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Buddy Johnston 01:21

Not a point one FM KPFT Houston after hours radios celebrating live from the heart of Montrose we're here and work where we certainly are and I'm that faggot that works for the Houston Police Department and I'm not fagot who doesn't work at all wait a minute let me clarify that when that fagot civilian dispatcher that works for Houston police to us we have to make that very clear and we'll be back in just a second when someone very special as you can tell this way out is not here. Oh rats when things happen kids hang on it's gonna get good.



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On Reason.



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The good homosexual by James Carroll picot the good homosexual accommodates himself checks fantasies behaves properly purchases good taste practices impeccable hygiene, begs respect from oppressors the good homosexual reads only what is recommended, attends all the Westwood cinema attains season tickets to the music center votes the straight GOP slate retires from controversy amasses financial security no matter the social toll finds aids embarrassing, but donates 50 bucks a year anyway, anonymously. The good homosexual subscribes to GQ laughs The loudest at fag jokes, laments the demise of after dark prefers porno in brown paper bags broses grown books where he purchased after the ball displays National Geographic misses dynasty. The good homosexual restrains impulse says stains racism, objects to gay as to frivolous refers to himself as a bachelor contains passion remains invisible maintains there is nothing amiss the good homosexual swallows bigotry, suppresses

ecstasy drives a family sedan just like old dad did. Kisses with a dry mouth and closed lips, wears a condom on his tongue just in case. The good homosexual nurtures propriety, derives morality from TV shrinks, believes there might be something to inanity shushes all profanity, insists on anonymity, despises sodomy fails to see why dogs have to be so pushy. The good homosexual drinks Coors beer as advertised in good homosexual publications. keeps up appearances, longs for the cops to crack down engaged as a female for social occasions. relishes assimilation irons crisp creases in casual jeans the good homosexual quells excess attacks radical fags experiences madness in discreet little doses. waters down intensity embraces mediocrity reaps his own self righteous vanity does not grasp why silence necessarily equals death the good homosexual kills queers



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that's why you had it easy a husband and I nice clean hospital you know I lost mine I lost my brother Street. That's right. They killed him on the street 27 years old lad dead on the street killed by a bunch of kids with baseball bats that's right mom killed by children chose to drop by people like you because everybody knows that grades don't matter. Love those that do ya dad?



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Right now going for I think that's Rob and Tyler on the stage leaving the chat for lover for life. We're not going back to Washington DC



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you may all come out



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



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you to savor this next moment. I have the task of telling you that the official count of the LSVT and gay rights march this show is all



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right you may all come out



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you may come out



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Hi this is not



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right.



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All right, you may all come out



Harvey Milk 10:40

hi Ray, do you have a few words for KPFA? Come on out to China. Bring your friends. What do you think about the turnout so far? Well, never No, never. No, never. No.



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I'm here tonight to say some good things about Texas. I'm proud to be I know that I could not have heard Harvey Milk challenge to me. And not something in my life in this state prepared me to hear the word of freedom that Harvey spoke to us. I am here tonight. Because it is time that all of us who love this state that gave us life and has nurtured us and taught us our values, to stand up and claim the history of the state for freedom and justice and human respect, away from the forces of narrow mindedness and bigotry. That too often dominates politics in the state of Texas.



Harvey Milk 11:40

Already have a few words for KPFA come on out. Join us ring a friend. What do you think about the turnout so far? Well, it's never done never enough. Never enough. You may all come out it's destroyed the Miss Swenson draw 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 to the story through shopping once they realize that we are indeed there are children and we are indeed everywhere. Every myth every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once you draw and run once you do you will feel so much better

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Buddy Johnston 13:11

are these damn cards never cute?

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No it isn't?

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Buddy Johnston 13:55

knew that was the dad again? I can't stand it. Okay, wait a minute. Sorry, kids. We can't start until this half right. I do have to tell you though. I'm the fagot dispatcher. And this is all volunteer girl. Yeah, not an extra job. I don't get paid let's try it again. Okay.

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I asked people

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Harvey Milk 14:30

to do one thing

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Buddy Johnston 14:37

you know what it is? The clock say 140 what time it is. I know it's I'm confused. Let's not 140

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at night. Two o'clock becomes three o'clock and I know it's magic. The fairies do it.

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Buddy Johnston 14:51

We do it every chance. Here's Alan. Queer.

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Are you nervous? Are you? Our guest? Our guest is here. Yeah this

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Buddy Johnston 15:03

is really important kids. Because about oh, I don't know how long ago was it? We made it a startling announcement.

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We sure did. And we have that wonderful interview by phone. Yeah.

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Buddy Johnston 15:16

See, it's it's really funny because I got Colin on the rug and I. I'll tell you about that. Maybe someday. Okay. But being the only Queer down at HPD Oh, sure. It's not any fun about openly gay being the only Queer that does this show for four and a half years. It's not any fun either because it's volunteer. Yeah. And you don't get paid. But we do it because no, you don't get any money other than to in four weeks. He's going to pay the bills. You

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don't look at me, Stanley and I've been fighting so no money there.

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Buddy Johnston 15:48

Anyway, we we talk about why we're here and why we come down here every week and why you listen. And the reason you listen is because our lives really do count. And once in a blue moon in the state of Texas, which has this fabulous sodomy law. Yeah, I saw one of my favorite police officers tonight and he said he made another arrest to men doing it out on Allen Parkway somewhere but they weren't charged with sodomy they were charged with the lewd behavior. Oh, because the DA won't take charges on Sodomy cause that fight they can't win those things. But anyway, loot is so subjective. Yeah, we've got this, this wonderful state that says we can't but we do. And every once in a while. The State of Texas does something wonderful. And they did something wonderful. A few weeks ago in Dallas. They elected the first

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old Travis County, Travis County, Travis County.

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Buddy Johnston 16:37

Okay girl helped me out of this. They elected the first openly gay person to the legislature. Right. And we're gonna we



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have Texas's first elected openly gay person ever, and



Buddy Johnston 16:50

we're going to talk to him in just a second. So stay with this. If this thing if this thing works, and it didn't. Did you notice the BBC wasn't airy then? Yeah. Okay, hang on. Someone



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does not like us anymore. Yeah, no. Yeah.



Buddy Johnston 17:08

It was communist.



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There you go. They're trying to take over the station and turn it into Radio Moscow.



Buddy Johnston 17:15

No, that's not gonna work. Now,



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what would just introduce art?



Buddy Johnston 17:21

Let's do that. Well added all this out later. That was fun. Watch. We make all these mistakes and we edit it.



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Okay, we have Representative Glen Maxey right here in the studio tonight.



Buddy Johnston 17:30

 Buddy Johnston 17:50

Nervous? Houston.

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You're gonna really ask me that question. Yeah. Well, actually, we came to Houston to help raise funds for lesbian gay rights lobby. But at this late hour, the true answer was we're looking for a party.

 Buddy Johnston 17:52

This is it for the morning.

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Well, I'm just here down to tell the people in Houston that real pleased to be gay, proud to be gay, and proud to be the gay and lesbian community of this state's first representative in the Texas legislature. And it's about time that my colleagues just got over it.

 Buddy Johnston 18:23

What made you want to run for this office? And what what was what led up to you deciding? Yeah, this is what I want to do?

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Well, I think all of us who are involved in social change people who are fighting for justice for people who are of any kind of differing philosophy, or socio economic group, or sexual orientation, or religion, or race or whatever, find our particular ways to to fight for that social justice. Many of us do it in the streets and do protests and said and do it through radio shows like this, and others do it through the political system. For 20 years, I've been involved in the political system, working in campaigns, working for legislators lobbying at the legislature, and an opportunity came to offer myself for public service when an open seat came in to Texas legislature in January of this year, and I decided that it was time to take my experiences on the road so to speak. I'm

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surprised to know that you've you've been doing this type of thing for 20 years, I had no idea. I didn't look that out. No.

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Isn't it true when you first the first time you ran for public office? You weren't out.



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I ran for the legislature in 1982 as a very closeted very scared homosexual from Bryan College Station. And got beat that that for went in 10 years ago, almost it was very scary for me. Because I thought if anybody knew I was gay, that it would be the end of my political career, that I would never be able to do anything like this will change that. Well, you know, what happened in 1991, when I ran for public office is that being gay became a positive situation. When we decided to make this race, one of the most touching things for me is that we did some polling. And we polled people across district 51, in central and southeast Travis County. And one of the questions was, would you vote for a homosexual as your state representative? And people overwhelmingly said, Yes. One of the questions that was asked was, after giving a profile of me that included that I was the executive director of the Lesbian Gay rights lobby and had done gay civil rights work was an open ended question of what do you like most about Glen Maxey, and what concerns you the most about when Maxey. And as I was looking through those questionnaires, I saw page after page of traditionally, conservative voters, people who were over the age of 65, who lived in rural Travis County saying what they liked most about Glen Maxey was that he was honest, in what he was open, and that he was running as openly gay person because that meant that if he was honest about that, he would shoot straight on the other issues. And I think that's what we find, as we heard the people in this introduction tonight, Harvey Milk, and others say, come out. I think I learned in this campaign, and I've learned over the work I've done in the gay community over the last half dozen years, that being out is the safest place to be for gay men and lesbians. It's a lot of



Buddy Johnston 22:00

power. It especially in places like the police department in the legislature, I'm sure not



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only that, but it takes a lot of power away from your enemies.



Buddy Johnston 22:08

Certainly does. Glenn, take us back to that night when the votes had been counted, and you realize that you had one. What did you feel inside?



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Well, that's a very good question. A little stunned. And you know, I've done political campaigns for other candidates for years. And you always know, you know, that you got a good chance of winning or that you, your candidates not going to win. And, you know, I've prepared myself for losing, even though we'd done a tremendously effective campaign. At seven o'clock, we closed the door, and I told my campaign workers, what I was going to tell the press, because I'd lost.

Yeah, just to be prepared to be able to say we had grown a tremendously credible campaign. We had in an eight week period, over 1200 volunteers and contributors. Amazing kind of thing. We had people who contributed who lived on the west coast and the East Coast, Dallas, and Houston, Amarillo, and checks coming in from South Texas, North Texas, and a lot of good friends in Austin. And so it was well, it's kind of campaigns that you feel a lot of responsibility. And when the votes came in, at seven o'clock, and it showed that add one, it was pretty exhilarating. You know, like, you know, alright, I don't think it was really that night so much. When it really sit in it. It didn't really sit in until the night, four days later, when we walked into the House chamber and to take the oath of office. What a night. That was, because I guess I wasn't prepared for what happened that night of literally hundreds of people showing up House chamber was packed. The oath of office was administered by the governor of this state. The introduction in our master of ceremonies was justice at the Texas Supreme Court, Oscar mozzie. And I looked around the room and there were disabled people and gay and lesbian people and senior citizens and African Americans and Hispanics and kids. looked around the room and there were at least 25 or 30 of my future colleagues, members of the House of Representatives who would come in look up in the gallery and I saw the corner of my my eyes some of the more conservative members of legislature. After I took my off oath, you know, one of the first people walked up to me was a state senator from San Angelo, Texas and Bill Simms, probably one of the most conservative members of the Texas Senate, I have not he just came up and said, if that can ever do be of help, call on me. I have no idea why he was there. I doubt it will ever agree on anything politically. But it's that kind of thinking, you know, what door has opened here? Right? It's been a tremendous experience in the last couple of weeks.

 Buddy Johnston 25:25

What about the first time you walked onto the floor?

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Well, they

 Harvey Milk 25:30

were whispers.

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Well, that's what's changed my life. I've done lots of things in politics. I've been in the newspaper and on TV and all of that while lobbying for lesbian gay rights lobby in the last three or four years. And I thought that I had sort of got over that sort of being in the fishbowl after this race, after this, being sworn in, and being on TV, and and I'm still getting the clippings from friends all across this country where it was reprinted in newspapers. I mean, I think this week, it's an advocate now a week and you know, all those kinds of things. pretty heady experience, but, you know, you walk in on that house floor, and, and you know that you're sort of you're under a microscope, everybody's wondering, you know, who is this guy? Who is, is this gay person it's going to be or is he going to be throwing the bombs, we're just going to be

rational and reasonable. You're just gonna sit back on the back in the back corner, and just let us go about our merry way. I think there's a lot of fear and, and sort of trepidation among members. And over the last few weeks, I feel that going away very rapidly, beginning relationships with colleagues, building coalitions, breaking down some barriers.

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Buddy Johnston 26:58

So who is going Maxey? What's he going to do in Austin? Well,

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Glenn Beck see is. Now as a state representative, what I intend to do is to make sure that when I leave office, the people who look back on my public service say that there was a person who represented his district represented the constituency there, in the most effective way ever, that he was ethical. And more than anything else, was always honest about his votes, his actions. I've already done a couple of things in the last three weeks, where I have voted against the best advice of other legislators, people saying, now if you really want to be a part of the team, you know, to play this game effectively, that your vote this way. So but that's not how I believe that's what's best for my constituents. I say that, well, that's all right. You know, but you need if you're going to be effective, you should play this game. And I've done like, I've always done, I voted the way my conscience tells me is right. And I learned very quickly that you earn people's respect when you do that. So I think that's one thing, who I am is in who is who, who I am as what I think I like history to record is there was a state representative who was effective on issues for his constituents that just happened to be gay.

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Buddy Johnston 28:50

Yeah, you know, we've been doing this program since September 6 1987. And I remember coming in here. The first night, I was so scared, because I just knew that the police are gonna bust in here and, you know, shoot me and drag me out in the streets. But all I got from the people down there at HPD, 90% of the people was respect. And it seems like that all of our hardships have come from within the gay community. You know what I mean? Because they don't really understand what we're doing here. Has the community supported you and been there for you?

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Well, that's a good, very good question. And that clearly, and this rice for state representative, easy as an example, there was a tremendous outpouring of support, volunteers and people raising money. But also, as we all often do, in the art community, or anybody, any community that is powerless. We sort of turn on each other. Some of the strongest criticism that I've ever gotten has come from within the community. When I decided to run the people who told me Oh, don't do it. because it's too controversial that the times not right, or maybe you should wait. Those kinds of people came from the gay and lesbian community, not from the non gay community. You

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Buddy Johnston 30:11

said you said from people that say we're powerless, are we powerless? We

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were as powerless as we allow ourselves to be. It's my firm firmest belief that those of us who hide in the closet, or those of us who think that somebody else controls are lies and makes decisions for us are the ones who are most. I mean, you put yourself in that situation. Exactly. You give our oppressors, our enemies, our foes, the tool. We hand them the tool, they hit us over the head with exactly. last legislative session, there were legislators who told me bashed the gay community mightily on the House floor. I don't think that's going to happen this session.

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Buddy Johnston 31:12

If it does, it won't happen for very long

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now, because they have to look at somebody. Right? Exactly, right. And it's hard to do that, because I don't think any of them have the nerve to do it. Face to face. It's really easy to attack people when you don't have a face on them. And that's why we get bashed in our daily lives. Because we don't have a face on who we are. The first, what's amazing to me is just how many gay men and lesbians are out there. I've been touring state agencies, and it's really sad. And I use the word sad to see how many people come up to me and say, I'm so glad you got elected, you know, I'm gay to in a whisper. Yeah,

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Buddy Johnston 32:00

I know, I look at the faces of police officers who I know are gay. But they're so afraid. And they just, we just can't convey to them how easy it is to come on over.

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I wanted to say to I was in a situation the other day where, right after the march on Austin, I was walking through a state agency and a guy came up to me and said, you know how pleased he was, you know, congratulations, you know, I'm so glad you got elected. And he said, I'm got sunburned too. And I said, Oh, really? Do you go to the beach? And he said no. Because I was very sunburned. Because I'd been at the March on Austin, he could not even say that he had been there. I was at the March on Austin or I'm gay. He said, I got sunburned, too. And I think that's I mean, we get ourselves in such a closet sometimes that we cannot even admit. I mean, even say it. And I hope that that breaks down. You play to some quotes from Harvey Milk a while ago. I've sort of paraphrased him in my speech to the March on Austin. Harvey often said,

are using an example of it's not until we really reach you know, that gay teenager in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Kelly Jennings, my good friend from Lubbock, Texas, called me the day after my election and said, You won't believe it. They ran the news story on the TV station in Amarillo. And in Lubbock, that homosexual had the election to the Texas legislature. And so I, when I told the crowd at the March on Austin, on the 17th of March, it's my firmest hope, that somewhere out there in West Texas. There's that 14 or 15 year old gay man or young lesbian who saw that news story and said, hey, you know, I'm not alone. You know, there are other people out there. It's it's that, you know, as a teenager, in Baytown, Texas. I listen to radio shows like this late at night thinking there are other people out there, I'm not alone. And looked for those news headlines in the newspaper about gay pride in San Francisco or what the community was doing here in Houston. But I was too afraid and too scared to drive on down the freeway to check it out. 20 years later, you know, I've sit in this position and I hope that by being someone who's open and out in the public eye that I can be a role model for young people. And for that matter for the rest of the community, people who may be in their 50s and still have never come out. That

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Buddy Johnston 34:59

that's what we We enjoy about our little show. Because when we first started doing this, they said, What do you want to do? And I said, Well, I want to talk to our community after they get home from the bars on Sunday morning and say, you know, there is hope. There is life after the bars and the baths and the bookstores and all that stuff. But we found out that they weren't listening. They were too busy going to the bars in the bathroom bookstores. But what we found was a tremendous audience of young people. And people past Jimmy's age. I know that's hard to believe that there are some who exist, that are out there. People who live out in outlying areas of the city that don't get into the Montrose. We found that the gay and lesbian community doesn't see that the this week in Texas and the Montrose voice that they read the chronic on the post, and they listen to the radio, and we go into their home into their office. And we also find out that things happen like a young man listening to us one morning and he wanted an album and the next day, he was fired from his job for promoting homosexuality in the workplace. And then he goes to court and wins a huge loss settlement when he stands up for himself. And we just, we know that and we're so lucky to have you here this morning. And to be in Austin for us. What What about this sodomy thing now?

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What about this? Yeah. So

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Buddy Johnston 36:17

what are we going to do about that? Because I work for the police department. People are never arrested, not in Houston anyway, or haven't been that I know. I had a story a police officer told me one night that as a dispatcher kids that he was watching two men down here on Allen Parkway somewhere along the bayou doing it and they did it to completion, and they were arrested for public lewdness, and drug off to jail. And I said, How come they weren't arrested for sodomy? And he said, well, the DA said it didn't count in this case. And I said, that's

what they were doing. Public lewdness is if like you do it out in public, I said the only person they were lewd to was you and you were hiding in the bushes. You know. So then then Morales has challenged this law, right? So appealed the ruling at



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our at our request. So where do we go from here, it's sort of a strange kind of thing to explain I do to help. We are in a situation that we have this archaic law on the books, more often than not, it's not that that people are charged with homosexual conduct. The real problem with 2106, having the statute on the books is that it's used as the onus or the nexus for discrimination. Sure. It's the lesbian mother, the gay father who can't get custody of their children, because they may be violating the law, or that you get thrown out of your apartment. And the landlord says, I have a right to do that, because this person may be violating the law on my property. Those kinds of excuses are given by this law. We have a real uphill battle to repeal it in the legislature. My arrival there does not change the homophobic nature, if that's true, the legislature



Buddy Johnston 38:04

was did the passage of civil rights legislation, make people not hate blacks as much as they did?



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So one of the ways you deal with these kinds of laws is to challenge them in the courts, and challenge them under our constitutional protections of right to privacy. We did that in through the late 70s and early 80s, in a case called Mark Baker versus Wade, through the federal constitution. And that case, went all the way to the US Supreme Court and was there at the same time a case at Georgia called her Hardwick versus Bowers. There the Supreme Court ruled in a filed for this decision that there was not a right to privacy in the federal constitution. About that same point in time a sort of strange thing happened here in Texas. And that was a case that was decided about polygraph tests of state employees, where the Texas Supreme Court ruled in a unanimous decision nine to zero, that the Texas Constitution, which was written back in reconstruction days when we win government out of our lives, for other reasons, strong language was written in the Texas Constitution about the right to privacy, about I mean, actually the right to individual liberty and Supreme Court ruling this polygraph test that there was a fundamental right to privacy in the Texas Constitution are now following that the Texas Human Rights Foundation, which is the pelvic litigating group in the state, recruited five plaintiffs from across the state and the lead plan is being Linda Morales from here in Houston. And they challenge the 2106 law as impinging upon their fundamental right to liberty in this day and use this court cases, the basis of that challenge. The case was heard before a district judge Paul Davis in Austin. And he ruled right before Christmas, that section 2106 is in fact unconstitutional. So we won, and everybody sort of celebrated that. district judges said it's unconstitutional. Now in the ensuing months,



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but the but there is, it only applies

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to Travis County. Yeah, it's a district court ruling, which means that a district court in Houston could rule opposite or one in Dallas could have an opposite. So what we need is statewide effect we need a Court of record which a court of appeals or the Supreme Court would be to make this ruling. So when the homophobes are out there saying, Attorney General Morales appeal this because we want to overturn it. Here are all of us good little Queer boys and girls also saying, Mr. Attorney General, we'd like for you to appeal is as hard as Dan Morales is sort of in a in a sort of schizophrenic mode here that both sides, even the people who won the district court ruling wanted to appeal. So he has filed the appeal as of yesterday. Oh, good. It will begin going up the court system, it'll go to the third Court of Appeals in Travis County where we have a tremendously good we expect to get a strong ruling in our favor yet again. And then from there to the Texas Supreme Court. It's an iffy situation at the Supreme Court, the courts more conservative now. There are a few new members on it. I'm hopeful that we have the votes on the Supreme Court to win. Some people say why take the risk? Well, right now, we basically only have a moral victory in the district court ruling. And if we take it all the way through the Supreme Court, and we lose, we know that we have to go back to the legislature, and that's our battleground. But if we win, then that fights over, we can move on to dealing with civil rights legislation, and the more fundamental questions about fighting discrimination and changing attitudes in this state. Well,

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we were talking earlier about the House Bill 2509. And how that is a very bad piece of legislation. If the Supreme Court rules that 2106 is unconstitutional than all the exceptions that they're putting into the legislation which excludes homosexuals. Would that be legal? And would that stand? Or would that affect this bill? Well,

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section 25. I mean, House Bill 2509. And the legislation that passed last session is all legislation dealing with the AIDS epidemic. And what happened last session, for instance, is some of us were a little crafty, and I'll take par credit for it. When the homophobes in the House of Representatives, for instance, were trying to say that you can't spend money educating people who participate in homosexual conduct. We rewrote that, because we knew this court case was coming through in that statute now doesn't say, you can't spend money to educate people about homosexual conduct. It says you can't spend money to educate people or to promote illegal behavior. If the Supreme Court strikes down 2106, it will no longer be illegal behavior. So then all of the anti gay kinds of stuff in the AIDS law becomes moot. And the only things left there as you can't promote IV drug use, which is probably the correct thing that we would do in this society as far as telling people to use drugs. So this bill, however, is something we still have to fight and House Bill 2509 is followed by Representative Bill Billy Clemens from Lufkin. And it is the same kind of bashing it goes through and ads in even more places, homophobic language in the AIDS policy. I'm hopeful that we can kill such legislation, but we have to be

very mindful of it and people need to contact their legislators and say, make sure that they say that we need to defeat this. The bad legislation dealing with AIDS policy, it's been filed this session. Hang

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Buddy Johnston 44:37

on just a second. We'll be right back this KPFT Houston, not a point what I found. Listen What can we do to help you as Texans who are not part of the constituents you represent?

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Well, I think that it's like we always do in these kinds of battles is get involved. The Lesbian and Gay community has a lobby, lesbian gay rights lobby of Texas, very active. I still serve as its executive director and we have a lobbyist in place, Lori Eiser LOAF, he's working on the gay and lesbian agenda, because civil rights and anti discrimination things are pillar 2106. And also on fighting for public, good public policy around aids and increased funding. As we gay rights lobby is funded by contributions from individuals and hoped people would, you know, look into this week in Texas or after hours and find the address and send a check. Come to our next major fundraiser in Houston coming up in a couple of months, during Gay Pride Week, there'll be a major, a big fundraiser at Missouri Street Station on June the 20th. And you'll look for information about that. And in the meantime, as an individual, pick up a pen, write your state representative and your state senator here in Houston or in Conroe, or wherever you live, and tell them to support legislation that's been filed to to overturn 2106 to support a gay and lesbian civil rights bill. Talk to them about the problems of violence against gaming lesbians, and while why passage of the hate crimes bill, it's important this session, and most importantly, tell them to support increased funding for HIV, medication and services and education.

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Buddy Johnston 46:52

Right now, you can sit down with every young gay man and Young was being that's listening and talk to them face to face without us in a room, the ones that are afraid, or the guy that lives out on the outskirts of the city that drives through and says that's where Montrose is, but never takes the exit to come in. The people that have never seen the voice of the twit. And they want to come make that next step. But they just can't and you have this opportunity to say something to them. Right? What would you say?

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I say the only thing standing in your way is your own fear that you can be who you are, you know, you don't have to be Glenn Maxey, and walk out on the House floor, the Texas Legislature and say I'm here and I'm Queer. And I'm proud that you can take the next step. And that's come out to a friend Be honest with yourself. And you don't have to, quote be gay to

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... in the public domain. To understand that there there is a lot of people out there that

you know, in the public domain. To understand that there there is. A lot of people out here that care. There's lots of support networks. Find support groups, you know, call the hotlines if you have questions, you know, talk to people.



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I live that live for a long time. I grew up in Baytown and went to school in East Texas, I taught elementary school. And I was very, very scared. But I found out that the fear was really in me. You know, one of the strangest things that I tell people that I don't guess they really always believed me is that when I came out at the age of 34, short five years ago, nothing really changed in my life. My friends, were still my friends, my family still cared. You know, nobody turned their back on me and those people who may have been on the fringe and you know, they were on the fringe because already be for other reasons. Your friends stick with you. So I just I would tell those people here who are out there. Be honest with yourself and come out.



Buddy Johnston 49:28

We want to thank you for taking the time to come by what we're almost out of time. Okay. There's



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is there another way like maybe through the



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Get involved in your political party, you know, come to your precinct convention next time around when we do get into the political, political time and get involved in the Democratic party, the Republican Party in 1992, the Democratic state convention will be here in Houston and we'll have an opportunity to get lots of gaming lesbians involved in that process as we move through selecting nominees for for office and for President get involved in all of those kinds of things. That's one way is sort of a closeted gay person I spent 10 years working on civil rights issues with the gay community through political parties without ever being open because you're you can be there and and support people in a in a quiet kind of way and until you get to a comfort level about being out. So great listen,



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I'm still so excited for him to be here. Yeah,



Buddy Johnston 50:37

especially we have this thing about politicians they say they won't come but Craig Washington sat in that seat for two hours when Sunday morning from two in the morning until four we couldn't get him out of here. What do you like to different Senator Dr. Washington that's the

couldn't get him out of here. What do you like to different Senator Bill Washington that's the only way we got rid of a lot.



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Hope to do a lot more this. Yeah, let's do it by phone. will it fall down and good. If there's



Buddy Johnston 50:59

anything we can ever do? Please let just just ask and if anytime you're in town, and you want to come by and there's something just pulling at your heart and you want to come in and say something you just come here and your watch? Yeah. Okay. Love to do it. Because the the folks that listen, are they just waiting to hear what what folks like you and the rest of us have to say? I know they switch those radios on every midnight Saturday and we go okay, kids now. Oh, Glen Maxey Scanlon great. Anyway, we've got what else is coming on tonight girl we've



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got Montrose softball and Houston Thursday night bowling people here. Talk about some bar alternatives.



Buddy Johnston 51:39

It Sports Night on after hours. Anyway, thanks, Glenn, for coming by and sharing time with us. Would you read this for us? Like we'll all shut up and be real quiet. And then you read this nice little part we've given him work to do now. And then later we'll edit it all together and we won't even have to do it Off mic and then you can go dance the night away or wherever you're going. Jimmy wanted to ask about your love life.



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I did. I did. Oh, it's it's exciting.



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What has has How was your personal life changed? And so since you're a star now well,



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you can't work in Austin anyway. I can't walk through a bar anymore without everybody stopping me and you know beforehand I thought you know, here's I am sort of getting to be middle aged. Nobody really cares. Now, everybody loves getting Polit politics.

**Buddy Johnston 52:27**

That's one nice thing about doing radio. They don't know who we are. We can just sneak around out there until we say something. They go Oh, watch out for that guy. Yeah. Anyway, thank thanks for coming by. And if you read this, we'll go right into this and then we'll get into sports. Well, this

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is State Representative Glen Maxey and you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston. 90.1 FM. Thanks, Glen.

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

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As President of the word microcell. As President of the Board of Supervisors, it was my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot

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not in Kansas anymore.

**Harvey Milk 54:14**

We must destroy the Miss Swanson for shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out the other people wish we can KPFA come on out. 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 to the stories who's shopping once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere, every myth every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all.

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And I asked I asked people

**Harvey Milk 55:37**

to do one thing come out come out America come out

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55:49

Wow, isn't that nice? That really was nice. I got the hair some dirt to after



Buddy Johnston 55:55

hours and all this pain on 90.1 FM Why



56:01

do you lock yourself up in these chains KPFT Houston no one can change your life



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except for you. We're here and we're Queer.



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Anyone's depth you been young and young



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Is it really this way inside day somebody's gonna make you want to turn around and say



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are you going to change things are going away your



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dog



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one more day



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you stay with



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us change your mind some day somebody's gonna make you want to turn around and say what are you



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gonna do now to change the civilian life



58:01

one more day



58:08

one more day I know that there's pain from now know that there was pain but hold on for one day



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someday somebody's gonna make you want to turn around saying are you gonna let him hold you down at bay?



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No



Buddy Johnston 58:50

not a point one FM KPFT Houston after hours radios celebrating live from the heart of Montrose.



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We're here and we're Queer.



Buddy Johnston 59:01

And I'm that faggot that works for the Houston Police Department



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and I'm not bagging who doesn't work at all.



Buddy Johnston 59:06

I'm that civilian dispatch. That's right civilian



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dispatch. Not



Buddy Johnston 59:11

the police. No, no, no, no,



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no, no no no no, no he's the other one



Buddy Johnston 59:18

one that nice haven't been Maxey Yeah. And we're gonna be talking sports and just a little bit yeah, we



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got the guys with their bats



Buddy Johnston 59:30

I'm not going to touch that. Oh,



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I bet you word



Buddy Johnston 59:36

all the time is going to change Mary. Oh,

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no, we've got the bowlers and the the guys who play softball. Is that right? Yeah.

B Buddy Johnston 59:45

I'll have one little message for a certain supervisor at HPD Yeah. And this, isn't it.

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It's been that kind of night. Well, no. i

B Buddy Johnston 1:00:00

It's a long story I got called in on the rug tonight. And I'll tell you about that and when the time is right, okay, because right now the time isn't right. Oh, but someday soon I'll tell you that story when it's okay when the chief says it's Okay, gotcha. A long story. I'll bet i All I can say is this is a little can of worms they don't want to open it HPD and I would like to remind you this is not a job.

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No, this is volunteer volunteer. Okay, Saturday nights before hours so Sarge

B Buddy Johnston 1:00:28

this is just for you

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well back down back then you can stand me up at the gates of hell

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back down stay stand my ground won't be turned around and I'll keep this world from dragging me down stand my ground and back down damn

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and now wall back

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just keeps on pushing me around. Spam grab bag

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Dan

Buddy Johnston 1:02:54

Dan oh yeah that's one can of worms broadcasting from the city of the future that wants to continue to live in the past those Republicans are coming but we're gonna keep it a nice clean city till they get here to stand I'll tell you later, after hours radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose not a point to one FM we're here and we're Queer. Yeah.

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Wow. Do you know me? I have appeared in hundreds of one other cartoons with that squirrely wabbit who always does drag? Yeah, whenever I travel homophobic troublemakers always tell me that there's no wounds and no hotels. No available seats in the West Juan's and no cause to wet. It gets downright frustrating. At first I wanted to cry. What's my sexual orientation got to do with my being a good customer. Then I got a game that can express cod. Now I use it everywhere from crepes and flans to tropical foods and Hannah woowoo to picking up chicks in Australia make American Express card does it all get now can express Don't be home without it

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here it is become butcher Nelly in less than a day simply by taking the little pink pill. There's no need to recruit, seduce or rely on environmental conditions anymore. The little pink pill does it all. Just one tap up before breakfast breaks the cycle of heterosexuality for a full 24 hours. For years. heteros have been asking gays if they would take a pill that would make them straight. Well last quieres Ville labs have responded to this dilemma by giving heteros a taste of their own medicine. Yes, the little pink pill does it all the boring cliched life of a heterosexual can vanish in one gulp. Mrs. Betty Morgan of Gresham, Oregon talks about the little pink pill.

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My life was a mess, bridge clubs, gross husband, alcoholism, you name it. Then one morning I got my act together and took the little pink pill. In an instant my sexual orientation change, as did my desire to be married. Well, within a week I ditched my old man met a terrific woman and

got joint custody of my children. All this without why retention headaches or loss of appetite? Thanks a little pink pill. You made a new woman out of me.



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Results may vary but don't consult a physician the little pink pill



Buddy Johnston 1:05:18

it does it all. And it's available at the drugstore just down the street.



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Yeah



Buddy Johnston 1:05:30

90.1 FM after hours radios celebrating life and part of Montrose we're here we're Queer is



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that I was destined to be the kind of guy who never really fits in and in time so now I've started asking the question on my mind, what kind of self respecting fagot Am I she moved to San Francisco it seemed the place to be but I'm not into this girl and bars into my own lincat of Crisco is where it's supposed to be. What kind of self respecting Fagin



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don't own a single record by Barbara bed or Judy. Betty Davis saw her movies guess army in a responsible manner duty what kind of self respecting? Am



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I don't read magazines like GQ. My hair's too long. My clothes are out of style.



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And when the conversation goes to runway show, all I can do is to dance. I don't match on Sunday. I don't own a set of weights. I wouldn't dream of screwing till after several days. I know it's quiet. I might as well be straight. What kind of self respecting baggage

