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Jimmy Carper 00:07

The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature which may be considered objectionable by some listener discretion is advised. Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after ours 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. Hello, Houston and College Station, and welcome to the February 12 edition of after hours. I'm Jimmy Carper before we get into a packed show tonight, absolutely packed show. I want to say a couple of things. First of all, don't anybody Miss Nancy Ford. She's finally got her name up in lights. Yes, right there with Charlie. She used to be in a right under the Charlie sign. It's says Nancy Ford there because she does the diaper show. Every Thursday night at nine o'clock. And ooh. Yes. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Yeah, we're not having a Diet Coke. We're not having anything to drink in the control room now. Yeah. All right. There we go. Okay. New York. Okay, I am wearing a red sweatshirt. And I hardly ever wear red but because I've been at a Valentine's party tonight, over on Rusk Street as I alleged earlier. Yes. And it was put on by Chris, Sarah and Michelle old friends of mine. Oh, friends of mine, but I haven't seen him in a while. So you know, there's some new things going on. You know, first of all, Michelle is in leather chaps. That's a new one. With short blonde hair, which is a new one. That's cool. But there's some other folks there. Lorenzo Ellen, George. I haven't seen in a long time either. And Sarah was saying that it didn't have a theme party but it did have a thing party. It was girls kick ass there were lesbians there all over the place and beautiful women beautiful women. And not enough to make me turn straighter. And yeah. And a great house. Sara has been telling me about her house forever. And it's really house for the millennium. You know, because it's gone through. This is about the 2003 modeling that they've done and you're not kidding. And with me tonight is

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The real black Avenger. Monica Roberts. Monica. I'm the only one filling up sort of not a safe, not in the spirit everybody else's ring red and I'm wearing a dress chic as I'm wearing a little the Shiki which is multicolored, which is beautiful. And

K Katrina Rose 04:34

I've got a red magic marker.

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I think the person that gave it to me will kind of shoot you if that happens. I

J Jimmy Carper 04:42

also want to mention that big Roy is back he was gone last week and he's here to take your calls and that number is 71352657385 to six KPFT and we do have guests so yes, and I want one in particular to explain that that strange piece of music that we heard Oh, yeah, well, no

K Katrina Rose 05:04

old fool. It's certainly not strange for this neighborhood. Come on.

J Jimmy Carper 05:08

All of you out there who read the Texas Texas triangle will well know, this neck, the person who's speaking you may not remember the recognize the voice because you only get to read Katrina Rose.

K Katrina Rose 05:26

Well, that's only for the last six months or so. I used to be a fairly regular person. Entity whatever Show My name is Katrina rose. I've been in Minnesota for the last Minnesota Minnesota Don't you know? Yeah, no

J Jimmy Carper 05:41

icicles on it. I've always read her column because this girl bitches I mean, she doesn't let anybody get away with anything. However, these these last few columns, you know, have kind of been toned down and I kind of wondered why but then I found

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mellowing in the snow jacket.

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Jimmy Carper 06:04

And why is that?

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Katrina Rose 06:06

Well, if anybody has seen the column from this week, one of the unexpected benefits of my moving to Minnesota was I got to meet someone very, very special. The name I usually refer to her by is just vampy. That's kind of how I met her. And this is somebody I met online. So those of you who are thinking about, Oh, you can't ever actually meet any real people online who aren't actually freaks or anything. Now, I'm living proof. You can not only meet someone special online, but you can also meet someone special online through activism. I met this person, indirectly because of my column from the triangle. For a while, the Baltimore gay paper would run some of my columns. Because of that, I began began an occasional chat relationship with a woman who lives in Baltimore. And after I moved to Minnesota, she instant messaged me one day on AOL saying, Hey, I know somebody up in Minneapolis, who I think you'd really like. And you know what she was right. And the song and the song song that I forced Jimmy to play that that is my Abba if you didn't recognize the voice that's a I believe it is a beside of one their early singles called I've been waiting for you. I think the only place you can find it is on the for desk box that that came out a couple of years ago, but it's kind of me and vampy song and I promised her that I'd play it while I was down here. Not that she can not that KPFT signal travels all the way up to St. Paul. But oh contraire. Yes, I understand that we're finally on the net now. All right. Unfortunately, her computer doesn't get enough to pick it up so she'll we'll have to we'll have to crank up the wattage about a couple of million watts to reach the St. Paul tonight.

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Actually that's maybe we can get maybe we'll get lucky and get a skiff

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Jimmy Carper 08:04

we have someone else here.

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Katrina Rose 08:06

My bodyguard

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the new webmaster? Yeah. Oh, there we go. Very well. Can you hear me now?



Katrina Rose 08:17

You're not from Minnesota. You're not supposed to say ja. It just sort of rubbed off. Hey, sorry, Danielle. Is it here? Someone has to say hey,



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how's she been lately?



Katrina Rose 08:34

I understand. She's doing okay. I think she's in Colorado these days. So someone somewhere else brothers, Danielle. And my tenant just showed up. Wow.



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reunion in here.



Jimmy Carper 08:48

It really, really Yeah. But as I was talking to Monica before the show started. It's this is a evolved months not to have a full show. We really need it because everything's going on in the transgender community. Yeah, there's



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a lot of stuff going on right now in general, because it seems like every time I it's my turn to do a show. I'm coming back from something. Yeah. Well, last time, if most of you remember I came back from the Creating Change and glTF creating change convention. And this time I'm coming back less about 24 hours from a transgender policy meeting that the nglt have held up there at their headquarters in DC yesterday, while myself but nessa we had 10 folks from intact, myself included. As part of we were the biggest contingent than the biggest state contingent was right here from Lone Star State. So amazing.



Katrina Rose 09:45

And I was actually attending from the Lone Star State. Really, even though technically I'm really a Minnesota representative these days.



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Yeah, but the interesting thing is it was put together by in glTF to try to get some Enter. So some some coordination between the groups. So most of the groups that attended for an including intact Lego, the new Latino LGBT Lambda Legal gay or lesbian Medical Association, the National Youth Advocacy Coalition. Yeah, we had some pretty heavy hitters went around a chi fell bloom. Who was up there. Blake Cornish of nglt. F and our old friend Nancy burgmeier. Ouch. Okay, so that's only because some of us weren't in the room. Yeah. Okay. Yeah. But also, we had a good friend of our another intact or you'll send yo Lewis from, from the great state of California, who was on line, who's on the phone line, along with our good Kentucky friend, Don Wilson. What was it all about? In a nutshell, we're trying to get some coordination together and look for areas where weak as groups in the GLBT community can work toward common ground and basic because there are a lot more things in the GLBT community that we are looking at, we can work together on Oh, ie, getting our civil rights to read. And there's

J Jimmy Carper 11:23

so many ways that they're interconnected. I mean, Sarah and I talked about

K Katrina Rose 11:28

this fiery words ago, three words, Littleton versus Frank, there we go. Since then, whether anyone is willing to admit or not, we are all equal in the eyes of law are the same. Yeah, we are exactly the same. Yeah, Texas courts.

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And as far as the Reich is concerned, we're all the same, too. So

K Katrina Rose 11:48

Matt, I want to start talking about Bush now. Oh. Let's not even go the bush right. Same thing.

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Yeah. Let's not go about to with Bush and the Bob Jones University thing. Yeah. So as far as the African American community is concerned, well, we've always known it anyway. But that you can drop the compassionate from conservative when, when you show up at Bob Jones University, folks, and for those of you who don't remember Bob Jones University is run by a Riker and this universe that's

K Katrina Rose 12:18

religious Riker not not the guy from Star Trek, okay.



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They were the ones that returned a gay alumnus his donation.



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Yeah, not only dat the ban interracial marriage campus. They have also had their federal funds yanked because they do not allow not allow people of color to enter their university. Well,



K Katrina Rose 12:43

I think they changed. I think they finally started allowing non whites and but they have to be married. There's some kind of odd rule, basically. And they'll allow them in if they can guarantee that they're not going to date a white person



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and slightly to the right, and they're slightly to the right politically, it can have that



J Jimmy Carper 13:02

belief. And then cetacean like that is allowed to go on



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well, and they're slightly to the right. The elder litmus test is they're slightly to the right politically, Alan Keyes and Ken Hamblin. But long story short, it it pretty much in terms of Mr. Bush, has it put him in the eyes of the African American community along the same it was the same kind of slap in the face that Ronald Reagan had when he started his campaign in Philadelphia, Mississippi back in 80.



K Katrina Rose 13:33

Which, because Because of this, I'm willing to go out on a limb right now. I can guarantee you Bush's vice presidential nominee should he win the nomination will be JC Watts will not be it will not be Elizabeth Dole. He is going to pander to the African Americans.



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And that's not going to work either. Because JC watts on Father said about JC and JC watts, his father as a Democrat, JC Watts Father said about him getting an African American to vote for the Republican Party is like getting a chicken to vote for Colonel Sanders.

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Katrina Rose 14:15

I think that's that's one of the best analogies I've ever heard because I think it's pretty much the same. Certainly money it's the same as gays voting for Republicans.

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Yeah, basically, you know, you're it's just that you know, George has dropped you know, he's dropped off pretense of compassionate conservatives and

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Katrina Rose 14:34

compassion is gone and the Con and conservative is capitalized. You got it.

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Jimmy Carper 14:39

So much first for for Governor shrub,

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Governor. Yeah, okay. Well, shrubs are useful twigs.

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While we're, while we're talking about George Bush. He touts his being the only one in the race that has been elected to an executive position. And but I am totally dumbfounded by the fact that nobody else in the race seems to realize that the governor in the state of Texas really has very little power. It's the governor that has all the power. Basically shrub is a figurehead.

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Katrina Rose 15:16

Well, I, yes, yes and no,

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Jimmy Carper 15:18

it's the only job he can perform Hello.

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Katrina Rose 15:21

Well, he has Well, first off as far as his quote unquote, executive abilities, what he doesn't emphasize to people and what people around the country do not know is how little the Texas

Legislature meets. He's, he has been governor of approximately six years. Since in Remember folks, the Texas Legislature meets for a little over four months, once every two years. So in that six year period, he has done Governor type stuff with the legislature fairly one of those years. Yeah. And this past, they do the rest of the time. He appoints radical right wing religious conservative judges, and we are, we are reaping the world. The Whirlwind from that and Littleton versus praying is one of those Yes, yeah. At least one of the two judges who totally ignored Texas law and created created law for Judge George Bush is a Bush appointee. Harder. No, no, no. Angelina. Oh, Angela, I don't know about heartbroken.



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Okay. But I know his term is up soon.



Katrina Rose 16:29

Yeah. And I practiced in front of a George Bush appointee. And things are only getting worse. They they absolutely refuse to interpret the law in an equitable fashion. Texas courts sit in law and equity not this is not a code jurisdiction where you run the letter of the law. It this this is an equitable jurisdiction. The court said in law and equity this crap that John Cornyn ran on about how we must interpret the law are strictly that's BS. Sure is. Yeah. That's that's an absolute lie. Of course, they're conservatives. What do you expect?



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Well, because



Jimmy Carper 17:07

the old Katrina is back. Yeah.



Katrina Rose 17:10

But I played my song for vampy Hey, you know, okay, you got that out of the way. So now now now,



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but I was in Kentucky last weekend, Kentucky's legislature is similar to same except they only meet in even numbered years. And there's something more vicious going on there. Okay. You know, our friends, Don and NK Sabir, who were here. Yeah. They've passed that fairness. So the fairness ordinances for it's been incredible

J Jimmy Carper 17:41

strides made in the transgender community. And that's Yeah.

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Here's the fun part. Here's the reaction that came up. The Riker boys and girls decided to pass the try attempt to they filed a bill about a week ago. It's entitled House Bill 485. What it would do, instead of just going after the Fairness Act, they're going for the home run, they're going for the Grand Slam, they want to repeal all civil rights legislation in the state of Kentucky. And on top of that, leave the Insight cut the city's completely out of writing civil rights legislation that would only be done at the state level. We're talking about some insidious stuff.

J Jimmy Carper 18:28

And this isn't sound constitution.

K Katrina Rose 18:30

What thing is this? Well, we're talking about conservatives, they don't believe in the Constitution, they believe in the Bible. And that's, that's gonna piss off a lot of people. But that's that's exactly the way they go. They do not care about the United States Constitution. They believe that the Bible supersedes all of man's laws. And Monica touched on one of the biggest of all conservative lies that they believe they believe in local control. That is a live, they believe in whatever control benefits them. Whenever local control, does something expansive, to protect people to protect real people, not churches, to protect individuals, people, all of a sudden flow control doesn't sound so good. Then it goes to the state and if the state happens to do something good, didn't want it, then then they'll go up to the federal they do not care about local control. They want whatever control benefits their personal theocracy.

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And on top of that, they will there's been some misquoting of Dr. King from these clowns to when nail Dr. King has talked about

K Katrina Rose 19:35

Oh Dr. King who would be a conservative Republican if he were still alive.

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The biggest sacrilege come up with you. I

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Katrina Rose 19:43

was just wanting to see some steam come from Monica.

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Now basically Doctor keeping well there keep touching on and just an unjust law, which was mentioned in some of Dr. King's writings. I do read these folks aren't so don't play with me on that. So don't be Yes, this one. So long story short, they have taken a lot of that stuff out of context. They will they will twist Dr. King's words and try to use them, you know, to fit whatever position Oh, just

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like they do the Bible. Yeah. Out of context. So what else is new? Oh,

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you want to see steam coming out my ears? It's coming out right now. But but in this case where they talked about where Dr. King is some of his writings has talked about where you it's the Nullification in some case, it were. But he when he talks about just an unjust laws that you don't obey, that is but he also puts a moral component. You know, morality also plays into that. So but you know, we won't go there. On.

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It depends on who defines what morality is. Morality sucks.

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Yeah, it's

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Katrina Rose 21:01

speaking of taking things out of context. I don't know if we want to get into it now. But that just brings up Littleton versus praying.

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Oh, my God, let's go for it.

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Katrina Rose 21:10

Yeah, I assume that, that see that? That was something that happened after I left. Yeah. And I assume that there's been some, some talk of that on this. Just a little, just,

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just a little bit, just in passing and passing.

K Katrina Rose 21:24

Okay.

J Jimmy Carper 21:25

To sum it up. So folks just tuning in. Well,

K Katrina Rose 21:28

no. Well, I believe, as I understand it was little Tim was actually on the show last last month. Yes. For those of you who don't know Littleton versus praying was a an appellate decision from the San Antonio court of appeals that came down on October 27. It involved a wrongful death action brought by a transsexual woman, Kristy Lee Littleton resulting that came out of the result of the death of her husband. He had been treated for some condition. He died, she believed that it was a result of medical malpractice. This may or may not be the case. My personal physician is I don't care. That's not what we have to worry about right now. What matters is that this doctors, attorneys for more, more than likely the insurance companies, doctors, they, at some point during the litigation detected something which they thought was a little bit unusual. And his little tins voice. I've never I haven't heard the tape. I assume her voice is probably more feminine than mine. Yes, it is. But at some point, they detected something that they felt was kind of interesting. And they asked her flat out, were you born male? And she was honest and said yes. They mean she had to she was deposition he was under

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Yeah, under oath.

K Katrina Rose 22:47

Well, that's never stopped conservatives. And at that point, the doctors attorneys moved for summary judgment saying, well, we don't care what you say you are. You're a guy. It was the same sex and alleged same sex marriage, therefore it's illegal under Texas law.

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And you're not a widow, you know, you have no standing to sue

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Jimmy Carper 23:13
the operation in 1979.

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Katrina Rose 23:16

Well, yeah, that's, well, one thing that people a lot of people are quoting wrongly is is the exact timeline on this. Yes, she she's in her mid to late 40s. I believe she had her sex reassignment surgery in 1979 and eight, there was a couple of different procedures. She was married to Jonathan Littleton in Kentucky in 1989. And he died in 1996. I forget precisely when the lawsuit was filed, but if this all came to a head late 1998 Now if you listen to what I just add at no point in there, did you hear me say anything about her getting her birth certificate changed to reflect for gender status? She didn't do well I do. She did she did not do that until this issue came up in the lawsuit. She did not change her birth certificate until over two years after her husband died who so I, I understand that a lot of people in general community are not as angry with her as we were when we first heard about this because me personally. Well, I think with everybody the whole age, the whole suit caught everybody by off got everybody off. No one No one knew about it. Not until after the oral arguments at the San Antonio Board of Appeals, which is right before Labor Day, I found out about it. I had a nice little vacation of the Canada over Labor Day weekend got back real late on Labor Day evening, check my email saw this thing urgent. There's an appeals case involving trauma involving gender in

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Jimmy Carper 24:59

that Look at it. The big deal is that the court is saying that you are what your chromosomes

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Katrina Rose 25:07

sell the court. It's the the two justices who issued the majority opinion are saying, Please, Mr. George Bush, I want to be appointed to the federal bench when you get elected President. That's what they're saying. Okay, they absolutely totally and completely misread or I'm not going to allege deliberately or not, but they did in fact, Miss read many cases, they ignored a lot of other cases regarding regarding the issue of gender, for transsexual, and I go back to what I brought up earlier about her first certificate not being changed until long after her husband was dead. And this is what I'm about to say is a very unpopular position for some people. Okay, go ahead, because of because of the fact that she had never had her birth certificate changed. It is my position that the summary judgment granted against her was proper. Her marriage was a same sex marriage league strictly, strictly,

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Jimmy Carper 26:11

legally well. Okay? Because you're you're going by a bursary.



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By the letter of the law,



K Katrina Rose 26:18

well, what I'm going to do? Well, what I'm doing by is, at some point, you have to have something. Something something from the state recognizing the change of gender. And the analogy Advent using is okay, I have what is a preoperative change of name and gender? Yes. Basically, the way it's set up is it changes it changes the gender on everything, except my birth certificate does not haven't had the operation yet. I don't purport to be eligible to marry a male. Anyway. But that's that's a different issue. I have that court order was signed, signed in a Texas, Texas State District Court, which allows me to walk up which allowed me to walk up to the Department of Public Safety and say, here's, here's my new name. And it's also says, correct my gender identification from male to female. Okay. All 99% of all, transsexual say, look, and yeah, I was really female to begin with. And that's true, and that's sure. But you can't I get I hear knocking I hear knocking people knocking at the window. Yes, despite feeling that way. There are logistics involved there there is there is government, government mechanisms, government bureaucracy, let's just get real. You that. So you, you could not simply walk up to a DPS office and say, I'm now female with with nothing with no piece of paper. It's the same thing in my in my view with First Certificate. And that's that's generally even though the statute does not say you have to have a birth certificate to get a marriage license as a particular gender. That's generally what's used. And my view is, because she failed, she failed to get that. That that just ever so technically, legally, her marriage was same set was same sex, however, that actually works in our favor. Because it is my view that because of that, the whole issue of what gender she is now was never properly before any court. Well, and the entire decision rendered at the, at the trial court, and at the court of appeals was improper.



J Jimmy Carper 28:50

Well, we have just had an unannounced co hosts walk in and I'm gonna give the reins over to her. So



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one other thing though, cat, one other things. Yeah, this, this decision works in your favor. Because now you know, after you've had your surgery, even if you change your birth certificate in Texas, you can still get married.



K Katrina Rose 29:17

Well, if I want to get married to a male,

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no, you can get married to a female. Well,

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based on your chromosomes,

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Katrina Rose 29:25

sort of sort of sort of that whole window Well, nevermind that there's yeah, there's there are issues there. And Sarah DePalma has sat down at the microphone.

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Sarah DePalma 29:35

Hello, Houston. How the hell are you? Yeah, I've been listening to all this stuff about little tin. Can we just come back from Galveston Where did a play party? I was listening to all this stuff about Littleton coming in. I thought, besides Jackie Thorne, sitting over there and eat give her a hug. So I just thought I'd dropped in and listen all this conversation and hear what was going on. You're right by the way, your opinion would be unpopular was probably

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Katrina Rose 30:00

Right. Yeah. And, however, but again, if you follow that, it means and I think in facts, facts of my opinion that the San Antonio Court of Appeals, as well as the trial court was not interested in maintaining the conservative view of the courts function that our conservative elected officials would like you to believe that they want. They reached out and decided an issue that was not before the court.

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Sarah DePalma 30:29

Well, her her own attorneys would agree with that I've had some contact with her attorneys, and her own attorneys would agree with that. The basic feeling of the attorneys, though, is that the judges had their mind made up long before and they felt that with or without the birth certificate issue, it was going to come out the same way because that's when judges want Cheryl a

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Katrina Rose 30:49

man Well, yeah, I believe that too. I think it's painfully obvious if you look at all the cases that they cited. And more importantly, if you look at all the cases that they did not cite, it is painfully obvious that they were not interested in reaching a proper cumbia, Renee, Renee Richards case for starters,



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let me ask you, let me ask you a question. I have heard that Christy Littleton has never had a chromosome test Correct? Kind whatsoever. Correct. And she stays on the table? Can they decide that she has X Y chromosome if they don't know if



S Sarah DePalma 31:22

it's actually material? To tell you the truth? You have to understand a couple of things here. First of all, Christy Littleton, if you heard the tape that we played on the show, Christie is a very nice person, but not a highly educated one. She truly does not understand how the courts operate. And there were several comments that were made on the tape that really indicate that she has no clue what the courts are about. That's so that's, that's a big part of the problem. So the second part of that is that that means that she was not very able to help her defense. And her lawyers did not do a particularly good job of finding resources.



K Katrina Rose 32:01

You're being far too chair?



S Sarah DePalma 32:02

Well, I am being charitable because I've had an opportunity to talk to the attorney.



K Katrina Rose 32:08

In the briefs that were submitted to the court,



S Sarah DePalma 32:10

I'm not interested in tarring and feathering anybody at this point, my concern is what do we do better from here? The damage is done. So it's too late at this point. My question is, what do we do from here? In my in my my, my reading of all this, you're right, the judge, they never did ask for a chromosome test. I don't know that it would have made any difference. The bottom double x, well, if she was, but the bottom line



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would have made a difference. If she was X X, Y, or X X O or something like that. She'd been anything besides x y, then that blows limb completely out



S Sarah DePalma 32:41



Sarah DePalma 32:44

of the water? Well, but she didn't say she didn't have a test done. Her lawyers didn't ask for a test to be done. And it's too late to have it done. So we really have to deal with it from here. And honestly, more than anything, my single biggest concern right now is for the intersect, because they are in a legal limbo, they are neither legal or illegal. And that's very stressful. That's



K Katrina Rose 33:05

that's why the issue of whatever her chromosome pattern is in material not, maybe not to her, not to her. Yes. But to everyone else. And my one of my bigger file, what you asked what can we do? I have written a major law review article on the case, it is going to be published and the Journal of Law and sexuality, which is a law review put out by Tulane University, not entirely sure when it's going to come out I think later this spring. If if it's not edited down at all, it's going to be about 163 pages. Well, that gives you an indication of how messed up the San Antonio affordable appeals was. They had absolutely no clue or their minds were made up in either ways that Republicans in either event,



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they wouldn't be interested in having a clue. No, they



K Katrina Rose 33:59

weren't. Well, in either event, if for my money, I believe that the opinion in Littleton versus praying comes as dangerously close to two official judicial misconduct as you can get. It is it is absolutely, it is absolutely preposterous what they did.



S Sarah DePalma 34:16

Well, there are two schools of thought now as to what's going to happen with this and which what will happen with the defense and which school turns out to be right here. One school of thought is that the Supreme Court will never hear the case, especially with an election. Well, that's that's the one school of thought. And the theory is that what'll happen is they'll simply sit on it until after the election and quietly say we don't want to hear it. The other school of thought is that this is an election year. And they are anxious to prove they're more holy in more anti gay than thou credentials. And if the Supreme Court will reach out, we'll hear it and we'll make it much worse. Which way it's going to go is the question. I can't say too much yet. because there are, there are a couple of board meetings, they have to be involved. But some of the largest gay lesbian organizations, legal organizations have stepped into this to join with us. And we are praying, I mean, really praying, the Supreme Court will simply say they don't want to hear it. Because then without some option,



K Katrina Rose 35:17

the problem with that is is how they say they don't want to hear it. That's true. Because for

the problem with that is how they say they don't want to hear it. That's true. Because for those of you who aren't in the legal profession, there, there are a couple of different ways that that the Supreme Court can ignore the case. If if the structure hasn't changed to my I know, they've changed it recently. But at least back when I went to law school, that if they say, the petition or the writ is refused, and that's that's a critical word, then the San Antonio Court of Appeals opinion, becomes a Texas Supreme Court opinion, who then there's also a petition or written denied, which gives the San Antonio court opinion, more credibility, but it's not an official Texas Supreme Court opinion. And then there's, there's also they can dismiss for water jurisdiction, all sorts of other things,

 Sarah DePalma 36:07

any of those issues would give us political leeway. On the flip side, if the Supreme Court hears the case, and comes down and says, Not only is this a great idea, but we want this to be Texas law, then we got a problem. And that's a different political issue that I don't know we can overcome it and why we're really watching this.

 Katrina Rose 36:27

I can. My prediction is that the Supreme Court of Texas is going to send a message to Vermont on our backs.

 Sarah DePalma 36:35

That's my feeling on it.

 Katrina Rose 36:38

And there, I mean, the only hope we have is there might be five justices on the Supreme Court who might have some sort of personal beef with Phil Hardberger. And might and might actually look at the real law course, this is PAC for Republicans, and we know that they don't care about the law.

 Sarah DePalma 36:55

Well, and I think most listeners be interested to understand that when we're talking about the courts, we're talking about a political process and large extent. That's one of the things people will realize they say here courts, and they think, Oh, this is your judicial politics, you pile on judicial issue outside of political arena, which is totally wrong. Well, yeah, that's politics of a court will have a large say so on how this case gets decided. Yeah, that

 Katrina Rose 37:19

is that is one of the big that's another big conservative lie. They say, Oh, the the legislature is the political branch. The courts are not political. Yeah. Well, that is an absolute lie. to the judge.

Yeah, in Texas, the judges are elected in the exact same partisan political process. As the legislators basically in Texas right now, conservatives get two bites at the apple on everything. They can, if it somehow slips through the anything slips through the legislature that could benefit real people. They get another bite of the apple in the courts to wipe it away at the two bytes, two bytes for them. No bites for



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us. And anybody that will that doesn't believe that this bullet, all you have to do is sit down and watch the jockeying going on for the Harris County Attorney son job right now.



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Have you said anything about the HRC yet?



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Oh, no, not yet.



S Sarah DePalma 38:14

I didn't mean to cut this. Guy. I was just wondering if you brought that if we've got more



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bigger fish to fry right now. So but the grease is warming up, right,



S Sarah DePalma 38:22

the grease is where we are. But



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but it's a scary thought, you know, these folks just don't care people. And if you're not registered to vote right now, the deadline is, as Monday, I suggest you run to the county courthouse immediately, if not sooner, so that you're eligible for the March for the primary. And for the presidential election that's going to come up and I recommend



K Katrina Rose 38:49

everybody voting in the Republican primary and voting against Bush.



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Oh, I I intend to. I intensive,



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but also, but this election folks is critical. You just don't realize how critical you know, this could determine the course of this country for the next 10 to 15 years or



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so. You've also got to remember that this this is the year of the census when they when they redistrict all the congressional and everything else. And if you're if the Republicans control the House, the Senate and the presidency at the national level, and again they can