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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 classes. 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



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Hello Houston.



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Welcome to After hours a tradition in queer radio. No, I'm not Jimmy Carper, Jimmy's on his usual vacation to Hawaii. And so I'm not going to make any jokes about Hawaii this time.



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And I'm not Jimmy Carper, either. No.



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This is Sarah dipalma. He is you know, you can probably tell by the nasal voice This is Sarah. And with me tonight is co host is



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Beth Richard. And this year it's co hosting again in January. I don't sound like a frog like last year. Thank you very much.



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If it's January, it's it's Sarah and death. That's



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it. Jimmy is having entirely too much fun in the sun in Hawaii



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every year for six years now. I think Jimmy has taken his band or has been in Hawaii in January. And you and I have done it every year. Well, I think one year we had named McKellar do Yeah,



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because I didn't move in here until five years ago. So I'm sure I



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think we had one year we had demon killer do it. Anyway, welcome to after hours. Continuing tradition in queer radio, as we like to say, this show tonight is as is often the case in our program, we are a split program and the first half will be discussing transgender issues and in transgenderism in general. And actually we a very interesting interview, we'll get to in a second in a second. And in the second half of the program, we will be talking about gay Hispanics, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, Hispanic, GLBT, Hispanics. And of course in between, we'll be doing news and sports in no no weather. But I will give you this quick traffic report. Coming in from the Southwest Freeway, I happen to notice that there was a huge wreck it right at the 610 loop in the Southwest Freeway, which meant that the Southwest Freeway was closed on level I mean, close in a traffic jam from like here to hell. So my advice to you is if you are outbound in the Southwest Freeway, yeah, get up now. Do not wait till you get the 610 because you'll let freeway isn't going to be opening up till like next week, I don't think just couldn't resist.



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You know, now you've done radio in the evening with a traffic report that's got to be a first for this show.



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No, actually, we're not I gave a police report of where the radar rabbit report was. And the police call here. They were not happy. I couldn't. I couldn't



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believe that you Sarah.



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Well, let's talk about the music that we did at the opening sound plan. And the opening cut was a song called Happy Girl by Beth Nielsen Chapman. And that is for a very dear friend of mine. Jennifer, who is had her sex reassignment surgery this past Monday in Montreal. We spoke to her tonight and she's feeling sore, as you might imagine. Yeah. But otherwise is just fine. That would be Dr. Yvonne Menard, Doctor, Doctor Menara. And if I ever can get up the money, that's probably where I will go. The second cut was, Oh, I wish I could describe the CD cover.



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But let's put it this way. I told her to quit Drew and on the table a few minutes ago. This man's



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name is Bob Hartman. And the CD is called very sexual men. If you could see this Cover. That's an understatement. Okay, man, it's just gorgeous. And the cut I believe was called a welcome to my world in. Okay, you got this right, I gotta stop drooling all over this guy. It's just too easy. Well, let's talk about what we've got scheduled for this portion of the show. All right, we should start with some background here. I am an openly trans, transgendered woman, I happen to be a preoperative, transsexual. Beth is also openly transgendered. And pretty much in the same situation are pretty much in the same situation. And we are going to be talking about a case this evening. That comes out of San Antonio. And before we go to the interview, this case requires some setup. So let's talk a little bit about that. The this case, involves a young woman by the name of Kristy Lee Littleton. Christie had her second her sex reassignment surgery way back in 1979. Wow. She had it done in San Antonio, at a time when San Antonio was doing was doing experimental, quote, unquote, sex change operations. And as I recall, most of those were not successful. So Christie was one of the very few to come out of that program. And it were her surgery was a success. And at that time, it was a three step surgery. Jeez, I mean, yeah, I mean, sound pretty sounded pretty awful from her description of it. For those



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who aren't familiar these days. It's one with an optional second for the most part for most of the surgeons out there doing it.



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Yeah. Today, a sex reassignment surgery normally is anywhere from Oh, two to four hours, depending on who the surgeon is and what technique is being used. The recovery period usually, typically, they try and get you out of bed on the third day. Yep. Often by the 10th. Day you have been released to go home, but you're not allowed back to work for 30 days.



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Typically, I'd heard six weeks so between four and six between



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four and six weeks depending on whether you're a fast healer or not. Yeah, so for the for her surgery to have taken Bucha have been in three steps is pretty amazing to us Alia.



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If you're familiar with the book by Kinnari Khan, that was pretty calm her surgery back in the late 60s, she went to Mexico, didn't she? That's right. And she did describe the same kind. I'm assuming it's pretty similar because hers was a three step. Also,



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if any of you out there were considering sex reassignment surgery, take our word for it. Do not go to Mexico, no doubt about do not. In any case, Kristy Lee little tin was 10 years post operative when she met her future husband. And it was basically love at first sight. Cool. So they were married for about six and a half years. And they were married in Kentucky actually, and then moved to Texas. And after six and a half years of marriage, and roughly six months of living together before that, yeah. Her husband passed away of an embolism. And as as this particular case, she felt the doctor praying who was the the physician taking care of her husband, right? She felt that she had a case of malpractice against Doctor praying and is any wife or spouse or life partner has a right to do. She sued for malpractice. The court case was going along. All right, I ended it's in a normal way. And then it came out that Kristy Lee Littleton was a transsexual. It then came the judge the insurance company that was defending Dr. Prang, then decided that they were going to sue and try and get the case thrown out on the idea that because she was a transsexual, even though she was 10 years post operative, they decided that the one thing you couldn't change were your chromosomes, right? Therefore, even though she was physically a female, she was still biologically male.



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She had she's female anatomy, she female anatomy, email blood chemistry. Well, they



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don't know that, you know, they never did that test. That's interesting. Hormone they never did. They never did do a chromosome test on her. Never.



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Okay, never at this point, I can pretty much guarantee that she's not producing very much in the way of testosterone. We were sure that Yeah, okay. Yeah, we're sure it's very likely that she's been on estrogens for a long time. So I'd say pretty, pretty conclusively that her anatomy at least and her and her blood chemistry at least is female by any test you want to make.



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Right? So the doctors then decided that To the doctor, the lawyer has decided that that meant that she was actually a male. Therefore, she was in an illegal same sex marriage did not have standing to sue. And she lost. The judge agreed with that. And so this isn't the case, this court, this case went to the Fourth Circuit, the fourth Court of Appeals, which happens to be located in bear County, San Antonio. And in a ruling that I can only describe as being bizarre in its wording.



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They rule and they they, this court went much further in, in a ruling which only accounted for X X and X Y chromosomes period end of disparate in this discussion. Thank you for all the, you know, intersex people that might perhaps have Klinefelter syndrome and xx wise or any of the various, you know, possibilities of chromosome mix, some of which are pretty rare, but they exist that are out there with them.



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Well, they decided that Kristy Lee Littleton was a male, and went one step further. They said that it didn't matter that if you went and you had your your post operative, you always were what your chromosomes



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were. So it didn't matter what your anatomy was, it didn't matter what your blood chemistry was, it didn't matter what your social situation was, all it mattered was something that nobody can see, without a pretty expensive test and makes absolutely no difference in a person's day to day life. And that's the important part.



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It's an absurd ruling. Yeah, the courts, the ruling is totally absurd. And after we do the interview, I'll come back, we're going to come back and we're going to talk about some various aspects of the case. But one thing that as you listen to Christie Littleton, this is the thing that really came across to me today. And for you folks that are out there, see if perhaps you get the same read on this. My impression is that Christie is, is a person who feels like she's been struck by lightning.



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Yeah, I can imagine being in that situation.



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One minute, she's in the middle of a malpractice case. The next minute she's in this the middle of one of the largest civil rights cases in the country in the last 10 years processor is groundbreaking. This is this is clot I kid you not folks, I'm averaging 100 emails a day from literally all over the world. I've heard from people wanting to know what the hell is going on in Texas? What the hell is wrong with us?



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Are you kidding? I want to know.



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I mean, I have had emails from Germany, in from Australia, I get an email from an attorney in New Zealand over this. I mean, this is this is a been an area the you could pretty much summarize all the emails are saying, Are you people nuts? What are you doing in Texas, that doubt, I received a wonderful letter from a doctor who happens to be intersex. And the doctor explained to me that one out of every 500 people is not is not either x x or x y



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and courtesy of our Texas court system, that means they're not male and they're not female. They just aren't it'll their marriages have just been



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an old am I don't know. We think we're just doing a little bit of arithmetic. We figured that was 14,000 people in the state of Texas, whose marriage had been an old and they don't know it, right? All they're gonna be happy. Oh, I'm sure they will. Oh, oh, yeah, they're gonna be thrilled. And since this ruling says that we are with our chromosomes are. That means is our

understanding, that would mean that for you to go for any person out there, who decides to go and get a marriage license to be truly official, you have to have a chromosome test done in that brilliant and those only run about 600 bucks, whereas run around 600 bucks, fabulous, you know, which is not cheap. When in G cents, this is state mandated who's going to pay for that? Chances are it won't be the state of Texas, chances are you're gonna pay for it. So ladies, if you're out there picking out your wedding dress, just, you know, subtract \$600 off the price, you're gonna get a lesser wedding dress because you have to pay for your chromosomes. Thank US courts in Texas. I know. You'll love it. You're gonna love this ruling. Well, with that in mind, we're gonna go ahead and go to this interview and then we'll come back and we'll pick this piece apart. This is Christy Lee Littleton and while you listen for yourself



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Fulton Christie is in. Christie is in the midst of a controversy not of her making it we're going to ask how that all started. Christy Welcome to after hours.



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Thank you.



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Let me start at the beginning. I understand that, that you're originally from Kentucky. Is that right? No,



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ma'am. I am originally from San Antonio, Texas. I happen to meet my husband in Kentucky.



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Oh, okay. He's not that you originally from Kentucky, born in San Antonio, Texas. And how did you meet your husband?



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I happen to had a car accident that for medical reasons I was transferred to Kentucky for medical treatment. And during the process, I met my husband Jonathan Mark Middleton.



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Oh, how romantic was was he was he a doctor there?



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No, he happened to work for the Toyota plant. In the he was from up in the mountains in Kentucky, and came down to Lexington, Kentucky for employment. And he was residing at a motel, which was happened to be the same motel that I recited in right before my medical treatment in Kentucky. And we were introduced in the lobby of the motel.



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So that was just meant to happen. Sometimes it just goes that way. Now, let's back up a little bit for the audience. You are a postoperative transsexual. And when did you have your surgery? How long ago?



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20 years ago? November of 1979.



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Okay, so you were post operative when you met your husband?



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Two years ago? Wow.



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So for all you ladies out there in the audience who think you never get to meet a guy, say Christie 10 years. But there you go. It can happen. Something I'm not advocating give a car accident to do it. But that's okay. Okay, so when you first when you first met your potential husband, did you date a long time?



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We dated for about him? Well, we actually became friends for about a month. And that friendship led into becoming roommates. And then, two weeks after we became roommates, I was taken out under the knife. I had to go for surgery. And during the recovery of the surgery, my husband nursed me back to health, which took several months. During that process, we fell in love.



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Well, I'll be done. So So you fell in love while he was nursing you back to health? Correct? Wow, I love this story. Okay, so in then you were married to your husband for how long?



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We were married actually, for six and a half years, we lived together six months prior to our marriage. Okay. During that time, while he was nurturing me, and during the courtship that we fell in love. When he admitted his true feelings for me, I admitted my little secret and expose to him my past life. And he understood, accepted and asked me to marry him.



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So he knew you were postoperative and basically said, Hey, I don't care. Exactly. Well, that's wonderful. What How did you end up? How did you end up in Texas?



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Well, because I'm originally from Texas. When he proposed to me he asked me would I marry him? And I said, Yes. If we would come and recite in San Antonio, Texas, where I have my family, friends, clients and my business. I'm a hairstylist, and I needed to reopen my business. And he agreed that my life was that important to me. So he gave up his for mine. And he moved all his belongings with me to San Antonio, Texas, and helped me read opened my salon.



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Wow. So how long were the two of you married? You were married? For what? Seven years? Is that right? No, no



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legally married. We were legally married in December the 31st of December, which was New Year's Eve of 89. And he passed away on July 30, of 8096. of 96. We were married apart from me about six and a half years,



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six and a half years. In your being a post operative transsexual I gather was just never an issue of any kind.



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No, I believe that until the day he died, he was still in disbelief that the surgery ever took place. He could say there was no tracks of my past never understand how I was ever born that way. If

I was so feminine in his eyes



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that's what you that. That's what we all hope for. I think. Now, I know this is kind of a touchy subject but But your husband passed away in I don't know when he passed away.



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I believe they call it embolism is a clap luck. blood clot. A blood clot right? Yes, it's got stuck in the lungs in his main arteries and causes death



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in He was being treated by this doctor praying right?



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I had been taking him to the doctor's to several doctors prior to his death. For some reason, I would explain to them that he had blood clots and they disagreed and would treat him for something else. A day before he died, I took him to this Doctor Frank. And in my eyes, in my opinion, he misdiagnosed and just give didn't give him the proper medical care. And just gave him a bottle of ibuprofen for pain, which contains aspirin and is a blood thinner, which is an enemy to her blood clots. And they gave him those treatments and within 14 hours he passed away.



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So like any, any wife, you feel like you have a malpractice case. And in you go to court. Okay, in the end, the doc Doctor praying was was defended by his insurance carrier, I gather. What which insurance company? Was it? He knew? I



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don't really know that I only know the law firm that is backing him up. Okay, I really don't. I've never really acknowledged the name of the insurance company.



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Okay, so this this, you take your malpractice case to court in what happens?



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Well, I was going for to get justice on my husband's wrongful death. And as a wife, I would say if I feel that my husband is being treated wrong, and I asked for proper treatment, and it is refused. As a wife, I defend my husband. My husband has to show them from a prior marriage. And I figured what since I lost my husband. And my stepchildren has lost their only means of ever getting to meet their has their father again. I wanted to get justice so that we could arrange some kind of financial stuff for my stepchildren and my stepmother. And for myself, I wanted them to give justice on the doctor, I was saying this doctor does need to continue practicing. But it went beyond my control. Instead of just looking at it as a woman looking for justice on her husband wrongful death. They turned it around and made it a gender issue. They forgotten about the hurt that my husband went, the lack of medication that he got, they forgot about the pain and suffering that I went all the remember is the gender issue.



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Well, now this started in a lower court, I guess in the original court, they ruled against you is that right? They threw me out a case out of court. Okay, so then the case was appealed up to the fourth, fourth Court of Appeals in judge Hardberger. Now, when you went to when you went to trial, how did it happen, that you're being a transsexual ever came out? Because I don't I guess I don't understand what it has to do with anything. How did this happen? To you? They found that out.



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I really don't know how they found out. I believe that during the deposition, some of the questions that the two female attorneys on the doctor side quested me certain things under oath and they asked me my, my full name and I gave it and then they asked me if I ever win by any other name. And I told them my female name before marriage, and they they pursued it to go on to the day that I was born. And they brought that issue up.



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I see. And in reading through the trial records, I never could understand how it was that they found that out. Now, did you want to have all your documentation completed? I mean, you had a driver's license that said female and all that sort of thing. Right. Okay. You had that at the time of trial to right. Yeah. Okay, because as a resident of trial I for life me, I couldn't figure out how it was that they discovered the juror transsexual. Now, Kate, NASA, then when the court ruled, what how did the court come to the conclusion that you're being a transsexual had anything to do with a malpractice case? I guess I still don't see the connection.



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Those are two things. They're two totally issues. They the court took the privilege of merging together. Instead of taking my malpractice case to heart, which was the main issue, they found a loophole to keep the data from being sued with mouth practice. So they decided to bring in

the gender issues. I don't know how they combined them together. I also don't know how they even came to the conclusion of the being and same sex marriage had no way it's the same sex marriage.



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Well, what happened was there and this is this is a very bizarre case, almost from start to finish. Because this starts out is a is a simple malpractice case, this is a case of a wife and a stepmother, who feels that the doctor has his his done serious injury, in like any woman decides that this is she has a right to sue, and does. So the next thing you know, this case is in a the fourth Court of Appeals, and it's on its way to becoming civil rights case. So the whole case turns in my understanding of reading the judge's ruling here is the judge essentially said that it didn't matter that you were post surgical, you know, seven, eight years, that it didn't matter, no matter that your husband had accepted you as a woman. And that your your stepchildren accepted you as a woman that as long as you had chromosomes if male chromosomes you were male, regardless of whether he had the surgery or not. Which which is certainly it's pretty bizarre, actually.



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Very close minded also. Well,



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yeah. I mean, to say at least it was it was definitely close minded now. So now that this decision has been handed down, and now what you're going to appeal, what to the Texas Supreme Court, Supreme Court?



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Yes. As we're talking at prison time, I've got right in front of me, the petition for review to the Supreme Court.



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Okay, and that has to be in by I think the 15th or 16th. Yes, something like that. Okay, so So now it's going to go to the tech, the Texas Supreme Court, and what happens there,



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hopefully, I'll come up, come up successful, and win my case. And let America know that all human beings have equal rights, is the Supreme Court is fair with all Americans, no matter what we're born, you were born human beings and Americans. And I do believe that we all have rights. We have a right to have our rights identified and acknowledged, we have rights to fall in

love and marry. And if the court is just to all human beings in America, they will vote my way. If for any reason, they should vote against me. And the courts throw my case or refuse to hear my case, I would continue to fight as far as I can to have my rights acknowledged.



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Well, the strange thing about this case is by ruling that you had male chromosomes, even though you were six years postoperative transsexual there ruled that that meant that you had an illegal same sex relationship, and therefore never had any standing to sue in, in the courts. Now, in that has caught the attention of a lot of National Gay and Lesbian organizations. It now I know, for example, that the Lambda Legal group has been working with your attorneys. And there are a number of other gay and lesbian organizations also, they're really looking hard at this case, and is plotting strategy of where to go from here. Did it any did the judge ever explain in the court tee it to you verbally? Why? He thought so? I mean, how did he reach that conclusion? Tell you to to this,



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the judge, neither of the judges, neither from the first court nor from the fourth Court of Appeal, which were three the set Indic, fourth Courts of Appeal, none of the judges above ever questioned me personally, not one of them has ever even gave me one minute up to listen to my words of what I have to say or what I felt. Everything that have come has gone through my lawyers, and their lawyers. Never Have they ever asked me anything, how they came up to the conclusions of what my chromosomes are. I don't understand it, because I've never been asked to be tested for them. I was never asked to be tested for chromosomes, by the judges, nor my my doctors. 20 years ago when I had the surgery performed. Neither to my best of my knowledge since the day that I was born. No one has ever tested my chromosomes. So how he came to come to that conclusion. It's still a myth.



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Well, that's something that I know you and I talked about the other No the other night. I think that's an important point. He ruled that we are where our chromosomes are, or the near case that you are as your chromosomes are. But then he never had you tested for chromosomes. So he has no real idea. No, he does not. I couldn't understand how he could possibly hand down rules like that. But well, I don't know. I think it looks to me like in the agenda before he ever started,



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they already have to remain set up. They wanted to,



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that's that's the way it looks. Now thing I know you and I talked about this before. But if it goes to the legislature, of course, my organization is prepared to take this risk this this case to the

to the legislature, of course, my organization is prepared to take this kick this this case to the Texas legislature. I assume you would want to be able to tell this story to to the core some of the committee's there and explain your case to them? Yes, I would.



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Yes, I would I wish somebody would give me a few minutes so that I can explain my feelings and my thoughts. And when they could hear my side.



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This wants to come like a lightning bolt to you. I mean, you know, I've tried to put myself in your shoes in it seems to be like this is a very simple case, you go forward for a malpractice suit. And the next thing you know, it becomes a civil rights case. And then they turn around say, well, basically, you can no civil rights go home.



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That is correct. I don't understand why due to the fact that my surgery was done under government experimental thing, and it was funded by the government. It was a government program. It was done by government, doctors, government employed judges and lawyers that took part in changing my name. And my gender has all been done legally. I would have thought somebody bringing up the issue of my gender would have happened 20 years ago when the search was done, not 20 years later. And after a marriage. When they tried to judge me, I would have thought they would have done that way before I met my husband. And normally my marriage should it should have been done before I applied for the marriage license, or during my mat my marriage to my husband, not after a successful marriage. And 20 years of womanhood.



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I'm curious, you said your surgery was done under a government program. What program was that? Well, the



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which was then called the bear County Hospital, which I believe is now called the universe, the Medical University in San Antonio is and the Texas Health Science Center, which is funded by the government are the doctors in the facilities where my surgery was taken 20 years ago. And this interesting was there was 100 of us that underwent this transgender program. And I believe out of 100 only three of us were successfully successful through the program. And they by my memory serves me right. I also believe that I was the first one to be allowed into the surgery room.



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Interesting. None of that came up and understand



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how a government can allow such a program to go by and take a human person and put them in a program like this and okay for the search to be gone to go ahead and be taken and then later they contradict themselves and say it's not okay for this human to try to have human rights



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Well, it is very strange case it isn't as you know, now it is attracted national and even international attention in there's a great deal of behind the scenes work going on here. I have to say Christie this has been one of the stranger cases that I can recall. The judge's ruling doesn't seem logical in my understanding of it is it essentially makes intersex people basically it makes them in the legal limbo in



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that really put me in a limbo



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well, where I wanted the audience to get an opportunity to meet you in to hear your your presentation of it. Because it just it just seems to me like this is a case that was so simple. In turn it wrong so fast. You did you were you ever able to make any contact with transgender groups during this period? Or did you even know the transgender organizations existed? Or did you think you needed any?



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No, I never knew about trans transgender organizations or anything I've never known as a matter of fact there for years I thought I was the only one around. I met some other girls. All the girls that I have met have worked themselves into their normal lives and gone into secret lives and didn't want nobody to know about their personal life. And nobody talked about it. It was a hush hush subject. The only time we I ever personally talked about it was when I was having a relationship with a man that I needed him to know. That's when I met my husband. When our relationship was growing, I thought there was something I needed to know, before the relationship went on. And that's about the only time we talked about it. I explained it to him. And he understood, he heard it, accepted it, and then told me Let's never talk about this



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again. How are the stepchildren handling this? Do you have custody?



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No, I have never had the opportunity of meeting the children. And since they never made me and didn't know my past, which they do now, due to the court, I think the chances of me ever getting to meet him have been taken away.



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That's got to hurt.



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Yes, because the courts are doing what they want. And they don't even understand that two people can actually pull him up and have a relationship. They don't understand the hurt, that when you meet somebody, and it's taken away, the absence of that person, the absence of the experiences, they're holding, the conversations we had, if I ever needed counseling from my husband, I cannot ask you for that no more because he's gone. The courts don't understand that. It's not just that my husband was gone. It is my lifetime partner that they took away from me. And now they're telling me I don't have a right to fight for his wrongful death. They're trying to tell me not only are they telling me that I do not have the right to fight for the rights that are the way I should have. They're also telling me that I may never marry again. In the future. I must never meet any person that I may fall in love and want to share my life with. By law, they're telling me that I will never be able to marry again. And that to me is very unconstitutional, and very inhumane to ask for a human to stay away from marriage. Same time, they're asking me that if I ever fall in love, I will have to live under sin by living in common law because I don't have a right to marry in a legal decent life with men and call him I have



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very eloquently said I could not add one thing to that. Christie, more



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any lawyer has ever asked me how I felt to lose my husband. And what I am thinking right now, or what I feel all they know is they want to go what is legally the law now. And they didn't even follow the legal law in the right procedure.



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eloquent words, Christy, thank you very much for talking to us on on after hours. I you know I mentioned this case some time ago, and we had discussed it a little bit with our audience this

evening. And I wanted them to have an opportunity to meet you so they could understand just just the human effect that a case can have on a person. Thank you very much for talking with us more than welcome