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SPEAKERS

Buddy Johnston, Harvey Milk



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May I remind you that love is against the law. That love as we know it is a criminal activity. That lovemaking involves illegal acts. We are here because we have committed them and we enjoy them enormously.



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



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in the twinkling of an eye in fact



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we who have committed the crime of loving we are freedom with more risks than servitude ever offered. We dared to no pleasure. May I say pleasure again, I don't think it's been mentioned much today. We had guts enough to love. They tried to cover this with guilt, shame, dishonor. They made it as awful for us as they could. But it was wonderful. It is getting more wonderful. Fellow criminals. Never forget your knights in the days of you're fighting for their freedom. Remember this experience. It is the tenderest finest moment of our lives. And in the clamor for our civil rights, always remember that they never granted them nor withdrew them, they only stole them. And remember most of all, that we have so much more to give them than they have ever taken from us. We have been places we have known things, scenes suffered, feared, felt experienced ecstasy, hell wonder all through our illegal acts. They have brought us the full richness of the human experience. Our freedom finally, when they understand it, it last is theirs. So keep loving, keep making love. And soon there will be enough. Thank you.



Harvey Milk 03:22

And I'll tell you what the game movement is about. After I got elected, I got the phone call. I knew I'd eventually get quite a few of them. One was from a 17 year old child in a small town in Minnesota. And the boy is handicapped. And the boy's parents found out he's gay. And they want to put him in an insane asylum. That boy needs help. In the gay mood is about the letter I got from Southwest Africa when he read about a gay person getting elected here. And that person has hope. And that 17 year old kid in Minnesota has hope. And we have gay leaders not understanding that and are more worried about their own personal power. They're not the leaders offensive. MMA



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is this morning already.



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I just wanted to ask you a question. What? How would you react if you were told that one of your kids was gay?



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Your brother Phyllis gay? I knew it. When he was a kid. We couldn't keep him away from those gladiator movies.



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Phil is not gay. You mean you're gay?



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What your friend Jean is having some sort of membership Dr. Dorothy, I know you don't get many dates but stick with what you know you rage it's very hard to break into something new. Goodnight,



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Mom. I am not good. I just wanted to get your reaction.



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I'll tell you the truth Dorothy. If one of my kids was gay, I wouldn't love him one bit less. I would

wish him all the happiness in the world



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because you're the greatest mother in the world and I love you



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fine now keep your fat mouth shut so I can get some sleep



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Jane thinks she's in love with Rose



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Come on It's not funny



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it's not cheated love with Little Miss Muffet?



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Come on now I heard you laughing was



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so fun it for starters Jean is a lesbian



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what's funny about that



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you aren't surprised



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I mean, I've never known any personally but in Danny Thomas



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not Lebanese lesbian,



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lesbian, Lesbian. Lesbian



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will one moment and another already know what it means. Jeans a very attractive woman she could have any man she wants. She doesn't want them why nah. Man has so much more to offer. You know what I mean? Yeah, I found that out when Mark Perper was running for class president in the third grade Wow What does that have to do with anything? Well his campaign slogan was vote for me and I'll show you my way



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he won by a landslide



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I'll never understand what Gene doesn't see in the opposite sex but hey, if that's what makes her happy that's fine by me



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there's one other thing



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Jane thinks she's in love with Rose



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gene has the hotspot wrong. I don't believe it I do not



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believe pretty surprised myself. I'll



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bet to think Jean would prefer rolls over me



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you tell me the truth. If you had to pick between me and Rosa, would you



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pull yourself together



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sorry this rose No, no. Oh, good. I don't think you want to tell her. After all. She's not as worldly and sophisticated about these things as I



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absolutely if she finds out Danny Thomas is a lesbian will break off.



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You know, some people got a lot of nerve. Sometimes I don't believe that things I see in here. Have you met the woman who shocked by two women kissing and in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Or the straight couple sits next to you in a movie, and he can't hear the dialogue because of the sound effects. But gays shouldn't be blatant. And the woman in your office, spend your whole lunch hour talking about her new bikini drawers and how much her husband likes them. But gays shouldn't be blamed. Or the hip check in your class. rattling a mile a minute while you're trying to get stoned in the John about the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend. But gays shouldn't be blatant. You go in a public bathroom and all over the walls. There's John loves Mary Janice Diggs, Richard Pepe loves Dolores, etc. But gays shouldn't be blamed. Or you go to an amusement park, and there's a tunnel of love and pictures the streets painted on the front and grinning couples coming in and out. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Fact is blatant Heterosexuals are all over the place. Supermarkets, movies, at work, in church, in books on television every day and night. Every place even in gay bars, and they want gay men and women to go hide in the closets. So do you straight folks? I say, sure. I'll go if you go to, but I'm polite, so after you?



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Is there just a friend? No,



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you're not a friend. I don't know you. I've never seen you before.



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I'm your friend. Don't be afraid. It's okay. Come with me. I want to take you someplace safe.
Take



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me where you can.



Harvey Milk 11:19

I'm not going anywhere with you.



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I have to take you someplace safe. It's not safe on the streets anymore. Come on, let's go.



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It's not safe anywhere anymore, much less the streets. It's not safe anywhere. And I don't know who you are. And I'm not going anywhere with you.



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It's okay. I'm your friend. We have to get out of the streets. The health department was just down the street and there they may come back. We've got to go. Come on.



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I don't have any friends anymore. Do you understand that I don't have any friends. They're all gone. They've either been locked up, or they've died. I don't have any more friends. And I don't know you. And I don't trust you. I can't trust you.



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You have to trust someone you can't be out here in the streets alone. It's not safe anymore. Curfews at nine o'clock, we have to get out of the streets. It's getting late, let's go.



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They said the testing was safe. That it wouldn't matter that people wouldn't find out that nothing would happen. Well, it has mattered. Things have happened. And people's lives have been affected. People are gone. People are dead people are locked up. And I've got to get away from here. And I've got to be by myself. I want to be by myself. And I don't want you following me get away from me.



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Listen, I'm your friend. I know what you're going through. Yes, there were lies. But there are people who care and we've got to hide and we've got to work together. And right now he's got to think about getting out on the street. Before the curfew comes and the police come was go,



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I can't trust anybody anymore. I don't know how to trust anybody anymore. I wish I could I wish I could trust someone. I'd give anything in the world if I could trust someone.



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But there's a meeting Friday night, down on the corner of Montrose and Westheimer. There'll be a few of his gathering there. Will you come and meet with us? We're going to make things happen. Things are going to change. I promise you it's going to be okay.



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That's risky. That's scary. That's a bad corner to have a meeting on a Friday night. That's scary. I don't know. I don't know if I'll be there.



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It's the only place we can gather in the lie. They won't think anything about it if we get there together in the light.



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I don't know. I don't know. I'm scared.



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We're all scared alone. I'm alone. Will you at least think about it. Please. We need your help. I know the pain. How can I help we have to band together? If we don't stand together. They're gonna get all of us. Will you at least think about Common Pleas Oh, God,



H Harvey Milk 14:10

all right.



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Think about it. I promise I'll at least think about it. But right now, please, please leave me alone. Please go away. I just want to be by myself. Okay.



B Buddy Johnston 14:33

Your turn to KPFT Houston. 90.1 FM. And we're waiting to hear from Ray Hill and Jack Valinski having a little technical problem with our signal with a report Live from Austin and the gay lesbian. March on Austin for civil rights. This is



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a pride written and read by Joe watts. A cry to unite is in the air feared death and dying, even despair. But hopefully determined we will survive by keeping the flames of our faith alive. A cry to unite is in the air, singing praises of pride. A cry to unite is in the air, a time to celebrate, to love to care. Forever United We must stand or divided, we will surely fall. Listen to the cry, rise up stand tall. A cry to unite is in the air, singing praises of pride. The cry to unite is in the air bonding of souls and hearts everywhere. Our dream to unite must come true. The courage to face the world as you cried to unite is in the air singing praises of pride everywhere



H Harvey Milk 16:14

somebody is in Des Moines or San Antonio, with a young gay person all of a sudden realizes that she or he is gay knows that if the parents find out to be tossed out of the house, the classmates would taunt the child. And the neither Brian's and John Briggs are doing their bit on TV and that child had several options, staying in a closet, suicide. And then one day that child might open a paper and says homosexual elected in San Francisco and there are two new options. An option is to go to California San Antonio fight. Two days after I was elected, I got a phone call. The voice was quite young was from Altoona, Pennsylvania, as a person said, thanks. And you've got to let gay people so that that young child and the 1000s upon 1000s Like that child know that there's hope for a better world. There's hope for a better tomorrow

without hope. There are only gays but those blocks the Asians disabled seniors the essence essence with without a whole the SS give up. I know that you cannot live on hope alone. Without it, life is not worth living. And you and you and you gotta give them hope. Thank you.



18:01

Harvey Milk speaking to a group in Dallas about 12 years ago. Harvey Milk the first openly gay person ever elected to public office, elected as a supervisor to the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco city of San Francisco, killed 10 years ago last year by a fellow supervisor who also took the life of San Francisco's Mayor George Moscone. We're still awaiting word from Ray Hill and Jack Valinski in Austin, I believe we have him on the line now. That's great, right?



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Yeah, Jack and I worked or Jack worked all day to get some very stuff here but the string on the tin can broke. The best we can do is this phone feed, live radio conversation with Jack coming in and we can't give you any of the wonderful tape that's been here today. But I can play Lois Lane and soak in Jack and we can tell you what it has looked like to