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Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age job or frame of mind. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours.



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Hello, Houston in College Station and welcome to after hours queer radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper. This is the what's what's today's date? 1220. Well, welcome to June 12. edition. And why do we have a packed show?



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We do we have a very, very special program tonight. If you know any transgendered youth, gay, lesbian bisexual youth, if you know some youth that are out there that are questioning of themselves. Tonight, this is the program to put them on to. We have done programs in the past about transgender youth we've done I remember we did a really an outstanding panel discussion about it. Yes. But in the recent days, I've received a number of emails from 14 1516 year old transgender youth, and legally I cannot respond respond to to them individually or to you individually. I don't mean to be speaking to about the we're telling you, not there. That's right. So tonight, this show is for you, we are going to be talking directly to you trying to answer your questions. We're going to attempt to give you the vocabulary that you need. One of the things that has come up in the discussions over and over that I've seen is that so many of you out there, don't know how to describe your feelings. You don't have vocabulary. And tonight we're going to attempt to do that. And in the process, I think if there's a subtext for the show that tonight it's this for years, we've been on the year now we've played a little blurb that says, you know a be proud of who you are You got it. But we never tell you how, how do you how do you learn how to be proud of who you are. So tonight, we're going to attempt to do that. We're

going to attempt to show you how you can reach pride in who you are, whether you're 14 years old, or 54. Yeah, because much of this program tonight, although it's aimed at transgendered youth, is really something that a lot of gay, lesbian, straight adults need to hear. We're going to do basic, very basic things, walk through the vocabulary. And then we're going to attempt to walk you through the minefield of telling your parents not telling your parents, what are the pros and cons. I want to encourage you tonight to take down the number for this station. It's 713526 KPFT 5265738. And as you as you are listening to the program tonight, I encourage you to call talk to big ROI and give big ROI. Your question. I cannot speak to you personally, I can't take your questions over the year. But we will listen. And if you have questions tonight is your opportunity. Call them into big ROI. Tell them what you want to know. And we will attempted to answer the questions on the air. This is really a unique opportunity. It's something we've talked about doing for seems like forever and tonight We're finally going to do that program. What started all this for Jimmy is that I received a letter from a, from a 15 year old person, transgender person who had attempted suicide, sent me the letter I couldn't respond. And you know, I've been frustrated about this whole issue. Now I know for a long time, I had an opportunity to ride with the Houston Police and, and see some things that were eye opening to me. Learn I've really spent a lot of time researching this issue. And tonight I say to you, if you are a transgendered person, if you know some transgender youth, get them to the radio, let them listen in. Please encourage them to call us we will talk to you, at least indirectly and do our best to answer your questions. In addition, Jimmy has a guest these broken into that right? Yes.



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Well, first of all, I want to talk about that first song I played because of this show that you're doing. I wanted to play this particular song. It's from the lesbian and gay chorus of Washington, and it's called we shall not give up the fight. Oh, yes. I like that. Yes, yes. But we have some unfinished business from last week that we need to take care of see, because last week, we had all of the grand marshals on except for one. Shawn Carter couldn't make it last week. You were in a class, weren't you a challenge



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course for the leading and learning and were you challenged? Barry, zip lines rappelling, you name it. We did everything?



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Well, we had. We had the Colt 40 fives here and we had Nancy forward. And we certainly missed you. But we didn't want to not have you on. Well, thank you, Ashley, you know, during this this pride month, you know, and it's so hard to get grand marshals on your show on a Pride Month. It's been hectic, yes. Because especially, especially since Friday. Now you have got a packed schedule very much got to do stuff every night. Don't get me usually



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there was one question I had. When I was grand marshal, there was this surprise but wonderful reception given in the honor of the grand marshals by the court. And I don't know if that's being done again.



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Well, actually, it's funny you should mention that with I had been involved with the grand marshals reception, being a member of the court for the past five years. And this year, everything has been thrown at me that, you know, I wasn't thinking of what I'd been doing in the past. I just kept looking at the schedule that I had before me. And last week at the executive committee meeting for the prime committee. They had asked one of the court members who was on the board of the prime committee if the court had scheduled the event. And this year, they sort of forgot.



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Oh,



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I know. But they but they have Marsh right now and one of their own members is the Grand Marshal. But they did try to squeeze it in and they've squeezed it into the schedule. It's gonna be held on Monday, the 21st. Okay, yes, at the lazy J



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It's a lazy J. Okay, Monday, the 21st. I want big ra to have that information. So we can talk about it this week, and next week and get people there.



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I hope so. Pretty great to see everyone there. Yes.



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So I know what Nancy Ford said. How do you feel about being Grand Marshal



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overwhelmed. A great deal. When I was first nominated, I had, it was a it was a shocker. Because I've know so many of the grand marshals from the recent years, you win Bob Bowden, and Jeanette Vaughn and a lot of different people. And I've looked up to what they've done in the community. And I never really would have thought of my name being in the same grouping. You are absolutely



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the youngest ever. Yes. And it's like you have done a lot in those young years.



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Well, I've, I've told someone the other day that it's given me a few gray hairs at 27. But I do know that actually, because of all the stuff I've done probably everything I've done every gray hair that I've received, I've given my husband about



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and he's sitting right next to you. Yes, yes. And the last time the two of you were here. The focus was on him as I recall. Yes. It was two years ago. Yes. It was three years ago yes. It was three years ago because he was running for and and one member Yes he did. And don't ask me which



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113 Okay, good. Yes, Emperor 13 Believe me, I will never forget that year. But it was a busy year for both of us. So



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being being I guess an emperor or any any. You've been Prince Royale. I mean that there's a lot that goes into it in the court.



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Yes, the I mean, the court is so active and with all the different organizations that it's it's a it's a full time job. So



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that has done you well for. For for this honor. Yes, it has been Grand Marshal and I think you'll out, I have one piece of advice and it's something that grand marshals pass down to each other. Oh, good. When your car gets to Merida, you must stop the car and make a gesture

other. Oh, good. When your car gets to Mary's, you must stop the car and, and make a gesture to Mary's of acknowledgement for you know what they've done over the years. Right. And I told this story last week, and I'll tell it again this week so that you can be sure not to do this. We had convertibles Of course. And so I instructed my driver to stop and when he did, I jumped up onto the the trunk of the car and that this you know, real kind of fancy curtsy bow thing. Curtsy bow. Yeah, I love it. And then nearly broke my ash. Jumping back into



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that in the studio.



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Everybody on the roof of Mary's were just howling with last year,



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they now specifically because he said that I will probably trip and fall on my ass at the same time.



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We must acknowledge Mary's because Mary's has been like our stonewalled and a lot of ways. I mean, they're the ones that are doing what, what the rest of the community says, oh, no, that's not right. That's



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exactly. It's not this. It's



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anyway, love it. Correct.



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Mary, right. They endure they



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exactly. I'm in fact, I had a friend of mine in the caucus recently tell me that he went into Mary's for the first time a couple of weeks ago. And he was he thought, you know, and there are these everywhere. We have our different aspects of our community. People go to their little places, and he was very surprised that he liked it. And I thought, well, you know, I go there all the time. And he he looked at me you do? Well, yeah, I mean it, didn't it. That's one bar the definitely there are a lot of different people in there.



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Yeah. The first time I ever walked into Mary's they had gogo boys.



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That's been a while? Yeah, of course not.



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When I first started going to Mary's, they still have the tree stump out back in the shape of the dildo with the candidate Chris cow say



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yeah. Well,



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that sounds kind of fast. Well, they will give



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away prizes for anybody. They could take that all the way. Yes, if you keep listening for the Christian station, you've just gone to the wrong



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one. Keep going pay no attention to the Crisco.



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Well, I wanted to have you on the air to honor you. And what's what's after, after it's all over? Why don't you come back? I'd love to and then we can chat and talk and giggle and stuff like that. That would be wonderful. Okay, congratulations, Shawn. Thank you very much. And Marshall. Yeah. 1999 Houston gate prize.



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Thank you. That's an honor.



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Yes, it is. Thanks for being in our studio. Thank



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you for asking me. Good. Now, Sarah,



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you have a packed show. Yeah. Yeah. I'm gonna play a quick song in honor of Sean Carter. And because Sean, you know, he's he he entertains audiences. You know, that's what the court does. Yeah. For money.



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You have any idea how much money the court has actually raised? Yours? That'd be in the 10s of 1000s. I would think that was worth over three over 400,000 or \$400,000. Yeah, well, okay. I don't think any other organizations even close to that number.



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And Shawn sings in his own voice. Oh,



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a real town. Yeah. And he's good looking too. Oh, this is not a bad job. And



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so in his honor, I have something brand new from Gretchen Phillips, who is one half of two nice girls. And this is off of her brand new CD called songs to save your soul. You will recognize this but it's kind of not what you expect. You're listening to it on after hours career radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's college



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Jimmy Carper you're listening to after hours and it is transgender night, Sara dipalma. Sarah, I'm gonna get those teeth



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Yeah, that's all you



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have to say. Actually, I want to I want to start off by saying that this show although the show was aimed specifically at Transgender Youth tonight, it doesn't mean that if you're not a transgendered youth, you should go somewhere else. Because everywhere I go, I hear I speak to a lot of gay lesbian adults. And they ask a lot of the same questions that the youth did. I don't understand transgender, what is this gender identity stuff? What are you people talking about? What do you mean? Were you a part of our community, et cetera,



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et cetera? Hell five years ago, I was I had those same questions. You know what? It's funny. We've been on the air now,



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five years. And I think, Okay, we've got this answered. And then somebody will come over to me and say, Well, I've never heard your show, what are you talking about? So they're right there, we are starting over again. So I don't want anybody feel like they should just go away, because we're also going to be talking about a lot about gay and lesbian youth bisexual use, we're going to be using a lot of material tonight that was provided to us by PFLAG from Ohio, who has one of the best transgender, inclusive organizations, probably anywhere in the United States, they put out some fabulous literature. And so we're going to be using a lot of their

information tonight. And I want to say this, to those of you who have been sending me the emails, I understand that you're frustrated. Today was there was a get together in Galveston there's a therapy, a therapy clinic in in Galveston called the Rosenberg clinic. And it's run by Dr. Cole, and he has a semi annual get together, have members who are or have clients. Today, there was a family there with their 15 year old transsexual. Wow, son soon to be daughter, wow. 15 years old. And I'm not going to give this person's name on the gear. But she was incredibly lucky. The family was totally supportive.



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This couldn't have happened five years ago,



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that would have been impossible. Yes. First, the father is a motorcycle policeman in a small in a small suburb of New Orleans, where a motorcycle policeman, the the the transgendered person, 15 year old, does have a sibling, I don't remember how old she was. But I am saying I'm guessing she was perhaps 11 or 12. The mother made it perfectly clear to us from the very beginning, that this was her child, that no matter what, this was always going to remain her child. And I had an opportunity. I spoke to them for about 20 minutes, fascinating people. And I the person that the teenager I asked asked her, I said have you started high school yet? And she said no, she was going to start high school this fall. I said, do you plan to go cross dressed? Are you planning to do this transgendered? And she said yes. I said, my advice to you is don't do that. And I said, because the police cannot be there for you every minute. That's true. The teachers cannot be there every minute, you're going to have gym classes, you're going to have times when they cannot be there to protect you. And I don't care how good you are, or how protected you think you are. They'll get you. And the mother said yes, that's actually occurred to them. And they had been speaking with Nancy Sharpe from from New Orleans. And they are now thinking about putting her this the teenager into a a private school with the idea, why don't they do that? smaller classes, better, better staff, etc.



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It's hell enough going through high school as a gay person.



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Yeah, but to be in, you know, a 15. There's no way for you to appear to be passable. You got it, it just isn't. That's just not possible. But the fact that this mother had said this was this is my child, no matter what happens, this is always going to be my child was incredible. And to a person, everyone who got up and spoke at this meeting today, turned to the parents and said, Where were you when Why was growing? Yeah, you know. So I want to those of you who are out there, I want you to know that those kinds of things do happen. But I'm not going to blow smoke up anywhere tonight and say to you that that's likely to happen. What is what is more likely to happen is that if you decide to tell your parents you're going to face a whole host of different issues. So what I want to do is I want to start out with a basic vocabulary lesson. Okay.

We're gonna the idea here tonight is I want to work up to the issues and the calls that we've been receiving. And again, I want to encourage you tonight, our number here is 526-573-8526 KPFT. And if as we are talking tonight in our discussion, if you hear something and you have a question about what it is that we've said, I want you to feel free to call us we will take your call out and lobby. We will do our best to Dress your question on the year. That's really a unique opportunity for you. So with that, let me start out with some basic things. Let's start out with this idea. What is it to be transgender? What is transgendered mean? Now, a lot of people confuse being transgendered with being gay, being lesbian, and I wanted to give some of my background and how I come to this. I'm not a psychologist, I'm not a psychiatrist. I'm not an attorney. I'm a 47 year old transsexual. I'm a state and national political activist on behalf of transgender rights. But I am not a professional therapist. And I don't want to present myself as such. Jimmy is not a therapist. Jimmy is Jimmy.



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I've been on the guy among the gay and lesbian switchboard



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that's about it. Yeah. So I want you to understand our credentials coming in. I am not going to pretend to you that I am 15 or 16, or 17. Or that I have been in a high school and a long time. Because I don't want you sitting out there and thinking, Well, I think it's important that I tell you right up front, who I am, and what it is that you're dealing with here. Yes, I'm probably old enough to be your parent. And I want to tell you that upfront, having said that, this is not going to be a lecture tonight, I'm not here to tell you what to do, or even how to do it. My hope is to present you with information and options. And in the end, this is still your life, whether you're 14, or you're 19, this is your life. And in the end, you have to use this information to make your decision. We are not going to make that decision for you here on the program tonight. Just so you know upfront. Okay, I want to start out talking about gender identity. We've used several different definitions on the show of gender identity, and some of them have been political. Some of them have been kind of all I don't know, flippant. But tonight, let's get to the basics of this. Gender identity is your internal sense of being male or female. It's who on what you think you are. Now I tweet this out, because oftentimes people will say, well, a transsexual is a person who thinks they're in the wrong body. That's not necessarily true. How would you know that? How would you know if you are in the wrong body? What we are talking about here is your sense of being male or female. That's what that's what gender identity is.



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Now that can be confusing, because many people who may be gay or lesbian are going to have some some sort of gender questions. How come? I don't feel like the other guy?



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I did? I I had, I thought I was gay up until I was in my mid 30s. Okay, I had been a trained I've been a gay rights activist to Texas, right? Absolutely. Right.



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Yes. And same same with with girls, you know, how pure? Why am I a tomboy? And how come I feel more comfortable this way?



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Insane. In some sense, it's a little bit easier for girls in that they can wear male clothes. And people think, oh, that's fashionable, or they're wearing or they're wearing their brothers clothes, or their dad's shirt, let a guy



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put on a skirt. During all hell breaks.



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It is a double standard. There's no question about it. But we're not going to sit here tonight and tell you, we can control what society thinks. We're here to tell you what we know about it. And I'm here to tell you that if you are a male, and you believe that you are a female, and you show up in school and address, you'd better be prepared for the crap that's going to fall off and there's going to be lots of it, and there's going to be a lot of it. That's exactly right. Now, the difference between gender identity and sexual orientation is fairly straightforward. In my mind, if gender identity is an issue of feeling, that your sense of who you are doesn't fit with your physical body, sexual aura that's different that is different than sexual orientation. Sexual orientation is who you are attracted to. Now, that's a muddy issue for transgendered person. If you are a male, and you believe that you want to change to be a female, and you're attracted to women, does that make you a lesbian? I don't know. I don't know. And I say that because my experience with transgender youth is that now now to our experience with transgendered youth is that sexual orientation may shift several times before they find what's actually the truth.



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Hmm. Well, that's that's where I think it's very muddy. When you're talking about gender questions and orientation questions.



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Yes, it's a completely they are two different they are two different two different things, but it can't be all together. Yeah, but they all overlap all over the place. Got it. They are utterly confusing. And I've received a number of letters from you out there saying, Well, does this make me know I am. I'm attracted to guys. But I want to change to be female. What does that

make me? And my answer to you is it makes you confused. And I'm not being flippant. Now, I'm telling you the truth, because the fact is, you may change your mind several times, you are 15 16 17 right now. And I can only tell you that I remember being 15 or 16. And God, my sexual orientation is whatever it was 24 at the moment. So I'm the first one to be to tell you that I am very openly saying that I am bisexual. The fact is, though, you shouldn't really spend a lot of time fretting over it. Because whatever your orientation turns out to be, that's what it is. That's it.



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You know, folks, I mean, you're born that way. That's it. That's the way I put it. But



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to a parent. That's an important distinction. And later on when we get to talking about what for those of you who decide you do want to discuss their discuss this with your parents, we're going to talk about distinguishing for your parents the difference between gender identity and sexual orientation. Because if you think you're confused, trust me, your parents are three times as confused. That's right. So



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whether they had to education,



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nothing, if they're my generation, Jerry Springer, and the Phil Donahue show, actually Phil Donahue show was pretty good was pretty good. Here's Jerry Springer. Okay, now then, how do you know that you're a trans person, what is a trans person, they can be a pre you can be a pre operative or a post operative transsexual. Now, the simple the difference is very simple. Have you ever have you not have your surgery? If you are a person who is thinks you are going to want the surgery, I was yes, you're probably a preoperative transsexual. If you've had the surgery, then obviously your post operative. Now worried about the surgery. Surgery is not a requirement.



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We're finding that out more and more. Surgery is



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not a requirement. Today at Dr. Cole's. Again, we heard a number of people get up and say, I don't plan to ever have the surgery. I've looked into it. It's not perfect. It hair air, there are three or four different techniques, none of which are absolutely 100%, some of which have very

serious complications. I am perfectly content to live cross gender without the operation. The point is this. I know that many of you are listening to the show, and you think that to be a transsexual, it means you immediately have to jump towards surgery. And I would say to you, that's bull, it is absolutely bull. You don't have to aim towards surgery. Unless that's really what you decide you want. You know,



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it's probably not a good idea to do that aiming anyway, because you need to live the life as the other gender for quite a while



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I started out saying I was a gay man. And this and ended up living in what most people would assume as lesbian relationship. The point to that is that sexual orientation and gender identity will shift and especially gender identity is not written in stone, it is a continuum. You may be in one spot and this continuum one time at one point in your life, and be in a totally different spot at another point in your life. So this is to sit there at 16 or 17 or 18 Say I must do this. That's just not so. And I know you're feeling pressure. I've been reading these letters. I know you're frustrated. I know you want things to happen for you yesterday. But believe me when I say to you, that is not necessarily the healthiest thing you can do. What you can do is what you're probably doing tonight, get solid information, get options, get an education, and then make a decision, especially for God's sakes get an education. Because if surgery is now 18 to \$20,000 Payable upfront in cash, non refundable. And unless you plan to be a hooker on the street, you're gonna need a good job



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because you ain't gonna be able to afford that flipping burgers.



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No, McDonald's is not going to give you the income you need to have surgery. No, no, no picking McDonald's and if



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you are a female to male, you're looking at 50,000 to \$100,000.



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Well, yes, yeah. Because you're talking about breast surgery. a hysterectomy. That's right, there you go. Now let me talk a little bit about gender expression for a minute because that's term we don't talk about a lot in the show. Gender expression is very simple. And if you want to

see gender expression at work, I suggest you take a look at some of the butch lesbians that you know. There are a lot of butch lesbians out there and do the love are seeing they're in leather jackets and leather, leather pants, or they're in the flame of the famous flannel shirts, the Castro look at it, they are obviously acting out their gender in a way that would not be considered socially the norm. For most women, that is gender expression. Gender is how you present yourself outwardly to the world. It's just that basic. So it's possible. If I give you an example, based on my own experience. So here I was on the baseball team is captain of the baseball team, captain of the tennis team, captain of the swim team, working like hell to make everybody believe that I was a male. But my gender expression when I got home was to get into my mother's clothes. Haha, okay. It's the difference between how you present and how you feel and how you attempt to act out those feelings. My mother couldn't keep me out of her closet literally had to padlock the closet door. You're kidding. No, no, true. I never knew that. I literally had the padlock door couldn't keep me out. And today, we actually heard from a number of people Dr. Cole's who said had similar experiences, actually. Hmm. So gender expression is how you present yourself outwardly. Yeah, their example. You walk into any bar tonight, and you're going to run across a number of really nilly guys. Mm hmm. That's gender expression. That is how they outwardly present to the world. That's right. But it is a mistake to assume from that anything about their sexuality, you got it. You can be incredibly effeminate and be totally straight.



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Yeah. Yes. Look at all the choir directors,



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or Broadway producers. But we're not going there. Well, I think we just went through some stereotypes real quick there. Sorry. So the point that I want to make here is that gender expression is different can be different from your gender identity. A lesbian will tell you, yes, they're lesbian, and they love women, but they present in men's clothing. But they still want to, but they still want to be women. Yes, that's right. So that's the difference between your gender identity, your sense of who you are, and the way that it's presented. Now, that's an important distinction. Because you can go through high school, feeling that you that inside, even though you're in a male body, you're a woman, or even that you're in a female body, that you should be a man. But the only time you're really going to have any trouble in your high school, is the day that you decide to show up cross dress from what people used to seeing. Yeah, it's the gender expression that gets you in trouble. And that's something that the activists have been talking about, for 20 years. It's one of the reasons that we've talked about, it's so important that we be included in the end of the employment non discrimination act. Because in the end, it's not so much sexual orientation that invites hate crimes. Is it is the outward expression. Okay, gender expression, you're



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talking about this outward expression, and you know how strong it was for you. Oh, yeah. So what can you say to teens? Who have these same feelings of gender expression, find



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and find another way of expressing it? Now, what is that? I don't know, because I don't know your exact situation. I can tell you my experience. My experience was that I was very lucky that I lived in a small town. And there was a lady there who had a very effeminate son, Adrian Fullerton is Mrs. Name in Adrian's mother, for some reason seemed to understand our need for cross dressing and actually helped us to do it. So we would go over to his house, she would she taught us how to do makeup, gave us clothes out of her closet, and allowed us to express ourselves in her home. So the woods stay sane. Now, you may not have that experience, maybe you're not going to be that lucky. But if you can find an alternative place to give your gender expression, an outward vent, until until you can do it on a more open and permanent basis. That would be my first suggestion. If you remain need to talk about coming out to your parents.



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I remember Danielle who's now in California talking about that. And saying that, you know if you can't have the gender expression, then write write



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poetry. She write volume. She had volume journals. Yes. Oh,



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there's all kinds of different ways of expressing Yeah, it doesn't have to be with clothing



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right now. In here's an important point to understand gender expression is not necessarily about the clothes as it is about taking the pressure off so you survive the next day when you're a teenager. Okay, see,



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this is what I don't understand. When you



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when you're a teen Nature, there's a sense that everything has to happen right now. Yeah. Now for those who you're 15 1617, and I know what you want to hear from me is, yes, go ahead and do it and everything is going to be fine. And the world is going to accept you, and I'm in you can enact and just go out there and do it without consequences. And I'm the Queen of Sheba.

And I'm going to tell you that if I tell you that I'm a liar. That's just not how it works. So you're really going to have to look at your own personal situation, and try and find an outward expression, that would be safe. Now, let me tell you don't do and some of what I did. Do not go to Kmart, buy the clothes, sit in the backseat of your car in a public park. Don't do that. I was lucky not to have been killed. There. You've got to find a way to do it without without having a cost to your life. Yeah, yeah.



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It's Katrina rose here. You as far as expressing yourself in high school, when you're in your high school years, there are two, two possibilities of it coming coming back at you. Obviously, what you're getting at is, you show up cross dressed and the piers go after you. When, when you brought that up, I was thinking of a potential the opposite of that. I forget the kid's name is the one in Georgia that we've heard about recently.



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Yes. McClendon in Georgia, right. Yeah.



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And apparently, the kids didn't have a whole hell of a lot of problem with it. It was some of the administrators



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probably, it only takes two or three kids who have a problem with you, where you end up in the hospital.



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Yeah, but there wasn't as far I remember going, there wasn't any violence or anything against the kid. But if there was some, once the it was brought to the attention of a couple of administrators, then the problem started.



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Yeah, it was the adult and especially the Christian Yeah, in Georgia that created the trouble. So



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bottom line is, and if you happen to have never seen a picture of this person, how anybody ever found out, I have no idea



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or find a compromise way of doing it, if you have to wear panties under your clothes, or something like that, if you're going to not go into a gym class, I was gonna say that you go back into the gym, find some intermediate way. Now, I'm saying all this, and I'm basing this on the idea that the assumption here that you made that you're not planning to tell your parents about that. However, for those of you who think you are going to want to tell your parents, that's an entirely different set of circumstances and issues. And I'm going to deal with that a little bit later. But just so you understand. The the advice I'm giving to those of you who don't think you can tell your parents is get your education, don't get yourself thrown out of the house. Right?



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I'd say that was the absolute top priority. Do not end up on the street



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lower Montrose is full of people who got kicked out. I



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can take you down Montrose tonight. And I can show you the alleys where transgendered street kids most of whom are throwaways are doing or injecting street level hormones and then sharing the needles. Because they can't because they simply can't afford them get more needles, or simply cannot get them legally. For God's sakes, whatever you do, don't get yourself thrown out. Get yourself in education. Look for compromises along the way if that's what it takes. Yeah, but it's gonna be tough. Don't get yourself killed in Don't get yourself thrown out. It's only gender. That's what we're talking about here. You're only gender. It's not the end of the world. Yeah.



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I mean, for those of you you've read some of the stuff I've written in the triangle and and the TG newsletters, I mean, you know, you've you've read about my my travails as far as my employment situation which has gotten better of light, but the bottom line is, it would have been a hell of a lot worse. If all of this had happened when I was in high school, you bet I got my high school diploma, went on to Texas a&m. Got it got my bachelor's degree and eventually got my law degree. And however bad things are right now. I've got those little pieces of paper that your help they help a hell of a lot



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and has every transgender activist in Houston gone to a&m Don't close



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dreaming on all three of us Rockies. That's right.



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I got my match. I've taken classes. So



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there's something in the water e&m I think,



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was it well, actually was it for the education? Or was it because it's a military school military so yeah, like I went



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to school there because I was living in College Station and mint didn't have to go out of town to go to college. That's



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me. I was I was not in the choir. I went there because because of a convenient housing situation. I moved up there from Houston. My grandparents lived close to a&m. So it was just a convenient housing situation. I was not a CT,



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because there's a lot of transgendered folks who have been Marines. And



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well, you what you're describing, describing Phyllis and



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yourself a lot of mothers that we met.



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I mean, Phyllis, Phyllis would have been not Marines. But Phyllis was in



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Philly. Did a military stint in the army, though. Yeah. But



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military. Yeah. From my aspect. militaries. Military. I know, I know, the military folks will go battle between branches there. But from my end, any military is military to me. You got



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it. Dr. Cole's today, we ran across a number of fighter pilots, former fighter pilots who were there. Yeah. The process of doing a gender change process.



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And why did they do that?



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That's an interesting thing. And I'm glad you brought that up. The one thing that came up when it has come up in several times, there is many times these people that are the fighter that were the fighter pilots, they were volunteering for the most dangerous things they could find. Because they were trying to prove to themselves that they were not what they most feared. You got it, which is it's almost a form of suicide. It really is. So I



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did that by growing a beard, or now. I'm not trying to be I actually jumped the pipe at one time. Yeah, yeah. I'm trying to be flipping on that. But try to be more of a guy. Sure. The beard grow.



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Yeah, if I go into the service, it'll, you know, take away these feelings that I had,



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I actually have a picture of myself in the mid 80s, where I had a mustache. You did you had a mustache? I can't picture that. I have to show you that picture one day.



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Say, See, here we go. We facial hair. Yeah, you know, it's anything to be this masculine thing.



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Now let's, let's understand something here. Because you have feelings and you feel like you need you to your gender expression or doesn't match. That doesn't necessarily mean that you're a transsexual, you may very well be a crossdresser. Yes, and let me explain the difference. I think I'm gonna try and explain this in the best way that I can think of that makes sense. A transsexual as a general generality, here is a person who is generally aimed at the surgery. A transgender wrist is a person who has decided, I'm probably not going to do the surgery. But I'm going to live cross gender, at least, at least part of the time, a trend a and I don't want to use that word anymore. It's it's really wrong. A cross dresser is a person who is going to simply do it on a part time basis. That's all they're going to do. Many of them are heterosexual, many of them are married. And the point I wanted to make to you is, it seems like so many of the letters that I get from you, the immediate assumption is, oh, I want to wear these clothes automatically. I'm transsexual. That's not true at all. There are a host of options. Before you ever get to the point of saying I'm transsexual. It's like being on a train. You don't go directly to the front of the train and say I'm going to be the conduct. I'm going to run this train. You need to stop