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problems. And that was the whole reason behind the transgender community planning meeting, because the in June of this year, the town meeting, too, is coming up. And we want to be prepared to present to the town meeting the needs that the gender community has, and where they have been overlooked.



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Well, Jackie, you're really you have, you're really a credit to the community. And I want to say something else to the people out there that are listening. You call this show, and you tell me, I if I, if I let people know, I'm a crossdresser, I can survive. Or if I tell my wife, I can survive? Or if you're gay, and you'll say, Well, what what will I say to my lover, you've just heard a person here, who is had experience in all these communities. And she's here as a resource to help anytime. Let me give you that number. Again, for the Gulf Coast transgender community. It's 7804282. And Jackie, and just before we go, I want you to talk about Ultra. We didn't talk about that at all.



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Okay, Ultra is a an outreach of Gulf Coast. And it meets on the third Thursday of each month. Sean at Missouri Street Station has been kind enough to allow us to utilize their facilities there. And it starts at seven o'clock in the evening until about 830. Prior to the entertainment that they have, they're at Missouri Street Station, which is 1117, Missouri, two blocks north of Westheimer, and a block west of Montrose. But basically what Ultra is, is understanding leads to real acceptance. And it's an opportunity for people to come ask their questions, you do not have to be cross dressed, if you don't want to, certainly you can, if you if you would like to. But it's an opportunity for not only the transgender individual, but their wives, girlfriends, parents, if you know if you have if your wife out there and you've discovered you to your husband has a garter belt and a bra hidden in the in the trunk of his car or something like that. And you are absolutely and totally confused. You need to come to this meeting and ask questions.



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Jackie Thorne, thank you very much for being here. It's not often that I get a chance to have someone come into the studio that I both like and respect. So thank you very much. Scott, I understand you've got some tickets you want to give away.

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Hey, you know, I got a phone call at my job the other day about this group called live in joy they wanted us to book them in to perform at heaven. This is a hot song. I remember the first time I heard it. I was dancing with Camilo at heaven and it's called dreamer. And if you haven't heard it, this is destined to be the 100% pure love of 1995. It's a hot, hot hot song. And I dedicate it tonight to cook to my Camilo, if you want to go see him there Saturday night, January the 28th. At midnight at heaven. They're called Living joy and this is their song dreamer. 526-573-8526 KPFT. And I've got a pair of tickets for you.

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I tell you, I am dreaming. Pretty soon I'm going to be in bed dreaming. I'm ready to go to sleep. No, I'm just teasing. I'm having a fabulous time. So we gave those tickets away to a young lady that I don't know her name. We had tickets to see living joy and they're just fabulous. I love that song. I love that song. I love that song. Because you stand there on the dance floor with a gorgeous Hispanic man. Look into those deep brown eyes. And you say am I dreaming? Am I dreaming? Am I dreaming? And then you get them home and you say it all over again?

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No, I'm sensing a pattern about Hispanic men here. You want to tell us

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about? Hey, listen, all I have to say is I am alone right now. And I'm getting ready to go home. So if there are any Hispanic men listening that want to keep me warm tonight 526-573-8526 KPFT hula, I just Oh, I hear the phone ringing

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too. We have raised no money, Scott, not a penny, please embarrassing.

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I tell you, you know that's true. \$35 gets you the program guide \$60 in a coffee mug or a t shirt. \$90 you get both at \$150 You get that Kpf T watch, which is kind of clever. It's got a leather band. It's stylish and festive. And if you're Hispanic, that'll get you a night at my house and you don't even have to pledge so what the hell



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for \$100 on plastic. Hey Priscilla,



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Queen of the Desert. Those posters, those movie posters. Those are great.



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Prizes, and the Priscilla posters. That's right. Listen, we've all We got two of those, you know, and I had to go down and personally mug the guy to get these posters.



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So I remember I was walking by at the time and I hollered. I said get a room get a room.



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I have no I have no shame, honey, you know, I'm willing to mug people for if I were to come up with the money.



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Yeah. You know what, I have a couple more tickets to, to give away 526-573-8526 KPFT she's hot. She is the



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I got a better idea. Let's not give away let's make them pledge for pledge for it. Okay, these are tickets for who crystal waters crystal and whose



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tickets to crystal waters a \$20 value. They're worth \$20 So if you pledged \$35 to get the tickets, then you'd only be out \$15. To activation technically, technically sell for



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50 bucks for a \$50 pledge or 50. I can \$50 pledge on your chart. Let's put it let's make them put it on plastic because they are worth real money. For 50 bucks. On your plastic. You get the

tickets to crystal waters. How's that?

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Crystal is fabulous. It's a week from tonight at heaven. At midnight crystal waters Live in Concert, as well as next Saturday night. If they can't be at the show. There'll be a we'll be playing an interview that I'm going to do Monday Krystal and I are going to talk on the phone. And we'll be playing that next week. This is her new single it is coming out on cassette on the 17th. What's that? Oh, that's tomorrow, tomorrow, Monday or Tuesday? It comes out on Monday. I think Tuesday it comes out on cassette. But I have it early because I have connections. This is crystal waters. Two tickets to see crystal Live in Concert and heaven a week from tonight at midnight. For a \$50 pledge on plastic. This is what I need.

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Now that's what I call some hot using. I like that. Hey, I'm gonna tell you Scott knows how to pick music. Listen, folks, seriously, it is marathon. We are not getting any phone calls. And this is embarrassing. Really, for a \$50 pledge. You get tickets for crystal waters. And Scott, we haven't. We don't have any takers on that.

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I tell you I can't believe it. crystal waters is the hottest dance Actor of the Year. I think everybody's just broke after Christmas. I don't blame them. The Marshall Fields bill came in today and I'm broke for a month now. 536-573-8526 KPFT remind you You're listening to Scott Lewis Sarah dipalma. Here on KPFT. Houston. After hours of continuing tradition, the show that just won't die.

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You know, I'm not I'm cheap. Scott. I'll take 10 bucks from the folks.

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I'm sorry. I'm Jewish. I will do Hey, I'll

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take \$10 We'll take \$5 Seriously, this is the only show in the country that has a transgender co host on it. I would think just out of the transgender community alone, there ought to be a few \$100 even a 10 bucks apiece. Oh, yeah. You know,

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where's it's Phyllis up? Do you ever number we'll call it a couple \$100 or so?



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No, I love it. Now, Phil. This is a friend. I can't I can't do that to feel this because Phyllis. Yeah. Oh, that's in a lot of cursing in the morning. So no. So no, I can't do that. All right. Listen, we're about to go to an interview with Linda and Cynthia Phillips. And I'm going to beg for the money. I haven't bagged up till now. But I don't want to have to start whining. So we'll just we'll just settle for begging.



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Linda and Cynthia Phillips, aren't they in that group? Wilson Phillips?



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Yeah, Phillips and Phillips through a law firm. I really listened for \$35 you get a program guide for \$60 You get the 25th anniversary t shirt or the 25th anniversary mug? And you got to put my dentures back in?



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I think so. I think where you were in Howard's I think is that what it was? That's what



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it was? As long as I don't get his hair um, all



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right. But that won't be a problem. So you can tell he didn't have any.



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For \$90 you get a t shirt and a mug for \$100 You get all of those things plus a full size Priscilla of the desert poster for \$150 A KPFT. Watch for \$50 on plastic. You get tickets to the crystal water show next Saturday night.



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That's right. And no pledge if you're Hispanic and you get me



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I know I don't want to have to call up my uncle Guido. I'll



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pledge in 50 bucks if you call and you're Hispanic.



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Yeah, I don't want to call it my uncle Guido's. Let's not make this up. When we talk a little bit about Linda and Cynthia Phillips, the Texas tea party is one of the largest gatherings of transgendered people in the southwest. They are they are fascinating folks. They have been on 12 television talk shows. They have been involved in all sorts of things for cross dressers over the years. And I'm really proud to present this this interview. They are good folks, good people and it is not too late to To sign up to go to the tea party if you have not done so yet. So without further ado, let's go to Linda and Cynthia Phillips. This week our show was taking an in depth look at what I suspect in terms of actual numbers is probably the largest segment of the transgender community. I'm referring to the CrossDresser. I've also been looking forward to the show because I get an opportunity to interview two people I genuinely respect Linda and Cynthia Phillips. They're here today to discuss the Texas tea party, an annual event sponsored by the Bolton in park society. Welcome to the show, y'all. Thank you. Let's start off by letting the listeners which will let them know which of you is



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which. I'm Linda Phillips.



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I'm Cynthia Phillips. Okay, y'all,



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you folks, you got that now, the purposes of the interview for the purposes of the interview, I want to begin with the assumption that a listener has heard of a crossdresser and knows nothing else about them. So which one of you wants to explain what a crossdresser is to the audience?



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Go for it. Well, since I'm a crossdresser, I guess I can define that a crossdresser is someone who

dresses in the clothes of the opposite gender. And that's where you have to keep the gender and sex separate because I consider myself a gender female. But anatomically, I'm a male. And I dress in the clothes of a female. I'm live as a female.

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Okay, now I consider myself a transgender person. And I'm still undecided about surgery. So for the audience, explain to them what the differences between crossdresser in a transgender person

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well, some people think a transgendered person covers everybody in our community. I don't particularly think that should be true, we use the term transgender is transgender. So somebody who like you and I live full time as a female. I think that's probably a pretty still a pretty good criteria to go by.

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Okay, so for the audience. Now, let's make sure we make a distinction. There's a distinction between gender and sexual orientation. We had Kate Bornstein on the show recently, and her definition of gender was, gender is everything you think sex is everything you do. I'm not sure if that if that's quite sufficient. But it's, it's reasonably clear that gender is between your ears and sexes between your legs. Oh, by that? Okay, I like that that works. Okay, now for the foot. We're on this show. We talk about diversity in gender. And we talk about diversity and sexual orientation. And we talk about diversity in relationships. Assuming the audience has never heard of you before, talk a little bit about your relationship.

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Well, Linda and I have been married 36 years, we'll be married 37 next month. I didn't know about the cross-dressing when we started dating, we met on a blind date. And then the top. Jim told me about Linda, before we got engaged. I really didn't understand it. That was back in the 50s. But I thought this was such a wonderful person that it really could not be that big a thing turned out to be a little bit more involved than I originally expected. But it's been fun. Linda told me before we got married that don't worry, you'll never be bored. And I've never been bored.

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Now, see you so you knew before you were married? Yes, that's fairly uncommon isn't.

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It's quite uncommon. So many I counsel wives quite a bit around the country. And it's not unusual for them to find out after 15 or 20 years, that their husband cross dressers and they feel betrayed.



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Most of the cross dressers that I know, work very hard to make sure their wife doesn't know because their single biggest fear is that their wife finds out finds out, they're going to be divorced in the morning. That's right. And of



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course, the best way to get divorced is to not tell her before you get married. And then when she finds out, she's for sure. Don't be upset about it. Well,



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often, the CrossDresser before they get married, feels that getting married will make this go away. You know, he's not going to, it's not going to be prime in his mind. And it's something that we feels like when he has a family and a wife that this just simply won't be necessary. And it may not be at that exact point. But they'll after a few years possibly they'll get in a stressful situation. And it bounces back and at that point quite often they've had a child and they're scared to tell the wife and then it just snowballs from there. It just gets worse and worse and they put it off longer and longer. And it's it's pathetic. It's really sad.



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Over this, and this really is as you probably realize, and understand this really is sort of a progressive thing. What man may not have been necessary when you were 20, when you get to be 40 becomes a necessity and think, Well, I'm tired of leading a lie, I'm tired of trying to be a male, when I'm not really a male. And so the next thing, you know, he's thinking about maybe the operation, maybe he thinks he's a transsexual, or maybe he thinks that he ought to go full time and live as a woman. We see a lot of that, and it really destroys families.



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But it doesn't necessarily have to be progressive. I mean, I didn't know we were talking about before we started the show, I'm amazed at the number of people who will come into a gender group for the first time that come into a gulf coast transgender community meeting, for example. This is the first time dressing in public ever. And the first thing out of their mouth is, hey, I'm a transsexual, right? And I really want to stop them and say, Are you sure you really want to say that? Well, I



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want to start at the top of the totem pole, not at the bottom, that's a status thing. If I say I'm a T S or transsexual, then that's supposed to mean that I've already bypassed all the little minor things that I've already built myself up from the bottom nine with the top nine and transsexual, which in our somehow in our community has come to mean, the epidemic of, of

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crossroads, which is not

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true. One of the things that that when I talk to therapists like Dr. Cole, is, I have made the comment to them, I guess I'm trying to explain here why I have not had the surgery myself. I'm very suspicious of the doctors. Number one, I'm very suspicious of the fact that in many cases, the gender clinic in the operating agency that is the hospital are connected. And I know this sounds crazy, but I occasionally think ask find myself asking, well, are these people working on commission or what? So So interesting question. So that that that sort of bothers me, I know, that's a really silly, but not necessarily appearance is not good. If a politician did that they'd be out to be out of office. That's the first thing that bothers me. The second thing is that it often that I have heard, therapists say, when a person comes out of surgery, oh, look at what I did. As if the person who went through this transition surgery was in material. As I get the impression they're playing, they're playing God. And that bothers me a lot. Yeah. Finally, I've known at least one person who died on the operating table. And I've known many other women who have gone through the surgery, who years down the line had very serious medical errors, serious physical problems. And so a lot of medical problems, we've seen a lot of suicides.

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I told the doctor one time I said, You better have a real good reason. When you come at me with a knife. I said, after I die, you can cut me up all you want to but um, so as long as I'm alive, I don't really want you to come at me with a lot of our people that have had surgery eventually go back to living as males, which is another interesting we know a number I know we've gone back. After all, you know how to be a man and surgery doesn't change that. So if you've learned how to be a man, it doesn't matter what's between your legs, you can just go right back out in society and go to go back to making money.

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Whatever of the things that I would say this to cross dressers, I'm not sure that y'all want to be a woman really? Well, let me let me tell you what it's like, from from somebody who can. The first thing I noticed was a complete lack of status, where once before my opinion, matter as a male, now I'll give my opinion on the same, they'll turn to the male next to me and say, Well, what do you think? And I just want to choke. It's amazing. The other thing I would point out to you, if you're a crossdresser, you probably already realized this, but you are far more

vulnerable. As a woman. Oh, there was, as a male, I never would have thought to have asked security guard to walk me to a car. Now I don't dare go unless there's somebody there to protect me.



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I've got a gun in my purse, because I have I have a definite fear of not just because I'm a transgender male, but because I appear as a woman in society and women are vulnerable. And you do lose that sense of status. I was used to a certain amount of status just by being a male. And people would you know, oh, yes, sir. No, sir. And now it's man, would you step out of the way please, this gentleman would like to purchase something and I'm just looking and then it gets so aggravated very, because it's hard. That's a cultural shock. I've been full time for three years. And it's a cultural shock that you I don't think you ever get over



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it. Let's talk a little bit about Bolton in park. Where did the name come from?



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Bolton Park came from the two cross dressers in mid Victorian England, that were the first of us to be arrested for cross dressing in public and actually pandering I think was more that they were actually a couple of drag queens who were arrested for going into the women's restroom. And up until that time, we had been able to move around in society quite easily. And nobody had really said anything, but there was a kind of a change in the social climate along at time and they were rested and Though as kind of early day heroes of our community, we've honored him by naming our group after him and we've been around quite a while that 10 years. Now your group is located where San Antonio



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Okay, so now y'all know we're San Antonio is okay, well, now let's talk about the Texas tea party. First of all, we're gonna get his name.



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The Texas tea party originally was named after ladies, teas that they used to give about the time, Bolton Park and Bolton Park were around and they have these Victorian era teas and everything. Then we use the word tea to encompass everybody, it seems like everybody in our communities named letter T, the letter T, which is transsexual, transvestite, transgendered, it can go on and on, and the T community as you know, some of our people call our community, the T community. So that's where it ended up as being the Tea Party T, just the letter t for all of us are our people. And it's the biggest gathering in the world of transgendered people. We usually have as many as 400 people, and we have 50% of those are usually couples 50%, we

try to keep our 5050 and 50% of the people that come our couples were the male cross dressers, we do have a couple sometimes of female to male. But as you know, it's very difficult to get them to come to anything like this. And they think we kind of think we're frivolous,



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very frivolous and foolish. Yeah.



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I tried to arrange. I've been trying to arrange a roundtable discussion of female to male transsexual. So far I have talked to I think, 11 people and have had one say yes, when I was at Dr. Cole's to tape, a show that will be airing in February, I asked if anyone would be willing to talk to me and of the 20 people there, they all turned me down. So it is hard to get them today do



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what they do in a little bit of a different for a little bit of a different reason than we do what we do. In our we have our theories. In our society. Of course, a woman is allowed to cross dress with impunity. No one, no one goes after a woman who's crossed dressed, that nobody thinks about. And it's amazing how few women think about the fact that they cross dress almost all the time in our society today, a woman without blue jeans and T shirt on people just if you're wearing a dress, and you know this, if you're wearing a dress in public, people turn around and look at you because that woman doing in the dream



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brings to mind a story. I talked to women all over the country, I believe I mentioned that. And so often, they will just be absolutely appalled that their husband is dressing as a female. And he's cross dressing. And I'll say that's wonderful. You have so much in common now. And they'll pause and say what do you mean? And I'll say, Well, why don't you wear jeans and a T shirt times? Well, yes. And I said, Well, that's cross dressing. And they just never really thought of it that way. I used to talk about that a lot.



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The rules for men are so strange. Oh, yeah. We just recently interviewed about it. And well, very much. I just recently, I say I along with several other people were just recently interviewed by Esquire magazine, they'll probably be up in their March issue. One of the questions that he asked, which I thought was very interesting, is why? Why would you want to change? What's different about being a woman than about being a man? My immediate answer was, I am liberated now. I have a range of emotions. No man is ever. Exactly. I'm sure he thought I was crazy.



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I couldn't cry when I was 50 years old. didn't cry because we were taught as kids. males don't cry. You just don't cry



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now and they'll cry at the drop of a hat. My life



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partner thinks I'm funny because we go to movies and I'll cry and she won't say, Well, yeah,



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we do that. Yeah, I can say Linda, your lipstick smudged and she'll start crying.



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The hormones can do that. Strong stuff. Nope. Bolton Park has has a lot of couples. And I noticed that you had something called the escape hatch, or that's at the Texas tea party.



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The Tea Party talked about that. I think that's a great idea. Well, we did it for the first time last year we have a hospitality room for everyone where we have a soft drinks, coffee and wine and we have videos going all the time and a lot of camaraderie. And through the years we've noticed that a lot of the wives just aren't that comfortable being with with their husbands and around a bunch of cross dressers all of the time. So a lot of them would go to their room to get away. And we decided last year to try something that Linda named the the escape hatch for women and if the hospitality room just for the women, where we can go and talk and not have to worry about seeing the other cross dressers or seeing cross dressers and have to People in there to talk to other wives or women that are knowledgeable people that are grounded in reality. Yeah, people who grant right will put, and it's it's worked out beautifully. It's your right ahead and



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very, very well accepted.



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You know, I want to see if I can paint a picture for the listener because they may be saying, well, an escape hatch, what are they talking about? Well, let me see if I can explain this. Let's picture yourself in a marriage. You've been married X number of years. And your husband comes to you and says, There's something I need to tell you. I've been meaning to you for years, but I've been scared to death. And I know men and I tell you, you're going to divorce me. And the truth is that I like the crossroads. Well, I think most women are going to feel threatened right off the bat and about right, right. So so the first reaction is,



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it must not be enough of a woman. If you want to dress as a as a woman. That must not be enough of a woman. I hear that all the time. What



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did I do wrong? My not enough for you? Okay,



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I'm not a lesbian. I don't want to be in a relationship. And you're that and



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I assure them, they're not lesbians. I tell them I said, it doesn't matter if he's dressed as a giraffe and you go to bed with him that does not automatically make you a giraffe. If he feels like he's once feels like he wants to be a woman. That does not make you a lesbian any more than it would make you a giraffe if he dressed as a giraffe.



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Okay, now, there's going to have to be some negotiation here because most cross dressers that I know, have gone through something called purging. That is they have tried to make this urge to crossdress go away. God knows how many times they may have burned their wardrobe. They may have given it away. But the urge has not gone away. Am I doing okay, so far? You got it.



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That's the favorite method of purging is burning. I have never known why. But everybody seems to think that that's the way to do it. You've burned several \$1,000 worth of clothes and shoes and wigs and put them in the dumpster and set the whole thing on fire. I don't know how many people I've talked



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to that have done something symbolic about the fire. Well, that's like,



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you know, in a more cleansing shirt, morbid kind of a morbid light, that's the preferred method of suicide in our community is strangulation because you feel that there is something inside you this basically strangling the life out of you. And that's why most transgender people that commit suicide do it by strangulation.



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Okay, now let's let's go back to the to the CrossDresser. There's been a period of negotiation in for a long time, maybe the CrossDresser. They, they start out with rules, like it's okay to dress but as long as I don't have to see it. Or it's okay to dress as long as the kids don't see, I don't. Okay, so far here. We call those boundaries. Now. Okay. Now, eventually, for the CrossDresser. For some cross transfers, maybe majority, that turns out not to be enough. So they may want to go to an organization maybe where they can dress that right. Okay, and then sit now, here comes this thing called the Tea Party. Are there other things like this around the country? Now the mate comes to the wife and says, I'd like to go to that. The wife says and be seen in public over my dead body. Right, right, exactly. How do y'all handle this? And the wives must be in terror, aren't there aren't a lot of people come to us. It's the first time they've ever been out in public. We



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have a lot of first we have some fact out.



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Yeah, I would say third is first timers every year. Yeah. And you're right, the wife is sometimes more terrified than the husband is



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because she's not disguised. She looks like she is. And the CrossDresser may not even resemble his male self when he's dressed. But one thing we do at the tea party, we do have strong security. I am very particular about that. And we've never ever had a problem. This is our seventh



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thing for the wife to do is to go out in public with him dressed and they go shopping, and they ~~almost~~ all do that at the

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tea party. Well, a lot of them are from far, you know, far enough



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they're not threatened by



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that, you know, they always she's always gonna look like her, where when you put a wig on him, he doesn't look like anything near what'll bubble look like.



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Now, let me ask you, let me ask you this because people in the transgender community going to ask me this. There are some some TVs that I have known some cross dressers that I have known, who are more passable in AI and there are some if they had major reconstructive surgery who would not be passable.



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By the way, if you haven't seen Sarah, she looks very nice. She's very feminine.



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Well, thank you. But how do y'all handle it? What do you do with the person who's sitting there? Not passable, they're going to go on a bus tour and stay in Fredericksburg. You're going to chop chopping and sending them to



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the Alamo, the Alamo in the first year. The ladies of the Alamo did not want us to get out of the bus. And they didn't. And the second year they said oh alright, come on, and they let us and they let us in. So they



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we've done it a number of years now but I always send a Security with with



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girls. What's funny is there's a lot of people taking pictures of our girls, and there are the Alamo. That's the only time that



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I'll get a kick out of it. We've never had one bad incident taking. Never, of course, tourists.



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You know, we have a lot of tourists in San Antonio and



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down on the river, on the water, they rafts boats, they have a little gondola.



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And it's funny because a friend of mine took a film, he took a video of all the people along the riverbank, and they're taking videos of us. So that's the funny part about it. But yeah, you're right, it is a problem for a wife to go out and to go into a store and actually buy something which is the terror of across dress or anything because he'll go in and buy something, he's afraid that gender police will be there and take him away and chains, because he's actually bought a button article of feminine apparel. And so there's his wife, and she's supposed to be running interference for him. And she usually just kind of goes to peace. And so Cynthia has done that for the last six years. I don't know if she's going to do it again this year. She did have several lives that have offered, she will take this huge crew of crossdressers through the mall and into the stores Victoria's Secrets will never be the same. Or Dillards already the other store. Its it of course the people in the stores are well aware of cross dressers and I had a girl



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say I always go in there so ahead of time and tell them we're coming. Everyone says great. I had a lady that money is money that says the bottom sell that's the bottom and you're there to buy. So it's a perfect I haven't



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understood why people were afraid to go into stores and buy things because that's why they're there to sell you.



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We recently we had some some new cross dressers call us and they wanted to know where should they go to get makeup? I said go anyplace where the makeup person is on commission. That's right, you bad. Don't they'll talk to you because they want their commission. Absolutely.



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I had a lady that sells cosmetics at Dillards. One time tell me that she always looks for the engineers with a nerd patch and the guys with a 16 pencils across their shirts. And she says almost all those guys, when they come through the cosmetics bar, they're cross dressers, because I can spot one a mile away. And she's all grabbed hold of him. And I can sell in the store.



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Somebody friendly who will talk to me, somebody will



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talk to me and somebody they'll they'll show me what's going to go with what and what are working.



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Now, one other function I would think of the Tea Party is that for the first time, a lot of these people are getting to meet one another. Or most of these people, isolation, I would think is probably the big thing, especially the wives. Now for the first time, they're in a room with 400 other cross dressers and couples, what's that lie?



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Frightening. The neat part about it is they cried



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on the phone. But once once they get there, the wives will



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understand will come to understand unfortunately, the CrossDresser himself doesn't always understand this. And he isn't always ready to accept it. His wife, on the other hand, wants him to get into something that was showing the way and in trading, right? And she keeps saying Well come on. Let's go to the you know, we have a lot of this. We got to call this where somebody wanted their husbands, can't you talk him into going I've been trying to get him to go. But he doesn't want to go because he's afraid of meeting with other Crossroads has been in the closet so many years. And he's just terrified to get out. In fact, the other day, we had a



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sizable reason we have a lot of seminars for this. For the for the wives and for the Crossroads out



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of seminars for both first time wives and first time cross dressers. And we had a psychologist calls the other day and she said this crossdresser she was working with tolerated he said, well, there is not another crossdresser within 100 miles of San Antonio that does what I do here that they mean. And she said the biggest the biggest cross dressing event in the world right here in San Antonio, he said on that Mount San Antonio, of all places all licensed in



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the world, you'd be amazed at the number of people who call us. Well, while we're on the air. Oh, my God, I'm not the only one. And I asked them where are they where they're in Woodville, Texas, you know, but a number of them are here in Houston. Now we've got to cross dressing organizations here in Houston. This is probably the best city in the country to beat you're transgendered in and they think they're alone, that I never can get that. I live



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in a town of 300 people, and I know of three other crossdressers and they're not like myself and not full time, but they're there and I know, they're just the ones we know. Those are just the ones that we know. Okay. And then you're thinking about 1% of the population. That's pretty heady group of people. It takes that's a lot of people.



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And one thing I want to ask I was mentioning this before we came on the air is I just recently was contacted by the Phil Donahue show, and they wouldn't take me when they discovered I was to normal. It was interesting because I talked to the producer and they asked me a series

of questions. Y'all didn't What 12 shows that. For listeners who I know have gotten dying of curiosity? How do you get on the show and what happens when you get there, just give us an example.



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They call you up. And they'll talk to you, as you say, for several hours to try to get an idea of what you're about. And then when you get to the show, it has nothing, the things they talk about has nothing to do with what they talk to you on the phone about, for three and us in the reason we have been on so many is because it's unusual for even a straight couple to have been married for as many years as we've been married. And for a crossdresser and his mate to have been married as long as we have very unusual we were married and 58. So in fact, crossdressing 58 was illegal. So when we go, I tell me, yeah, when we go on television, they always want something negative. And we've never been able to give them anything negative about our situation. So they'll always have another couple or two other couples on and they'll try to get the negative out of them and then the positive out and then you and I have to start fires. Yeah, we have to put out the fires and say, Well, wait a minute, it's not exactly when we did the Sally show. I'll never forget the guy came on and the producer came in and he had never seen me and he said he took one look at me. And he said, Oh no. And I said what's wrong? And he says, Well, you look just like a woman. And I said, all my life doing this. This is where I'm supposed to look. And he says, Well, can't you get a really deep voice and I said, this is the only voice I've ever had. I can't get it any deeper than it is. And he said, we're going to have to think of something so they call me George or something. They gave it some male name all through the show because they didn't want anybody. So if anybody tunes in and they're late, they'll think it's two women together and that bores people so that that's not interesting lesbians. We've had lesbians before and people aren't interested in that. But they're interested in a man who dresses