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I'm Arman Kalina from Moscow. You're listening to this way out the international gay and lesbian radio magazine.



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in Aotearoa, New Zealand, the religious Society of Friends known as Quakers have resolved to accept and support gay men and lesbians. This will include the blessing of same sex partnerships. from Wellington Q young for this way out. The decision was reached at the friend's yearly meeting the national policymaking event. It arises out of the Methodists rejection of openly gay minister David Brahma last year, friends reached their decisions by consensus, and it was expected to take much longer, with some Quakers taking a traditional Bible based view of morality. A statement signed by the yearly meeting Clark Phyllis short says in part, a cornerstone of Quaker belief is there a God in everyone which makes each person precious and a value to God to the planet and to his or her community. Love the has many shapes and colors and is not finite. It cannot be measured or defined in terms of sexual orientation. lesbian and gay friends have played and will continue to play a significant part in Quaker life, thought and ministry, both locally and nationally. particular gifts are brought to our religious life from the struggle of gay and lesbian friends in the face of oppression, to find and express their faith. We need the spiritual gifts which are unique to each individual's personality and experience. We are now called to welcome publicly and explicitly the participation and service of lesbian and gay friends, to help one another develop loving and equal adult relationships and friendships. To explore ways in which we can through worship and sharing mark the joys and sorrows of one another's relationships and life circumstances. To seek formal ways of recognizing a variety of commitments, including gay and lesbian partnerships. We realized that in making this present affirmation, we obliged ourselves to face and deal with our own homophobia and unconscious prejudices. Together with society's limitations and denials of human rights and justice. We affirm the beauty and equality of all people as a part of this planet. We will work for reconciliation within ourselves, within our meetings and within society in general, a reconciliation which knows that the spiritual, the mental, the emotional and the physical, are one before God, we ask for God's help. A note with the statement says it is one of intent, not accomplishment. Quakers founded 300 years ago and England by George Box have always been pioneers among Christians on social issues, leading the anti slavery and prison reform movements. They are noted for their commitment to peace and social justice. There's simple lifestyle and their use of silence in worship, only about 600 New Zealanders are

Quakers, but they are influential out of proportion to their numbers. In the US a major branch the Quaker churches have reverted to a more conventional form of worship and belief that many individual congregations have decided to bless same sex partnerships and Wellington Q young for this way out.



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Let me tell you the flowers, the trees the California State Board of Education has returned some controversial passages of proposed health education guidelines to its curriculum commission for revision. Right Wing religious groups had criticized the guidelines inclusion of alternative family models, as well as self esteem and stress management training. Supporters of the guidelines original treatment of non traditional families view the board's recommendation as a defeat. We have more on the story from Arbor Nava and Lisa Martinez.



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The State Board of Education a committee of 10 members appointed by the governor had public testimony on what could go into the writing of health textbooks for California schoolchildren, gay and lesbian group said the new health framework should have a comprehensive approach that includes all youth, regardless of their gender, ethnic background, age, sexual orientation, socio economic background, culture, language or disability. Holly comlete speaking for the gay and lesbian coalition glad, says Children must learn to respect social diversity.



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It's important because if we want to deal with homophobia, and the violence and discrimination that comes from people's ignorance about sexual minorities, we need to do it For young people before they have a chance to start acting on these prejudices before they get ingrained to teach them simply prejudices is a bad thing and that people have different sexual orientations. And they always have and they always will



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be says that his coalition has given testimony and provided considerable education material on homosexuality, but that the opponents have redoubled their efforts against them.



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It's very strong, as innocuous as three simple mentions of sexual orientation. And this document might seem to me it's very threatening to fundamentalist groups and hate groups who really think that homophobia is a good thing and children should not be taught back to that sexual orientation. And back two years ago, when the same process was going on for

history and social science textbooks, we got references to gay and lesbian history included in the framework and then the board under pressure from fundamentalist groups removed before the frameworks were adopted. Their power is not to be underestimated.



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ultra conservative Christians were particularly antagonistic to a document that referred to the traditional family made up of two married male and female parents and one or more children, and then acknowledge the existence of other families in contemporary society, such as those headed by relatives, friends, foster parents, and parents of the same sex. Religious organizations such as the Reverend Lou Shelton's radical traditional values coalition saw this paragraph as being highly offensive. David Llewellyn is an attorney and president of the Western Center for Law and religious freedom, an organization that provides legal representation to various right wing Christian groups,



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there is no question that the Christian community at least the conservative or Evan Jellicle, Christian community, finds the guidelines to be objectionable, largely because of their downplaying of the natural family, the traditional family of married parents and their children. And they're treating other relationships, including same sex couples as if they were equal. Whereas in fact, the declared public policy the state of California, as found by the state Supreme Court repeatedly is that there is a strong public policy favoring marriage in this state. But the educational guidelines did not reflect the public policy.



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David Smith is the spokesperson for the gay and lesbian Services Center in Los Angeles.



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What we have here is another circumstance where public policy has been dictated in California by a very small group of fanatic right wing religious extremists. They're distinct minority, they will basically stop at nothing to prevent gay men and lesbians from achieving equal status with their non gay counterparts in society. The truth is that gay and lesbian parents do exist on people that are gay or lesbian and who happened to be parents. It's just a matter of life. There are many foster parents situations where gay or lesbian couples would be acting as foster parents. And this is just a part of our society. It's a part of reality. And what Sheldon and his cohorts want to do is basically shield this fact from the public's view, as well as shield this fact from being taught in schools. And it's definitely a violation of one of the principles that this country was founded on, you know, the separation of church and state, and it's an absolute outrage,



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DAVID LLEWELLYN STATED THAT DESPITE THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD HAVE JUST AS MUCH RIGHT AS NON RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN SHAPING PUBLIC POLICY. LISA MARTINEZ, LOS ANGELES,



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New Sheldon, National President of the traditional values coalition lashed out at the gays calling the proposed health textbook framework



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they homosexual document that is promoting and advocating this lifestyle to young children. We feel it is a recruitment document. We have studies that show us that 26% of your 12 year olds and 5% of your 17 year olds all undergo gender identity conflict, meaning they are going through puberty and certain things are not clear in their mind concerning sexual identity. So if you come into a classroom with young children in the fourth or fifth or sixth grade, who may have gender identity conflict, you do not want to confuse them and send a mixed message. And I believe the state should not be in a position of advocating a document that encourages same sex relationships, especially since the homosexual exclusive population in America, according to the National Academy of Science Study is less than 1% homosexuality. He is a dysfunctional On behavior, homosexuality is a underdeveloped stage of heterosexuality. So we must lift the horizon of the children and point them to a value and belief that is concrete. And the state has a vested interest in and the state doesn't have any vested interest in promoting a lifestyle or talking about same sex parents. It will be September before the education board makes a decision on the textbooks for California school children.



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It will be another decade before textbook guidelines are considered again.



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Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine this week Cindy Friedman, Ron buchmeier Matt binder que Yun of another and Lisa Martin has contributed program material. Thanks also to Herman pedia rose Gordon Graham Underhill and Mike alkali,



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Do stay tuned.



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Jodie Jodie Foster. Jody, this is Nancy. You know who this is Nancy for? Don't pretend you don't know who I am. And if you're listening, you know you're listening to after hours a continuing tradition here on KPFT. Houston 90.1.



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And we're back. This



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is Scott Lewis with Brian Bradley. You're listening to after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT 90.1. If you can't remember that, just look at your stereo.



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And we have with us two women joining us now most of Houston knows Gloria Roebuck. She's with all People's Congress and queer nation and the ad hoc committee, ad hoc committee to protest the Republican convention. And along with Gloria tonight is Sarah cat from New York. And she's with the movement for a People's Assembly in New York and Nashville. I understand.



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Sir, what is that organization?



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All right, well, around the beginning of the year, some of the state workers in Maryland were facing severe layoffs. And there's some tenant groups out there some senior citizens and some anti war and gay and lesbian organizations and anti racist groups that has started coalescing, and I think they took over the state house for a brief period there. But they put out an appeal, bother nationwide to see, you know, how can the different movements really address and become a national opposition movement that will be lasting, that can actually get changes immediately, you know, to the situation of joblessness, homelessness, lack of health care, and everything going toward the SNL banks are trying to bomb Iraq like they might be doing again Monday morning. So people came out to Baltimore in March, the end of March, this year. And from there, the name came out there's a movement for a People's Assembly, which will actually be a gathering sometime in the spring of next year. To to be much more representative than the Congress, which you know, how the composition of that is probably just us sitting here is more representative than the Congress. No, we're not just strictly millionaires. So we have something to say and we trying to talk about, you know, empowerment coming Money control and really supporting each other's movement. So



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you brought a very broad agenda to Houston to address the Republicans.



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Well, they brought a broad agenda to squash and abuse us all over the country. So yeah.



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Well, welcome to Houston. We have all of those problems here. Maybe some people don't realize it, but but they do. And I'm sure Gloria could bring us up to date on a few of those. Gloria, what participation? What actions do you see occurring this week, on this broad agenda that the People's Assembly movement has?



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Well, you know, there's, there's a lot of things that are going to be happening this week. But tomorrow, we take it one day at a time, the next thing would be this unity march, or it's been called different names. But it's one of the few activities during the Republican Convention, that will bring all the different issues together. I mean, today was the choice. And I know, we're all

be out on Monday for the AIDS March, and there's some other events. But tomorrow, what we're gonna do is try to deal with the issues of racism, of police brutality, of health care of jobs, homes, everything that really affects us in our daily lives that people in this country are worried about. And you know, just here in Texas, the unemployment is creeping up and up and up, it's over a percent. Now. That's a lot of people nationwide, there's 10, maybe 10 million people unemployed. And I know many of us know, people that have jobs that, you know, at minimum wage, you're barely living, let's face it. So there's a lot of important issues. But um, tomorrow, we're going to be beginning our activity in Fourth Ward, which really kind of epitomizes all the problems that people face in this country. And we're going to be marching to River Oaks, which epitomizes the people that cause all these problems. And, you know, it's to show the contrast of the most oppressed communities. And to go to the source of the problems,

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how much focus will you be placing on universal health care coverage? You know, South Africa and America, two of the most wealthy nations in the world are two of the nations that have no comprehensive health care coverage.

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Right. And, you know, when we've been out on the soundtracks this week, and we raised the question of health care, and our people have to have a right to have health care. That's, that's basic people, you know, we get chairs,

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it's just people feel they have that right yet, or has that something we've not taught them yet?

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Well, I think down here in the south, a lot of us may not, but healthcare should be basic. And I know as a single mother, how frustrating and horrible it is to have sick children, and not have insurance, and not have the money to get health care for kids. I mean, that's, you know, and that's something that many, many, many mothers face. I know that within our community, you know, people with AIDS are people, actually, lesbians and gay men with a variety of different health problems, but particular aids face that problem. It's a it's something that all of us across the board should have guaranteed.

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Do you think the general public only makes this their problem when they have a crisis in their health care management, and they don't realize that school based immunizations are not being carried out today as they were 20 years ago, and prenatal care teaching is not being allowed anymore. And health, hygiene, mental and physical is not part of the education component in schools, that, you know, yes, we do have crises when our children get rubella and other

diseases. But also we have other crises in the sense that we have cut back on what the Republicans like to call entitlements. And we Democrats like to call just basic necessities of living and that is proper education, nutrition, good hygiene teaching and such as that.



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No, I'm not sure how people view that a bit. It should be something that we all understand is the right I know. When my teenage daughter got pregnant she called Casa de amigos, which is one of the city clinics for an appointment. And they told her would be six months. I said you'll have the baby by then. Yeah, well



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currently in Los Angeles general not to just skip to another part of the country to show that this is not an isolated incident. For your average AIDS patient who is not in an acute stage, he or she is given an At this point, a nine month waiting list in the county system, well, these people conveniently die or as you point out conveniently have their baby before the service can be rendered. That is reprehensible. That is America.



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Well, that's a crime. And I think one of the things we're going to be addressing this weekend or tomorrow at the unity march is are the crimes of this system. And there are many. And in fact, when we're at the choice rally today, we're talking about tomorrow's activity. You know, people said, well, how can you address all the crimes and one afternoon rally and that's true?



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Well, maybe the crime is just the structure of our society. I don't think most people realize the loss of one or two paychecks is all that prevents them from being not unlike that person who sleeps under the bridge. And any degree of smugness that we might have, in thinking that we would never be one of those persons can be proved unfounded by speaking to people that live on the street with Harvard law degrees, or EMDs. It's a very real problem. I do see it as a crime. But



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I think that that issue people are starting to be very aware of I know too many people that know their one or two paychecks off the street. I was in the carpenters union for 10 years, and we were relatively well paid. But when the crisis hit here in the mid 80s, when the oil prices bottomed out, and Houston's economy just busted. I knew carpenters who lost their houses, lost their families, and were living in their cars in the Union parking lot. I mean, it's very, very real to people and, you know, fundamental things like a job like health care. You know, that doesn't seem to be asking too much.



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How do you feel about the way presidential candidate Clinton is addressing these issues in the respect that he is trying to not lose Middle America support in labeling these types of things, social welfare, but temporary help where we have got to be somewhat responsible. And in receiving these also, you know, ie the welfare mothers and such?



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Well, I don't think you want to just say about Bill Clinton, because I don't see a nickels worth of difference, or even three cents worth between the two parties. candidates. i My opinion is the both of the parties have proven over the years that they cannot deal with our basic needs. They cannot guarantee us jobs or houses, or health care. And these are just two basic. So I mean, I don't know Clinton's exact position.



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I think he feels that we all are entitled to a lot of the above in crisis situations, but not on an continuing ongoing basis. I think there might be a little bit of perception problem there certainly is with Mr. Bush. What do you think about that cat?



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Well, I was gonna say, it's so extreme, all the things that Gloria mentioned, people having to live out of their cars, and so on, there's no excuse for it. This is a wealthy, wealthy country. And when it came time for them to decide that they wanted to send troops to the Middle East, they set up homes for 1000s and 1000s of soldiers, they set up food for all they didn't question and say, Well, you know, why should we feed them? You know, it was like, well, let's feed them so so we can go set them up against some of the starving people. Most of the guys in the military wouldn't be there, if there was a guarantee that everybody who graduates is either gonna get a job or an apprenticeship, or go to college or something. And think how much we would all benefit. Much more. I mean, the way it set up now is really only benefiting the top top layer, which is gotten what is it now that the Top 1% Top



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1% owns 80% of the nation's wealth?



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All right. So you got me so.



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So tomorrow, you have the United for justice March. And this is a rally that's organized against homophobia, racism and sexism of the Reagan Bush Administration's where where's this happening?



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We're going to start at Wiley Park and that's not a very well known park because it's taken Fourth Ward 10 years just to get the swings in it. But it's near West Grand Taft. Parking is available behind the big blue Good Neighbor clinic on the corner West Grand And Taft cross from Kentucky Fried Chicken. And there'll be people directing you to the better three blocks where the, the streets around the park are so narrow that two cars can hardly pass by each other. So there's certainly no room for us to park. But there will be parking around West grey and Taft. So we'll be gathering at three o'clock we're gonna have a rally in the park there. And then we're going to march down West gray into River Oaks. We will be greeting I guess Kenneth Lay who's head of the Houston host committee for the Republican convention. And Chairman of Enron also right one of the largest energy corporations in Houston, at his home, I guess, as he's preparing for his evening Gala. And then we'll be passing by the mayor's house, which is grandly decorated for this convention with all the 50 flags of the states. It's wonderful cities, Confederate flags flying out there. And then we're going to have a rally at Mary Elliott park where there'll be a few more speakers. Oh, and I'll also along the way, we're going to stop at Apple Tree on West gray and have a short rally with the striking workers there.



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Every cause you're going to cover every cause tomorrow.



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Could we in the gay and lesbian community ask you also to stop by your friendly Randles neighbor, grocery store and not purchased anything? Because there is an ongoing boycott with that.



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So tomorrow gather at 2pm at the corner three, my paper is wrong.



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Because our permit says to swing set up but



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West gray and Genesee and march into River Oaks



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right on there every issue.



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That is ironic going from the Fourth Ward, which is one of the poorest areas of this town into River Oaks, which is one of the richest areas of this town.



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And one of our chance on the march is going to be Stonewall 69 la 92 Look at George Bush. We're coming after you all right. All right.



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That's great. GLORIA Can't we thank you very much for coming down. We really appreciate



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Thank y'all. I'm sorry. We can't stop by Randles stroke. Yeah, the phone number if people want information or want to get involved before the March we're still gonna be doing sound cars and leafleting tomorrow is 5244462



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Thank you Gloria.



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Okay, thank you. Thank you, sir. Appreciate it.



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Gates up. Did you miss me? Jimmy, I see that you found a new friend. Warden come down here. Here's me. Hello, girls. I'm back home. And Huntsville. Again.



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KPFT is prison program is devoted to cops courts, jails, prisons, probation and parole and the other minutiae of the criminal justice system. Tune in every Sunday afternoon from three to five kickback listeners, listen up in here what you've been missing.



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Tailor Made shirts with them long on and all it's gonna cost is 10 years of my life.



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Agenda, class or race, we can respect the rights of lesbians and gays.



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One aids death every seven minutes in America and George Bush is cutting funds. One in 90 people in Greater Houston is HIV positive and our city government is just now realizing there's a problem. The AIDS coalition to unleash power or act has reorganized to address issues important to the HIV affected community. ACT UP Houston meets the second and fourth Monday 7:30pm at Cafe Brasil Westheimer at Dunlavy For more information call 5292969 act up fight back fight eight



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non whites begin to unite when she was concrete non human species with fairness and dignity since only said it's their unity



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and we're back this is Scott Lewis here with Brian Bradley.



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Almost said and Susanna Anderson.



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You don't look a thing like Suzanne Anderson not even with all your makeup.



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Suzanne doesn't wear any. Well. Maybe you do. Be careful now. That's my favorite dyke.



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Well, what we're going to do now is we're going to discuss what's going on this week. We've got the Republicans in town and we're going to discuss some of the activities He's going on this week we're going to discuss some local and national news issues. I think maybe before we get into the Republican Convention, let's talk about some some things that are going on in the news. One of the first things that I want to discuss is our infamous council member, John Goodner. His boo this past week, somewhere in the neighborhood of 12, to 15, activist went down and spoke at city council. This time, none were arrested. And they were there basically to make their voices heard and let John Gardner and the council as a whole know that, that they were very disappointed in recent actions. And I think that a lot of the people that were there, mirrored the same. They all sent the same message that they were more disappointed in city council as a whole in their reaction to John Goodner. Then they were upset with John Gardner for his original statement that



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appeared very orchestrated, choreographed, and that was not the case. I've had people in the media people on city council say, y'all did have a real good, savvy job of having one person cover one topic. The next one covered another other topic. That simply wasn't the case. They just showed how smart we were. It was a stunning performance by those 15 or so people. And the message that was the loudest and I was the proudest sob was that city council as a whole has been just as culpable in John Gardner's types of comments as Mr. Gardner himself was, you know, essentially we've had in Houston for 11 years. Vince Ryan occasionally will stand up and help and Ben Reyes has helped. Mayor Lanier has shown a great willingness to learn and respond not only with words and dollars, but you know, what does Eleanor Tinsley do really, that benefits people with AIDS? What does Sheila Jackson Lee do with people with AIDS? Well, I



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always see him at election time, Brian,



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I've opened my checkbook more than once or twice and since I opened it grandly to the bail bondsman three weeks ago, I wouldn't be doing that quite so much anymore. It's time that the entire city council was a body of leadership. And I would encourage anyone that took exception to Mr. Good nurse comments, and the other city council members lack of comments, to simply continue to give them a call at city council or write the metal letter, write my letter at Post Office Box 1562 Houston, Texas, or just the mayor's opposite 247 2200 and tell them you want to register your disgust that city council has not realized that Houston Texas has the fifth highest rate of AIDS death in America. And it's time that they started being leaders and not just

people who get elected to office mean our new city council woman, Helen Huey, her big project is waiting. sidewalks. Give me a break. Mary, we need to wait eat her hair. People are dying from AIDS.



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I haven't seen here that big since you had yours up in a cone for the National Coming Out Day party last year.



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Maybe I should run for office.



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Get in? It is it is very important that people register their complaints and it it's saddening to me that it takes you going up there and screaming and hollering and getting arrested before anybody came out and said you know that this was a bad thing that had happened well, and then only the mayor and Vince Ryan did



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you know, and in all fairness to me, as loudmouth as I am and as frequently loudmouth as I am, I probably would not have went that day. But I would like to point out I had just arrived eight hours before my comments and subsequent arrest and city council back from Amsterdam, Holland, where I attended the eighth International AIDS Conference. I spoke to people that were village chiefs in Africa and leaders in small tiny towns in India and other countries throughout the world, who from the lack of only financial resources would be responding to this disease in an exemplary manner. And here we are in America with the resources but not what is needed most and that is leadership. And it just floored me to come off that Arab lain with the euphoria that I had, with one week of solid 15,000 people worldwide, Bush bashing and responding to aids to be told you won't believe what happened just a few short hours ago, John good nurse said for you people that still haven't heard that every dime of money that is spent on treatment. And research for people with AIDS is going down a one way to with absolutely no return whatsoever, and that we should have quarantined these people in the beginning of the disease. And essentially, he meant we would have died off and we wouldn't have the present situation. But there was no outcry not from city council, and not from the gay community, not from the lesbian community, the HIV infected community. One more time we were just whipped down, and I just couldn't take it.



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So you out there listening. If you haven't already, get off your butts and make a phone call or write a letter and let them know that that you are angry and that you're disgusted that it can't go on. I also want to just briefly mention, Molly, Ivan's, who is over and over and over again,

they're for our community. And using her capacity as a writer, wrote a wonderful article a couple of days ago that was in the post and attacked John Gardner, among others, because there seems to be a rash of these stupid comments coming from public officials all over the state. Another news article that I saw that caught my eye that you might be interested in, is a waiter up in Waco, who he has filed a complaint with the Texas Commission on Human Rights because he was fired from his job solely because of his HIV status. He filled out his application there at the Ryan's family Steakhouse in Waco



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as in family values



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as obviously. Because you know, gays and lesbians obviously don't have any family values and



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within maybe they shouldn't eat at family restaurant.



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I think so including Ryan's family values Steakhouse in Waco. He filled out his application and where the it said, Do you have any reason any medical condition that would prevent you from being able to do this job? He said, No, they have fired him because they said this is falsification of his paperwork. Now. Correct me if I'm wrong, but is HIV something that would keep you from doing your job?



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No, it isn't. And more importantly, in this election Eve that we're experiencing, there has been the passage of the 1990 Americans with Disability Act, which does cover people with HIV, it classifies it as a disability that cannot be discriminated against, but it doesn't in itself, enable or disable you from working in any job. It just says that you must be accommodated. These people clearly were in violation of that he needs to you know, get to the lawyer real quick.



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Well, no