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SPEAKERS

Sarah DePalma, Peter, Jimmy Carper, Francis, Roy McCarthy, [Music]

J Jimmy Carper 00:05

Oh yeah, we hit that was The Roaches with very Brooklyn Ease version of Winter Wonderland. And before that, of course, Seattle Gay Men's Chorus with a Season For Lovers. And while we were going to go to big Roy, he's on line one and we will in just a minute. However, however, Peter just walked in-.

S Sarah DePalma 00:35

Of the Peter and Connie Lingus show. We are here to say hey, babies. What's happening?

J Jimmy Carper 00:41

Well, what's going on? What are you doing in here?

P Peter 00:44

Well, precious. We just came down to see you. Oh, just came to see you.

J Jimmy Carper 00:49

Ah, now you're supposed to be on the fourth Saturday of the month.

P Peter 00:55

Yes. And I was coming to see if we could possibly do the third.

J Jimmy Carper 00:58

Well, actually, you can.

P Peter 01:00

Actually we can?

J Jimmy Carper 01:02

Did you get my message?

P Peter 01:03

No, I didn't.

J Jimmy Carper 01:03

Oh, yes.

P Peter 01:05

What did you put it on?

J Jimmy Carper 01:07

Your voicemail.

P Peter 01:08

Oh, how did I not get that voicemail number precious. You gave us I tell him the whole air.

J Jimmy Carper 01:13

Please don't. Please don't okay. But the Peter Connie Lingus show is going to be next week, the third Saturday this month.

P Peter 01:22

And I just want to say if Paul is out there who sent me that fabulous card. I certainly hope he's

listening next week.

J Jimmy Carper 01:31

Have you sent him a thank you?

P Peter 01:33

Well, we're trying to do it. We've been so damn busy that it's just it's been incredible. It's been a week from hell. However, I do intend to write Paul personally and tell him that I just absolutely. Look at that card on-.

J Jimmy Carper 01:48

A regular. I see.

P Peter 01:51

And whoever said Connie her card let me tell you she is looking at that using that. Yeah. Oh, the woman is just too much.

R Roy McCarthy 02:00

I see.

P Peter 02:00

But she is going to Ireland as I say in the south, Ireland's for New Years. So we would just love to do next week instead.

J Jimmy Carper 02:10

Ah well, you can do it.

P Peter 02:11

I'm so excited. I could just wet. Oh Jimmy you just make my night.

J Jimmy Carper 02:17

It's gonna be fun. But at Peter and Connie I inaus will be next week boys and girls. It'll be a

It's gonna be fun. But as Peter and Connie Lingus will be next week says and gives it as a Christmas treat.

P Peter 02:24

Christmas treat.

J Jimmy Carper 02:25

Right.

P Peter 02:26

And what do you think? Santas top 10 list is gonna hold.

J Jimmy Carper 02:30

I hate you don't even want to go there girl.

P Peter 02:34

Well for words.

J Jimmy Carper 02:35

Okay. So we'll see you next week.

P Peter 02:37

Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 02:37

Great, great great.

P Peter 02:39

Out there in radioland. We just love you to pieces uses.

J Jimmy Carper 02:41

J Jimmy Carper 02:44

Thanks for stopping by.

P Peter 02:46

And guess what?

J Jimmy Carper 02:47

What?

P Peter 02:47

Somebody sent Connie.

J Jimmy Carper 02:49

Yes.

P Peter 02:50

You know, because we do this takeoff on the regional [INAUDIBLE]. They sent her Kathie Lee's new CD.

J Jimmy Carper 02:58

No.

P Peter 03:00

Isn't that the most disgusting dribble you ever heard?

J Jimmy Carper 03:04

I wouldn't expect anything different.

P Peter 03:06

It was the worst songs you've ever heard. It's Love Song album. Does make you puke. But we're gonna bring it next week anyway-.

J Jimmy Carper 03:14

Hardly way-.

S Sarah DePalma 03:16

Kathleen Lee doing love songs. Oh my god.

P Peter 03:19

She can't sing, doing the fucking bucket. I said the big word. I'm not supposed to say oh, never leave Peter on this air again. He just doesn't know what to do.

J Jimmy Carper 03:29

Well, maybe we'll be bringing you the Connie Lingus show.

S Sarah DePalma 03:33

Maybe we'll be back next week. I don't know.

P Peter 03:38

Well, I didn't mean to really say.

J Jimmy Carper 03:40

I see.

P Peter 03:41

Well we've been over the rascal as I sit here next year, gorgeous voluptuous spa day. Now we did do wonderful things for words. But anyway, we will be on next week and we will have our news and our top 10 and our fun things. And everything will be fabulous.

J Jimmy Carper 04:04

Great. Great. Okay.

P

Peter 04:06

Are you ready for Santa Claus precious? You are?

J

Jimmy Carper 04:15

Okay, we'll see you next week. Bye.

P

Peter 04:22

In radio land we love you.

S

Sarah DePalma 04:24

Is Jimmy subtle or, what?

J

Jimmy Carper 04:30

Roy has been holding for 15 minutes.

S

Sarah DePalma 04:32

Yeah, we do need to get Roy on the air.

J

Jimmy Carper 04:34

Get him on.

S

Sarah DePalma 04:37

Jimmy is punching buttons. I have no idea what the heck he's doing. Okay, Roy, are you there?
Hello Roy.

R

Roy McCarthy 04:47

The After Hours gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and all sorts of assorted mayhem show.

S

Sarah DePalma 04:52

This is the assorted mayhem show. How may I help you?

R Roy McCarthy 04:59

Oh my Goodness gracious, gracious, that is something else.

S Sarah DePalma 05:02

We sell. We sell cocktails. And you can have that either ways sir.

R Roy McCarthy 05:09

Oh, I gotta touch that.

S Sarah DePalma 05:10

No, no, no, no. You actually did call for a reason I think, didn't you?

R Roy McCarthy 05:15

Oh, yes, actually I did. First before I get on that, I want to touch on that subject that you just finished talking about before the- before the music.

J Jimmy Carper 05:25

Which was subject was that?

R Roy McCarthy 05:28

About the transgendered people out there in Arkansas and stuff.

S Sarah DePalma 05:33

Yeah.

R Roy McCarthy 05:34

This is not exactly transgendered, but it is in the same vein, and I was watching this on one of the morning talk shows about a week or so ago. And there were there are people in this world that are hermaphrodites. They are born they are born with both sexual organs.

J Jimmy Carper 05:51

Okay.

S Sarah DePalma 05:52

Yes. What does in fact, there's even an organization for intersex people now, that has been as and they are. They are basically aligning themselves with the transgender political groups, and we're becoming more and more aware of the intersex people.

J Jimmy Carper 06:06

Good.

R Roy McCarthy 06:07

but you know, really was sad that one of these hermaphrodites chose to be as a man.

J Jimmy Carper 06:15

Yes.

R Roy McCarthy 06:16

And was getting married and when you know, loose shell was there saying that their marriage was an abomination.

S Sarah DePalma 06:23

Oh, please.

R Roy McCarthy 06:24

That's actually said that this person was an accident and a freak of nature. Oh, I'll tell you what the what was heartwarming was the audience was just like all over Lou Sheldon like white on rice.

J Jimmy Carper 06:36

Good. Good, good. Good.

R Roy McCarthy 06:38

Anyways, to talk about Yes. And I wanted to mention something that happened to me two nights ago.

J Jimmy Carper 06:45

Yes.

R Roy McCarthy 06:46

At work around 11:30. I got a page around 11:30 from a 16 year old kid. They might he had just gotten thrown out of his house because he was gay. And he had gotten my pager number from the show. Now apparently a couple of weeks ago, I was on the air and I guess I gave out-

J Jimmy Carper 07:09

I don't remember you doing that.

R Roy McCarthy 07:11

But or maybe I gave it out over the phone because I usually do when I'm working in the phone. And but this this kid I really don't remember this kid but he had my pager number written down as big Roy. And I was able to get him in touch with someone from HATCH into other person from HATCH.

J Jimmy Carper 07:35

Now what is that? What he been kicked out of this house because his parents found out he was gay.

R Roy McCarthy 07:41

Oh, yeah. Okay. And they had a big argument over that. And they threw him out of the house. And they literally threw all his clothes and stereo and everything right on the front lawn. Just before Christmas. Isn't that wonderful?

J Jimmy Carper 07:55

What great parents huh?

R Roy McCarthy 07:57

Ain't that the truth. And he called me on the pager. And I called him back. And I was able to get him in touch with the person from HATCH-.

J Jimmy Carper 08:10

Great.

R Roy McCarthy 08:11

Who was gotten got him in touch with another person from HATCH parents were with PFLAG.

J Jimmy Carper 08:17

Now Hatch's Houston Area Team Coalition on Homosexuality, right. It's a group of gay teens.

R Roy McCarthy 08:26

And the person from PFLAG was able to take that kid in for the night and be able to get other resources.

J Jimmy Carper 08:34

Okay.

R Roy McCarthy 08:34

Now I want all you other young listeners out there to realize that if God forbid, you do get thrown out of the house and you wind up out on the street, you do not have to turn to prostitution and to drugs. There is a there are alternatives. You can either call me on my pager at 8045060 or call the Gay Lesbian switchboard-,

J Jimmy Carper 09:02

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R Roy McCarthy 09:05

You know, and what between the two of us we ought to be able to get something going for you right there.

J

Jimmy Carper 09:13

There isn't a whole lot out there but we can find something-.

R

Roy McCarthy 09:17

We will we will do our best to find something and-.

J

Jimmy Carper 09:19

-Have to be alone.

R

Roy McCarthy 09:20

And you don't have to turn to prostitution. You don't have to turn to drugs. And it was really heartwarming to me that somebody had my number and need to turn to Big Roy you know, I'm not a dirty old man. I I'm happily married man. I got a very handsome husband do I not.

J

Jimmy Carper 09:42

You do.

R

Roy McCarthy 09:44

And I'm very happy with that.

J

Jimmy Carper 09:46

Yeah, big big problem in the in the queer community is helping teens who are either transgendered or gay and lesbian and are in problem have problems because of the stigma attached to it.

S

Sarah DePalma 10:01

There was a study that was recently done in, in Canada, of transgendered youth. And they discovered that virtually, that virtually every transgender prostitute was out there because they'd been kicked out of the house with nowhere else to go. They were not hooking from choice they were hooking because it was easy to do that or date or don't eat. Yeah. And and that's no diff- I don't think it's great deal different whether you're gay or lesbian or anything else. I don't, I can't. It's hard for me to believe that there are many people out there hooking on the streets tonight out of choice. No, right.

J Jimmy Carper 10:35

Especially young kids.

S Sarah DePalma 10:37

Yeah, yeah.

R Roy McCarthy 10:38

Yeah. And I think the thing to remember is, is there are some other there's a whole lot of us out here that do care and care one hell of a lot. You are not alone. Do not believe that for one minute. Okay. Call somebody you can call somebody. And, and a solution will be found. You are not alone.

S Sarah DePalma 11:03

That's exactly right. Exactly right.

J Jimmy Carper 11:05

Well big Roy, we miss you.

R Roy McCarthy 11:06

Oh, I miss you all. And I really miss my big warm fuzzy Sarah.

S Sarah DePalma 11:12

Who you who you call in big and fuzzy?

R Roy McCarthy 11:17

You give me the warm fuzzy.

S Sarah DePalma 11:18

Oh, well, okay. That's different. I was getting worried because I've had to like crawl with some some electrolysis. I'm not too fuzzy.

R Roy McCarthy 11:28

I get the warm, fuzzy. And I miss I miss Jim and all y'all.

S Sarah DePalma 11:33

Well, Happy Holidays to you.

R Roy McCarthy 11:35

And the same to you.

S Sarah DePalma 11:36

You hang in there.

R Roy McCarthy 11:38

Oh, I am. I mean, yeah, I am hanging in there.

J Jimmy Carper 11:41

Okay.

S Sarah DePalma 11:41

All right.

J Jimmy Carper 11:42

Thanks Big Roy. Take care. Bye, bye.

S Sarah DePalma 11:46

Well, it's nice to know that there are people out there who do care and will step up and take some responsibility. Yeah. And Roy's not wealthy. So it's not easy for him to do this kind of thing.

J Jimmy Carper 11:55

That's right. That's exactly right. Yeah.

S

Sarah DePalma 11:59

One of the things that we talked about Dr. Foles, was the difficulty in doing anything for transgender youth, because there are so many legal issues involved. From a therapeutic point of view, it's pretty hard to take kids, as clients without parental consent into bring parental consent. Do they throw the kid in the street? And did you just create more harm than good? Tough, real tough. So in you know, it's really been very hard for for the gays and lesbians because there's always been this thing about, well, you know, gays can't have their own so they have to recruit. You know, that nonsense.

J

Jimmy Carper 12:37

Oh, yeah.

S

Sarah DePalma 12:37

So it's real hard for gays and lesbians to do much for their own youth. Because then they all of a sudden, they get level with this charge about oh, wow, you know, they, they're just recruiting these kids. And it's not like that at all. I don't know anybody who was more anti pedophiles and gays and lesbians or why now, but you know, it's hard. That's something I found out. Did you know that in Sweden, the number one profession for gay men is childcare?

J

Jimmy Carper 13:05

No kidding. And I bet they're good at it.

S

Sarah DePalma 13:09

And it's because in Sweden, they have a different feeling. This Sweden, they have a shortage, they actually have a shortage of men in Sweden. It's through some disease or something. But actually, it turns out that they see gay men as being good role models.

J

Jimmy Carper 13:24

Yeah.

S

Sarah DePalma 13:25

Consequently, the number one profession for gay men in Sweden is daycare. It's exactly the opposite of what you get told in this country.

J Jimmy Carper 13:33

Yeah.

S Sarah DePalma 13:33

It's just I just find that interesting. for whatever that's worth, I have got some we've got some Christmas music queued up. And this is off of a CD that Jimmy brought called Winter Moon, a celebration of gay and lesbian singers and songwriters and friends, and that the cut that I picked her name is Marsha is actually no, it's Michael Callen is called Do Not Turn Away. And I love Michael Callen stuff. So I thought we'd do some music and we'll come back and we can chat a little bit about some of the things we've got going.

J Jimmy Carper 14:06

Okay.

S Sarah DePalma 14:06

So without further ado, this is Michael Callen was some Christmas music.

J Jimmy Carper 14:24

Michael Callen, Do Not Turn Away not necessarily your Christmas song, but it's it's on a a compilation called Winter Moon, a celebration of gay and lesbian singers and songwriters and friends. That this is volume two.

S Sarah DePalma 14:43

As Michael Callen has written some beautiful stuff.

J Jimmy Carper 14:45

Yes, yes. And then a little bit morose. It's also on his his new legacy album. It's a two CD set that just came out last year mostly

S Sarah DePalma 15:00

This is a KPFT 90.1 In Houston, ignite in KEOS College Station 89.1 on your FM dial.

J Jimmy Carper 15:10

That's right. That's KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. If you're listening to After Hours queer radio with attitude, and let's put a couple of things in their ears.

S Sarah DePalma 15:21

Yeah, first of all, for those of you who are listening to this show looking for the Christian Broadcast Network, this ain't it.

J Jimmy Carper 15:30

Keep going left.

S Sarah DePalma 15:31

This is KPFT which is to left to the Christian Broadcast Network. I suggest you move a couple of stations to the right.

J Jimmy Carper 15:38

Okay, is that how it goes?

S Sarah DePalma 15:39

That's it. Now we've done that. Let's do this.

[Music] 15:52

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J Jimmy Carper 16:54

Okay.

S Sarah DePalma 16:55

We're about to go to an interview.

J Jimmy Carper 16:57

Yeah.

S Sarah DePalma 16:58

And this person's name, she wants to be known only as Francis.

J Jimmy Carper 17:02

Okay.

S Sarah DePalma 17:03

Now keeping in their theme tonight about the significant others of transgendered people, I would be remiss if we did not talk about being the significant other of the crossdresser. Right.

J Jimmy Carper 17:14

Now the issues that you heard us talking about earlier, for a transsexual, you'll find in listening to the to Francis speak, that the issues are not precisely the same for crossdressers. You don't have a situation where your spouse is actually changing their gender. They're simply playing, get it.

S Sarah DePalma 17:36

Yes. Having said that, it is not an easy thing for wife to deal with. When the husband sits down, says, Honey, I should have told you this before I got married. But now that we've been married 10 years or something, I just gotta tell you, right? Not easy, especially if you got kids, maybe they're teenagers in schools. Right.

F Francis 17:53

Tough stuff. That's in Worst of all, this is a serious relationship issue. The number one issue here is not often often is not cross dressing, but I can't trust this person. What else is there about this person? I didn't know?

S Sarah DePalma 18:08

How could I have lived with this person for 10 years and not known this very important part of

HOW COULD I HAVE LIVED WITH THIS PERSON FOR 10 YEARS AND NOT KNOWN, THIS VERY IMPORTANT PART OF this person? And it's the secrecy.

 Francis 18:15

Yeah, and blah, and in and you'll hear her say, sometimes there is there issues where, you know, she's been thinking all along, maybe this guy was having an affair, and discovers will actually in some ways this might be worse than an affair, I couldn't compete with another woman. I can't, how do I compete with the person who wants to play it being a woman? Tough stuff. And so in keeping with our discussion about significant others tonight, and this is Francis, and she's going to be talking about being a significant other of a crossdresser.

 Sarah DePalma 18:54

This show in the past, we have spent a good deal of time talking about cross dressers and cross dressing. And we have addressed it from several different issues. But one of the things that has come across as we've done this show is that we have seldom had an opportunity to discuss it from the point of view of the spouse of the crossdresser. We had a question I chose to dedicate to looking at that exact issue. As we go into the holidays. It's a very difficult time for the spouses of the crossdressers. There's a lot of literature for crossdressers and for transsexuals, for that matter, on how to handle the holidays. I'm not seeing anything and how their spouse to try to handle it or survive it. These are these are real issues. They're tough issues. Then since we are here, December during the Christmas show, I thought this was an ideal time to discuss the issues. And with me tonight is Francis, and Francis is going to be talking about it from the spouses point of view. So Francis, let's let's take it right from the top. The first thing that I hear when I hear from the wives of crossdressers was, oh my god, it means I have to be divorced if true, not true?

 Francis 20:05

Well, not exactly. I think the first and biggest most bottom line question is, where are we going from here? What is this going to mean for our life together for our relationship? What? And there are so many other issues mixed in with it, depending especially on how you find out, especially if it's been kept a big, deep, dark secret and begin to worry about is he having an affair, he can account for blocks of time if he's going to participate in activities without your knowing about it. But when you finally find out it's tremendous feeling of betrayal, like, what else are you keeping from me, if you've kept this important thing from whether you think it's something terrible or something, you know, nice and interesting about your partner? Why didn't he share this decision to start with as the biggest issue and of course, there's the whole issue of addiction are like going to take this as he considers himself a transsexual, after all, it seems unlikely, but stranger things have happened. And you as a spouse, come programmed with all the social stereotypes that the rest of society has, and you don't know what to think you may have heard about crossdressing, or seeing some talk shows, on television, but it's almost impossible to plug your husband and your wife into that kind of a far out scenario, it just destroys everything that you come to expect. About your life and your future.



Saran DePalma 21:54

I think a lot of us grow up, we have this. You know, society prepares us for the certain kinds of life and those kind of Norman Rockwell America. And of course, especially at the holidays at it's almost like it's being enforced, you know, you must have a Norman Rockwell family or you're not really enjoying the real spirit of Christmas. And it's just, it's just killer. And it's always been so much baloney. And was one of the things I want to ask you about is that I get calls from the wives of transsexuals, some say, or cross dressers rather than birthing families. You know, it's not so much the cross dressing, I think I could deal with that. It's the violation of trust that I'm having trouble with.



Francis 22:37

Or that's exactly what I was trying to say, it's, if you've kept this much from me, what else have might you have kept from me. And especially, as is the case, in almost all of these relationships. He had been doing it all his life, yet he didn't tell her about it, he married her without mentioning it at all, or maybe mentioning it in passing, like, you know, ever wants to want to, you know, put on ladies underwear or something. And of course, he detaches deliberately, no, at no great significance to this. And so she doesn't either, she dismisses it as something irrelevant. And sometimes I think the crossdresser does this, with every good intention in the world. He really, truly thinks that once he settled into a happy marriage, that all of this will go away and never come up again. And of course, that's, that's not how it works. Sooner or later, depending on his temperament and the situations that they encounter in life, some stress or something will come along, and the whole little genie rises up out of the lamp again. And then he has to deal with it. And he has to work out the whole distances. How much of this can I do? And what will my wife think? And there's this awful overwhelming fear on a crossdressers part. That if he tells her about it, at this point, it's going to destroy their relationship. Well, he should have told her about it beforehand. But so many cases, they just don't. And so you're left with what do we do now? Where do we go from here? And it's particularly overwhelming at the time of the holidays because of all these cultural expectations of the ideal family Christmas. And when you have a great big secret that now is your secret, not just your evidence that you're saying you're in charge of managing this secret, and keeping up the smiling face in front of all the relatives that you'd normally don't interact with the rest of the course of the year. And it is, you know, a lot of people in normal happy lives have feelings of depression at Christmas time because of bringing up old issues. Old family conflicts are an old expectations have ever been realized. And to throw this into it really can upset and overwhelm people who might have been able to keep an even keel as usual, you know, they have other Christmases. But when this is introduced, then two another wrinkle is if she's come to accept him and his feminine sign his need to express himself by dressing, there comes a point when he expects that he will get some sort of Christmas present, but also his feminine self will get Christmas presents. And that's a one more person to shop for. And she can be an expensive little girl to keep.



Sarah DePalma 25:53

I never thought of that at all. That never did never occurred to me. Okay, so now, the what the wife knows, in the dictionary to a crossdresser. Now, as I understand it, the first thing is, the one says, Well, what does this mean? You know, am I a lesbian? And and the second thing is, what kind of boundaries can we set? Now, we I know, Alicia, we've talked about how there are

different levels of cross dressers, different kinds of processes. How, for the wife's point of view, how is she ever going to go about negotiating these boundaries with somebody that is, you know, has not been real honest up to this point.

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Francis 26:45

This is such an annoying answer. This understood and, and unacceptable phenomenon, that it's very, very difficult to deal with. And as in the fear of, of key people in your life finding out because it can almost be paralyzing. Then there's the fears of what is this in terms of your own relationship. Does the fact that you still love him and care about him even if he's dressed to the nines? Is that make you a lesbian? This is an issue that really bothers a lot of women who are male, heterosexual with it as a man, how are they supposed to find a woman attractive all of a sudden. But the bottom line is, of course, is that however he's dressed a he is man, and that is still your husband, he's still the guy that you fell in love with, and has been married to all these years, who through thick and thin. But that's a that's a big realization, it takes a while to come to that for some, depending on the severity of the shock. And there's, there's just so many issues that have to be contended with and the resources for doing so are limited or you may not know where to find them you feel as your husband over so many years that he was alone, he was the only person who wanted to wear women's clothes. The wife is really isolated, because who can she go to with this? She can't go home to mama certainly, because mama may have said, you know, I told you so I told you not to marry that person. And you may or may not have a best girlfriend, you can stress with something like this. And going to some sort of process and all that you know or that you pick out the phone phonebook, you may or may not land with someone knowledgeable and sensitive to your issues and have you risk so much in revealing it to anyone that as I said before the fear and the sense of betrayal and loss can be overwhelming. Yeah, the the time of adjustment so this can almost be like the person who adjust to some major life trauma such as finding out that you are a loved one has a serious possibly terminal illness or, or maybe there's a sudden death of someone dear to you. You go through this whole slew of emotions in not necessarily in this order in some of all at once and there's fear. There's denial is rage. There's attempting to bargain. And finally there's a level of acceptance. The idea is to find a comfort zone in which you and your partner can feel safe and fulfilled, that permits him to have a level of feminine expression that he can live with and that you can live with. And this takes a lot and negotiation and accommodation on both sides. It can't be a one sided thing, one resentment. And I think a legitimate resentment that women have is, after all, their husband has been dealing with this burden the secret for so many years. And when he does reveal it to her or she finds out and the initial blow up passes, and they sell into some sort of acceptance, he considers that now he has a blank ticket to right here to do whatever he feels like doing that he's put off doing all this time. And he goes off into, shall we say, an excess of feminine expression and going out and buying all those things he's wanted to by blowing the family budget in the process, and just really going overboard. And she hasn't had all those years to get used to this. And she hasn't had all this experience inhaling the secret and managing it. It's deadly. Now it's her problem.

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Sarah DePalma 31:34

Well, that raises another issue. And that is kids. It's hard enough for the wife to get over this trauma, and to try and deal with his fear and his horrible sense of isolation that I hear I hear so much about. But even more of the question here is what does this mean for the kids? What do

we tell the kid? Do we tell the kids under what circumstances in the it's almost a book in itself isn't?

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Francis 32:07

Certainly is there's many different solutions to this is there are families, the big controversy, of course, is that you tell the kids at all, and some people operate on the need to know basis. And they may never tell their kids anything. Or if they do, they may wait till their kids are fellow adults. And they have a sort of an adult to adult relationship and not the parent child relationship. But even then, I know people that are actually approaching retirement age and they only can tell their adult children because they realize that if something happens to them, and they have kids are going to come in and go through their things and find it out. And they'd rather explain it to them while they're alive. And, and rather than have their children think all these things about them after they're gone. But dealing with children, especially young children, is very controversial. There's always the risk that your children will themselves find out by accident. And that's a very sobering thought. Because Mur- Murphy's law being in full force, if your child finds out, it's most likely to be at the worst possible time in his life and yours and you lose total control over the situation. You can't talk to your child about this in terms of what it is and what it means to do and of course, your children and in spite of your efforts to raise polite non judgmental non prejudiced children, they get a certain amount of negative stereotypical programming from from society and so in their peers. And so their reaction is very likely to be a bad one. Everyone seems to agree that the worst time to try explain this to your children or try to reveal it to people when they're in their own adolescence and struggling with their own issues of sexuality and independence from their parents and rebellion. And that's definitely not a good time. I know some families where it has been necessary to tell him at that point and it has come out okay. Sometimes one sibling understands and he steps in and other one rejects and becomes very distant from the parents and particularly from the Father, the crossdresser. Those who decide to tell their children and generally agree that the best time is to tell them in there was child that years that Freud called the latency period where when they're old enough to have a sense of right and wrong and accountability, but before they get into the storms of adolescence, and it it needs to be explained if you're going to do it in terms that the kids can relate to such as dad has sometimes he feels like a girl inside and likes to wear some girls clothes. And when he's dressed that way, he's still your dad, but he likes to be called, you know, Aunt Susie, or whatever his feminine name is. And kids younger kids can relate fairly well to this because they themselves like role playing dress up games involving roleplay. And this fits into what they had experienced beautifully on their own or, or in organized drama activities at school. But there is always to lead the way the needs of the child above your own desire to have a perhaps have the convenience of not having to try to keep all this hidden. Those children are very perceptive and observant and far more than than parents realizing. And I know certain parents that think their children don't know anything and are later shocked to find out how much their children did know and did see going back years to when they thought their kids are nice, blank little blobs who totally oblivious to what was going on with your parents.

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Sarah DePalma 36:33

Well, now, one of the things that I hear about from the lives of crossdressers is isolation. So let's talk a little bit a little bit about the crime [INAUDIBLE]. I, what I hear from wives is you know, sooner or later, the husband wants to do it somewhere other than in their own house.

And the wife says, But you have a job. You know, we have things to worry about is this visually, whether it's through the show or elsewhere, they hear about the Triumph sorority. Now I know it's taken a fair share criticism from here and there, but the fact of the matter is or the wife of the crossdresser to try a sorority is really a very safe place to start. So I wanted to talk about that a little bit. In practice. The Triassic is and it's in its local chapters, provide an atmosphere that is very heavy on security and the need of people to have their their privacy. In many cases, they have meetings and private homes or in a secure hotel meeting room arrangement where-