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SPEAKERS

Harvey Milk, Buddy Johnston, Jimmy Carper, Ray Hill



00:00

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Buddy Johnston 00:10

And it's three minutes after midnight 90.1 FM KPFT. Houston, of course, you're listening to after hours. Special Pride Week Day show. Why are we running around in circles, Mary.



J Jimmy Carper 00:25

It's just, there's so much going on. In combination, they're



Buddy Johnston 00:29

going to be building our float our little entry thing out in the parking lot tonight. But anyway, we wanted to start this program again, as we did last week, dedicating it to someone very, very special, especially because it's Pride Week. This letter came in to us last summer, dated January the 20th 1989. And it says, Dear friends, last week, I was visiting Houston, I turned on the radio at 3am. And to my amazement, I heard your program, recalling the history of gay liberation. That voice of enlightenment, in a city famous for its homophobia was very thrilling for me, you have my highest praise for your courage. I've now reached the age of 60. My early years were grim, hopeless and suicidal. If people like you had dared to speak out as role models, my life would have been positive and creative. Please do not give way to despair, or burnout, believe in our cause and keep working. It is so important for those who are out there and haven't found their voices yet. My thanks. And my love. Ellen Blackman. Alan Blackman lives in San Francisco. And Alan Blackman, you certainly do know what the gay movement is all about. And this program is dedicated to you, Alan, and to all of those, like you, including

myself, who are beginning to really understand and appreciate what being gay and lesbian is all about. So we're going to begin the show again, by dedicating this to Alan and to all of us because today babies is our day. Here's Harvey Milk.

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Harvey Milk 02:09

Now talk about the gay movement 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. The boy is handicapped. And the boys fears now that he's gay, and they want to put him in as soon as that boy needs help. In a 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 gay leaders. The offensive

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[Glory, Glory by Leah Zicari plays]

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March is beginning we're walking up 17th Street heading toward E. And in the front we have the people with AIDS coalition and a host of dignitaries

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as we continue down 17th Street the organizers is more to tell him to move back move back let the people in the frontline let the people in the wheelchairs move forward the way and people along the side are screaming and cheering the marches on and we look back and we see blocks and blocks of people this is quite a day for the gay movement.

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I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage leaving the

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chat for lover for life we're not going back

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Buddy Johnston 07:48

to the national list they might not know this is from the March on Washington. Oh gotta be ready to come in.



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Task count lesbian and gay rights



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you may.



09:18

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



Harvey Milk 10:00

right come on out. fingerprint. What do you think about the turnout? Never enough. Never. We must destroy the Miss Swanson claw shatter them, we must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out. You may come out you must tell your immediate family, you must tell your relatives, you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, you must tell your neighbors you must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people in the stores you shop you may 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 runs. Once you do you will feel so much better. You may come out



Buddy Johnston 12:03

Did you see the paper Marie?



Jimmy Carper 12:04

I sure did. Houston Post that article



Buddy Johnston 12:06

in the post about more.



Jimmy Carper 12:10

Under Pride and Prejudice,

B Buddy Johnston 12:11
I love it. And you know what? I would rather go to my grave tomorrow than go back in the closet even one inch.

J Jimmy Carper 12:20
We all feel that way.

B Buddy Johnston 12:22
We're out. I just think we should play this for the next four hours or more. You're

J Jimmy Carper 12:26
out better your

B Buddy Johnston 12:27
girl. Just get me out. Get them out of Get out of my way. That was fun. Wait a minute. I'm just really wound up because it was a real busy night at the police department. The police department Yes girl I work for the police department. It's no big deal. You ready for Harvey? I'm ready to hear Harvey say this You ready

H Harvey Milk 12:59
to do one thing

B Buddy Johnston 13:06
you can come out today we will be doing it and marched with us in the I don't know how many years this as well as Ray Ray hills here no for Houston Oh

J Jimmy Carper 13:16
for Houston and we'll figure it out later. 10 or 11 or 12.

B Buddy Johnston 13:20
But it's mad gay lesbian Pride Week. Day or dailies. We have parade pride. It's been Pride week all week. Pride Week baby. God hellalukish. Pride. Harle. Alan to say, we clean. See, the thing is

all week. Pride week baby. God Hallelujah. Pride. Here's Alan to say, we clean. See, the thing is we've only got four hours a week to tell you that everything's okay. And you listen to Pat Robbins and all these other bozos they are on 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 365 days a year. telling y'all we're all gonna go to hell a lot. A lot. Well, good. Let's go. Let's we'll be away from those hateful people. There's so much going on the flag amendment went down the toilet. Yeah. Yeah, they didn't jack around with the Constitution. And Mandela's in the country. Isn't that exciting. I saw Mandela. He spoke to the United Nations yesterday, I watched that on C span. It was wonderful. And also I watched it on C span and listen to it on Pacifica because of course they broadcast it live. The AIDS conference. Wrapping up from a weekend San Francisco plastic cover just incredible stuff. Yeah. And today we're going to be marching in the parade. And if you would like to march with after hours, it's so easy. All you have to do is call us right now at five to six 4000 Or five to six KPFT and say we quit March baby because today is our day.



Jimmy Carper 14:43

nobody can take it away from now and we're gonna walk down



Buddy Johnston 14:45

that street so slow and so proud. And we have banners to carry and balloons to carry KPFT banners and after hours banners. beads to hand off. If you want to march with this call us because that's what we're going to do this morning talking about the parade five to six 4000 Or five to six KPFT after hours that's what we are radio celebrating live from the heart of the Montrose we're here and work where you bet your bottom dollar I wish I could find a short hair a Houston policeman in March with me tomorrow not gonna happen but I just wish I wish I had a short hair I mean maybe



Jimmy Carper 15:31

you can do some marching with him after that



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we celebrate heat and hammer




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we go





16:03


it's up to you

 Harvey Milk 16:16
to do


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a great

 Harvey Milk 17:34
day dream to do what America you may

 17:52
break the break

 Buddy Johnston 18:06
and we're gonna have a good time today. Watching an outbreak girl rotten, rotten. Five to six 4005 to six KPFT if you want to march with after hours, you know this is the third year we marched in the parade is and we'll be right up there in the front girl. Yeah, right behind is gonna be so much fun. Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 18:25
It's gonna go the opposite direction of last year. Yes.

 Buddy Johnston 18:29
And you know something else. I didn't tell you at the beginning of the show. Why we're gonna play this way out this morning from LA with Greg gourd and Lucius appel. And guess what, what? I'm on it this week. What do you mean you're on it? You know the little piece that we did several, at least a couple of years ago coming out of hiding thing with the thing. I sent that to Greg and Lucia and they put it on the feed. No kidding. So you're gonna hear me say Hi, this is buddy with the Houston Police Department in Houston. And they went to 300 plus radio stations. They heard it on all radio stations all over the country. Well, almost all the radio stations because some of them don't get this way. Oh. Anyway, after hours radio celebrating life as a heart of the Montrose we're here and we're queer certainly are. And it all began with a routine police raid. You got to understand this. I routine police raids Yeah, I work for the police and routine means that they do it all the time. A routine police raid on a gay bar in New York called the Stonewall. And the Queen's air said girl Enough is enough. And that was the that was the end of the beginning. It was beginning of the year. That's right sort of it was I can I can just if you listen real quietly you can you can hear the newscaster



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that began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar the Stonewall on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village



Buddy Johnston 19:58

whose real short and go Lots of hair all over his body. Glad to be gay after hours radio, so yeah, we're here. We're queer. trouble getting started because it's live. That's because it's radio. And it's real hard to do live radio, I'll never know what's gonna happen. But I didn't know what's gonna happen at three o'clock today. We're gonna line up right out here in front of KPFT and marched down the street handing beads to folks. Yes, handy girl What if I go crazy and just start tossing



Jimmy Carper 20:43

stuff to several because



Buddy Johnston 20:50

at least if they take me to jail, I'll know who's worried. Because I go down there every day they come to



Jimmy Carper 20:55

jail for growing bee



Buddy Johnston 20:59

breeding, we have tons of tech and costume jewelry to throw at you and if you want to march with us in the parade, five to six 4000 Or five to six KPFT that's the number to call and it is going to be a lot of a lot of fun. You make



Jimmy Carper 21:17

me feel mighty real



Buddy Johnston 21:28

girl Where are you going to do a radio show and she wanders out of the studio? Where you been married?

J Jimmy Carper 21:35
I gotta get some coffee to stay up with you all night. I

B Buddy Johnston 21:39
wish somebody would stay up with me all night.

J Jimmy Carper 21:41
No, that's not what you wish they would stay up all night. Say I know this song and I thought semester was just gonna go on and on and on. I could run out for a cup of coffee.

B Buddy Johnston 22:00
Well, you may want to march with us today taking calls or

J Jimmy Carper 22:04
they're taking calls. I don't know what else going on out there.

B Buddy Johnston 22:07
Girl. They're out in the parking lot making the flow they are

J Jimmy Carper 22:10
right now. Even as we speak.

B Buddy Johnston 22:13
We should go out there and find out what's going on. Yeah. You want to roving remote out to the parking lot. Reach out there. Will it help you? You want to get it and go out there and tell him what's going on? Sure. Hang on kids. I don't know what we're doing what'd you say? James? Who's on the phones? I'm queen? Are you gonna march with us tomorrow? girl Come here. Are you gonna march with us tomorrow and your kids? I can't march. Okay. Oh, my kids are out of town. Oh, my girl. Hey. Hey, I just feel good mood. Yeah. I am. I wasn't till Monday night. Yeah. I don't know if this is gonna work. Can you hear me? It doesn't work. Right. Okay. Give that a swift kick. hung up on him. He'll call back. We have technical problems with this. Where's the beef?

J Jimmy Carper 23:46
Yeah, that was terrible. That was from Austin. Yeah, that's Mike Ford. Who's in now in St. Louis. Mike Ford. Michael FORD. I'm

B Buddy Johnston 23:55
kidding. I'm used to be he used to be one of our engineers. Yeah. He has since moved on to St. Louis. And you know, yeah. Does his own gay and lesbian radio program on your radio in St. Louis. Oh,

J Jimmy Carper 24:10
that one gets a half hour. I say.

B Buddy Johnston 24:14
It's the shortest running gay and lesbian radio program in the history of St. Louis.

J Jimmy Carper 24:20
I think it's probably the only one. I think something that's even up there and talk them into it. He did. Yeah. Well, look, here. Look, look, look at this.

B Buddy Johnston 24:32
I know I'm just in a real good mood.

J Jimmy Carper 24:34
I know daddy. Reg is here Ray Hill. And we were gonna have a problem here because we then bring in an extra mic and I know how he is once he gets his hands on one.

B Buddy Johnston 24:44
I love this button. I'm proud to be queer. There. Where'd you get that at?

R Ray Hill 24:48
I bought it at the MCC booth at Star night night.



Jimmy Carper 24:54

That was a lot of fun. I was there.



Ray Hill 24:56

That opening right star night night So the clouds came in and started cooling all I had



Buddy Johnston 25:02

to work had all kinds of things happening at the police department child groups. I mean everything. Everything from five year old babies drowning in swimming pools to shootings and drugs, and oh my god. So glad to be out of there and in here where everybody's clear, at least in this array. Is that him on to hang on the circuit. Mike. Are you there? Can you hear me? Oh, we can hear you now. Much better. Much better, baby. Can you hear us? Yeah, I



Jimmy Carper 25:34

can hear you Happy Pride Day.



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That's why I'm calling. Hey, how are



Ray Hill 25:40

you baby? from Salem, Missouri.



Buddy Johnston 25:42

Who the hell is somebody by the name of Ray Hill?



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Oh my god. Ray Hill, you're still alive.



Buddy Johnston 25:50

My level wonder, Mike. Michael, what? Tell us about your program. Wins your program on Wednesday night. Wednesday nights at what? 7pm and you celebrated your first year anniversary? Yeah. Are we gonna get a copy of that tape to run?

anniversary? Yeah. Are we gonna get a copy of that tape to run?

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Ray Hill 26:08

I'm sure you will. Oh, good. When I'm in Missouri,

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Buddy Johnston 26:14

how's things going in St. Louis? Conservative and shitty as ever. We're on the air live, baby. Oh, we are. Sorry.

R

Ray Hill 26:24

Oh my God. They gotta fill out 18 pages upon fill

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Buddy Johnston 26:27

out the paperwork. I didn't tell him that on the air. We'll edit that out. I'm sorry. I should have told you. We're on live. On Live. Live radio. I apologize. That things happen. It's called live radio and things happening. I'm sorry. I didn't tell you. It's my fault.



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Everybody down there.

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Buddy Johnston 26:47

What station is your program on?



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Patient is on Katie HX double helix radio in St. Louis at 8.1. FM. Katie? Katie x h ad HX.

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Buddy Johnston 26:59

How do you say that real fast. You don't. And you're celebrating your first year anniversary? Are you already have



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we already have that was last week, I guess.



Ray Hill 27:11

Is that from St. Louis. That's not one of the old Crab Nebula network? No. I don't believe so. Used to be an old Crab Nebula network. Radio back in



Buddy Johnston 27:22

the 60s back in St. Louis. Right. Yeah. Hey, what what's going on in St. Louis, as far as Pride Week and all that kind of stuff? Actually. Yeah. It really kind of anything serious going on? Anything happening? You were on that committee? Right?



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No, no. Have you all heard about Jean Dixon down there?



Buddy Johnston 27:38

Jean Dixon? Psychic. No, no, no,



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no different. Jean Dixon. This is a woman who's a legislature in the state capitol here in Missouri. Now, using the band the dancing should be banned the homeless. As a matter of fact, she led the crusade to stop the production of a normal heart in State University, Missouri. And she's just a real terror, really, but she's she's on the warpath again.



Buddy Johnston 28:05

How terrible.



Ray Hill 28:07

Now, every time I go to these Pride Week conventions, there's always a couple of people there from St. Louis. Yes. So you've got a committee I know.



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Oh, indeed. And we're going to have a wonderful parade tomorrow.



discovered the other day this telephone is on the same circuit as the air conditioning.

B Buddy Johnston 29:25

Probably the FCC just jumped on So Jesse. We're gonna put you on hold and be right back with you. Okay, I can't believe that. We lost the phone lines. But that's what happened in live radio. All kinds of stuff happens. What's

J Jimmy Carper 29:39

going on Daddy Hill?

R Ray Hill 29:40

try to do a weekly radio talk show. I mean, telephone talk show

B Buddy Johnston 29:44

live child. How do you get away with it? I'd be scared to death.

R Ray Hill 29:49

Listen, my listeners. The people who call during the prison program are the most wonderful people in the world. They're polite to one another enough to keep it short. They are just as great moves, I can take 50 calls in an hour, which is incredible. I mean, nobody else in the talk show business can handle 50 calls an hour. But you know,

J Jimmy Carper 30:12

waiting when you get out of town phone calls nobody minds if they go ahead, you know, because it's a long distance.

R Ray Hill 30:20

Wonder it's amazing that that those people are so considerate. Why not. And of course, we're talking about the families of people in prison. I mean, this supposed to be like the scum of the earth kind of thing and they're wonderful, loving, nurturing, mutually supportive.

B Buddy Johnston 30:36

But we're gonna talk about Pride Week in just a minute. But it all began back in 1969. Well, that's



Ray Hill 30:42

what that's what hammered a date on a calendar so that we could point to it and say it started here was June 27 1969. In a very short little street called Christopher Street in New York at a place called a stone is number 52.



Buddy Johnston 31:00

stone walls stone Well, I remember a story about the stone you remember that? stone wall stone?



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Yeah. Last a story of Fagor story a story of many incredible fights that made us fight man his story her story our story gays story history. Gay History



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started back in 69 when a band named Seymour fine and his boys decided it was time magazine doc says lines off they marched to a village bar is trying to push just a little too far they're mighty mission was to punish them they were in for a surprise at the Stonewall.



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Men in drag queens we're not cringing back from the crowd started getting shouted support through the door in another way talking to the woman who you know punching and kicking cuz she wasn't running and high noon was a thing of the past when this tough time started kicking



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in and the real fun began when the cops decided to give her a hand nickels and quarters and bottles threw down on the head for the cops and all around feeling the rage the cops man was supposed to



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three days later peace was restored the hinges was



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crazy



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party over here is Regan Senate where she doesn't care. Now that the nation has swung to the right and more and more people have seen the light murderers amazing a lot more fights, sex and discos and set arrives Israel now that the nation has swung to the ride, and more and more people have seen the light murderers and muggings and a lot more fights sex and disgust instead of rights.



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To say it's on its way, someday, someday J someday sex delay to cross the pride screen day see



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ya Without engage told us we will be non status told us we should know our play to the human race. This was just a rumor we get our sense of you smash the lights and learn to care now we love to share gay is good and gay



Buddy Johnston 36:03

What do you say now about the



Jimmy Carper 36:05

wandering you know I went there today and it's a wonderful festival so I'm



Buddy Johnston 36:09

really looking forward to it. I was so upset that I couldn't get



Jimmy Carper 36:13

they advertised hot air balloons. And I didn't see any all day I left I had to leave around six and I didn't see any hot air.



Ray Hill 36:20

They actually have hot air balloon. I mean they're physically there. Yeah, the baskets. The fans? Yeah, balloons. But the problem with 100 balloons in Houston, this 100 Balloons require hot air to work. And that means well. there's plenty of there's too much of it. The air outside of the

balloons not being as charged and fired up is just as odd as the air. And they tend to wilt and if you raise the temperature enough for the hot air inside the balloon to be hotter than the hot air outside of the balloon, then the nylon explodes.

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Buddy Johnston 37:02

Mer we don't want Queens blowing up all over the place.

J

Jimmy Carper 37:04

I know what that's like, nylon.

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Ray Hill 37:10

You can go hang around the basket.

J

Jimmy Carper 37:12

Well, that's not such a bad idea.

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Ray Hill 37:16

We got good friends and from out of town Steven Dean is in town. Even Dean was our first lobbyist before the United States Congress. And he's in down in an intendant bookstores listening to while after hours. Hi, Steve. Oh, excuse me, I didn't mean to interrupt.

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Buddy Johnston 37:34

So we're gonna have a fabulous parade today, right?

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Ray Hill 37:38

It's gonna be hot. But then that ought not to be news to anybody who has attended the Houston gay and lesbian or Lesbian and Gay Pride Week parade in the past because I mean, that's just the nature of the animal. It's hot. I mean, there's no escaping. I wanted to roll back the calendar, do one of these Star Trek Time Warp flashback kind of things. And say fool you do this in November. So we don't have to celebrate in junior Houston.

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Buddy Johnston 38:04

That's why lady victoria less than Monday night at the BRB really means didn't realize how hot it was all that night

it was an end night.

R

Ray Hill 38:13

But it is part of the charm of Pride Week is that it's hot and muggy. And people get out there.

J

Jimmy Carper 38:23

You really don't even think about down the street. Or even watching from the sidelines.

R

Ray Hill 38:29

I have gone. The full length of the Pride Week. Mark our parade in Houston. Every year that we've had

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Jimmy Carper 38:38

it and how many years has that been

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Ray Hill 38:40

that we started in? 79. Ah, so this is now the 11th year I guess. And only two of those years did I ride I rode the year they assassinated Fred pies and the year before that I was a grand marshal and they had me in a Rolls Royce convertible me and Rita wannstrom Girl, it was just grand. And that year we had the media all packed up down in what is now the academy parking lot. So there was the television cameras and the Rolls Royce just glided past the television cameras, got great shots for television and she died. And I had to finish the parade on the back of a Jeep with radar wannstrom and Tony Vega fighting for an inch of force hands that we did stand out we

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Buddy Johnston 39:32

have about Jeeves maybe we're gonna have more tomorrow. That's true. Our ice water is gonna be cold. That's something else to that. I told these folks at the parade meeting Monday they were talking about having drinks and cokes I said you need to have water, water, water not anything with sugar in it or alcohol because you probably

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Ray Hill 39:49

get away with some of those supercharged straight into the system kind of things like your rights 10 ks and Gatorade and that stuff, but you want to keep it as a sticky and unsweet as possible and bring your own I mean exactly you know if you've got you know a little squeeze bottle that looks so chic on your motors on your bicycle but that second can be put to good use

for little eyes and a little right it is going to be it's going to be hot and where something over your head I mean if you don't have a parasol then I can't imagine any of the males out there without having parasite lying down that's

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Buddy Johnston 40:29

where marks and carry one

J

Jimmy Carper 40:30

right but just think of it's gonna be hot and all that heat and people wearing and very little clothes

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Buddy Johnston 40:38

clothes and you ready and Harry?

R

Ray Hill 40:41

Yeah, and you're not going to believe how good looking his domains are. If you've not come to this before if you've not come to the Pride week mark shirt on girl you have no idea how many beautiful Houstonians like I was just Oberstar night and I was walking up to women asking if they had older brothers. The women are hot, you know? That's That's gorgeous women right? And and one of them said she did. I'm looking forward to meeting him tomorrow. Thank you. So I appreciate that.

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Buddy Johnston 41:11

Rave if somebody has been listening to us from was three years and they're just that little bit that almost that close to coming out to the printer tomorrow, what would you say to them to get them out it's

R

Ray Hill 41:21

not coming out to the press. I mean, you don't have to come out to come to the parade. You will find that all the people like in my complex which includes all kinds of of successful breeding couples of heterosexuals and, and all that sort of thing. All the kids are going to be there they're going to be there their mothers are even coming in from foreign row. It is not a statement about your sexuality at all to show up at the Pride Week parade. We have the second best attended parade in Houston only after the rodeo parade. I mean, then third is like Foley's Thanksgiving Day Parade is the third best attended parade. We certainly have a good turnout of people this year the route is going to be so that you can look at the oncoming part of

the fray without getting the sun in your eyes and it's the first time you've been able to do that in many years because usually we come with a son at the back of the parade so you're staring into the big yellow ball that makes people blind so this is going to be a more pleasant parade

B Buddy Johnston 42:29
girl we're gonna be marching

R Ray Hill 42:35
guises and the whole nine yards This is

B Buddy Johnston 42:37
the third year that we've marched and this will be the third year that our audience our you are listener has marched with this and that's really exciting to me

R Ray Hill 42:45
and it's going to be broadcast on KPFT but that is not an excuse because parades are very visual thing yeah and did you know

J Jimmy Carper 42:54
about it it's just not like being

R Ray Hill 42:58
you know and we don't lock people out you can come watch us assemble right out here in front of the radio station I'm kind of in charge of that I'm kicking off the parade.

B Buddy Johnston 43:06
I hope they can get in line with this grant

R Ray Hill 43:09
if you will get if you will, you can come line up with your listening or listener to after hours you have almost it's mandatory you have to come and march in the parade isn't it just about required require your radio vocal

- B** Buddy Johnston 43:27
said Jesse Helms out to your house radiowave Shoom Shoom Shoom radio police will be there to get ready
- R** Ray Hill 43:36
if you become an even if you bother to if you're uncomfortable with marching and continue to the beginning doesn't make any difference I'm going to scrape you off the sidewalk and put your button and parade anyway
- B** Buddy Johnston 43:46
there you go. Can they come in from sidewall or what the Yeah, well that's
- R** Ray Hill 43:50
why I'm at the end of the parade. I'm the last person in the parade. So my job is to sit there and dare the cops to run over me while I invite people
- B** Buddy Johnston 43:57
off sidewalk. Ah, they're gonna have ropes up aren't they to kill them they get crossing into me so they
- R** Ray Hill 44:04
don't crawl under step over and some some sergeant is going to come up and say yada yada yada and I'm gonna say well, you know there seems to be several 10s of 1000s of us out here but you can do better
- B** Buddy Johnston 44:16
all right what what
- J** Jimmy Carper 44:20
you got lots of Moxie
- R** Ray Hill 44:24
don't mess with me. What

don't mess with me. What

B

Buddy Johnston 44:25

about 90 tomorrow? It'll be great tomorrow. The whole day.

R

Ray Hill 44:31

It's it's I went over there today and today other than the sparse attendance and the heat which the heat is not so noticeable. There is actually an air conditioned place with a gymnasium and a stage where concerts are going on so you can't escape from it and and the heat and with all the people there tomorrow moving around. It's going to be really about like West Ham art festival, except it's all gay and friendly if it is not good. Okay, it's gay friendly. and

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Jimmy Carper 45:00

hallelujah. I saw lots of children out there,

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Buddy Johnston 45:04

because they've got lots of Kitty rock, Jane and notice their kids marched with this two years ago. Yeah, they're all at camp now. But I was hoping that someone would want to come home with their family,

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Ray Hill 45:13

but they're gonna be other kids because I was I was talking to some folks in my complex, who've got sisters and cousins and aunts and things coming in with their children. parades are kind of a child phenomena. And the gay parade is just wonderful. I have been to most of the events this week. You know, like, I went to things. The play on Wednesday night was really, it was the performance was good enough for me to sit in in an air conditioned theater.

J

Jimmy Carper 45:43

Now you're talking about the stages production of torch.

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Ray Hill 45:47

Absolutely wonderful production torch controller, very good interpretation of all of the roles. And if you haven't seen that, that's something that's still going on. And you might think about, in fact, we have some tickets to give away to that I got to talk to Lee Harrington was the last Lee Harrington production I went to was in Atlanta during the Democratic National Convention. And they did a production of I believe the event in Atlanta, and that hall was not air conditioned

during the Democratic National Convention. We'd like to steamed the skin off. I think Billy Harrington's got a sweat fetish. He likes to watch. People sweat a lot. So all of his productions are unedited, but stages has taken that back over and they have now fixed the air conditioning, it works for them. It just didn't work for Lee Harrington. And then I went to see a river there to Papa last night, which is so great. That was it's quite lively. I just love Randy job on stage Randy job is a really a marvelous performer. There are times when I don't love REM to jokes as much but when Randy job is on stage, whether it be friendly of P town or whether it be a one of the drag queens in st st. st Theater, or whether it be last night and she was just absolutely wonderful. And watching Randy Interp translate the role of Mama was a choice.

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Buddy Johnston 47:14

So it sounds like we've had a wonderful week ending up the National

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Ray Hill 47:17

Day remembrance was different. It wasn't very well attended not really disappointment because the National Day of Remembrance in the Pride Week counter is really the longest continuous event in the Pride week calendar this

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Jimmy Carper 47:30

way, this year, I've been to it other years. And it's never been

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Ray Hill 47:35

really highly well and there was a time when it really was and a lot of people came out and they had a lot of support in that. And then it has a kind of an ebb and flow but it's time to get that a lively again, they they have like three basic alternating scripts. And this year was the history script where they look into the history of gay and lesbian Houston. And that had been significantly rewritten so that the only names that appeared in Houston gala has been history were Jim Owens and Jim Carrey which is kind of creative understanding of the gay and lesbian history of Houston good people, for sure. But certainly not the only names to be mentioned in remembrance of, of our progress. But, but nevermind about all this. But everybody that was there had been two previous Oh, things and heard that same script. So while we're having cookies, and Gabi ever say, Whatever happened to Fred Byers and these other people, it didn't work. So it's kind of interesting. And I say all of that to lead into, into what Gay Pride week is all about. And I don't know what your schedule is for me to do this, but can I do this shirt is this there's really only one movement. Understand. And I don't care if whether if it's Minh Nelson Mandela coming to the United States, or whether it's the Gay Lesbian Pride Week movement, or whether it's the freedom of women to choose movement, or, or whether it's the putting together the various political elements for a little strength in the Hispanic community, there's only one movement. And that movement is for just equal and fair treatment. I mean, that's the only thing going I mean, that's why blacks organized in the United States. That's why Texas, Anglo colonists and their Hispanic neighbors organized against Mexico. There's only one movement and it gets it's a flow of history. I mean, that's what Marx and Engels was talking

about. That's what George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and Adams was on. It was fair, just and equal treatment. That's Only one movement. And that movement has a continuous flow. It's just our time as gay people, gay and lesbian people to carry our share of the bat in our own interest. And if that's the only movement, there's only one opposition, and that people seeking privilege, people seeking to be better off than we are people seeking to keep us out of just fair and equal treatment, people like Jesse Helms who thinks that his freedom to oppress and demean and undermine our struggle. He thinks that's his freedom. A lot of Christian fundamentalist thinks that, for us to get fair, equal, unjust treatment, infringes upon their ability to look down on us. And so there's only one movement, and there's only one opposition. And it's all the same. And some time ago, we were wondering, as some of us maybe not out loud, but there were the conversations in the 50s, and the mid 60s, that gay people seem to be their own oppressors. It was the guilt. And we separated ourselves from one another rather than bound together, trying to find that place in the sun with others seeking it. So what tomorrow is about and what this whole week has been about, is about bringing you to the realization and doesn't make a difference, whether you're straight or gay, or male or female, or rich or poor, bringing you the realization that gay and lesbian people are as deserving of the same things that other people expect out of society, as those other people. And to do that we have had to create an atmosphere that we call Lesbian Gay Pride Week, to bring to the attention of gay people who have been taught since the earliest recollection, to feel guilty and ashamed to bring them to the realization that they are deserving of what we politically are struggling for. And it's so wonderful. I mean, tomorrow, after the parade, which is going to be hot, and you're going to do some sweating, but the visuals are just going to be phenomenal. I mean, what you see is just going to be unbelievable is going, if you've never done this before, this is certainly going to be one of the prime experiences in your life. People crying, they laugh because of the joy of all of this and whenever you get to when you get to the tent for the community organization. Be sure and go around and meet Glenn Maxie of the Lesbian Gay rights lobby in Austin here is a very courageous young man who has for several years now been the only openly gay person daily in the Capitol Building in Texas. And right next to him is Stephen Dean from the Human Rights Campaign fund. And Steve is a real pioneer in this movement, having pioneered that organization and pioneered lobbying in Washington, some really courageous people. Also, you know, hang around and and meet Pat Gandy and the women who are active in the caucus and if you get a chance to go meet the lesbians over 40 group that's a fun Yeah, bind

J Jimmy Carper 53:56

say the switchboard right the switchboard is right there is from Glen Maxi,

R Ray Hill 54:01

right. It's it. It's something to see. Welcome to that tab and realize that that very crowded space of booth are all of those people doing something very personally and very substantial for you. This is Houston. Lesbian and Gay Pride week are gay lesbian, I get confused with lesbian issues Houston Lesbian Gay Pride Week. And this is a very special time in my life. There's only one time when these celebrations didn't bring me to the fullness you've seen me at the end of the parade, I'll be fat and sweaty and soaking wet and with a megaphone in my hand and you won't believe what I can do with the microphones on the parade Mark route. And the spirit is there. So get ready for a wonderful time. Get ready for a real high point experience in your life.

Harvey Milk in one of the flashes that buddy plays during the day I energy is somebody runs up from KPFA and sticks a microphone is vaion said how's the pray? What do you think about the turnout? He says never enough. And you know that's almost true here. But if you will come, we'll be that much closer.

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Buddy Johnston 55:18

Thanks for you'll come back later and talk to us about the summit. The curators now stuff

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Ray Hill 55:24

we got a couple of weeks I can do that I can do that in the time rather than tonight because I'm excited I'm gonna go they're going to have it's not their own contingent. But I think the checkers over Kroger putting together a parade piece.

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Buddy Johnston 55:42

Thanks for coming by daddy. You love you.

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Hi radio a few words for KPFA

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Harvey Milk 55:51

come on out. Join us. Bring your friends. Well, it's never enough. Never enough. Never enough.