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Jimmy Carper, Roy, Sarah DePalma

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Sarah DePalma 00:00

It is a hard issue for me because I spent a lot of time talking about gender. And I never really felt a whole lot of guilt about my gender expression. It was something that was a part of me from the start, I knew it was something that I didn't, that I really had very little control over cross dressers. And to me to, in some respects, are more confused by it all. Because generally speaking, crossdresser has not come into their experience with a lot of introspection, they've come into it because the clothes felt good, or because they look pretty good next to their body. And then we've got guilt. And so consequently, what happens is, it's the sneaking part of all of this, a cross dressers, they tend to start in the rooms, you know where they are, or I've known actually a lot of cross dressers who wouldn't even go that far. They rented hotel rooms, and brought their suitcases of clothes and dressed in their hotel room. So, right almost from the beginning for our crossdresser there's guilt and shame off right right out. And in many cross dressers never lose that. And what happens is for his for a large percentage of the cross dressers simply dressing in the quiet of a hotel room or in their bedroom isn't enough. They want to be able to wear it. There are those that clothing around the house, okay? They want to be able Some want to be able to wear it outside the house. Well, there's a problem here. If you're married, and you have children, that's not so easy, right? So the situation becomes for a crossdresser, guilt, shame, and deception.

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Jimmy Carper 01:57

Oh, gosh. And it's just it sounds like it would be a continuing circle.

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Sarah DePalma 02:02

Oh, I, you know, it's hard for me as a transsexual to understand the point at which your a crossdresser says, I have to stop. Because I always knew that I couldn't. But somewhere in a crossdresser there comes a point where they say I have to, you know, I'm afraid for my

marriage, I'm afraid for my kids. So they'll go out and they'll burn these clothes, or they'll give hundreds of these give the clothes away to Salvation Army. They try to purge themselves and they swear to themselves, they'll never ever do it again, as long as they live.

 Jimmy Carper 02:35

Now, Sarah, you have been you have talked on this show about doing purging yourself? Oh,

 Sarah DePalma 02:40

yeah. Oh, yeah, I admit that I did. Because unfortunately, I grew up in a generation where the word transsexual just didn't exist, right. And so to that extent, I, I understand the the shame and the guilt of it all. For me, that all went away the day that I said, the hell with this. And I don't care what society thinks. But that was easy for me to say I wasn't married. I didn't have any kids. That's a whole lot different. That's a whole

 Jimmy Carper 03:07

year of marriage. And you have children. I mean, this is a responsibility here and you can't just think of yourself.

 Sarah DePalma 03:13

Yeah. And

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what's what is the answer The

 Sarah DePalma 03:16

letters that I got from the walk from these, these three women, Jimmy, one of them especially was very, very poignant, because they have three small children. And the husband did not tell the wife that he was a crossdresser. She was a crossdresser. Did not. There was no hint. Nothing. This was a case of where the wife went off to work. The husband thought that she was gone for the day. Lo and behold, his car break down. She has to take a taxi and come back. Surprise. Oh, no. And that's, that's a real that's, that's, you know, from the wives point of view. I mean, it's betrayal. It's hurt. It's, it's, you know, a lot of emotion when it comes to the kid. Yeah, I mean, it's all in one big scream like, why do you want

 Jimmy Carper 04:08

to do this? And and then the secrecy of it. Yeah. And the other point that you've always made?

If, if you've been doing this, what else have you been?

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Sarah DePalma 04:18

What else? Have you been doing that? You haven't told me? Right? Yeah. What? Yeah,

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what have you what else? Have you lied to me?

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Sarah DePalma 04:24

Yeah. And that, that it's the dishonesty issue. That's the killer to the marriage. You bet. The sad part about it is that from the for the cross dressers point of view. I'm really convinced me that in many cases, they were no more capable of telling their wives the truth than they were becoming instant lottery winners. Well, you

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Jimmy Carper 04:43

know, you're probably right. They were How do you tell your wife? This? This when you're

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Sarah DePalma 04:50

ashamed of yourself? Yes. When you're in deep denial about it. When you feel nothing but shame and remorse about the fact that you're you're doing this like coming out of the closet. It will feel that Oh, yeah. So like, you're gonna go run to your wife and say, even though I hate this about myself, I'm going to tell you right now, I don't think so. I don't think so. Now, I want to explain something here. What you're

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saying about necessarily saying is there's no answer.

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Sarah DePalma 05:15

I don't think there is I think it's a true conundrum. And I wanted to make it clear that I'm not necessarily talking right now about the cross dressers, as you're gonna find out at the drag bars tonight. Those folks who have made have gotten as far as where they are, I are people that are further on down the line, and we're going to come back to them and a little bit

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maybe a heterosexual heterosexual dress wrestlers who are out in the bars. bars tonight, okay.

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Sarah DePalma 05:41

For the kind of person that I'm talking about is the person who is totally closeted. Over the last couple of days, I've been going through personal webpages. And I've been looking for common words, the trends that the cross dressers use. And they use words like they talked about the feel of the clothing. Yes, they talk about. They use words like satiny, you know, Sandy and, and sensuous. So it's the clothing, that is the important part for them. And for a transsexual, typically the clothing is like, it's, it's like no big deal. That's not what the issue is. The issue is they're not comfortable in the body, the red cross dressers have no desire to change the body, generally speaking right there. And they have no intention to be anything but heterosexual married people, for the most part, what they get what they want, is, I used to think what they wanted was permission to do what they're doing. But I've out over a period of time will come to think that's not right. With a one is acceptance for what they're doing. And there's a big difference. So yes, there's a huge difference.

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As as a long time, person in the in the gay world. Yeah. Yes. Because back in the 60s, we were asking permission, and then the 80s we wanted acceptance. Yeah.

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Sarah DePalma 07:12

And and, you know, it's, it's difference between will tolerate you and will accept you

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it right. There's a huge difference. It's yeah,

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Sarah DePalma 07:21

it's a massive difference. So

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Jimmy Carper 07:24

and it's a it's a change in total societal outlook on clothing.

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Sarah DePalma 07:30

And they talk about the female side of themselves is if it's a separate person, that's something that was really striking to me going through the web pages, they will refer the Felicity, the person's first name is John, they will say, Well, John did this. But Kathy, or or Jeanette or

whatever they name their female persona, did this in conversation with you belts, they'll talk in those terms, and it takes a while to figure out who they're talking about? Well, you know, John, and I were John went and did this, and this and this, but Jeanette went and did it. And they're talking about the same person, right? Only one was in male clothing, and one was in female clothing. And there's a group called the Trius sorority, in one of the things they do they call themselves the Society for the second self. And that's precisely what they're talking about. They're talking about that other side. Now, for me, that's kind of an interesting thing. Because looking at it from a gender point of view for a minute, why do you need permission to allow any side of yourself out?

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:34

Well, you know, you're talking from from perspective of transsexualism, and I'm talking from his perspective of, of gay sexuality. We are outlaws we know we're outlaws. We don't care.

**S** Sarah DePalma 08:51

And we accept the fact that we're out right and crossdressers do not cannot. Yeah, well, that's right.

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:57

Cannot cannot I think that that's a more precise term to actually think marriage, children.

**S** Sarah DePalma 09:04

Status, guilt and shame and all the things that

**J** Jimmy Carper 09:07

depending on the job if the if it was found out at their job that they cross dress at the the end of that,

**S** Sarah DePalma 09:14

that'd be the end of their jobs, for sure. And it's it's a situation where the CrossDresser simply cannot stop the compulsion is overwhelming. Now, to look at this from the wise point of view for a minute, one of the wives sent in the email said in their email, the real problem for me is I don't know who I'm going to bed with. And the issue there was that her husband has started wearing lingerie to bed. Oh, okay. So she's really confused. She doesn't understand who this person is. No. Well, and I thought, you know, she's got a very legitimate point.



**J** Jimmy Carper 09:54

And I don't think the person the person, don't you think that the man is Yeah, yeah, he's he's like searching.

**S** Sarah DePalma 10:03

And often Jim and Jamie wants the genies out of the bottle. In other words, once the wife knows, often it's as if all control has been removed. And I've known many crossdressers, who you simply go crazy with it. It's like now that the genies out of the bottle, I'll do it anytime, anywhere, and he plays because it's what I want to do. And you have to get used to it.

**J** Jimmy Carper 10:24

What's not fair either? That doesn't? Actually, that doesn't sound fair. Well, it isn't

**S** Sarah DePalma 10:30

fair, it isn't fair. You have to remember, you married a person under certain pretenses. And now you're saying to this person, hey, here's a major component of my personality that I somehow neglected to tell you. Before we said, I do well, in surprise, get used to it.

**J** Jimmy Carper 10:49

In any long term relationship, people change. But that's not usually to that extent. You're probably right, not the next thing. And to me,

**S** Sarah DePalma 10:59

I look at this is a continuum on relationships. Not not trying to confuse the listener, but I have known several couples, married couples, heterosexual married couples, or the husband has come to the wife and said, I'm going to I want to have a sex change.

**J** Jimmy Carper 11:17

Oh, and don't you think a lot of wives of cross dressers feel that way is my husband want to change to a female?

**S** Sarah DePalma 11:26

Yeah, that's exactly what they fear. In fact, in the past, the Tria sorority on a national basis has really had a problem with this issue in it one time, anybody who openly declared that they were not a crossdresser, but were a transsexual got kicked out. Because it scared the wives too


badly.

 Jimmy Carper 11:45

Well, yeah. And it is a support group for wives.

 Sarah DePalma 11:49

It is a support group almost exclusively for the wives. Yeah. And so it's, that's a definite problem. But the thing is that, that on one end of this continuum, we've got that kind of a situation where a husband comes to the wife and says, I want to have sex change. So that's the extreme. That's the extreme one extreme. Well, yeah, it's the far end of this other continuum is this crossdresser who basically learn dry dresses in the bedroom once a week, for whatever reason, and who wants the permission to do it? Now in between there, there are all kinds of shadings if relationships I know this isn't anything get to be very, very confusing.

 Jimmy Carper 12:30

It's it's like the Kinsey zero through six on Kinsey getting you a clue, honey. No, it's just this.

 Sarah DePalma 12:39

Kinsey had no clue he was getting into, because that was your script that was taking. That was an ice cube on the Titanic. Okay. That was just getting started for cross dressers, then it's a tough, tough issue. And for the wives, especially, their first concern is what about the kids? Sure. NIAMS. All three of women's do the same thing. What are we going to do about the kids? Well, I'd like to tell them my head the answer to that, but I don't.

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How do you tell your child that you cross dress? Yeah, you know, and it's, it's not fair. It really isn't not. It's not fair. It's harmless. Women can wear whatever they can wear their husband's clothes. Go to the store, in her husband's clothes, and nobody says the thing. nobody bats an eye. So what's the deal here, you know,

 Sarah DePalma 13:29

in that rarely is true. A woman can wear a pinstripe suit to work and people say, Oh, isn't that fashionable? Huh? Let a guy wear a dress to work and they say you're fired. Exactly. And, and actually, it's taken me some time during but I think I finally have have started to put a clue on that. I was having a discussion about this issue, actually, with Kate Bornstein. And Kate Bornstein said the issue for men is not the dressing. It's as to do with a concept she calls the power of the phallus. Yeah, you got it. And I had never really considered it that way. They are giving up their male power and that's threatening Yes. Therefore, they must be punished that



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it's the same thing with gays, you know, because we have sex with each other with other men than then we are in a position of femaleness.



Sarah DePalma 14:21

That's why women get called sissy boys and all this other kind of stuff. And that's exactly right. It's because they're violating this rule of the phallus equals power, right. Which is nonsense. It's a body part.



Jimmy Carper 14:32

Yeah. And there's, there's there's no concept of you know, well, there are male tops, you know, what, some really good so yeah, that's that's kind of the fallacy there but that's where all that comes from. Yeah, I hadn't. Big deal.



Sarah DePalma 14:50

I hadn't thought about it, but you're right. And you're



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listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. We are the cuir sound of Texas but let's do it like real for real.



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The sound of Texas KPFT Houston of Pacifica radio network station 90.1 FM 89.1k EOS College Station. Ah,



Jimmy Carper 15:15

thanks, Bruce. Well, our whoever that whoever that was in that little blue bar,



Sarah DePalma 15:20

I went to the internet and I downloaded, I've spent the last couple of days going through the internet looking for various pieces of advice. And I ran across two to one in particular, but two very good pieces that I really wanted to address this to the wives, because they seem to be the ones that are really having the difficulty with it. But I thought the way that this was written was



especially was especially a well done, okay, this is called priorities for transgendered relationships. Now, I thought this was interesting, because they talked about it as a transgendered relationship, but they're really talking about priorities for relationships in which one of the partners is a crossdresser. To say that it's transgender is actually too wide. A topic here, because that would imply we're going to start talking about people who are decided to change to become transsexuals and that sort of thing. And that's really not where we're aiming here, we're aiming to talk to the cross dressers and their families. And so the first thing that they have on their list here, we will be open about the issue of cross dressing. And together, we will learn more about how our gender concerns will affect us in our relationship. And as individuals, the key phrase there was together Yes, to get this, so many cross dressers that I've known Jimmy had basically tried to dictate to the wives. Once the kid the genie is out of the bottle, no matter how it happened. Once the genies out of the bottle, it's basically often taken the attitude of well get used to it. You just know one more thing about me and it's no big deal. Well, that's nonsense. It's a big deal. Yeah. And



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do you think that's fair to the wife? No,

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Sarah DePalma 17:05

I don't. I don't it's it's for the wife. It's often like a dagger in the heart unless you married somebody who's extremely liberal. It's often like a dagger in the heart because she thought she knew what she married. She married a certain kind of guy, right? And isn't that certain kinds of guy. Now there is a school of thought that says to the wives, you know, if you really think about this, this could be a kind of a gift. We're often saying, you know, we wish the men were more sensitive. We wish the men were more caring. We wish the men were more giving. Well, these men are these men are. The flipside of that. Is that often, I'm sorry to say many of the cross dressers I know we're only that way when they're dressed. When they're dressed like guys, they're back to being same old kind of boring. I will set a word Yeah, I caught myself there. And I had to stop and think. Really? Yeah. Yeah. And that's actually one of the problems that transsexuals have with cross dressers. Okay,

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Jimmy Carper 18:09

okay. And that would fit with what you're talking about. There are two different sides, the male side

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Sarah DePalma 18:15

different sides of personality, females, is almost always sound as if it was schizophrenic. And clinically, it is not because these people are very much aware of what's going on. But it's one of the problems that transsexuals have with cross dressers when it comes to the political end of it. Because the crowd the trunk, transaxles would say it will say to them, Well, yes, but you're two

different people. When you come in you when you come to our political meetings or whatever, which person are you on what day? How do we know? Shall we suppose to decide by the clothes you wear? Very interesting point. Well, very interesting.



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Sarah DePalma 18:55

you and I agree



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with that. The person is wearing a dress you call her ma'am. You take the cue from the way



Sarah DePalma 19:01

they're dressed. That's exactly right. But of course, the transsexual is talking about from a political point of view. Yeah. And so their argument is that they're there many transsexuals are arguing the cross dressers are a liability. To which I say don't ever come to me and say that because you're gone. Right? That that's that's nonsense. crossdressers can be fired from their jobs and are discriminated against just like everybody else.



Jimmy Carper 19:23

You bet said all of us. But anyway, I got from the bashers come to Montrose. They don't you know, they don't care whether



Sarah DePalma 19:32

your own Asper kind of transgendered person or you just beat you hspg That's right, exactly right. But I thought that the key to this first thing was together, we will learn more. And I thought that was the key phrase there. It also implies that for the wife, she's going to have to be open enough to be willing to learn more about the husband's crossbow Right, right. So the key there, I think is take it slowly. Yeah, don't expect to handle this, like, by tomorrow. It isn't going to happen. Number two, oh, no,



Jimmy Carper 20:07

yes. But no, go ahead. I'll save it for later.

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Sarah DePalma 20:12

We will strive for open, honest communication with negotiation, and compromise and patience and both sides. To which I say yeah, as if, like any relationship to her actually is on a full time basis is able to have open honest communication with negotiation and compromise and patients in both sides. Honey, you have to get up and go to work every day. All right. Yeah, that isn't. If your mother Teresa, that happens. But in an ideal world, all of those things happen in a realistic world. Ain't no way.

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Jimmy Carper 20:49

I know it. I know. But, you know, if we can strive toward that,

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Sarah DePalma 20:54

well, you know what they say you strive toward perfection, you just don't expect to ever reach it. Right? And I guess that's true here. But what they're trying to say is, keep, keep talking. Yes. Now, that's a real hard thing. If for a crossdresser. If when when the wife finds out how and why no matter how it happens, if she doesn't just grab the kid screaming and go running out the door, you're already way ahead of the game. app. So Louis, because that's a common react that. Yes, it is. And it doesn't have to be that way. No, it doesn't. One of the people asked me, one of the women asked me in the email, whether this meant that they had to divorce and why not? Why would you have to divorce? It's only clothing after also that it's all it is, is clothing.

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Jimmy Carper 21:37

It's the same person. Just another facet.

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Sarah DePalma 21:39

Yeah. Yeah. Now, having said that, then to the CrossDresser, you should not spend all your time striving striving to tell your wife about the differences between your male and female church Shut up. Let her learn at her own pace, please. That would be good. Yeah. You know, yes. If she asks, be open about it, but don't bring it up every day at supper for three months. You know, as they say, No one likes to push the bottom. No one likes a whiny crossdresser. Okay. So that's really, that's really the truth of it. Now, one of the issues they brought up here is they will be open and discussing finances, allocation of family resources, boy take these one at a time. These are major issues in a marriage, how much of their money will now be devoted to this cross dressing? As a couple? You know, chances are you're scraping along and each you you're having a hard time every time applying wardrobe for a whole whole another person. Right?

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Jimmy Carper 22:41

Right. Do we do we do we get a new VCR? Or does a new? A new gown?

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Sarah DePalma 22:47

Exactly. Yeah. And you know, if you think about that, and in any relationship, I mean, that's a major issue, the allocation of Family Resources. How much time are we willing to devote to your cross dressing? And under what circumstance? Sure. What do we do with the kids bedroom issues that are that are that are, please do not go into bed wearing your laundry into your wife is ready for it? And especially don't wear her lingerie? Oh, just I mean, I bring this up because this has been a common issue. For heaven's sakes, respect the privacy of your wife. Her wardrobe did not suddenly just become your wardrobe.

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Jimmy Carper 23:27

Yes. Problem with many gay men. They have a lover, and they are about the same size.

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Sarah DePalma 23:35

Actually, Lori complains to me with that all the time they ever were in her jewelry. And so yes, I plead guilty that when to

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Jimmy Carper 23:44

say so we're all guilty of that a little bit. We just have to kind of watch it

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Sarah DePalma 23:49

be open to discussing risk taking behaviors. What does that mean? Now we come back to those heterosexual cross dressers around the clubs. Oh, risk taking at some point as crossdresser you may want to actually go out? Yeah, it's a huge mental and emotional decision to step out.

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Jimmy Carper 24:11

That's right. I mean, it's one thing inside your house. I mean, your house is your castle. It's there's a safety factor there. But once you step out into the cruel, cruel world, what's the deal?

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Sarah DePalma 24:24

Well, there are the issues of what happens if you get stopped by the police and Lord knows, we've talked about that. There are issues if you've never been in gay bars before learning the social etiquettes. And Lord knows, I've been to plenty bars where there have been a lot of cross dressers who really needed to learn etiquette. There are issues of the traveling back and forth. What if you get a flat? Yes. You know, then what there are restroom issues. How are you going to handle that if you're challenged, you know, risk taking behaviors. And the wife is thinking, Oh

my God, he's going to be arrested. We're all going to be financially ruined. That's where the group like Trius sorority is a real good mediation spot. Because for a crossdresser, who wants to go out, in other words, as an out of their house, they can go to the Tria sorority in their male clothes, go to wherever it is, as part of this place is being held, switch into their female outfits, do whatever it is they want to do, and switch back into the male clothes when they go home. So there is no absolute need to take risks out in public. And I hear crossdressers say this all the time? Well, you know, but I want to be able to get out well, yes, but you know, you have a family to consider you, you who's right here to take on that responsibility. Exactly. You know, and being crossdresser doesn't give you the permission to go walk away from it.



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Just as you took on this responsibility with, with your family, would you take up a hobby of skydiving? Well, I mean, you know, there's a risk and in doing that kind of thing, and what do you



Sarah DePalma 25:59

tell your kids if something happens, right? You know, suppose you get assaulted, they're gonna have to come to the hospital. I mean, not to scare crossdressers, it's just to say that you should think these things through Yes. And the wives have a legitimate point of concern about this. They want to talk about the one you should be willing to discuss the level of involvement of children and family members. Yeah, fan children's a hold that I mean, that's like a whole separate folder unto itself. And I highly, highly recommend the Trius sorority for that they are really, really good at discussing the children's issues, I have to give them credit for this. This is a strong point for them. Anything that you'd ever want to know what to do, what not to do, how to say it, what not to say under what circumstances, contact the trial sorority, they are the best at this far and far better than anything that I could ever do. Okay. Next section says we will learn to pace the integration of transgendered behavior into our relationships. Pacing, that means don't push Yeah, real simple. Don't push, we will discover the benefits of a relationship which finds balance of gender expression. She married somebody who she thinks is going to be able to go out and fix the back porch. Okay, she married. So there have been many surveys that show that women marry first for economic security. Sure. Okay. That's economics. Honestly, that never actually occurred to me, but she married for it. And then many studies show that women are refreshed for economic security. And second for emotional stability. By you're saying your crossdresser you just, you just shook her world and both both counts. Well, right. Right. Okay. So you got to pace it. At the same time, you have to be willing to talk about it and go as slowly as she needs it to be. Now, a lot of cross dressers aren't willing to do it. They, you know, they want to have it done. No, we're not. No, no, no, no, can't do it. No. If you want to keep your marriage, you have to do this at her pace. I'm sore, get a grip on it. Do it at her pace. That's all there is to it. And if she says to you, I can't handle this right now. You can dress in the room, but I don't want to see it. Do it? Yeah. Do it. Give her the time. You got to you know, you may have known about this for years. But she didn't. She didn't you have to give her time. You know,



Jimmy Carper 28:29

I have to give it to Stanley because when we met 20 years ago, last month, we were both

closeted corporate gay guys. I know Believe it or not.

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Sarah DePalma 28:43

I'm trying to picture you being corporate, you know? Oh, absolutely.

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Jimmy Carper 28:47

Absolutely. There was a time where you know, when I got home, I forgot to take the tie off because it was so comfortable. Yes. And now I've come to be the

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Sarah DePalma 29:00

word professional career. See if you have to do corporate drag golden

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Jimmy Carper 29:04

that's a tough thing on any relationship. And it is it was done gradually and good old Stan, he's He's stayed there with me. I mean, it's tough. I'm really lucky.

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Sarah DePalma 29:16

Stanley is quite a quite a person. Yes. I think for any relationship regardless of what it is, adaptation to change. Me Maybe next to money is the hardest thing to accomplish in any relationship and still stay together.

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Jimmy Carper 29:32

Everyone is going to change in the course of a long term relationship, everyone. To paraphrase

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Sarah DePalma 29:37

George Bernard Shaw, the idea that you're going to marry someone at the age of 18 or 19 when hormones are running rampant, and expect to stay married forever and ever is a ludicrous, stupid idea. And I always thought that was very insightful comment actually. Because it's true, it is true honey, nobody knows more about change than I have absolutely. Oh, an expert in the changing department.

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Jimmy Carper 30:07

So So you know, and just like, when you if you come out to your parents as gay or lesbian or bisexual or transgendered, they're not going to, you know, come to terms with it the next three

bisexual or transgendered, they're not going to, you know, come to terms with it the next three hours, they're going to need months to deal with the fact that you are different than what they expected. And this is the same thing, don't you think?

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Sarah DePalma 30:30

I think it's exactly the same. And it's especially going to be very difficult when you comes when it comes to the kids. At some point, I think you almost have to let the kids in on it. If for no other reason, then kids are inquisitive. You don't want them to catch you in the bedroom.

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Jimmy Carper 30:50

Well, that's true. And it's like you said that it's the deceit in is this is the deceit of it. And if it's found out if you are in a car accident,

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Sarah DePalma 31:02

I think you're going to be a crossdresser who's going to leave the house, you have a responsibility to tell the kids yeah, because so much can happen. But God forbid that they find out about you by meeting you in the emergency room.

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Jimmy Carper 31:13

But what if they're like four or five years old?

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Sarah DePalma 31:16

Actually, the triads feels like the end, the best age is somewhere between 10 and 13. Really? Yeah. They feel like the older child after about 13 peer pressure really takes effect. And it's really, really hard. In much before, say 10 years old kids don't understand it. So they feel like there's basically like a three year window. And after that, it gets real hard.

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Jimmy Carper 31:45

Those years are tough anyway,

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Sarah DePalma 31:47

yeah, I know for my daughter, Jamie, my daughter was in high school when she found out about me being a transsexual, and it was damn near impossible for her. She was real glad that I lived 100 miles away. She was real glad she's coming. Yeah, when she graduates from high school, I wasn't invited. So yeah, it is that's real hard. And there's some advice here from the women, the women that I thought was interesting. And stay ask, did he tell you? Or did you discover it

for yourself? Did you have any idea or clue that something was just a little different about this guy? Well, now what should you do? Should you stay? Should you go? Decisions decision? Should you leave screaming? The facts are you think he's not the man you fell in love with? But you're wrong. He hasn't changed. He's finally gotten up the courage to share with you a part of him or her. And if you're honest with yourself, you realize that some facets of his personality, the tenderness, the intuitiveness, the attentiveness, those are all for the better. Yes, yes. Now, you see, that's the point about why you know why No, divorce is not a requirement here. If you give it time, there could be some upsides to this. Well,

 Jimmy Carper 33:05

the whole idea is that it's still the same person. It's just another facet you didn't know about.

 Sarah DePalma 33:13

Yeah, and this is going to be hard because then for example, one of the issues that comes up with suppose the CrossDresser has completely different ideas about what feminine is, well, given give you an example, as going through the web pages. It was amazing to me that how many cross dressers their idea of feminine was like a New York hooker would dress.

 Jimmy Carper 33:35

Now, you know, you have also commented that transsexuals do that too, when it's right when you know,

 Sarah DePalma 33:41

if that's exactly where it was starting out. Yes. Is when a crossdresser first starts out or wants to have a transsexual to they're probably going to dress very inappropriately is going over the edge they're playing. I bet nobody's going to warn the wife have that. Oh, okay. Yeah, you're right. See, and she's gonna see this. She's gonna see his cartoon, but it was important. Yeah, we talk about that. Because it's going to come up going through the web pages. It was amazing. You know, they they were miniskirts and stilettos all over the bar. Yeah, well, okay, that's all well and good. But when wives trust me after a while, it wears off. You know what happens? They find out that wearing miniskirts are a pain in the butt. Yes, they keep pulling it down. And honey, two hours in stilettos is enough to ruin anybody. Okay, we'll never do it a second time. Be patient. Go through the process, and you'll find that you'll get a different person. Yes. I just wanted to get that point out there because it was not mentioned anywhere in here. But as we went through the webpages, I thought that somebody really needs to warn the wire is there in for a real shot. Yeah, there is a real shot. So I hope that this helps the wives who were who wanted to have this discussion. And as I've told them in the email if they want to discuss the Put me further contacted by the email, be glad to try and walk them through it. And once you're in Maryland, you're not a therapist. But

 Jimmy Carper 35:07



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you know do what I can, you know, I'm not on the on the phones right now with the game has been switchboard. But when I was, I was I was in the late afternoons I did a shift and I got a lot of calls from cross dressing men or heterosexual cross dressing men, there was no where else they could go to talk to anyone,

 Sarah DePalma 35:31

there still isn't in the city of Houston. Although the Trius sorority is a lot more accessible than it used to be. But those folks are mostly working people. So if you're gonna call in during daylight hours, you can pretty much chalk it up. You're gonna get a recording. Even if you call tats, the Trent, Texas area transsexual support, few calls during the day, you're going to get a recording shirt working for living people were Yeah, well,

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these these guys were at work probably calling me. Oh, boy, that's dangerous. Because that was that was in the app, late afternoon. It may have been after most of the people went home, but it was, you know, between four and six, that's

 Sarah DePalma 36:09

dangerous. And it's not very smart. In fact, and as there's a court case right now, that has occurred in California, of a crossdresser using email the correspond back and forth for other cross dressers on accompany email, oh, not good. Well, company monitors that email. Sure. And now this person is in most likely going to lose their job. And so this person wants help from the transgendered activist, and most of us are saying, How are we going to help you because you were stupid. So be a little brighter than that. Yeah. And yes, my my email is the letter R is our host@flash.net. And I'll be glad to talk to you about any anything about these issues. Great. Great. We time to go to the news. It's time

 Jimmy Carper 36:58

to go to the news. We'll be back. What are we doing in the second half?

 Sarah DePalma 37:02

Well, first, I'm going to do my tribute to SHARI LEWIS. Okay, no, I'm not. I just wanted to get that in there because of because my childhood sweetheart is

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gone. Many people's childhood sweetheart, actually,



Sarah DePalma 37:12

we're going to come back and we're going to do some tape excerpts from some of the shows that we've had in the last few months. With Sylvia Rivera and several other get okay,



Jimmy Carper 37:20

that we missed last time. Right. Okay, but for right now.



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It's time for after hours news with big Roy and Matt. Actually, Michelle had to go home. She wasn't feeling well. That she called to say that she got



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home. She did call and wanted everybody know that she made it home. Okay, she's gonna go to bed.



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Okay. Good. Oh, okay. Well, we really fell in here. Right? Yeah. Good. And.



Roy 38:12

Okay. Well, I want to start off the news this week. On good positive note. The house the in Washington DC the House of Representatives rejected a proposal by a conservative senator, Congressman from Colorado, to avoid a Clinton executive order forbidding discrimination against homosexuals in the federal workplace. Oh, I read about that. That was great. It sure was in the vote was 250 to 276 with a lot



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of Republican Yeah, right. It's



Roy 38:48

the interesting thing about it. Yeah, a number of Republicans came forward and said that this was shameless pandering to the Christian right wing? Yes. And the amendment was aimed at a May 28. President, President Clinton's executive order adding sexual orientation to the categories of federal workers against whom discrimination is illegal. And it was really quite something else. There was about 40 Republicans who who are voted along with the Democrats

on on this and this is a very positive thing. Education does work. This is where we really have to thank the Human Rights Campaign and the and the other gay in lobbies, as well as the Log Cabin Republicans to thank for this and this is really something very positive. Next, I want to mention that the men's network is going to be having thing called erotic choices on August 11. And The group will view the video erotic choices. Now this is a sexually explicit video exploring safer sex and sexuality for gay men. And meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at mantos. Counseling Center 701. Richmond, they are asking for a donation of between three to \$5 Though all men are welcome, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information, go ahead and contact Miguel Maghera at area code 713-529-0037. That's 5290037 Okay, and the people with AIDS coalition of Houston is to host their club carnival 98. It's going to be this Sunday, October 4. It's the I'm sorry, this headphone keeps going in and out but working met, the title was working magic. And it's gonna be at the city of Houston metropolitan multi service center on West gray. Every year. Yeah, yeah. Well, that's what I was gonna say next. This is the seventh annual club carnival. It's gonna they're building it as a day of fun food and friends with adults and children alike to live in short few hours of excitement and wonder. They're gonna have popcorn moonwalks, cotton candy fortune tellers, clowns, a lot of other things. It's



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it's a great family outing.



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This year, they received \$1,000 grant from the volunteer Action Fund The American Express foundation.



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Wow. Yeah, that's



Roy 41:41

fantastic. Yeah, that's



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that was the employees at the American Express review different organizations and then they vote on ones they said they were very impressed with the level of dedication to the that the the people with AIDS Coalition have given to this carnival over the years.



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That's good news.

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Roy 42:08

Okay. All right. Moving right along now we have the Hollywood foundation. Yeah, the Hollyfield foundation is okay, the Hollyfield foundation is



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glad I stayed here today. No, that's right.

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Roy 42:24

Anyways, the Hollyfield foundation is accepting application for grant proposals. And that's going to be here in Houston on July. The Hollyfield foundation grants committee is now accepting grant proposals for 1999 projects. The Khalifa, the Hollyfield Foundation, is dedicated to fostering and protecting individual rights and freedoms by providing direct and indirect funding to qualified organizations that work to prevent discrimination, educate and secure equal rights for gays and lesbians and assists in HIV AIDS education, care and treatment. The grants committee will be accepting applications in the required format until 5pm. Thursday, September 7, teams and applicants will be notified by mail of funding decisions approximately two months after the application deadline. That means you'll be notified in mid November. And grants will be awarded to approved recipients during the first quarter of 1999. Now to be considered to receive a request. For Proposal packet, please write to the executive director Alan Cranfill. At post box 266722 Houston, Texas. That's post box 66722 Houston, Texas 77266. Or you can call them at area code. 713523 6900.



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Okay, I've got something okay. Darden Restaurants now you've never heard that name have you know, well, they own Red Lobster. And they own the Olive Garden. Okay, and they're out of Chicago. I got this on the off the internet or Darden Restaurants. The owner of Red Lobster Olive Garden and the new Bahama breeze chains, wants to be able to fire employees solely because those employees are gay. Darden Restaurants is going to court to try to get Cook County Human Rights Ordinance declared unconstitutional. The restaurant admits that it did discriminate and that civil rights laws which prevent them from doing so. are unconstitutional. So they admitted that they wanted to and did fire a person because they were gay. And they wanted to overturn the the anti discrimination laws. Now, in a subsequent email, they have dropped the case. Their PR guy says, Well, that wasn't the intent. We didn't really want to do that. And so I'm saying, Well, you started the suit in the first place. So what kind of people are you know, I'm not gonna go eat there again.



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Well, was it the management locally, or was it the corporation Corporation as a whole? Because I know I've known several people that worked with olive garden here in Houston. And they were very much sisters. Oh yeah

very much sisters. Oh, yeah,



Jimmy Carper 45:53

absolutely. But, but the they're never gonna be managers walk. There's



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a yawn. The cook is is very, very close to being the manager.



Roy 46:07

Right? And in there, there is unfortunately, there really is a lavender ceiling in corporate America for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered people. We are allowed to progress just so far. And that's it.



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Yes. Hi, well, the fight goes, Hi, now, In better news, we've got the credit union project. That's coming up. Oh, okay. It's about time the city had a gay and lesbian, bisexual, transgendered credit union. Because, you know, power is in many forms, one is financial. And we do not have any any queer financial institution, but we're on our way and factor