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SPEAKERS

Hitaji Aziz, Buddy Johnston, Harvey Milk



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Right. So,



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yeah, you remember the Mary's panel?



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All of the Mary's panels are so many of them. Yes. And



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that struck me and my friend was not part of that. However, thing, that panel and thing those people, I knew one of his people I didn't know. But that segment of panels brought me to my knees, Mac and doors, panel, Lord Mack door thing that at the far end of that quilt was a moving variant. And I know that people are out here listening to me, who saw it also,



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there are a lot of people listening to this from all kinds of people listen to the after our show insomniacs, people under place. And so I want to say something that that perhaps will help those people that didn't experience the quote, as you are having experience losing someone to ages everyone in this room. Let me tell you, I am 47 years old, I have lost more of my friends to AIDS environments than my mother has of her friends. And she's 74 That is an unnatural environment. That sort of thing ought never in the history of humankind to happen. But I have learned more about life. From the direct experience of learning about death. I know how

precious every minute that I have has and I know how precious every minute that I spend with a friend is to my hope in the world. I want to invite you to start planning now to make time available on Mother's Day 1988 so that you can come and experience the rich tapestry of people young and old, straight and gay who have died in at least some small part of the hope that never again will be hate one another. Never again will we waste our lives.

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Hitaji Aziz 03:45

April 11 1987 My friend Mike died passed on went somewhere else. I don't see him anymore. He left no arms, no legs left to walk beside me. Pass dogs concrete and trees. Why did he leave me? I wanted to smile the way you touch your hair that glimmer in your eye. I want it you and whole body. I want you not to die. April the 11th 1987 passing through the pain of missing you. I keep hoping that you will walk in and tell me about a great new song. Or maybe we'll talk about the international politics of AIDS. The killings of gay men And while they're murderers walk free. We were from the same class. We were gentle together, but you had to go, leave. Pass on. You just died. I wanted to be with you work with you have one last good time, but you didn't stay, you left past and died. I take your death one day at a time. I think dying is like reading a book, it will end the pain will end in the joy of it all will become clear. We will remember your love the beauty of your spirit, the lessons of how to live your humanity, your quest for life. After the pain, the last page in the book, we will all know what you have left. Your friend he taught you April the 11th 1987 to 30 AM.

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When you see the quilt, you understand how it began with one name, sewn with love and grew to 1000s of layers, stitched with memories surrounded by favorite things. Each name is a proud inscription with all of them together make a national monument to those who died of AIDS. A monument that says remember me

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talk to you about love that's why we're here isn't that 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 enjoyed 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 always 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 your 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 the Norwich drew 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 experience. Ecstasy hell wonder all through our illegal All actors 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.



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



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Harvey Milk 11:13

we must destroy the Miss Swinson draw shatter them, we must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must 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 had been shot and



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we're not in Kansas anymore.



Harvey Milk 12:55



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We must destroy the Miss ones and shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out I really have a few words for KPFA come on 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 your work you must tell the people to the stories you shopping you 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 and I asked I asked people all over this country to do one thing come come out America



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laws of the free gum gum out of the closet gum gum gum I know it's a dog in there. So come out the mouth or the scream job and see everybody



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everywhere



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Ray would you like to know something interesting I don't know what a lesbian it is. Yes I do. There's these two pretty lady that lived down the block that greenhouse with three dogs in the yard. And I asked them why there's no daddy at their house. So they said it's because they are must be Ed's. They told me it. Yes. And I see the kiss each other goodbye on their porch yesterday. I would ask mama if she knew what a lesbian was. She said she didn't know. So I told her. She knows now. I think I will change by day for me that they had to lesbian or fake it sounds cute. And that's the truth.



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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 blanket 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 Dukes Richard Pepe loves Dolores, etc. But gays shouldn't be labeled. 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 strike folks? I say Sure I'll go if you go to but I'm polite. So after you



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Min. It's great to be on a ship with the CEO we don't know where it will land on and that is great to be with men. Because men can sweat and men consumed and no one seems to care or in the green with arrows.



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Men Men Men



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with men. So batten down the ladies room. There's no one here but then there's man above and below the guy leaders. And one guy we call Sally with them don't ever have to let the seat just no one here



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but then



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we're men and friends until the end and none of us sees sleep in separate beds and blow with other kids sees



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their kids than men



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with men so throw your robbers overboard there's no one here



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if you ever need a policeman all you got to do is holler they're always there right on the job. For instance, here's the best one that money can buy. Oh

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I have a real police. Oh, would I love to give you the third degree. My gazing at my sexy farm with rapture you'll be stricken. Take one look at me fellows and me you'll find some chicken. I ruffian wants to bite me. I gave him one tall gaze. And as I really met with her, I said to him, I said your arrest and your arrest stuck up it was with me. We're going to the station and the sergeant she'll serve t now stop that tittering ion sent you a hard hard man because I'm a real policeman now. To God I am. Oh, you're a large To my walking down the street one day with my girlfriend by my side, she said look at that horrible fistfight. I think I'll run and hide. But instead of fainting suppose my smelling salts I drew and dashing mascara on my eyes and to the fray I flew. So I said to him, You booger. You're arrested. You're arrested now cabbage wants with me. We're going to the station and the Saudi she'll serve tea. Now stuff that snickering. I assist you horrid hard man. Because I'm a real policeman. Honest to God, I am. Using my squad car last night, I came upon two lovely boys parked in a car. Damn, there they are. To I shined my flashlight in the car and I says, Okay, fellas, what's going on in there? One of the boys said, well, nothing officer what is sitting, you're talking, just chewing the fat, you know? So I said, Well, how long have you been parked here? He said about an hour, sir. I said, You mean you've been parked here an hour and nothing has happened? And he said, No, sir. I said, well, here you get out and hold the place light led me in there. Well, I'll never forget my toughest arrest was a bartender, big and rough. He says I wasn't a policeman. I didn't look too happy now. But did I bought him out terrific. Terrible, right. Then I called his bluff and soldering my kerchief in his face. I said, I've had enough. I'm so mad I could bid. So I said to him with the authority of my voice. You're arrested. You're not Thomas was with me for going to the station and authority. She'll serve.



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Wait, hold everything. You said three times the sergeant she'll serve to certainly I said it three times. You mean the sergeant He'll serve to you don't know your English. Well, you don't know my sergeant.



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That stop this guy and says do you hard hard man? Because I'm a real policeman now. Honest to



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god i Hello, do you know me? I have appeared in hundreds of one of the cartoons with that screwy wabbit who always does drag yet whenever I travel homophobic troublemakers are always telling me that there's no goons and no hotels. No that will see to the west Juan's and no cause to went. 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 gay man who can express cod. Now I use it everywhere. From crepes and foreheads to tropical foods and Hannah woowoo to picking up chicks in Australia. Make American Express card duck.



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Rice,



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boots are being polished. trumpeters clean their horns, chains and locks forged the crusade has begun. Once again flags of Christ are unfurled and the dawn and cries of soul saviors sing apocalyptic on airwaves. Citizens good citizens all parade into voting booths and in self righteous sang to the ex away our right to life. I do not believe at some that the vote is an end. I fear even more. It is just a beginning. So I must make assessment look to you and ask Where will you be when they come? They will not come a mob rolling through the streets but quickly and quietly move into our homes to remove the evil the queerness that faggotry from their midst. They will not come closed and brown and swastikas are buried and chest heavy with gleaming crosses the time and need for such Rousses are over. They will come in business suits to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs. They will come and robes to rehabilitate and white coats to subjugate and where will you be when they come? Where will we all be when they come and they will come? They will come because we are defined as opposite perverse, and we are perverse. Every time we watched a queer hassled in the streets and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we lied about the boyfriend or girlfriend at Coffee Break. It was an act of perversion. Every time we heard I don't mind gays. But why must they be blatant and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let a lesbian mother lose her child and did not fill the courtrooms. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straights make out in our bars. While we couldn't touch because of the laws. It was an act of perversion. Every time we put on the proper clothes to go to the family wedding and left our lovers at home. It was an act of perversion every time we heard who I go to bed with. It's my personal choice. It's personal, not political and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straight relatives bury our dead and push our lovers away, it was an act of perversion, and they will come for the perverts. And it won't matter if you're homosexual, not a faggot, lesbian, not a dyke, gay, not queer. It won't matter if you own your own business have a good job or an SSI. It won't matter if you're a black Chicano, Native American, Asian or white. It won't matter if you're from New York or Los Angeles, Galveston or Sioux Falls. It won't matter if you're Butch or FIM not into roles monogamous, non monogamous. It won't matter if you're Catholic Baptists, atheists, Jewish or MCC, they will come they will come to the cities and to the land, to your front rooms and in your closets. They will come for the perverts, and where will you be when they come?



26:09

Cry to unite is in the air, fear, 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. The 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



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that's right, man. You had an easy you lost your husband in a nice clean hospital unit. I lost mine. I lost my street. That's right. They killed him on the street. 27 years old they had dead on the street. I catch my baseball bats. That's why my my children chose to drop by people like you because everybody knows that glass don't matter. Those that don't got that



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I'm here partly to say some good things about Texas. I'm proud to be here. I know that I could not have heard Harvey Milk's 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 here tonight, because it is time that all of us love this state that gave us life and is nurtured us and taught us our values and 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.



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You may all come out I want you to savor this next moment.



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The official code of the LSP.



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Come on



Buddy Johnston 31:30

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