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Wow. So what do you think Mary what the President said?



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You have no idea what a message of hope that is to someone and all the people like me who are HIV positive.



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I know that I can see it on your face. What would have happened if Reagan had have said that eight years ago even at a conference like this not on CBS or ABC or NBC but in a conference like there is no way of telling what would have happened how many of our friends would still be here?



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Probably what cut down the suicide right?



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You know, the pork queen in the audience there were two of them one man and one woman I guess they just had all they could stand there. And we are there you're there too. Because being on the front lines is no fun.



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Maybe we should introduce this.





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We will hear in a second. Okay, but you remember the names project club coming? Oh yes. We unloaded 100,000 programs. At the frayed entrance to the parkway Athletic Club. Yes, from a UPS truck. While the gay men who work out at Parkway were pumping up. So they could go out and look pretty and pick each other up and get off and get drunk and get drugged and whatever it is they do whatever they work up these beautiful bodies to go out and work out and pick up these tricks and whatever. You know, who was unloading the boxes with the 100,000 programs and then who the heavy heavy boxes in the hot heat in the summertime in Houston. The people with AIDS who are members of the PWA coalition whose offices happened to be upstairs at the at the parkway Athletic Club at the top. And I remember thinking my god here are these people who are sick honestly still sick struggling in the heat sweating like dogs trying to get these programs and out of this truck. And these queens are in here to work and lift enough weights they can get on their Calvin Klein's and go out and have their butts fit in them just fine. So they can look pretty.



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How did that make you feel?



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It made me feel like crap. Just like I feel now every Saturday night because I know that they're out there and they're they're not listening to us. They're not listening to us because they don't know any better baby. If the 30 to 40 million gay and lesbian people in this country would sit down tonight. And write a letter. Dear President Bush, thank you for what you said in Arlington, Virginia on March the 29th. We're behind you. We've waited too long to hear those words. And we want to hear more things would happen in Washington DC,



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don't you think things are going to happen now



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things are going to happen. Honey, they're having to slow they're happening too slow, always



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too slow.



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The song is called Living in wartime. But Michael Callen. At one o'clock, we're going to hear the news with Jeff Mackay. And we'll be here with our quest. I just want to play this one more time

for you. Because sometimes you have to play things over and over and over to get get you to understand them before you really hear the words. So we'll tell you what the words are. This is no time for doubting, to stop and wonder why. This is a time for Shouting, shouting kids. I don't believe the lies that our lives aren't going to matter the lives that we're not going to be in relationships that work, the lies that we can't fall in love and live happily ever after. The lies that we can't be open on our jobs. The lies that we can't come out to our families. I don't believe the lies the church has told us for 2000 years. One way or another, no one that includes you and I will be spared. I call out to my brothers. Doesn't anybody care? Conspiracy of Silence. That's where the 30 or 40 million gay people are in this country. conspiracy of silence the enemy within complacency and arrogance makes us think it makes us think that we cannot win. It makes us think the battle has been won. But the thunder in the distance like we heard in Arlington, Virginia On Thursday, said the battle has just begun. They try to break our spirits. They try to keep us in our place. They do it to the women and the poor of every race. We face a common enemy. bigotry, and greed. But if we fight together, we can find the strength we need. We can find the strength we need. Read the chorus married,



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we are living we are living in war time.



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She's got to find it because I just threw it out a kid. Yes.



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It's just like living in war time. Just like living in wartime. We are living in war time.



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And you understand what I'm trying to say baby? I can't be openly gay and be out on the job? Of course not. I work for the Houston Police Department and do a gay radio program. God forbid they find out. I could lose my job, I could be fired. They're probably listening now wanting to come out of the closet. It's so easy.



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I'm sure.



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You see these claims that work at Foley's and they can't come out.



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What do you mean, I can't come out.



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Everybody knows they're clear, but they just can't and they just can't. But there's a fighter with us this morning. And we're gonna be talking to him in just a little bit. And there are fighters that have come and gone. But the fighter that we need this morning is you. You're You're a fighter, because you're with us every week. And you listen to every word that we say. And you believe us yet something is holding you back. Whatever it is, it's holding you back, let go of it this morning and move forward. Because until you're openly gay on your job, whether it be at the police department, or Foley's or the marble slab, or even Randalls. Until you destroy the myths that are out there about us all the ignorance and the discrimination, and the hatred and the homophobia that we've faced, all of our lives will continue to be there. Once you take that step, you will come over to the other side with us. You'll look back and you'll understand what we say when we tell you about how wonderful it is to be on top of the mountain and look back from where we came. Join us with you today. Five to six 4005 to six KPFT.



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We must destroy the myths once and for all 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 to the stories you shopping



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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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happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop I don't like anybody I would like to live a long life longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that.



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I just want to do God's will and he's allowed me to go up to the mountain



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and I've looked over and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know the night that we will get to the promised land



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So I'm happy tonight. I'm not wearing About anything I'm not fearing



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Okay, now it's time for the news with our blonde bombshell. Jeff Mackay. Here goes.



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Thanks, Jimmy. This is the afterbuzz report. I'm Jeff macking. Bob Whiteman, a law student at the University of Houston on March 20, filed a lawsuit against state Attorney General Jim Maddix. Over Texas State sodomy statute 21 is six white men who claimed in his lawsuit to have been born gay said that 2106 has tagged him a criminal from birth. The challenge to the law is based on the premise that 2106 labeled him a criminal without a trial. facing his case on the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution Article One section 10 Whiteman is determined to have the law declared unconstitutional. He also alleges personal harm stemming from having been forced to leave jobs in 1983 and 1987. Due to harassment over his sexual orientation. White men and American government instructor at Houston Community College is in his final year at the University of Houston Law School. He is a former Dallas resident and member of the Dallas Gay Alliance. Whiteman says that he hopes that Maddox is gubernatorial bid now pending a runoff will force his attention to the issue. The Houston names project has established a new community workshop in the heart of Montrose at 1410 Fairview the new workshop welcomes those interested in creating Memorial Quilt panels in tribute to a loved one who has died of AIDS. The workshop will be available on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of one and 5pm Memorial panels created in time for the June 16 or 18th quilt showing at the San Antonio convention center will be taken to be displayed with other panels from the greater Houston area. Workshop coordinators said that the workshop had been established in response to the intensified desire of the Houston community to maintain a vital role in the

battle against AIDS. The Houston names project volunteers said that they are anxious to assist anyone who desires to help in creating a memorial panel and the project is in need of contribution to sewing supplies or cash donations. For more information call 8689837 or 8778329. Attorney Phyllis Frey is leading a move to include the world trends general in the name of the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus and the statewide lesbian gay rights lobby of Texas. As a first step, she introduced an amendment to the caucuses bylaws of the group March seventh meeting. After a brief debate, HDL PC members voted to table the matter until May 2. At the march 7 meeting, much of the debate centered on the ramifications of making the organization's name already once extended by the addition of the word lesbian to the original gay Political Caucus. Even longer by the extra addition. Many members expressed a concern that as various subgroups in the community seek recognition in the title, the name could become too long to be practical. Some speakers emphasized the importance of keeping the name simple and the organization's logo easily recognizable. When had introduced a substitute motion at the meeting to keep the official name of the organization the same but to include the line mentioning subgroup from the group stationery and correspondence. As motions failed and the motion to table the issue pending further investigation was then introduced and quickly passed by is using the delay to educate members of the caucus about her reasons for seeking the change. In a sort of compromise, she is now amending her proposal to allow the group's Logo The initials gRPC to remain the same even if the name changes to the proposed gay lesbian interns General Political Caucus. Price said that whether or not her proposal passes on May 2 She will continue the dialogue and debate on the subject. She also stated that she will soon be after the lobby and often to change its name. Northern Lights alternatives and nonprofit organizations sponsors of the AIDS mastery workshop has been named the recipient of a \$6,000 grant from the design industry Foundation for AIDS. This grant will be used to establish a memorial scholarship fund in the name of Tom Liu and Terry Ames. The two men primarily responsible for bringing the first master workshop to Houston. The scholarship fund will provide the opportunity for any PWA PW arc to receive to participate in the workshop regardless of their ability to pay to date over 100 Houstonians and participated in the workshop including mothers lovers, doctors, clergy, HIV negatives, therapists, caregivers, men and women as well as many persons in all stages of HIV disease. One participant said I came here to learn how to die with grace. Instead, I learned how to live with passion. And mastery is based on the belief that the quality of life is not dictated by the duration of or circumstances and is about looking for the possibilities and living out in the probabilities of dying. The master is intended for anyone whose life is affected by age either in their body or their consciousness. The Houston Lesbian Gay Pride Week 1990 Planning Committee on Wednesday elected Walter Carter owner the President's river bottom, and then he's Parker, co owner of Inklings, an alternative bookshop as grand marshals in the 1990 Pride Parade. suggested as honorary grand marshals for the parade where Deborah den Berg and Craig Washington. If they accept they will ride in the parade and will be honored with a special mention in the 1990 Lesbian Gay Pride Week Guide. Carter, who took over operation as the BRB in 1985, is immediate past president of the colt 45 and is considered a front runner in community fundraising for charitable causes. He was instrumental in establishing two new charities called 45 Stone Soup Support Fund and the aid struggle fund. In addition to his work for the Colts Carter is active for the Texas gay Rodeo Association. He is a current state treasurer of T gra serves on the board and is active in his day to day operations. Parker is a past president of the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus and a president member of the Board of Directors of the Community Alliance of Houston. She is also a member of the board and co chair for the Lesbian Gay Democrats of Texas, and is a delegate and Issues Committee chair to the police Advisory Committee. Parker has also been active in some other gay and lesbian aid and democratic organizations. She was Houston co chair of the march on Austin for gay and lesbian rights in 1989 is a past president of the Houston women's softball league and the founding member of the Rice University gay

lesbian support group and the sister symposium. She's also holds memberships in several statewide and national groups. Parade committee co chairs also announced during the meeting, the two proposed routes for the parade had been submitted to the city. The route will be announced pending approval by the city if either the plans had heard co chair Marvin Davis. And that's all for the afternoon report this week. I'm Jeff Mackey. If you have any questions, any concerns, any things you need answered, call the gay and lesbian switchboard at 5293211. That's not a service



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service we provide that



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is one service that does not go back. But y'all take care.



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Thank you, Jeff. And that was the blonde bombshell blonde with a knee along with a white blonde with an E I have been told.



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Wasn't me. Meanwhile, back at the ranch. Well, what Now Mary? Well, we



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have a guest Yeah, we do. There's a new group that has formed.



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Me need it like it sounds. Oh, but I know, we need to pull Scott's chair so you can join us.



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There's a new group that that's been formed. And we're talking about coalition and head that is headed up by Mr. Scott Simpson.



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And Scott joins us this morning to tell us all about this terrific new group is starting up. Right. Right. That's right morning. And there are wonderful things that are going to be happening.



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I hope so. Those of us that have been planning it are pretty enthused because Lord knows we've got a lot of work, a lot of work to be done.



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Can you tell us a little about your group? Exactly what what is the group and what are your goals? Okay.



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Basically, our goals are to fight AIDS discrimination. We were a diverse group of people coming from a lot of backgrounds. And like say we're, we're mainly like they were we're interested in pulling the Montrose community together to in encourage involvement from within the community. And mainly just to just to fight discrimination where we see it and we do see a lot of it so



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and how do you plan on fighting discrimination? What methods were your main



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mainly civil district, civil obedience, excuse me, mainly civil obedience. Demonstrations will be obedient. That's probably a Freudian slip. What's the difference? There is a difference. Civil disobedience is where you're doing something illegal and will likely be arrested, but it's often very effective. have, like say, there's a lot of that goes on in New York and other places where, where people, that's kind of, like say they, they chained themselves to city hall or something like this and then are are put in are arrested. But usually, usually in places like this, there's a, they can be bailed out fairly easily but nevertheless can get a lot of media attention to civil obedience is where, you know, you follow the rules, you walk peacefully up and down, you know, in in front of a certain, you know, a certain business or a certain meeting going on and you you carry a cardboard post or you don't carry any any signs with handles and you don't don't try to provoke any passers by or, and that's the difference.



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What's the difference? I don't understand these assign without



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the stick on the end of the day, you can get some



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Oh, really? Is that the whole lot?



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I think that's the logic behind it. Oh,



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Jerry seen that. Uh, you remember those protests in the 60s? Of course. What do you mean? Beaten to death? Not protest? Yeah, but that was the idea of carrying a sign, of course. But it still came in handy.



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More often. Yeah. The signs were turned against the you're used on the protesters. Exactly.



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So we're talking. Pacific isn't?



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We're sure. In fact, like, say I was I was criticized of someone at our we had our first meeting this last week. And one of the one of the participants, I meant to say that the Montrose community has been to has been too passive about some of the discrimination going on and and accidentally said has had has been passed. sophistically. And I was corrected, because yeah, pacifism is one of our ultimate goals is to, you know, anything we can achieve by, you know, by, you know, by obeying my obeying laws. And yeah, and I think you get in, I think you can accomplish more with that. And, you know, under those circumstances,



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do you think that maybe because of the way Houston is, you would get more members? With this type of approach?



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Definitely. Definitely. Houston is not is not unfortunately is not a very radical radical city. I'm

Definitely. Definitely. Houston is not is not, unfortunately, is not a very radical, radical city. I'm amazed at how many, like say, I just got involved with activism here about a year ago, and I'm amazed at how many of my, you know, my long term friends are, are just seem so turned off when I talk about it. And you can just see in their face, they would never even consider, you know, you know, joining a picket line, and they say, you know, unfortunately, Houston is like, is very apathetic, and or a lot of people take the attitude of, oh, well, I donate to, you know, to, you know, fundraisers and this and that, which is fine, which is great. But I think, you know, I've always tried to tell people to take a little bit, you know, a little bit more sacrifice than just that.



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Funny, you should mention that, because I think Houston has always been that way it was that way in the 60s.



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Is that Is that to say that Houston is not a giving city? Oh, no,



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I don't think I



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think we mean that I think in spirit Houston, like say he likes I think Houston is a very, very, very down to earth very, very sincere, sincere city and community, I think we have a, the city itself, I think is generally pretty tolerant towards towards liberal lifestyles and whatnot, certainly more so than other places I've lived. And it's, I think, and I think in a lot of ways, the gay community is very comfortable with that, because it's very easy to live here. And not ever and not have to not have to really work for it not have to really struggle for it, you can you can let her very comfortably, like say that but then go to your job and be a break laws it and this and that. And say a lot of people just don't want to disturb that by by getting active in the, in the fight that we we do need to address



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let me ask you about your group, what what type of people come comprise it? Or is this a gay group?



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No, not not exclusively at all. In fact, like, say, like, our main focus is, is the disease, AIDS and AIDS, you know, affects all variety of people. Basically, the group has been formed by myself and David paler, we're kind of CO chairing it. David is a former president of the GLP see, and,

like say we, we have like say originally kind of a handful of about six of us just started discussing some of the things that needed to be done in the community and and, like, say we had our first meeting this week and had a pretty good crowd we had we had 15 people which one thing that really was was a real pleasant surprise for me was that several of the people that showed up I had never seen at any, at any, any previous community activities was always encouraged. Because one thing I've noticed since like, say, I just got involved in the community in the last year and I've noticed you see the same people at every you see the same people at all the different organizations, all the different sections, it's the same crowd doing doing all the way where



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we have fish and Queen coming toward the awards each other. Doing all



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of the work. Yeah. Yeah. And these people, you know, everybody gets very burned out.



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But a lot of times the same Queens don't allow anyone to come in and help Jimmy and you know that I mean, it's all So we're for our people that want to get involved that can't for some reason or another. Yeah. Yeah. So you know, they feel trapped. I've know of many people, not to mention any names that would go to the Pride Week meetings and have just given up. said, you know, why bother.



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Like to unfortunately, our community is very segmented. And just like, within any society, you've got, you know, you've got your blue collar people, your white collar people. And unfortunately, a lot of like, say, a lot of politics, there's a lot of a lot of ego tripping, and, and just personality conflicts that can get in the way. But I think one, one thing our organization is looking towards, we cannot fight amongst ourselves in the community where, and we we set up a special committee with networking with other organizations in Houston, to even if we don't necessarily agree with with the ideals of some of these groups, but nonetheless, to try to network with them and try to try to pull together as much as possible and certainly don't spend any energy. I say fighting amongst ourselves, we have too much too much opposition out in the industry to



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fight for many other things to fight. How do you how do you plan on getting the word out, rather than appearing like here this morning, but



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like say, any you know, is I really appreciate the invitation to be on the show. It's, it's a real good opportunity to reach to reach some people. Like say, we're going to try and be getting fliers out in the community the like, say we've gotten good good coverage in the Montrose voice and T WT and like, say we've, we've got some activities coming up in the near future that like say, we're going to be going to be trying we're going to be like, say placing fliers around town and the it meetings of various organizations and in



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the bars, and then any actions plan in the near future that he asked we got



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a pretty big one coming up this coming Thursday, are at this point, the biggest cause is from our discussion at the Last Tuesday's meeting. Is that is the greater Houston AIDS Alliance, which is just recently come about it's a group that the city is chartered in response to some employers having problems with the rising costs of caring for AIDS patients. And we see some definite the plan is very confusing, but we see some very definite discriminatory things about it. Particularly the fact that it segments segregates aids from other diseases. And it also it it does not, does not clearly address any to the community. The real the real problem with AIDS right now, or is, is not the people who are insured, but the group the indigent AIDS patients who are not insured. And this palette this, this alliance is is commissioned to, to mainly to restructure, insert benefit care and benefits to people who are insured. And like they are basically ignoring the the group of PW A's that really need that really, really need some attention. So those are those are the two main things those are our our two main grievances with this alliance. And like say they held a town meeting recently and, and which didn't really accomplish a whole lot other than you know, it was supposedly to get our input, but our input wasn't really paid very much attention to. So we are going to state your demonstration at their at their next meeting at the Thomas Street Clinic which will be they will meet at 10:10am This coming Thursday morning. And we intend to get together about 930 in front of the clinic and and like say we will have our our list of grievances prepared and we intend to through a civil obedience demonstration out in front of the clinic.



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Sounds exciting. This is after hours on



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KPFT. We are talking to Scott Simpson co chair of the action for AIDS coalition AAC and we invite you to call in questions for Scott



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if you have any add five to six 4000 Or five to six KPFT you can always get the information from the switchboard is there a local number that your group has? Have you established the number yet? Or should we refer people to the switchboard



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right now by contact either contact either myself or David Balor my number is seven.



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You gotta understand that maybe everybody in the world is gonna



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I'm like you I'm looking for dates myself. I want I want to get the name of that.



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And I've been announcing this number for three years. You're gonna get I guess I'm kidding. So what's the number the local number



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one of the numbers is 7789845. And that's my number Scott Simpson and the other other contact is David Fowler at 5290100.



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So and then locally again here on numbers five to six 4000 Or five to six KPFT although you'd be listening to this way out with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chapelle, but because we're gonna throw our clocks in the water or something I don't know what we're gonna get two o'clock we can On three o'clock, my grandfather never did this. But we'll play these time games here. And if you have questions for us, you can give us a call at 526 4004 Questions



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about the President's speech?



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Yeah. What did you think about now being an activist, you said you've only been involved in the community for a year. what did you think sitting there listening to what Bush had to say in

community for a year, what did you think sitting there listening to what Bush had to say in Arlington, Virginia,



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I was extremely encouraged by it. It's, it's such a turnaround from from, from what we heard two years ago, during the during the election, I remember specifically watching debates to see how Mr. Bush would respond when questioned about AIDS. And the attitude at that time was when he was strictly concerned about about testing and keeping the blood supply safe, and absolutely no concern whatsoever for the people that were presently suffering from it. Whereas to, you know, what we just heard tonight is a complete complete turnaround from that. And, you know, I hope he is sincere. And I think, and I think it's a real good idea about writing letters to him. In fact, I think we might, at our next meeting, like come up with kind of a form letter maybe that everyone could just could sign and change around a little bit sign in sin. Because it's, it's definitely definitely encouraging.



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Once again, the number here is five to six 4005 to six KPFT ROI, you're on line one, and you're on the air.



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Yes, I have a question for Mr. Sampson. Okay. And I'd like to find out, if you feel that there may be discrimination going on in the workplace, not so much of people get fired, because they may positive or have full blown AIDS, but like, they may be getting passed over for promotions, and, you know, for some of the other plum things that may go around perks that come around after a person's, you know, been with a corporation for a while. And if there, if you feel that it is happening, how would you? How would you go about proving it?



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Yeah, I think that's that, that gets down to your but your basic distribute discrimination against gay people in general. Also, I think a lot of people in that situation, perhaps fear that, that if it becomes known that they're that they're HIV positive, they're their company might might fear increased insurance costs and this sort of thing. You know, it's a situation where you have to rely on your ability at the job you do and your inner relations with people you can you just kind of have to take a chance that people, the people will support you when you need it. But But I definitely do think that happens. And I was I was very encouraged by by Mr. Bush's remark in this in the speech that, that, you know, that that people should not lose their jobs? Because they are they do have HIV infection? Well,



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I wasn't talking so much about people losing their jobs, as much as being passed over for like a promotion.



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Yeah, that's a good point. Unfortunately, right now, an HIV infected person would not be perceived as someone with a long lifespan. So I imagine, you know, a lot of employers would consider you, you know, kind of, you know, like someone near retirement. And, and the what, you know, so, you know, is that basically what you're asking or,



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because the I don't understand that, because, like, even the earlier this morning, and the been the post, it was an article of how that a, you know, people who do test positive, have a longer lifespan now, then, you know, 10 years ago, when we really didn't know what we were dealing with.



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Right? You know, I guess it's still all like, say, it depends on the individual, you know, we're dealing with such a phenomenon here, because, like, say, the, you know, the medical profession itself doesn't, you know, can't predict how, you know, you know, how long people with HIV will live. So it's about x. And unfortunately, the, you know, a lot of the employers, you know, are, you know, are still kind of living on, on statistics that came about a few years ago, and like saying, We would like say, Winton, I would say a fan would definitely tend to discriminate against a person that they knew was, and we just all the more reason we we, our group dislikes, this Greater Houston AIDS Alliance plan is because there is no right now you have a situation where you can go to a physician and and have confidentiality under the plan, you would have to go to your employer and basically, and inform them that that you you need to be covered under this special HIV plan. And like say that would Yeah, exactly that there would there would go your upward career right there, at least at this point?



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Well, you see, I just concerned me know, I've tested negative, but you never know. Sure when that part of the design is gonna come around. And



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I might add that you're lucky to be living in Texas, where when you do take the test, Texas is one of about 10 states where you can have anonymous testing. States do not allow it very true.



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Didn't know that. Yeah.



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Well, what I would say at this point, Roy, is that all the more reason for like say all of us in the community to to oppose this bill. And by the Alliance because it is one thing it absolutely does not does not include as any confidentiality and like say, well, while sure that may, you know, they may say at this point that they will, you know, they, they will cover your medical expenses. Yeah, I would imagine it you know, it definitely take you off the fast track as far as any success and you know, in climbing the corporate ladder,



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I think we've got quite a ways to go before anybody going to go to their employer and volunteer this is.



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Listen, Roy, thanks for calling. Okay, thank you, five to six 4005 to six KPFT. That's the number to call. I want to let you hear one more time what President Bush said. And this is what he was talking about how you deal with sick people, talking about coming out to your employers, and so on and so forth. Let's listen to this



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in this nation. In this decade, there is only one way to deal with an individual who is sick with dignity, with compassion, care, and confidentiality and without discrimination.



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Once disease strikes, we don't blame those who are suffering. We don't spurn the accident victim didn't wear a seatbelt. We don't reject the cancer patient, but didn't quit smoking. We try to love them, and care for them and comfort them. We don't fire them. You don't evict them don't cancel their insurance. And today that was incredibly pretty



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amazing stuff.



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The first time I heard that I really got the goose.





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Just pretty incredible stuff. And again, what would it be like in 1990? If Reagan had had said that eight years ago, there's



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no way of knowing absolutely nowhere. This is the first step I believe,



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right? And we can't look back and say what do we need to move forward? Yes. I think that's part of what your group is going to be doing over the next few



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weeks. Yeah, exactly. Where, you know, like, say, we're not to point fingers at anybody for, you know, but like, say we are dealing we're dealing with the present and, and the near future. And just, you know, if in like to prompt more attitude like that, like say that that's not the kind of attitude that the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance is taking, like, say they're like that, because like Mr. Bush specifically addressed, you know, HIV infected people should not lose their insurance. Here's a group basically trying to cut back our insurance benefits to, you know, to quite a large extent. So they're clearly either clearly going against the, you know, the President's wishes. As far as that goes,



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a lot of what we hear in life is not do as I do, do, as I say, You know what I mean? It's like, whoever shouts the loudest, and marches along, it seems to get their way.



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Yeah. Yeah. Like, say, I'm really encouraged because we, when Mr. Bush was elected, I thought, Oh, great. Here's four more years of the, you know, the country turning a deaf ear to these idiots problem.



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So when I saw this, I just couldn't believe it. I wish you could see this tape of this man speaking. So you have a video on Yes. And a lot of what he said had to come from the heart for it's just, I mean, it's a lot of it is political garbage. But some of it had to come from within just, for example, when he started speaking, and he said, I'm glad to be here this afternoon. And he stopped and said, I really mean that. That's good. You know, that wasn't written in his text, you

could tell when he was diverting away from his tech. Yeah. And he was really taken aback physically and emotionally when he said, People Deserve compassion. And understand that and so on, so forth.



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Something he said that I hadn't realized is that he had a daughter



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who died right after the Kimia. President Bush and his wife lost her daughter.



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So that probably gives him some insight on a few of the problems that we go through.



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Oh, yes. I think again, that we need to ask ourselves, what would happen if 40 million gay lesbian people wrote a



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letter tomorrow? And said, thank you.



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Yeah, we'd have a big impact. So we



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hope you have a big impact and hope your group grows from 15 to 15,000.



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Let me ask you something Scott. Kind of we've known each other for a while, you know, you know the type of person I am. I kind of I'm not much of a meeting goer, but I sure do like to walk those streets carrying that protest side. What do you say to people like me?



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I think that's great. Like say, a lot of people don't like to sit in meetings. And I think anybody that will Yeah, that will get out and walk the picket line. It's like, it's like Ray Hill said one time there's it, you know it, it takes a certain just takes a you know, a certain amount of gumption to, to get out and walk a picket line, you're you're putting yourself in a certain, you know, in a little bit of danger as far as you never know what kind of reaction you're gonna get from the crowd. Fortunately, here in Houston, the picket lines I've been on, generally, like, particularly the ones that Randles recently were very, the crowd response was very good was very, very positive, very encouraging. But no, I think I think your attitude is great. And in our organization, we would definitely encourage people, if you don't want to come to the meetings, that's fine. Please show up at the activities, you know, participation in either or we also have a lot of people who are interested in coming to the meetings, but are not going to get out there on the picket line. Particularly, in fact, several people, several people at our first meetings worked for, you know, for local government. You know, I got



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begin to hear this talk about working for governments being open, I think about this faggot that does a thing on the radio and works with the police. And it all was, I was excuse to just blow it out the window,



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I realized that I realized that but a lot of people still, ya know,



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five to six 4005 to six KPFT. That's the number to call line when you're on the air.



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Hello,



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hi. My name is Aaron. And I'm not gay. I mean, I'm not dying of AIDS or anything. But I was wondering, how can I help out with a quilt because I'm, you know, I just was really interested in learning, you know, how it can help out and just like, get my support and everything. There is



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a workshop on Fairview here in the Montrose area for the names project quilt, it just opened up. And in fact, I picked up a flyer in that Kroger last night with the 1990 tour on and I don't have that with me. But if you call the switchboard, they can give you that information and give you

the address of the local names project office, and they can Yeah, sure. In fact, in about 20 minutes, we're gonna have a special that was recorded before the names project was on its national tour this past year, which is tremendous. It's a dynamite piece and you need to stay tuned and listen to that. Okay, thank



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you very much.



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Thanks for calling. Listen, we just wish you well I hope that people get excited and get out there and march



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Okay, so for people like me who just want to go protest, or were people like you mentioned who just want to come to the meetings, who can they call to get on a list again? They'll be notified like



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say they can call myself Scott Simpson yet 7789845 Or David Fowler at 5290100 or like say we will be having regular monthly meetings at the Malta service center up on West gray Fort Lewis 1475 West they say we're gonna try to meet on Tuesdays at this point we haven't really picked which Tuesday of the month it's going to be our next meeting is April 17. And likes it then also anybody that it's like say Thursday morning. I believe it's April 5, x is coming. This coming Thursday. It will be we will be at the Thomas Street Clinic from about 930 to 1130 We're getting together tomorrow to make some make up some posters for it and we're going to be like say doing a civil disobedience protest of the Greater Houston age alliances they have their regular McLean sounds



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exciting Okay, well listen good luck thanks and anytime that you have something going on that you need our audience to let you know find out about Be sure and let us know great if your oil set right we sure Well, listen we got a couple of surprises for you still in a beautiful beautiful program called counted not as numbers but his name is all about the names project will coming up in just a little bit. So stay with us. This is after hours on KPFT 90.1 FM radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose. You're gay to get stabbed to get a ride the gallows in black and summer why