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00:02 began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar the Stonewall on Christopher Street.

00:10 Tried and what's happened in the gay community and what's going to happen? County has said

00:23 there's no question in my mind that the people of California don't want homosexual teach in the classroom.

00:29 John Gray as

00:32 mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk had been shot and killed

00:38 Android has been found guilty of one count each of voluntary manslaughter

00:43 is now broken loose cops are now bashing heads



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for national march on Washington for lesbian gay rights



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that's what this report is about gay and lesbian people saying what's your reaction to that?



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I think it's terrible how to rock a



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game is that every one of us can I we are marching as are others across America and we shouldn't have to be



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going back



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I think that's Robin Pilar on the stage leaving the chat for lover for life we're not going back Washington DC are gay and lesbian rights



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want you to savor this



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next moment I have the task of telling you that the official count of the lesbian and gay rights march the official count is.



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we must destroy the myth swings and draw shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out



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you must tell your immediate family you must tell your relatives you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, you might call your name is UNESCO. The people you work with. You must tell the people in the stores you shop in you



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once they realize that we are indeed their children then we are indeed everywhere. Every myth every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And once you do, you will feel so much better.



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Already have a few words for KPFA come on out. Join us bigger brands. Why do they like to trade? Well, it never does.



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Never enough. Never enough. And I



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asked I asked people to Do one thing



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I said I like that Harvey Milk thing. Every time I hear it brings back a lot of memories. Why? Well, that's the way you open the show. That's the way we used to open the show and the show's called after hours, and it's heard every week every week. I can't talk. Thank God rolling. I have talked for a couple of minutes air shows her every week on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. And what the hell are we doing now? We're celebrating life from the heart of Montrose. We certainly are. And this is our attempt at a salute to Stonewall, which occurred in June of 69.



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I came 1620 years ago, 120 years, 20 years ago, this month,



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and we're not going to have a whole lot to say Thank God for you as you listen to this tape. But this is our attempt at saluting Stonewall by playing some of the stuff we've played over the over the year of what for the last almost two years. Yeah. So we've been digging and picking out tapes, and this is buddy and jam, and we're ready to go. I guess. We can't say anything nasty about anybody. We get anything that's just gonna play a bunch of our faves. Okay. Enjoy the tape and remember to celebrate Pride wherever you are in the Sure. And from the crew of after hours. We love you and we wish you the very best of Stonewall 20.



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That generation of pride Yeah.



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That disorders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village. Almost every homosexuals are within New York at the time of the Stonewall Rebellion has his own private memory of what took place. One of the longtime leaders of the gay rights movement, Craig Rodwell remembers that this



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way, the first thing that was Friday, was on the way home from a friend's house. The raid was just starting at that time, and we noticed the crowds. We went over there and had a crowded gathering on the front there was a paddy wagon pulled up and a few people being taken out. The crowd was very quiet at the time I wasn't. I started yelling gay power and get them out to the bar. I love her, nudging me and told me to shut up. But about 15 minutes the crowd really started doing it.



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By the end of the week, Scores of police and riders had been injured. Many were arrested and one man a cab driver was dead.



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That started with those you calling samples being thrown at the police. And then the police retreated into the Stonewall and then after the police barricaded themselves inside. It's like half an hour later, the riot police started moving up Christopher breaking up the crowd to really become a very angry crowd. Hundreds of bottles and rock there wasn't one window left in the

whole place. And after about 10 minutes. And he broke the crowd up into small groups. And this one has like two or three hours back and forth and the whole area. I think they thought that people would just go home and run. Especially since they were gay people they're not used to gay people standing up at all, especially in front of police. But the people would, they would shake people away and then go around the block and come in another way. And this sort of tug of war went on all evening. And then on Saturday night it was much the same thing. It's only about nine crowds started to gather in the area. There are small groups on the sidewalk. And then around 11 or 12 they started taking over the street and stopping cars from coming through gay people in T fires with the gentleman is an angry mood. A lot of chanting, a lot of hand holding a lot of assertion being gay. And it was a way of saying we're tired of hired and tired of waiting to live tired of denying our basic identity, denying ourselves the newfound pride really a collective pride and their identity.



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Another important outgrowth of the riots was the formation of numerous action oriented homosexual groups in New York and around the country. Of course, Manichean societies and similar groups had been around for years. But these new organizations were different. They're composed for the most part of younger and more militant homosexuals. Some of these groups formed before the rebellion, but after the Stonewall they grew rapidly in strength and the numbers. One of the largest of the new organizations and New York is the Gay Liberation Front. Bob Kohler tells when it was founded



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June 28. 69 today after the riots,



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was it forming? Or was there a lot of movement toward an organization like this before the Stonewall incident?



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No, almost not Madison had come out on the streets with an Action Committee during the riots, but it wasn't answering the needs of the people and a group of people from that action committee, forum GLS,



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new and more militant groups have sprung up all over the country in Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Detroit, and in many smaller cities,



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it still is a relatively small minority of gay people who do reflect this new spirit, whatever want to call it. The fact that there is a minority or a group of gay people or large group, reflecting is very important. And I think it's going to affect the masses of gay people in the coming years.



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The Coors Brewing Company in the gay community is here to patch their differences. Trouble started brewing for coolers in 1977 after rumors circulated that the beer company discriminated against gays in hiring, and had contributed to a need of Ryan's anti gay crusade line. Although CU is claimed the rumors were false gays began boycotting a beer in sales began to fall off.



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I remember when I had my first beer in Danny,



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who's decided to confront the issue with a promotional campaign aimed directly at gays telling them the anti gay rumors attributed to the company were false Bob Russo is the top public relations man at the eat of Coors Brewing Company



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I'm not trying to be a big shot or anything like that but I get my drinks



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not contributed to Brian for any other company did not take stance on issues of that time and we don't discriminate in our hiring based upon sexual preference



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is part of the campaign full page ads were running gay magazines the ads featured a young man with the copy reading in part I've heard the court side and I'm satisfied who is does not discriminate on the basis of sexual preference



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to meet with bar owners and community leaders in an effort to explain that they have not been discriminated against in their hiring



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now John at the bar is a friend of mine he gets me my drinks for free



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according to cooler and it's the gay boycott has all but ended. Unfortunately though the campaign has upset some people who are opposed to gay rights



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by publication challenging that we are somehow pro that's obviously not correct. We're neither pro or anti anything.



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Whether or not the whole misunderstanding is over. This is one brouhaha that hardly has who is laughing. Bro. Hi. Hi, ru ha ha



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produced by Harry Weinger I'm Susan O'Connell on the news blimp.



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I'm Harvey Milk. I'm a supervisor in San Francisco.



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And I'm Greg Gordon for I am Are you gay? We're up in San Francisco in in Harvey's office at Castro camera. And Harvey has graciously taken a few minutes out of his very busy schedule to talk to us about politics in San Francisco and how he got elected the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in California history.



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The legislators and the executive offices be they the local supervisor, be the statewide run your

life. They run your life and they spend your money when they collect tax money from gay people. And don't give us anything back and returned. Take it for their golf courses. Take our tax money for their pet projects. And give us an intimate insult us by not giving us our rights. That's not motivation if you like being harassed by the police, if you like being a third class citizen 10 If you like being beat up by pugs, if you like the church yelling at you don't register, don't vote. But don't complain. If you want to shove you be shoved back in your closet. If you want to be the traditional gay person who gets beat up and whip his home and say, Well, I'm gay and I deserve to get beat up by otherwise, the



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only thing you could do is register to vote. And I talked with the game movements about after I got elected, I got the phone call. I knew I'd eventually get



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curfews when 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 into the status of that boy needs help. In the gay Moon 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 meters not understanding that and are more worried about their own personal power. They're not Elite is their fear offensive. Hi, radio a few words for KPFA



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come on out to China, bring a friend. What do you think about the turnout so far? Well, it's never enough.



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Never enough never enough.



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We must destroy the myth Swinson for shatter them, we must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out. As 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 in the stories you shopping



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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 once you do, you will feel so much better.



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And I asked I asked people all over this country to do one thing. Come out, come out America come out



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as president of the board. As President of the Board of Supervisors, it's my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.



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The suspect the supervisor Dan White



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suspect named Dan White, white male adult 32 years 685 pounds from 23 piece brown suit considered armed and dangerous.



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former supervisor Dan White is now in custody repeating former supervisor Dan White is now in custody. Jeremy fourth grade clear.



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Punch the breaking glass the angry crowd and the screaming sirens that you just heard were recorded Monday night at San Francisco civic center. Tonight our show will focus on events occurring that night. And the night that followed. Not since the late 1960s Has the United States seen such a violent expression of its people's anger and frustration, as we're seeing Monday night in San Francisco. But on Monday night in San Francisco, the focus was different than that of the 60s. On Monday night, it was gay people, openly gay people lashing out their frustrations at a society who by its very structure stands as an oppressor to gay people. Rocks, bottles, fire, strong, angry words were thrown at the symbol of that society, City Hall and its protectors, the San Francisco Police Department. Throughout the history of gay people, there have been scattered demonstrations against the society who opposes us the events since and including the Stonewall Riots of 1969 in New York City being the most famous up till now, but never in the history of the game movement. Has there been an event such as this, of such magnitude, a page in gay history has been turned. We have now emerged as a social force of the necessary dimensions to challenge the powers that be and to push society towards something new and better. Monday night fruit punch was with the over 10,000 people protesting the Dan White decision as a direct attack on the dignity of gay people.



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Walking up Polk arriving at growth rate before we enter the civic center plaza, the chant is



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the crowd has assembled candles are being lit posters are held on high the street the steps of City Hall the street in front of it back to the reflecting fountain spilled build well over 5000 people I would estimate the chance again build



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police have arrived at City Hall at the doors of City Hall. They've got riot squad here on this question is shopping going on



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right here at the doors of City Hall. The police are pushing people off the step



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the grading in front of City Hall continues to get torn down.



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What do you think of what's going on right now?



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I think they should burn down the whole place. It doesn't represent City Hall doesn't represent us. The city government is representing us. We can burn it down we'll make it again. Thank you. The people who have provided the human chain it has now broken loose cops are now bashing heads of the people of indeed the people who had formed a human chain who to protect City Hall are now getting bashed by police. The people the people who had been protecting City Hall are now getting dragged away by police are now moving out into the crowd moving out into the crowd and just flailing about



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can you comment again on why you people got hit on the steps who had been sitting there and not moving in and deed protecting people?



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I don't know why I asked them why.



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But for over what over half an hour you had been sitting there with a human chain that was on our I got I don't know exactly how long really? I guess describe for us what was happening on staff before the police came and start beating people.



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We were just trying to cool people with no plan no stress had to say no leadership, just whatever power of suggestion and persuasion we had. And everybody up there was just sort of got the same idea and



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came up. And there was an agreement that talks wouldn't affect the people who were standing to test the agreement between who there was an agreement between the people who were organizing the line and the police, that we would not be assaulted. And we're standing there holding the line we moved the line gradually further and further away from city hall. And then there was a rush on the entire crowd and and at all the people who are holding City Hall from a thought there were injuries, the recordings and I'm injured.



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Running back



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to please haven't literally beaten the crowd.



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Gay people are carrying gay people away who have been hurt and can't as the police have moved through. The police moved into a group of people who are sitting down and not moving. Just clubbed away and they realized that obviously our non violent not moving was not going to work. Gay people proceeded to run and now pretty much there's a there's a 15 foot distance between us and the line of police are coming down you can hear their voices finally they're getting their chance they can you can obviously see to speak back and here they are.



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have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore. We must be over the rainbow



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symbols in Des Moines or San Antonio with a young gay person all of a sudden realizes that he 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 brings are doing their bit on TV and that child had several options. They in 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. One option is to go to California



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they in San Antonio in might two days after I was elected I got a phone call. The voice was quite young was from Altoona, Pennsylvania. And the person said, Thank you, 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 his hope for a better tomorrow without hope. The only gave those blocks to the Asian disabled seniors. The ss ss without hope the SS give up. I know that you cannot live on hope alone. Without it, life is not worth living. And you and you. You gotta give them hope. Thank you very much.