

Well, the implication is that in Dallas, and in Houston, things are deteriorating more rapidly than we expected. And I think there's two things wrong that in the environment that create that atmosphere that allow that to happen, one of the things that is wrong is that we are not willing to bind together for strength. And I grew up as a DeMolay, and an odd fellow Junior and fellow and all these large stuff and kids and, and one of the symbols that they they do in the degree work is they rush up and break a stick in your face, crack, you know, and then they come up and they break two sticks in front of your face and the great three sticks and Brennan face. Finally, the bundle of sticks gets big, so big that they can't break it anymore. They don't have the strength. And that is to illustrate that by ourselves individually. We aren't easily broken and controlled and manipulated, but bound together we become a relatively strong unit. And that's the way we started. The original purpose of the caucus way back in 75, was to pool the available political resources to the advantage of the gay and lesbian community. But this year, under my tutelage, it has been a farce. You're talking about the gay and lesbian. I'm talking about officers of gay and lesbian Political Caucus and board members of gay and lesbian Political Caucus, out supporting candidates that we specifically oppose, and saying things about candidates that we support that that are beyond the pale. We've lost that sense of unity. It seems as if Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus that by becoming a mainstream, significant organization has just become a conduit for somebody to come further their individual political cause. So they ally with us and join and get seen with us. But when that gets down to endorsing candidates, after the caucus makes its decision, then they pick other candidates and try to ride the caucus, coattails with confusion. And then of course, there's gay Democrats, which basically is for five people and gay Republicans, which is only a half a dozen people and community lions out there, pushing the gold card because they're positive. And all of this serves to divide the community up.

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Buddy Johnston 08:41

Are we ever going to stop stabbing each other in the back? No.

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Ray Hill 08:46

But the situation is until the pungent odor of that hot breath of discrimination hit somebody's

But the situation is under the pungent odor of that not breath of discrimination, the somebody's back and brings them back in to our original purpose. And that will happen. It will happen that will happen. You know this business of playing footsie with the Republican platform with kill queers as a major part of their platform? I mean, that's ridiculous. Absolutely ridiculous. Instead of saying, I'm Republican, I am a good gay UNIQ and I am therefore Republican. What they should be doing as they answer is I want to be a Republican, but I'm not crossing this threshold until you clean up your act, sucker. But people don't have the courage to do that. In the main. Unfortunately, the more closeted types are the sissies that the rest of us are accused of being and that doesn't have anything to do with being effeminate has to do with being weak. There's nothing wrong with being feminine. Some of the strongest personalities I have to contend with are of course feminine. And there's nothing wrong with a gay man being a little Fe but this situation is there is something wrong with seeing yourself as weak and serving some other cause I call those people Unix. You know, I mean, I call people like Marian Coleman a eunuch, or should I not say that? Because he presented that out, okay. Her perspective of the politics is that we are supposed to serve our masters, the politicians. Hey baby in my junior high school civics book. It said real clearly that the elected officials serve at the will of the people.

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Buddy Johnston 10:35

Doesn't the Constitution start with the words we the people, of course,

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Ray Hill 10:38

the Constitution, the preamble to the Constitution, we've got

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Buddy Johnston 10:42

a lot to talk about. One thing we could do, though, to ensure

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Ray Hill 10:46

the APA, hey, don't don't don't even hang around. Don't even hang around unless you plan to develop a little black bone, a little pride in your community.

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Buddy Johnston 10:58

One thing we can do though, is to elect gay people to Office. Right? Absolutely. And we happen to have one of those joining us here in just a second. This is after hours on KPFT.

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Bruce Reeves 11:28

You're all dressed up. Yeah. Well, you know how these political things go.



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Ray Hill 11:33

There's some another but penguin suits do they go?

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Bruce Reeves 11:36

I had to go out to way west side of town to the ladies of essence monte-carlo ball. All right. And unfortunately they were running about two hours behind that opens up.

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Buddy Johnston 11:52

The ladies of essence, I see a garden party theme coming on somewhere. Joining us right now on after hours. Bruce Reeves, the only openly gay candidate for Houston City Council on Tuesday. You'll see his name on the ballot if you live in District G which is what

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Bruce Reeves 12:10

south of I 10 north of West Park and it runs west from Sheppard to Katy.

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Buddy Johnston 12:15

And you were here. Not too long ago. How's things going? Bruce three or four days before the election,

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Bruce Reeves 12:19

oh, hard to tell buddy. My opponent has done no campaigning, she has asked no one for their support. She has asked several groups not to support me. But other than that she has characteristics you can sniff has really done no campaigning, she is so assured of having the camp the election in the bag already, that she hasn't really even tried. And unfortunately, that's very typical of Houston politics. It takes somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 to \$250,000 to even think about running against an incumbent in the city. And the only way you get that kind of money is if you're an incumbent.

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Buddy Johnston 12:58

I was down at City Hall on a Wednesday, Jim was Moreland surgery. I was down at City Hall on Wednesday trying to get my job back and there are a lot of people talking about cleaning up City Hall. Do you think that Westmoreland thing may have any impact on your campaign?

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Ray Hill 13:11

Everything affects everything? Not at all. In reality,

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Bruce Reeves 13:13

in reality, it will affect some. I would love to see Beverly Clark get elected because of the Westmoreland thing, because I think Beverly is very qualified, but I don't see it happening. There are too many people in this city that feel like Westmoreland didn't make a mistake. There are way too many people down at city hall that thank Westmoreland didn't do a mistake that's true. To sit regardless of whether it was supposed to be off the record or not. It just totally unconscionable to me that he could say something like that. And I listened to Kathy Whitmire Say in her debate last week that he had greatly harmed the city of Houston. And I also heard her say that it was her duty to make sure the city of Houston was unharmed, and yet she refuses to ask for his resignation. It's

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Buddy Johnston 14:03

funny, they were talking about it on the streets in New York the very next day. Oh, yeah.

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Bruce Reeves 14:07

The you know, the story is it's a moot point, because we can't make him resign. But if everyone on down there on council and the mayor asked him to, it would at least say to the rest of the nation. We understand something happened bad here and we're doing everything in our power to correct that.

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Buddy Johnston 14:27

You know, I don't have the story. But I heard on CNN earlier this evening that President Bush called him a bigot. Yeah, Jim was more than a bigot and that's kind of the kettle black. Because we know George Bush isn't? Oh, of course not. So what's gonna happen in District G on Tuesday? Do you have any predictions?

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Bruce Reeves 14:47

I really don't have any. I figure one of two things will happen. She will win by a landslide. Actually one of three things she will win my landslide I will win by a landslide or I'll have to postpone my I trip out of town that's supposed to be leaving on Thursday because I'll have to call for a recount. It's going to be it's either going to be very lopsided one way or the other, it's going to be extremely close. And right now, I really can't call it

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Buddy Johnston 15:12

if there's, if there's people out there that are listening that would like to help the openly gay candidate running for city council, what what can they do at this last hour,

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Bruce Reeves 15:21

they can vote most assuredly. But we also are going to be trying desperately tomorrow evening. This is only Well, this is Sunday, tomorrow evening, Monday evening to get campaign signs out to all the polling places, there are 60 precincts in the district. And we desperately need to get those signs out. We're waiting to the last minute to get them out. Because we don't have that many in the budgets real tight, but we want to make sure they're there for Tuesday morning.

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Ray Hill 15:50

The caucus is the only community group that endorsed you.

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Bruce Reeves 15:54

That's true. I was also endorsed by the Mexican American Democrats, but they're the only two organizations and the Mexican American Democrats had recommended not to endorse me. The group actually the committee recommended no endorsement, but the group actually endorsed me. And I really believe that was because I got up and I explained to them that well, I understood that they might not know where I was coming from that they definitely knew where Ms. Hartung was coming from. And any no endorsement is a plus in her column. Because anytime she can get some group or some organization or a newspaper or whatever, to either endorse her or not endorse me, that's another vote for her ticket.

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Ray Hill 16:38

So Women's Political Congress endorsed Westmoreland over me two years ago.

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Buddy Johnston 16:43

I wish you were running against Westmoreland. This year.

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Bruce Reeves 16:45

I didn't screen with a Women's Political Caucus, I found out after they had done their screening that they were very upset with me because I didn't come. And the reason I didn't show up was because I didn't know they existed. And I had gotten no invitation.

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Buddy Johnston 17:00

What what are you going to do on Tuesday, go to work.



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Bruce Reeves 17:04

Right now, I think I'm gonna go to work. So I will vote first. It's been a very long week, and I've had very little sleep. So sleeping sounds real good for Tuesday, but I'm probably going to wait to do that on Wednesday.

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Buddy Johnston 17:17

Candidate bursaries is not only openly gay and running for city council, he's openly gay on his job and has been for quite a long time.

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Ray Hill 17:24

He's also very qualified for the position. And there has been some talk to the contrary about that in the community. But I have been watching city politics and Kristen Hartshorne rattled out of whatever box she fell out up. And the woman is a socialite. She's very good quality has very good qualification for discussing social issues with the social editors of the newspapers. But she she has shown no expertise. And she's a censor. She is opposed to freedom of speech and press. And so those of you listening here, be advised and

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Bruce Reeves 17:59

rock music. She a Republican, she's a Republican, she won't screen with Democrats. You know, but Right, like you were saying, You said I'm very qualified. I'm a very firm believer that anyone that can go down to City Hall and open their mouth and discuss the issues, regardless of how they feel about them as qualified for that job. Kristen Hartung doesn't speak in council. And when she speaks, I want to laugh except I know that that's the person that represents me currently down there on council the last the last time you were here, you said that and when I went down to City Hall to speak to council on Wednesday, I looked at her and she was sitting there smiling and I thought somebody must pull the string because she's smiling.

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Buddy Johnston 18:45

Anyway, we want to wish you the best of luck. I don't know what we could say three or four days before the election other than it's not over till it's over. I know that from working many campaigns. It doesn't matter what people say and what the polls say. It's what happens after they start counting those ballots at seven o'clock on Tuesday night.

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Bruce Reeves 19:00

And if we don't win this one between Ryan I will win one in the future sooner or

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Buddy Johnston 19:03

later. Okay. We'll be back in a little bit with Ray Hill and bursaries running for District G Houston

City Council, the election is Tuesday. So go vote your conscience see in a minute.

J Jimmy Carper 19:26

have forgotten that. About two or three years ago, Ken Wilson was the one who brought the What's it worth auction, raised a lot of money for the Pride Week committee and it was all his idea. Yeah.

R Ray Hill 19:41

And it was successful project. Ken has good organizational skills. And I think that I think that implying I'm really anxious to see Ken perform on his own turf. And now he has that opportunity.

B Buddy Johnston 19:54

We're looking forward to having them here next week. Right. You touched on something a second ago about those that aren't out there. Unfortunately, there are a lot of gay and lesbian people in the community that think that this is it, the Pacific streets all that counts that as long as you get it in the voice or the this week in Texas that you've reached the crowd. And unfortunately, that's not true if I thought that I wouldn't be here. We've fought with gay publications for the last two years. And a lot of in fact, we didn't get any mention of our show expanding. Is there ever going to be a chance a time you think when when we as leaders are going to ever get together? Well, it seems and try to work together rather than fight against each other.

R Ray Hill 20:38

I have been around. And I know people get tired of me saying this. I've been around here since dirt was invented. He has folks and that's been virtually forever. I mean, I was sitting in, in Charlie's today talking about Would you believe, activist problems in the early 60s, when we had here in Houston, and slipping up the back stairs to Louis Welch's office and all that kind of

B Buddy Johnston 21:06

garbage. You told me about that Wednesday showed you the stairs, back stairs to City Hall folks. In fact, one of the things we're going to play on the archive hour in January is a program you did with Mike Misha about the history of the gay movement in Houston. My favorite story about that is when they the second time they marched the Pride Week parade was downtown. Yeah, yes. And all the Queens got down there and somebody forgot to get the permit. So the police. So they picked up their coolers and went over here to Cherry Hills park behind my house and had a rally. And the leader of the clan came over who was running for something Oh, God, I'll never got up and made a speech.

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Ray Hill 21:44

On his first words, were I didn't come here to give you know, snow job nor get no blow job. At that point, things started going downhill fast.

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Buddy Johnston 21:55

He was eventually carried off by the police.

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Ray Hill 21:59

He was a Klan candidate,

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Buddy Johnston 22:00

you get a lot lot to look forward to. Ray, we've talked about people out there. And I don't like to say young people that have not come out because we got a letter not too long ago from a 60 year old gentleman that was listening. We had a woman call one time and she said I'm almost 80 and I'm a lesbian. And I've never told anyone and I just wanted to tell you that I enjoy your program and she hung up. I mean, how do you follow that? Jimmy, a lot of the folks at the switchboard you, we hear that stuff all the time. What would you say to someone that was listening that wants to reach out and become a part of this community that may be afraid of a lot of things that are happening? And we're gonna talk about those things in just a second. But what do you say initially,

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Ray Hill 22:42

I would say I would say, I know you're accustomed to going through this all by yourself. And you build all kinds of defenses and and though it's not comfortable, that's what you're used to. And that's what you're not afraid of, is going through all of this all by yourself. And late he or sir, the reason I exist at all, is so that every once in a while John Downey or John Matthews or, or somebody will give me an opportunity to come to you over the radio or the television and let you know that you're not by yourself. I remember what it was like to be the only one in the world. Absolutely. No one would understand. There might be other people that people whispered about. But they weren't, like me, I was different. I was the only one of my kind in the world. And when I found out that wasn't true. When I found out that there not only were others, but some of them were pretty darn good looking and easy to talk to. And he did look at and friendly enough to touch and and it was a whole new world. And I know that now, with all this aids business, it's even more scary. And I know that where you are, there are other people's lives. If I could just get two gay men and lesbians taking care of their even older parents to come to a group somewhere and put a little joy in their lives, because that's their cultural rule. You're not even alone in that. You're taking care of your mother into you know, there are hundreds of other closeted gay men taking care of their elderly mother or father right here in Houston. And there are hundreds more of closeted adult mature lesbians taking care of their mothers and fathers Sound fair. And both the men and the women could be supportive company. So I know your circumstance and you're sitting there saying, How did he know?

Because I love you. I love the kind of people, we culturally. And traditionally, and historically, our, we're proud people are strong people. We're people who respect the previous generation. Anyway, we don't have kids to distract us from the care of mama. I know that. And you know, they, and you know, now that you're not by yourself, and you know, now that you're not entirely different. Would it be nice to sit down and have a cup of tea, or maybe a beer, whatever you're into, with someone similarly situated, and swap notes and talk about those younger years when you did venture out a little bit. But then got tied down again, don't be isolated, you don't have to take this by yourself. You have your responsibilities, I understand that. That's fine. Your mother needs taken care of, and I'm proud of you for doing it. But you need a little relief, and you need a little understanding company. And you kids out there. The thing Oh, my God, if I show that any sign at all, they're going to drag me behind the gym and beaten abused me? Well, they're really not going to do that. They may ridicule you. I've had my fair share of ridicule, was the I was big. So I get away with all kinds of stuff that maybe you can't, but you don't have to go through it alone either. There are other people right there in English class, right there. On the next row. You know, that popular girl that you think that is all the rage of the football team? Guess what she's covering up. She really wants to go to work on a Shiva lay somewhere. And you know that that athletic kind of guy, the one that tried shotput and broke the winter. You know him? Well, you and he could sit down sometime without a bunch of other ears and get to understand one another a whole lot better. And he's good looking, too. He's a nice guy. And he's not nearly as religious as you think he is. That's just a front he has to put up keep people from suspecting.

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Buddy Johnston 27:49

What about coming out on the job?

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Ray Hill 27:54

Well, it's easy for me to come out on John because, you know, I'm not Ray he'll, in spite of the fact that I'm gay, and an ex convict. I am Ray heel because I am gay and an ex convict. And I walk into courthouses and, and judges start looking on the docket to see mens rea heel here and getting uncomfortable. And I walk into city council chambers and read a readme in tomorrow's in Sunday's Chronicle about Jim Westmoreland. And go there's a lot of history there. And I recount it. And he says it's all a lie, and somebody comes along, says no one I was there to.

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Buddy Johnston 28:41

In June of 1984, I went to work for the Houston Police Department as a dispatcher. And worked there for four and a half years, September of 87, we started doing this radio program, and I had to come out to the people at HPD. Because they were going to find out anyway. And all I got from the supervisors. And the majority of the people that I work with was more respect than I started out with. Because they really respected me for standing up by my for myself. And it. It was really disappointing to leave in September of 88. To get involved in the community and find out that, number one, some of the people in the community don't want no help. And number two, you can knock yourself out every Saturday night doing a gay radio program. And you're not going to get no support. One no support at all.

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Ray Hill 29:38

One of one of the fascinating things about coming out on a job. I've got a great story to tell this is 1975. We call it a press conference to announce the founding of the caucus and there was a guy there by the name of Jerry Miller who they were afraid this Ray Hill person was going to embarrass everybody. So they said well no Ray Hill and Rita Juan Strim and Pokey Anderson want to play behind the scenes and a bunch of other people. And so this summer is going to have to come out to cope kind of balanced Ray Hill. So Jerry Miller got got got his hat, his name pulled out of the hat, so, so he had to do that. And Jerry is the sales rep. The big boss is coming into town. And all of this comes out very inconvenient for Jerry, but he says I'm committed. So he comes on out of the closet. He calls his boss's local boss that morning, and he says, I'm holding a press conference today at noon. And I'll be in the media tonight. And I'm gay. And his boss said, Well, you need not you can come back after you get to the press conference and pick your things up out of your desk and go on about your business. Because the big boss is coming in town, and you know him, he's a big sportsman and a hunter, and he don't put up with this kind of stuff for him one time. And so Jerry Miller came and did the press conference and then went to his office and picked things up and went home. On the press conference run on the news that evening. And the next morning, the big boss hand, gone down to the hotel lobby and gotten a typewriter and typed out a nice congratulatory letter for Jerry saying we appreciate employees who have the courage of their convictions. And we want everybody to be a good citizen. And what you did today is an indication of being a good citizen and being a good neighbor and being interested in the community in which you live. And we're proud to have you at our employee, the middle boss had large egg on face.

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Buddy Johnston 31:41

You know, speaking of the middle boss, I, after being unemployed for a year, I've worked here and there but basically being unemployed for a year. And having my car repossessed and having the rent get behind three or four months, I've decided I need to go back to work and get some money. And the only thing I can do is dispatch police cars, and they still got lots of openings. So I went down to HPD, five weeks ago, after having my ear pierced. See, we're gonna go get yours done here soon. But anyway, I went back down to and went back down to HPD to apply for my job. And I filled out all the necessary paperwork. And it's been five weeks and I found out last Friday that they've lost my application. They have lost my application. So I went down to City Hall on Wednesday to ask the mayor and city council just where that application application may



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be Mr. William Johnston.

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Buddy Johnston 32:38

Miss Veronica Jefferson, you got to understand what happens here. The mayor calls names and my name is Buddy. I mean, Jimmy, if you call HPD and say, Who's that queer that does the radio show? What are they going to say, buddy? Okay, but on my driver's license and my birth

certificate, it says Williams, so just excuse that but that's all

J Jimmy Carper 32:56

a year before I knew what that was. It's all Kathy

B Buddy Johnston 32:59

had down and i My heart started thumping, but thank God Ray Hill was sitting there by me and I got up and went, What is your name? William Johnston. Please go ahead. Good afternoon, Mayor, Members of the Council I come before you as an ex employee of the city 1984. I worked as a dispatcher in the Houston Police Department left in September of 88 to pursue personal personal things. Now I'm ready to return to the city. However, I'm afraid that

R Ray Hill 33:24

give him your name and address. There is nothing in Texas law that requires anyone to document their identity. There is a caveat, if you are within 25 miles of an international land border. And you are asked by an officer of Immigration and Naturalization or border patrol to identify yourself, you are required by law to produce a document identifying yourself indicating possibility of citizenship. But you are not required under any other circumstances. And hey, Houston ship channel is not an international border.

J Jimmy Carper 34:06

What about things like draft cards?

R Ray Hill 34:10

Well, I mean, draft cards are are not really identification. draft cards or draft cards.

J Jimmy Carper 34:17

Well, I remember when I was younger and draft cards, everybody had a draft. They have a draft back then. Right.

R Ray Hill 34:28

Yeah, under my front door, there was a large cup my feet cold in the wintertime. No.

J Jimmy Carper 34:33

And I remember that you every male over a certain age that had a draft card had to have it on them. There was a big deal.

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Ray Hill 34:42

You're gonna have to produce that. The situation is that that during the era in which you had Dr. Carnes, there was a problem with a lot of people not registering for the draft in order to avoid being drafted didn't work at all because they compared that with senses were records and they found you. But the situation is that that you could be accused of avoiding the draft if you did not have a draft card, but a rank and file police officer had no business asking you to show that. And the reason I'm very familiar with all of this is before he'll vs Houston interrupting a police officer. There was an earlier he'll vs Houston about identification. The officer said, let me see your driver's license. And I informed him that I did not need a driver's license to walk around the basement of that particular courthouse. And so it was up against the wall mother and the whole nine yards. And I was in jail an hour and 40 minutes in the city of Houston compensated me \$50 A minute for the inconvenience of going there after the federal case was one. And that is still law. You still have it but I found a new law that I'm fixing to do. It is against the law in Houston to carry a billboard any on the street in the city. Why that is against.

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Buddy Johnston 36:09

There was a law passed switchboard pass

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Ray Hill 36:11

somewhere in the 60s, a sandwich man or with the sign like somewhere in the back, okay, making it illegal to carry a billboard within the city. So I'm going to have a billboard made up with the First Amendment owned for the front panel and the wording of that ordinance on the back panel. And I'm gonna carry a sign that says repeal repeal.

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Jimmy Carper 36:36

Only ray,

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Ray Hill 36:37

ray and I'm going to parade around City Hall to somebody who is full enough to arrest the gay and lesbian people raised honey, they'll probably say let me go

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Buddy Johnston 36:45

to gay and lesbian people need to fear the police.



Ray Hill 36:49

Everyone needs to hear the police why they're armed. And they're human.



Buddy Johnston 36:55

So if you're stopped, so



Ray Hill 36:57

human condition is that they get drunk and they do drugs and they get they have awkward family circumstances and they have troubles with their balls. They're just like the rest of us. The only difference is they're carrying a loaded weapon.



Buddy Johnston 37:14

So if you have a confrontation with the police, what's the best way to handle



Ray Hill 37:18

avoid being alone, without witnesses. Witnesses are not going to keep you from get shot or killed or brutalized. But your family can get something out of it. Ultimately, that under those circumstances, and police officers generally behave better when there are witnesses around than they do so kind of avoid being caught alone with police. The mayor of the city yesterday, the current Mayor of the City hopefully not endearingly but said yesterday that under the same circumstances that the woman got shot on the freeway, she would have kept on going



Buddy Johnston 38:04

I wouldn't stop either. I would not stop after working in police business. Most of my life, I would not stop for anyone with grill lights those lights under the grill. Because you don't know who that is you can buy those lights anywhere. I would slow down and I would drive someplace where there were other people before I stopped she did that the woman did that she drone I know policeman that I work with that you I wouldn't stop because you don't know who's behind you. Now if I could see that it was a marked police car, I would stop. That's it just those cute little girl lights. Honey, I'd go until I found somebody and then I would play



Ray Hill 38:40

if you have a reasonably nearby option where there are lights and witnesses. Even if it is a panda car. It is a marked police car. And I would prefer to go to that location.



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Buddy Johnston 38:53

If you do get harassed by the police. You're not alone. And there are people out there who will help you a baby.

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Ray Hill 38:59

This is the the street corner is no place to assert your constitutional rights. If you get stopped or I don't care how bad or how wrong the officer is. The main thing is to survive. So the way to act is Yes, sir. No, no, sir. Thank you. Excuse me. If you have a legitimate complaint about being abused by that police officer, that is a matter to raise in court at a later date. But for God's sake, don't step on his macho, he will kill you. That's generally what happens is a police officer gets frustrated because someone is not being obedient enough and they as a result get killed. And case after case after case is carried to grand juries, district attorneys try to throw in the fix. Evidence is not given to the grand jury. They're going to be if they kill you You're going to get away with it. So what you do is survive the circumstance. And then double back and protect your records. And you never can tell you become very famous and good to name in the books.

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Buddy Johnston 40:09

We're gonna be back in a minute to kind of wrap all this up. We're talking to Ray Hill we're going to be taking your phone calls if you have any questions for us five to six 4005 to six KPFT Do you think I'm gonna get my job back? Dispatching? I need them I need

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Ray Hill 40:22

learning you look very comfortable microphone in your mouth.

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Buddy Johnston 40:25

Okay, thank you darling. I'm glad he didn't say something back investment in 5g Six 4005 to six KPFT after hours radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose, solely on Houston's KPFT 90.1 FM. And that tape isn't cute. So we'll push that button. This is really cute. So we got to play this.

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Ray Hill 40:45

Okay, citizens not bear arms in any form. I know that that upsets a lot of you who are into heavy metal but you understand that I'm an old hippie and you've got to torture iron crystals to make guns out of them and that's a rude thing to do to crystals. And so it just torturing crystals will bring bad karma.

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Jimmy Carper 41:07

That's to explain that I have no idea what you just said.

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Ray Hill 41:10

Well, if you're going to have a gun then you've got to have pretty refined steel. Yeah. And so to get pretty refined steel you take innocent little iron crystals. You torture them inhale Oh, and you do awful things to them until you get very hard steel and torturing crystals to old hippies like me yeah is brings bad karma crystals are gentle, loving and healing thing, okay, and you torture them and you make bad stuff out of them. So and if that happens to have knife blades basically you it is absolutely illegal in this state to carry a mechanically automatic knife switchblade All right. Those are all illegal. I don't care how big or how small they are. You can get a case on a switchblade.

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Jimmy Carper 41:58

Oh, I say anything like that. Generally speaking, you

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Ray Hill 42:01

do not wish to carry a knife, the blade of which is broader than the palm of your hand. I thought it was fun. It's a cross your fingers, cross your knuckles. You don't want to carry one with a blade longer than that. Now it my friend lefty Cordoba who is that is a pseudonym for a one of the district judges. And in Harris County, does not carry a knife shorter than the length from his elbow to his wrists. Whoa. But the situation is he's a district judge and he can get away with things that you and I can't. Right. It's that simple. First place district judges are peace officers in that happens to be left us with weapon of choice. So I would suggest that anybody bearing arms to apply the Racheal principle on arms, whatever weapon I carry will likely be the one someone kills me with. Or the excuse one uses for killing me with the one they brought. Right? Let's

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Jimmy Carper 43:03

face it. It's more potent than anyone else.

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Ray Hill 43:08

But it's not hard metal. It gets hard sometimes, but it's not necessarily metal. But nevertheless, I would encourage people not to carry weapons. And and whatever you've got is whether you think it's legal or illegal or all of that. That becomes an argument for a courtroom. Not with a police officer on the side of the street. He says the weapon you've got is illegal. And we're going to court say Yes, sir. And when they get it out of property and carry it to the judge, the judge will make that determination. And basically, if you're carrying something that will hurt somebody you're subject to get arrested for cause just that simple. Did I make plain enough on that? Okay, we've got

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Buddy Johnston 43:54

about 10 minutes to talk about everything in the world coming up. So Ray, what do we got? We got to wrap the GIZ.

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Ray Hill 44:00

Here Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus recommends the following exercise of your ballot on November the seventh is Tuesday for the United States congressional district 18. That's Mickey Leland seat. We recommend Craig Washington be elected to that position. Craig is running competitively in the polls, there will likely be a runoff in that race. There will definitely be a runoff in that race. Craig needs your support to be in that runoff. He will be in it but how he places depends upon whether or not you're gonna vote.

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Buddy Johnston 44:34

We invited the candidates for the 18th District to come here. And Greg Craig Washington spent two hours with us. So remember, who was there when you vote,

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Ray Hill 44:44

right. What constitutional amendments amendments numbers one and two, the caucus encourages you to vote yes. Number one is a proposition to increase the salary of people in the house. Currently, Deborah Denver gets paid \$7,200 a year. So basically her service in the Texas Legislature is a full time volunteer job. This would increase the salary by about twice that to something in the area of 21 or 22,000. Which would mean that that's still a low wage for the kind of professional work legislators do. But we would encourage you to vote yes. On Amendment One. Proposition one. Proposition two is the water development thing. And it deals reason we recommended you vote for that is because it improves flow flood control in Harris County, and everybody in Harris County be vaguely or otherwise are affected by flood control. Actually, Montrose has been affected by subsidence and Montrose itself will be flooded out if we don't have better flood control. So proposition two, yes, that's one in two Yes. Eight, nine and 10? No. Proposition eight is is bonds to construct new prisons as somebody in there for mental health and restoration Institute's but 88% of the money is going for prisons. Prisons do not work. You can build all of them you want to and you will always have enough inmates to occupy them. But the recidivism rate for prisons is like 75%. the recidivism rate for probation and every other alternative to prison is less than half what it is to prison. Prisons do not work. This bonds are going to increase your taxes, big time. People who are not yet born will be paying for these prisons that we are authorizing to build this year. No proposition eight, no proposition nine, which would allow the legislature to combine everything in criminal justice under the current Texas Department of Corrections, keep probation officers independent to their counties, keep county system on probation. Separate parole is a separate entity. It doesn't cost that much more to manage all of that. But it's very important that we do no on eight no on nine, again, no on 10. Proposition four would author the legislature to pass laws that would require judges to advise juries how much time people serve. That is a pig in a poke. There's no way the judges can do that. Because the legislature is going to chip was likely to change the good time laws every two or three years. That does not work. It is simply window dressing. No

on eight, nine and 10. Yes, only 11 and 1311 is another increase on the per diem for the members of the Texas Legislature and would affect other state employees. Basically it is allowing people to be adequately compensated for days that they spend away from home on state business. vote yes on 1113. is a joint resolution dealing with the Bill of Rights for victims of crime? Yes on Proposition 30. Victims of Crime need to play a larger role in the system. Yes on that. Now back to the port of city. Port of Houston bond election. Yes, let's widen and deepen the bond of the port. It's good for business and it means jobs for Mayor the caucus recommends Fred Hall finds if you live in Council District B or any Magallon if you live in council district C vents Ryan. If you live in council district D Rodney Ellis. If you live in Council District G Bruce Reeves, everybody at large to Eleanor Tinsley, everybody at large for Sheila Jackson Lee, and of course, their old friend George Green. Yes, back to counting the beans. Good old George. George is going to be mayor someday. And we all got to realize that and not yet. But someday George is going to be mayor and he's going to be a damn good one. And George will not forget that his roots began in this community and gearing there are very important politicians who have forgotten that their political career was planted here in Montrose, financed by the sweat and tears and hard work of gay and lesbian political volunteers. They have gone on to be other things. And now they wouldn't walk across the street to OUI OUI on their legs.

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Buddy Johnston 49:37

When I was at HPD working as a dispatcher and started to do this radio program. The first place one of the first places I went was district C to ask my city councilman who is in George Gurney asked what would happen to me being openly gay and working at the police department. He said what you do in your own time is none of our business as long as you do your job and we will go I will fight with you Do whatever it takes to secure that and ensure that you're going to be protected.

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Ray Hill 50:03

Let me do one more word we've been talking about constitutional rights. The First Amendment is the first amendment because it is the most important. The First Amendment begins and everybody hasn't taken time to read it on this week, I know. But it begins that Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion that separates church from state there shall be no state church here, nor prohibiting the free exercise thereof, that separates state from church state can't run your church business, either church can't run your state state can't run your church. Then it goes on to protect the right of people to have freedom of the speech, and of the press, and to peaceably assemble and to redress their government for their grievances. And that is the most important application clause of the Constitution of the United States. Radio is a pure exercise of freedom of speech. Freedom of press, is the freedoms that belong to those who own presses. You don't want to press there is no consumer side of the First Amendment. You want to press you could free to use it any way you want to, from government interference. Freedom of speech does have its inhibitions. You can't maliciously slander someone, you can say awful things about people. And there are some people who are in the public domain, like mayors and governors and presidents that you can say virtually anything, you want to have a non threatening nature. And they are covered, because they're in the public domain. But listen, to the best use of the First Amendment is things like after hours, and now it has an expanded use thereof. This is very valuable exercise of freedom. I know it's a hokey program, and they do funny things, and you enjoy it at all. But do you realize that there are few

places on this globe where you could do this program. And just a few years ago, they were few places in this country where people thought you could do this program. And a few years before that, you may not have been able to do this program. But the First Amendment is a living, dynamic thing. The more you understand the greater freedom you have. And when you hear somebody says let's censor this book because it is offensive, or let sensitive this censor this part of this traditional Mark Twain novel, because it was ffensive. The First Amendment does not protect the Sears and Roebuck catalog. It protects those things that are controversial. Hang on to that, exercise it and use it. Because just like this midriff bulge I've got, if you don't use it, you get flabby and when you need it, it ain't there. Thank you for letting me come on your show.

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Buddy Johnston 53:11

Listen, you're the reason that I'm even sitting here. Because in the spring of 87, I heard this madman talking about the police. And we can't do anything, especially something as important as this for our kickoff without inviting you here. Can you stick around for a couple of minutes because I want you to tape something for me before you leave. Sure. They're going to do a little bulletin board and then we're going to listen to the first edition of this way out, followed by AIDS and focus and naming names. So stay with us a lot coming up. And then you're gonna hear someone by the name of Ray Hill on the stage in front of several 100,000 gay and lesbian people. It's something that happened in March of 1979. The National march on Washington for gay and lesbian rights all coming out right here on my birthday and after hours. I love you baby daddy Ray. We're back with K and the bulletin board right after this. So stay with us. KPFT Houston

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Pokey Anderson 54:06

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 be someone with no sense of humor and no bra. See? Well gee, come on, you can come up with something

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makes you think that? Oh, okay.

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Ray Hill 54:51

Testing one, two. Yes. I'm booming over actually. Whatever you want to. This is right. You take two That's right. This is Ray Hill and the producer of a prison program on radio station KPFT. And I'm the friendliest gay ex convict you'll ever meet. And you're listening to after hours radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose on radio station KPFT in Houston, VA mighty 90 90.1 FM

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Buddy Johnston 55:28

Sure. Freedom of speech

sure. Freedom of speech.



Ray Hill 55:33

Okay. This is Ray Hill, a decorated warrior in the fight for freedom of expression, First Amendment, and you're listening to after hours on radio station KPFT and take two okay. And you're listening to after hours radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose on KPFT Houston. Keep putting frogs together on the mighty 90 90.1 FM.



56:02

That's great. Unless you want to say something else to do tu tu tu tu tu tu tu tu?



Ray Hill 56:11

Yes. This is Ray Hill inviting you to grow up and come out. And you're listening to after hours radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose on KPFT in Houston, the mighty 90 90.1 FM