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unfinished business Boy George, beautiful, beautiful piece of music. And I want to thank Jim for selecting that that was a wonderfully sensitive piece of music. And he's bowing and very proud of himself. But ya know, did?



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Well, I



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hope that you found the interview with Christy to be interesting and enlightening. Try to put yourself in her shoes for a second. Here's a person who is just living in everyday life. She's a hairdresser by trade, works out of her own home. So she's an independent small business person. And she's just trying to make a living and get through life like all of us. In next thing she knows, she's in the middle of what are the major



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civil rights case. And don't forget, the next thing she knows before that was her husband was the death of her husband. Yeah, which is bad enough to shake somebody up in the beginning, and they're



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telling her she has no legal standing to sue. Now you can imagine Put yourself in her position, whether you're talking about having your life partner of six and a half or seven years, or or a husband or wife or spouse or whatever term you want to use. You've been together now for six and a half, seven years, and your spouse dies. And you want to be able to sue for malpractice. And the court says, yep, well, your chromosomes don't meet our criteria. So you can't sue



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we think your chromosomes don't meet your criteria. That's



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right. Because because they are never did a test on this woman. That's what she said. And I find that fascinating. How can the court rule that she is what her chromosomes are? They never found out what those words? Yeah, good question. It's a very, to me a very bizarre situation. Well, I brought the case rule the case with me. And of course, we're not gonna sit here and go through all of this. But I did want to, I did want to read some of the basics, the way this case starts out. And here's the way the judge frames this case. This case involves the most basic of questions. When is a man a man, and when is a woman, a woman? Okay, every school child, even if tender, yours is confident he or she can tell the difference, especially if the person is wearing no clothes,



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fine, drag a school child and point her out.



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These are options. These are observations that each of us makes early in life in most cases, continue to have more than a passing interest in for the rest of our lives. It is one of the more pleasant mysteries. Okay. In my mind, the judge has just stated that he has a header of Henry actual or heterosexual bias. Yeah, I mean, right out of the chute. Yeah. He says the deeper philosophical and now legal question is can a physician change the gender of a person with a scalpel? Drugs and counseling or as a person's gender immutably fixed by our Creator at birth?



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Oh, once again, a were confused about the difference between sex and gender.



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Not only that, but we just stated the we just stated the fundamentalist view of the world.



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Thank you for my point. Yeah, exactly. Exactly.



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I read this and my, my, my, I just saw read, I seem



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to remember a certain constitutional amendment that says that we shouldn't necessarily be basing our government and our legal system on religion.



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It's just amazing. He, yeah, it would be the one separation of church. I love that, or is a person's gender immutably fixed by our Creator at birth? The answer to that question has definite legal implications that present themselves, in this case involving the person named Kristy Lee Littleton? Well, why are we talking about gender being immutably fixed?



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That's a good question.



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I've asked this question a zillion times. But it's still true. What does a woman in California and a woman in Iraq have in common tonight? Nothing about right, nothing. Their biology may be the same, but the expectations of who they are and there are social Yeah, they are society and



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Lionel based who's completely different in those two places. Gender



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is totally absolutely completely 100% a societal rule. Oh, come



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on. Sarah, tell me I really think you know,



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it's the this. This this statement by this judge is idiotic on its face.



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Okay. Well, that's you know, you're right gender being our havior our mind the way we think, is societal based sex being our anatomy, our chromosomes, our chemical makeup is not social based. And once again, that Judge along with quite a few other people in the world have confused sex and gender, obviously.



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You know, sex is the anatomy you're born with is whatever plumbing you came



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with that plumbing, well, you know, what our lack of time or lack of flowing, take your pick, you know, and for the case of the post office, whatever they happen to have at the time, that's right, right. So it's not necessarily what you were born with gender



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is all the expectations presented to you because of your biology. And I don't believe that she has ever changed her gender.



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I don't believe he's arrogant. I believe she has been female gendered since before her surgery. Before she asked for counseling before she sought this out, which is why she sought this out and why she went for surgery is to match her body to that gender.



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I don't know if she said it during the interview. But I know that she and I had discussed this and she said her husband was kind of in denial that she had ever been tries to draw a bottom transsexual, because he couldn't imagine her being any other way. You know that it was impossible for him for him to eat or even consider. The Christie was anything other than a woman.



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I had a friend back in when I was living in Philly, who had been going out with a guy for quite some time, but she wouldn't allow herself or let him bring the word love into it. Because she felt that knowing her past would really hurt the guy and it would break things up. And eventually she got around to telling him and he disappeared for about two weeks. And then he

came back. And then he told her when he opened the door and there she was standing there. He said, You know, I figured it out. I am in love with who you are. who you were, I never met. I never knew that purchase. That's



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how Laurie feels about me she renew me is the other person and doesn't care. And so



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this this woman's husband knew her met her loved her never knew before, you know, okay, so this is abstract concept, but it's not part of his reality. So I could easily see how he would just never really have any meaning to him to know this piece of information. There's no meaning behind



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a married woman. That's right. And that's the end of the issue as far as her husband was concerned. Absolutely. Okay, here's here's another explanation from the judge as he attempts to define this case. Christie is medically termed a transsexual, a term not often heard on the streets of Texas. What streets is He? Is he on my street? He's on a different street than the rest of us, I think. Nor is it a term normally heard in courtrooms. If we look at other states or even other countries, to see how they treat marriages of transsexuals, we get little help. That's because we didn't look it's because he looked in all the wrong places or chose not nothing. The ones that were in our favor, didn't only a handful of other states or foreign countries have even considered the case of a transsexual, not true. I was gonna say show me one that hasn't not true that and then he says the opposition to same sex marriages on the other hand is very widespread. Alarm bells. Hello, yeah. How did we just go from there are not many cases to look at to this being a same sex marriage. That's a huge leap



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followed by same sex marriage has been widespread. Okay. So it's either covered in the courts widespread or it's not the word warranted or



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non Yeah. And I looked at this and I thought, what hell's he talking about? That's a huge jump. Okay. The Aardvark is well tuned in then he says Congress has even passed the Defense of Marriage Act just in case the state decides to recognize legal same sex marriages Hello. Now you understand where the gay and lesbian organizations started to come in and look at this and go all we got a problem



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I'm really waiting for dominant get hit in the courts because that sucker is gonna go down so fast because of Article four section one, where you know, arc for Section One of the US Constitution says that a contractor matter of legal record in one state has to be recognized by all the other ones that includes marriages. There is no way DOMA is constitutional. You bring domain abdomens going down, that's right.

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We have to do station break. This is KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston, and ke O 's College Station. I am Sarah dipalma. And with me is Beth wretched. We are sitting in for Jim Carper, who is in Hawaii becoming even more gorgeous. You are listening to after hours queer radio with attitude and we have been discussing a case that came out of San Antonio, in which the Court has ruled against a transsexual on the grounds that she was involved in illegal, same sex marriage with a man in zoom, just in case you tuned in and you're on your way up the Gulf freeway, or unwed and wondering what in the world are they talking about?

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Well, I'll tell you, maybe next year, Jimmy can co host and I can go to Hawaii, you think that would work?

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You know, I've made that offer before. But you know, and then he comes back and he flaunts this tan?

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I know, I know. I've seen it. Wretched.

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Okay, so we were talking about this Christie Littleton case. And the judge says, DOMA, which is the Defense of Marriage Act, defines marriage for federal purposes as a legal union between one man and one woman, and provides that no state shall be required to give effect to any public act, record or judicial proceeding of any other state respecting of relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws. Okay. Now, I'm going to last understand here how the Defense of Marriage Act applies to a male to female transsexual, who has been post surgery for 20 years.

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I think the only link that I can make is that they were married, not in this state. And so this state ~~accepting the marriage was between same sex couples wouldn't have to be recognized~~

State, assuming the marriage was between same sex couples wouldn't have to be recognized by Texas.



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Yeah. And I think that's exactly right. He's setting up his rationale for for



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marriage trying to bring in there even though the basis of the link is wrong.



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Yeah, he's he's setting up what he's setting up his rationale for shooting down her marriage. I mean, that's the way it sounds to me. He says public antipathy towards same sex marriages notwithstanding, the question remains is a transsexual still the same sex after sex reassignment operation? As before the operation? Oh, hell no. What a stupid question.



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Well, it's again, he's totally confused about sex and gender. Yeah. Because sex is things like anatomy. And I will tell you that anatomy is very different coming out from waking up on the table versus what it was when you went to sleep. Yeah.



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Yeah. He says a transsexual such as Christie does not consider herself a homosexual. Because she does not consider herself a man. Oh, gee, think.



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Exactly the same thing I said, when I read that the first time God



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herself identity from childhood has been a woman. Da da. Yeah, you know, since her various operations, she does not have the outward physical characteristics of a man either. Through the intervention of surgery into drugs, Christie appears to be a woman in her mind. She's corrected the physical features to line up her true gender. Well, okay. If that's the case, then how do you conclude that she's a man right okay, so he still hasn't set the rationales but



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he's just lined up every single one of his criteria for that first paragraph where he says you know, everybody since they were a school child can tell the difference right? Well, there you go.



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You are looking at you in other words, he's his theory is you are which was what's between your legs or not to my legs as the case may be?



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Yeah, yeah. You know, well, there's that there's any brings in the social role stuff and he brings in the the blood chemistry stuff. And he brings in, you know, all the things that line up with Christy Littleton truly being a woman and then he goes on to deny this what



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he says says the question remains whether the law will take note of these changes and treat her as if she had been born a female. Okay, so he goes off and he uses the case from comes from Europe quarrel and call the Corbett case. Yeah, he ignores all the rulings that have come out of the World Court. He ignores favorable rulings from other states. He ignores everything he goes and finds the cases that are negative. I does quote one case from New Zealand which was in our favor, but you know, they're really sit quietly British said what the hell do they know he's trying



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to show he's trying to he's trying to pull in weird things to say that see, I've done my research when in fact, he's just pulling in enough to make it look like he's done his research when in fact he's biased everything he's done to his personal opinion.



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That's right, regardless of the law. Okay, so here's what he says are the facts of the case are this should be good. Medical science recognizes that there are individuals whose sexual self identity is in conflict with their biological and the anatomical sex. Such people are termed transsexuals. Fine, okay. All right. Transsexual is not a homosexual in the traditional sense, in the transsexuals believe and feel they are members of the opposite sex, nor is a transsexual transvestite. transsexuals do not believe they are wrestling in the opposite sex clothes, they believe they are dressing in their own sex clothes.



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So far as far out Christians as far as need I would remove a couple of extraneous words in

So far so far our Grammar so far so good, I would remove a couple of extraneous words in there. But Christie



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Littleton is the transactional fine. through surgery and hormones, a transsexual male can be made to look like a woman. Hold it.



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Okay, where do we just got her here?



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Yeah, we back up through surgery and hormones. A transsexual male can be made to look like a woman. Wrong.



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We just totally wrong surgery and hormones, a transsexual man,



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a trainee, transsexual woman,



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a transsexual woman who has no no because you're saying a man that would be somebody's gender, or transsexual woman or a woman that's gender born who was a male. Now we're talking about anatomy. Okay, so they took their male anatomy and made it into a female anatomy. They were a transsexual woman before they did this



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before they did it. That's right. That's right. Okay is a stop. through surgery and hormones. Transsexual males are made to look like a woman including female genitalia and breasts. Transsexual medical treatment, however, does not create the internal sex organs of a woman. Except for the vaginal canal. There is no womb cervix or ovaries and postoperative transsexual female.



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You know what? My aunt who's had a hysterectomy has? No, what was that womb? Love you tubes as the uterus. She's still a woman. You know, last I knew she was still a woman. Yep, yep.



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See, this is no ovaries. You know, you see what this is. But this is this is the fundamentalist view, the fundamentalist view is if a woman can't be reproduced, can't reproduce. Well, then what? Then she's not a woman. I mean, it's insane. It's crazy that Mother Mother Teresa never had any children. Wasn't she a woman?



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Yeah, last I knew that's kind of what they were thinking.



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Yes. Like, wait, wait. I'm missing something in all of this



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is like where did he get? You know, one of my him sign over here.



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One of my favorite pieces. You know, one of my favorite pieces is GM was written was said by ACE a Sojourner Truth. Oh, yeah. And she gave this wonderful speech called, ain't I, a woman and I, and she talks about how she's had, she had several children, they all got carted off to be slaves. And I a woman, well, according to this judge, maybe not at all? No. It's just it's just very strange. He says, the male chromosomes do not change with either hormonal treatment or sex reassignment surgery. Biologically, a post operative female, transsexual is still a male.



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Roaring left field again, we're



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in left field. And this is totally wrong. The wall. We're getting a person is a transsexual, in spite of their chromosomes. By definition, chromosomes have no bearing what so ever. None, zip, zilch. Nada. Goodnight. That's it.



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Chromosomes are the blueprint. If you take the chromosomes, you got nothing. That's your operating manual to go with them. That's the hormone that's the hormones. That's right. If you are in development in the womb, and you take away all the hormones, but you've got all the blueprints, you get nothing, nothing. You have to take at least a little bit of estrogen in there. And then you got a female. If you got that little bit of estrogen in there, and you load it up with a bunch of testosterone, then yeah, male. Now wait a minute, where did I hear xx xx or XY and any of that? Where



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did chromosomes come into this? Yeah, none of that? None. It's a stupid rule. Okay. It's I mean, that mean, it's in plain English, this stupid rule. Yeah. The evidence fully supports the Christie Littleton born male wants and believes herself to be a woman. She has made every conceivable effort to make herself a female, including a surgery that would make most males pale and perspire to contemplate. Now, we know the judge is really uncomfortable with the subject has no bearing on the outcome as far as I'm concerned, or it shouldn't. He then says we hold as a matter of law, that Christie Littleton is a male,



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as in law,



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I don't know what's manner you jumped Jimmy just No. Okay.



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Well, you know that we're talking about this, can you now what it said about most males, so,



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as a male Christie cannot be married to another male. Her marriage would therefore was invalid, and she cannot bring a cause of action as a surviving spouse.



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I have another question for the for the attorneys in this case. And that is what law says that an ex ex individual is female and an X Y individuals male because that's what the judge is saying right there.



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Well see the problem is first of all, is he only allowed for x x and x y?



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You know, that's a more global problem, but first off his job as a judge, it, I'm assuming that there's no jury involved in this case nurses are hearing this was this three judge panel of appeals of the appeals line here. So his job as a judge is to hear the evidence, match it to existing law and determine whether or not the case the conditions in the law are met. There's nothing in there about his opinions. Now, there's nothing in there about, you know, whether he thinks she's an x x or x, y person. The question is what law there says that a person with x x has to be a female what law there so that a person with x y, and if you can't show me that law, then he's got no reason to say that?



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Well, the thing is, looking at this, first of all, this puts I don't know what this makes the intersex people Oh, I guess that makes



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it makes him illegal. Yeah.



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Well, they're not legal and but they're currently not illegal either. The court just didn't didn't address the issue at all. Yeah, they don't exist. It also now draws into question, what is the same sex marriage? What would it same sex marriage be if you're going to say that you are their chromosomes are, which is absurd on its face? What the hell is constitutes the same sex marriage now?



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Right? And who can Jamie Lee Curtis marry? Well, but you can



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see why groups like the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Oh, yeah. And lambda law and several other organizations would be so interested in because this case now has a direct bearing on them. This is no longer just a case about a transsexual, all of a sudden, this is affecting the entire gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, the hawk, there are a whole community who can marry whom, in what basis? Does this mean now that if you go in to get a marriage license in bear County, that you also have to provide a chromosome test? We think that they that it does, or else the clerk is criminally negligent?



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Yeah. If you can't show that you're marrying an XX individual to an XY individual to meet the so called one man and one woman test. That's in DOMA. And if that's the ruling, if an XX is what it takes to be a woman and an XY is what it takes to be a man, how are you going to find that out other than a \$600? A person? That's 1200 Total chromosome test.



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And our understanding is that there are I believe there is it 30 different carrier carrier types



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or something like that, there's a huge number seems to me, there's there's two of them that are real common. x, x and x, y. But there's also a lot of x, y. And then there's the next most common is Kleinfelder syndrome, x x, y x x one. And there's like lots of people in the world like that. That's the for instance, the Jamie Lee Curtis Scituate, right. And then there's, well, if there are 30, that will leave 27 other ones that are rare, but they exist.



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Our understanding is that one out of every 500 persons is born, when they come with in some capacity other than an X X or an x y. That's not we did some quick arithmetic on that. We calculated working that's 14,000 People whose marriages have just been enabled and don't know it. Yeah. Yeah. I mean, it's insane.



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A lot of these kinds of things you don't even know about I mean, for instance, oh, I'm sure they don't. There's x, x x y individuals, male chromosomes that have androgen insensitivity syndrome, which means that even though they've got that blueprint that says X, Y, their operating manual, those hormones aren't accepted by their body. So their body is producing testosterone, their body's ignoring that testosterone, they come up female, they have female anatomy, they have, they're raised as a girl, obviously, at that point, they don't know that they're not female. And the only time they find out is when they get to puberty and things don't happen. Right?



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That's right. And there are a lot of intersex people who were born with mixed genitalia. So they're neither male or female. Exactly what becomes that? Right? I mean, the judges theory here is insane. Well, as the director of tieghan, which is the Texas gender advocacy Information Network, I did a quick synopsis of what the ruling means. And I'm gonna go over just some bits

and bits and pieces of that. Then what I did is I did this in the frequently asked question format. Sure. So what does this decision really mean? The immediate effect is to know all marriages involving transsexual is currently residing in Texas.



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All marriages, to for instance, mine is not affected because I am married to somebody who is a female, and has been since birth. And so my marriage looks like to everybody else in the world, a same sex marriage that just happened to be legal



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in theory, you are x x x y.



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The couple of us Yeah, right. Right. So you would fit under the legal ruling, which is really interesting. Yeah. So we have a completely legal same sex.



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Right, which I'm sure the gesture on which I'm sure this judge never heard of, Oh, yeah. We should like wandering this court and introduce ourselves well, that you No, I better not say that in the year. But that theory is is under consideration.



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I think we've melt his brand.



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Okay, suppose I got married in another state does this now in all my marriage, a decision in a Texas court there's not a no your marriage unless you were married in Texas. But by invoking the Defense of Marriage Act, the court is saying that no matter where your marriage occurred, your marriage will not be recognized as legal or valid in Texas. So if you're a transsexual involved in a marriage in Texas, it doesn't matter where you got married because your marriage has been an old



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DOMA wasn't that Jesse Holmes baby? No. Now this was Senator nickel. Yeah, Senator, next one. Okay, Mike,



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I don't understand how that's possible. Well, according to the decision, we are what our chromosomes say we are. So even though a person may have been on hormones for years and has followed the Benjamin standards in his post operative, none of this will matter. In a court of law. You are either x x or x, y at birth, according to the judge. And no, not yet, right and no amount of behavior or surgery will change this so called fact, in effect, the judge has ruled that you can live your entire adult life and your new gender, but the court will only recognize your existence on the basis of your chromosomes. According to the logic of this decision, I post operative male to female transsexual with all of her documentation order is still a male. Therefore, a marriage to a genetic male is illegal because again, following the logic of the court, it would constitute a same sex marriage. Naturally, this decision applies to the opposite direction as well. A post operative female to male transsexual could not marry a genetic female because the chromosomes would both be female, least according to the court, and therefore it would represent an illegal same sex marriage,



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right? Love it.



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It's just you're insane. I am a post operative male to female transsexual with all of my documentation completed. I will soon be marrying a genetic female. Does that mean we can both wear wedding gowns and still be married in Texas? Go for it. In theory, in theory, as long as TUPE as both people have the so called correct chromosomes, the answer is yes. In fact, eGain is very anxious to find couples who would be willing to challenge this decision in just such a manner with the media present to record the events



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she that's the situation I'm in only it happened about 13 years ago, sorry, you're a little too late this time



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before warned that the court may require you to provide proof of your chromosomal status is this decision saying that it person has to have X X or X Y chromosomes in order to legally be married in Texas? One estimate suggests that one out of every 500 Texans and neither x x or x y t game believes the marriages of anyone with non perfect chromosomes would have been an old that means as many as 18,000 people, voters 18,000 are living in an old marriage and don't know it. How will the county clerk know if we have the correct chromosomes so we can be married. Some people have suggested the county clerk would be in legal trouble if he or she provides marriage license to an inappropriate couple. One way to be certain would be to require the couple to have chromosomal testing completed and presented to the office of the

county clerk before marriage license can be issued. We have heard estimates that this will raise the cost to the couple anywhere from \$500 to \$2,000, on average around 1200 on average around 1200. Since the expense to the couple is mandated as a result of a Texas judicial decision, and may represent a substantial financial burden to many people. We believe the state of Texas may have to pay the tab. If the state does not pay the additional cost, where will the money come from? If the state is unwilling or unable to pay the additional costs? How will the refusal be justified to 1000s of angry lovers read voters steps are currently being discussed to raise this issue in an appropriate venue. That's all I'm gonna say about that for now. How else will the decision affect us? Well, if the court was unwilling to accept the outward appearance of in behavior, not to mention the surgery of postoperative transsexual. There is no reason to believe the appearance of a child at birth will be definitive as male or female either. Consequently, some people believe that chromosomal testing will be required at birth. This of course will simply make an already expensive procedure. more expensive.



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Yeah, that \$3,000 bill you get when your baby's born well add another 600 bucks



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to it if chromosomal testing is required wills do taxes and insurance company or the consumer pay for it? Would you care to bet on the outcome? Some people have suggested that universal chromosome testing might be required at birth to get to do I'm sorry, go start over. Some people have suggested that universal chromosomal testing might be required at birth. So those test results can be sent home with the birth certificate. This would avoid the potential problems associated with obtaining a marriage license, or potential litigation that could arise in an inheritance or probate setting. We have already seen how chromosomes have been used against Ms Littleton. Just imagine the chaos that will ensue when lawyers and insurance companies find even more creative ways of using chromosomal testing. And then, of course, there we go on to talk about how you can help. Oh, it's time we're getting to be time for the news. I just wanted to say this. If there are any folks out there who agree with us that this case, sucks. I can't put this any other way. This case, I am thankful that Christie Littleton has been railroaded. And more importantly, that this case is now going to affect virtually every gay, lesbian or bisexual, transgendered person in this state. I want to invite you to contact me my email in and join in this fight. Tea gain along with the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, lambda log in many other organizations are banding together and we are going to fight this case, right down to the bitter end. Regardless of what it takes whether we have to go to the legislature, or whether we have to go to the United States Supreme Court, whatever it takes, my email address is our host. That's the letter R, our host@flash.net. That's our host@flash.net. And I invite you to join in with us, because we are going to make a fight out of this one. Anything yet. Anything else?



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Sure. Thanks for inviting me. Thanks for raising my blood pressure yet, when I talk about this case.



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Well, you know, it's one of those things



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how you Yeah,



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yeah, I'll tell you best. I'll tell you what, I think this case shows more than anything. For more than five years. I sat on the show and said, we have all the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community inclusive has got to learn to work together, or we're going to get shafted separately. Yeah. And this case is living proof that I was dead right about this quote



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Harry Tuttle. We're all in this together, folks. We are Yeah, that's it.



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This is living proof of how inter woven the GLBT community is in there. I mean, yeah, I KNOW. Jimmy would agree with this. If we could paraphrase Benjamin Franklin when we either are going to hang together, or are we going to hang separately? Take your pick. That's it. Let's go to the news here. What do you have? What do you have keyed up to you? Must be time for the news. Are you ready for some football? No, some some news. You're on.



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They didn't have our mics on. Okay. I can't hear it.



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Views on big Roy and his Chris was his hearing problem.



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I'm sorry. I couldn't hear him in the in the earphones and I'll be damned if I wouldn't be the only one in Houston to be listening to Roy at this time. I shouldn't suffer that much.



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Oh, okay. i Oh, I like to start off this week's top news with the top story that suspects have been arrested in the Tracy deal shooting. According to the Texas triangle. The Houston Police Department announced that two suspects have been arrested and charged in connection with the attempted capital murder of Tracy Lynn deal. The suspects an adult male and a juvenile were taken into HPD custody on Monday, December 20. Ms deal was shot on November 28. At the 10,000 block of East Haven road on Sunday, December 19. The Pasadena Police Department arrested two juvenile suspects for shoplifting and learned that the vehicle that they were driving belong to Tracy deal. The vehicle was stolen shortly after ms deal was shot in the face, one of the juveniles. shoplifting suspects admitted his involvement in the attempted capital murder and robbery of MS deal and implicated an adult accomplice on Monday the December 20. An arrest warrant was issued for Kevin Albert Rivas, who was taken into custody at his home in Pasadena Rivas admitted he was involved In the attempted capital, murder and robbery of MS dill and wood charged with attempted capital murder in the 22nd 62nd district court Miss Steele was shot around 4:30am to 10,000 block of East Haven. She was then walked from that isolated area to an apartment complex at 10,002 80 Windmill Lake more than 300 yards away where she got help. She was attacked, attacked in the three 700 block of South Shepherd at a fast food restaurant and then driven Haven. And she was also destroyed thing originally started right outside of one of the lesbians the chances and right outside the chances here on the in the Montrose area. So those suspects have been caught.

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A little bit of national news, kind of showing that we do actually listen to it. Look at the larger picture. This is off the AP news wire from Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Army soldier has been sentenced for his role in the beating death of a barracks mate who had been rumored to be gay. Justin Fisher was sentenced to 12 and one half years in prison Saturday at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Fisher had pleaded guilty to a reduced charge. He admitted he had lied to military investigators and obstructed the investigation. When he wiped blood off the bat that private Calvin Glover used to kill fellow soldier Barry Winchell. Glover was convicted of premeditated murder and sentenced to life in prison. Prosecutors say he was driven by his hatred of gays. Under Fisher's plea agreement, the army dropped more serious charges against him. During his sentencing, Fisher wept as he apologized to his family and to the victim's relatives.

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The Houston Chronicle has reported this week that seniors have the fastest growth are the fastest growing age rate up 22%. And that compares to a 9% Raise among people ages 13 to 49. The Houston Chronicle reports suggest that life extending treatments and aging population and a misconception that AIDS is a disease of the young have all played a part in the in the rise. An estimated 72,000 Americans age 50 and over have been diagnosed with AIDS. There is no firm count on how many are infected with the virus that causes the disease, in part because older people are thought to be tested far less often than younger people for the virus. And consequently, also older folks, when they do go in for their checkups and blood tests and everything. The doctors are not looking for HIV.

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I mean, I mean, with the age many doctors nowadays, I think it'd be very difficult for one of these younger ones, the 20, something late 20s, early 30s to tell a 50 or 60 year old like going to your father and saying, Have you had an AIDS test, and not know the history of this person. And I can understand why you probably don't see a lot of seniors getting the test that they need. And actually I saw something about that covered on a comedy show last week that an older person came in asking for an AES test and the doctor was kind of like, when's the last time you had a sexual partner that you had to worry about this and I was like 70s. So it's being it's being shown but it's being shown in a humorous light, but it's something that needs to be actually be taken care of at all stages of life. She has me 1/3 of us HIV patients are going without care. According to a new study that people do are not receiving treatment because of a lack of money. Age researchers say that poor people, drug users and minorities are most likely to scrimp on care, because they need to work or have to spend their money on basic necessities. The researchers say more resource resources should be devoted to supporting non medical needs, so that the people with viruses can gain the benefits of improved therapies such as drugs that can delay the onset of AIDS. The researchers estimate that about 83,000 HIV patients have gone without medical care or postponed it at least once during a six month period. This This story was published in last month's edition of the Journal of medical care.



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Okay. The quality rally, there's an equality rally against exmo the Exxon Mobil Corporation and it's going to be held Friday January 28. At four o'clock at the city park at Brazos and Pease the equality rally is starting to campaign to let the corporate leaders of exmo ExxonMobil Corporation know that their actions to rescind domestic partner benefits, benefits and the retraction of their anti discrimination pa policies for gays lesbians transgenders, and bisexuals for the employees of mobile is not appreciated and will not be tolerated by the communities throughout the country throughout our country. The purpose of the rally is to demonstrate our feelings on this issue in a peaceful manner. It is scheduled for Friday at at the city park and that's located at browses and peace in downtown Houston. So please plan to attend bring as many friends as possible. The larger the rally, the greater the message, and they ask that you bring your exon credit card to the equality rally to cut it up on site. Also, this past week, the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus at their general meeting, voted and approved a resolution condemning the ExxonMobil thing for rescinding of the domestic partner for REITs.



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I didn't realize you stop there. There's three pages of information and you only read half of one of them is surprising me. The people with AIDS coalition Houston Incorporated has elected its 2000 Executive Board members during its December meeting. The new officers and board members are President Darryl Hickman. Secretary Sally DeVito. parliamentarian Albert Johnson. And the board of directors includes Ron Hilaire, Harold Schultz, Michael Moss, Rob Whitworth, Ken Wilson, Thomas Coronado, Ray Morris and Tracy Wilson. The quote here by the new president Darryl Hickman given the fact that we are a really great staff and a dedicated board of directors I feel we are well positioned to continue to provide excellent service to our clients well into the next millennium.



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Okay, now moving on to the lighter side of news. For those of us porn aficionados, we can finally breathe a sigh of relief. The French Quarter has been bought and will remain in business. The new owners plan to slowly renovate the old building and bring back the pawn Hall days back to its old glory days or as Chris was mentioning before the show, back to its old glory hold.



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For those of you who were hitting your knees in prayer that it would reopen you now have another reason to hit your knees.



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Oh, what's going on to Theatre Lab?



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You scratched out pictured here because she was afraid I would say man there's little scratch mark here because he didn't want to mention there's a picture next to it. Even cut it out their lab lunches at seventh season with an exclusive Houston premiere of Charles whooshes Bush's die mommy die. I love that title, starring Joel Sandel as Angela Andrew Sussman. It runs through February 13. Theater lab is located at 1706 Alamo, Texas Tech. Yeah. Tickets are 20 point \$2 For more information 713-868-7516



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Okay. We have a birthday party coming up so it's go diva goes sweet, savage chocolate