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SPEAKERS

Michelle Meyers, Jimmy Carper, Roy, Sarah DePalma

 Michelle Meyers 00:01

One South Braiswood I'm going to be there. And I'm going to have my Q patrol t shirt on and my radio and my whistle, and whatever else I can find with those. So that's gonna be a good one.

 Roy 00:21

We've had three killings here in Montrose in his many days.

 Michelle Meyers 00:27

Yeah, that's what I understand

 Roy 00:29

all this all these killings were all part of the family violence or domestic violence issues. And the mounting Montrose Counseling Center has Christina Freeman, Fryman fri, MN and a private is a voc voc that's a Victim of Crime Act therapist. And she's facilitating services for survivors of same sex intimate partner violence, as well as sexual assault at Houston's Montrose Counseling Center. That's where this is where she has her offices that and according to the Texas Council on Family Violence, Michelle listen to this same six battering occurs about as frequently as it does in the heterosexual community within about 25 to 35% of the state's households. And crime in added that assaults occurred, you know, more frequently among male couples, or among female couples, or vice versa. And Sandy Klein is the lieutenant of the Houston Police Department's family violence unit, which is part of the homicide division. And Lieutenant Klein estimates that since its inception in 1991, the unit has handled more than 100,000 cases with 30,000 in 1999. Alone. In any kind of reporting, there's always an increase no matter what kind of neighborhood crime status, and we start out getting an average of about 1200 reports a

month. Now they're up to double that amount. And I'd like all our listeners to be aware that coming up on dual grades, next show, he's going to be doing one on the show is going to be about same sex domestic violence. That's

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Michelle Meyers 02:26

okay. And that's, that's next weekend, right? So everybody, tune in next weekend, on after hours, or we're going to discuss this subject and in real detail.

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Roy 02:37

Now, in the meantime, in the meantime, if anything happened between then and now or now and then and you need to get ahold of somebody if you are a victim or you know someone who is a victim of domestic violence. Call Christina Freeman at 7135290370037.

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Michelle Meyers 03:03

That's Montrose Counseling Center. 0037. I call it once a week. I have a typo here. Okay.

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Roy 03:12

7135 to 90037.

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Michelle Meyers 03:16

Okay, in fact, following right on from that, in terms of domestic violence, there's going to be a candlelight vigil next Sunday, not this Sunday, but next Sunday, April 19, at 730 at the Montrose Counseling Center, and it's going to be in remembrance of Mark cage and other victims of this kind of crime. And just in case you forget case with a gentleman who was killed by his ex partner on March 29, one Montrose Boulevard and in addition, that vigil coincides with the first day of Victim Rights week. And the purpose of the vigil is to promote healing within our community around this tragic murder of Mark cage. So there's going to be some speakers and he's Parker is going to be there. Troy plumber, a bearing Memorial United Methodist Church and Reverend Janet Parker, Maranatha fellowship of MCC. And then we're going to all light candles, so bring your candles with you. And if you need more information, of course, you can call it stopping in or call the Montrose Counseling Center, which is located at 701 Richmond Avenue. And of course, for more information, you can call area code 713-529-0037. So that's three times we said,

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Roy 04:45

Okay, now, hey, it's almost summertime boys. Got some free time. We're not what I spend some of the time with us from our free form series designed just for you Do our ultra friendly outreach teams, the Legion, we are sure to have an option to fill those dog days of summer. It's

free, and you'll be something to help your community. And who knows you just might meet some other great guys right there with Project Cesar. Call them at 71136236796. That's 6236796 or you can email them at education at AIDS. help.org.

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Michelle Meyers 05:33

That is a beautiful and very descriptive email address education at AIDS. help.org isn't it? Rajat Caesar are just fantastic. Oh, those ports are great. And they aren't queue. They were out

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Jimmy Carper 05:49

everywhere. They are everywhere, everywhere, everywhere. And they even walk with you to patrol as

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Michelle Meyers 05:55

well walked for three hours with him. We turned into condom ferry.

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And we got condoms. Yeah.

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Roy 06:04

A lot. A lot of condoms since

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going along. Going along with that the PAs Expo is coming up. It's a national tour, put on by pause magazine, and it's a free Expo. And I want to tell you again that free Expo. It's happening Friday, April the 24th from 11am to 7pm. At the Sheraton Astrodome hotel 8686 Kirby drive, now there's going to be discover new treatments great strategies, participate in focus groups and health screenings and discuss the challenges of living with HIV and AIDS and it's all free. And of course, they had me tell you tell you that because I'm the guy with AIDS right? There. The range of exhibitors will include local and national nonprofit organizations, nutritional product companies, travel companies, fanatical companies, HIV service oriented groups, pharmaceutical companies and local health agencies, plus discussion groups. So that sounds like a fun day even you don't even have to have AIDS to go. It's it's an education program put on by pause magazine.

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Michelle Meyers 07:23

Ah, I'd like to mention that the bunnies on the Bayou are gonna be out tomorrow or today and

so you can find your your hidden eggs you can go one egg hunt, Honey Baked Ham, Marshmallow chicks, you know, the whole Easter thing for the family. And it's scheduled for Easter afternoon from two to 7pm on fish plaza at Wortham center. And bunnies on the Bayou is a 501 C three organization. And it's dedicated to raising funds for Houston's gay and lesbian community and HIV AIDS service organizations.

 Roy 08:04

I want to mention that you can go to riches park a car at Rutgers and there will be a bus service from the bayou. Oh, that's a lot better. And they'll give you a bus ride back.

 Michelle Meyers 08:18

Last year, Bunnies on the Bayou raise \$30,000 and you're hoping to exceed it this year. And just for your information. Some of the beneficiaries are a PWA coalition called fortifies which ones downs you are there's meinem house hatch H Foundation, Houston's project Cesar assisters bearing community service Foundation, Stevens house and the gay and lesbian community foundation. So they raise a lot of money for a lot of people that do really good work here.

 Roy 08:50

They have a heck of

 Michelle Meyers 08:51

a lot of fun. No,

 Roy 08:52

I mean, everybody has ever been to the bunnies on the Bayou has told me it was David. Every time I've seen them. They are in such good spirits. They're so up.

 Michelle Meyers 09:01

Yeah, they're expecting a minimum donation of \$20 But I'll be glad to accept more. Oh, but this really raises a lot of money in really great for the community. So I think get out there ready to get out there.

 Roy 09:14

Okay, all right. All my gay lesbian bisexual, transgender dance great friends. I have something really fantastic to give to you. And that is we all love greater tuna. But guess what we now have

red white and blue tuna. That's right, our two favorite drag queens are coming back. And they're going to be putting on our fresh tuna which is opening up in Galveston. And again, it's called Red White and tuna and it plays April 9 at two. It doesn't say to win, but if it's going on down there and Galison and performances are on Tuesday to Friday at 8pm 2pm and 8pm on Saturdays and 2pm and 7pm on Sunday. And that's going to be at the Grand at 94 Grand Opera House, the opera house at 2020 postoffice street Galveston. Tickets are 1039 \$10.30 \$9. So get on down and see red white and tuna.

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Michelle Meyers 10:28

Okay. And that's for the transgender group connects meaning for the Texas Association for transsexual support will be Saturday, April 25. At 7pm et Vanessa's For more information call area code 713-827-5913. That's 8275913. The next meeting for the Gulf Coast transgender community screening and discussion meeting will be held this Thursday, this Thursday, April 16, from seven to 8:30pm at chances chances is located at Westheimer at OneDrive for more information call area code 713-780-4282. That's 780 GC TC, and helping crossdressers anonymous meets this Tuesday, and every Tuesday from seven to 9pm at Suzanne Anderson's that's 239 Westheimer. I also have a couple other meetings taking place spectrum, the gay and lesbian group for the Southwestern Bell Telephone. Their next meeting will be on April 21. And they're going to have a presentation by parents and friends of lesbian gays or PFLAG. That meeting is going to take place at the south western Bell facilities which is located at 6500 West Loop south. The other thing I wanted to mention is the exon gay and lesbian group is going to meet this Thursday, which is on the 16th. And that's going to be at seven o'clock at the Montrose library upstairs. So that's for the Exxon group. And now you have something here on the for instance, you'd

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Roy 12:20

like to mention that the Houston voice now has a new editor and associate publisher would like to welcome Mr. Matthew a Henny from here usin. And he is the new editor, a new editor with the Houston voice and the associate publisher Mike Fleming. New publishers decent voice and come to us from Georgia.

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Jimmy Carper 12:48

Whoa. And you know, I was talking to Brian K berry know how he always has the dirt. This guy is six foot seven inches tall.

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Roy 12:57

Mike Fleming. Yep. Wow,

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Jimmy Carper 13:00

we will see him wherever he is. I know. That's right. Of course, I had to ask whether that was six foot seven or six foot seven inches. Yeah

SIX TOOL SEVEN OR SIX TOOL Seven inches. Yeah.

 Michelle Meyers 13:13

I was gonna ask that that was a heel. I hadn't thought about that.

 Roy 13:20

I was I must admit, the human voice has really, really changed made a lot of very good, positive and exciting changes. And I'm gonna see I expect to see a lot more incidentally, men who used to work for the Houston Post. Oh, so the use of voice is not hiring people that are just flock.

 Michelle Meyers 13:39

Okay, the mind choice clinic, along with Michel Katyn, who's a local attorney will hold the second in a series of HIV information seminars, dealing with legal advice. It's a legal advice workshop and HIV testing. So these seminars are being held about once a month, and they're highlighting the various legal issues surrounding HIV in the workforce. So that's a real important. Really, yeah, I say. So you're you'll be able to discuss the new laws regarding the continuation of health insurance, and the Texas high risk insurance pool, etc, etc. For more information and locations and times. You can call either 713-830-3000 that's 830 3000 or area code 713-520-2000. So I guess it's which 1000 you wish to do?

 Roy 14:34

You can do okay to do by the 1000s next right. Okay, now we got upcoming as a Houston age. Now, it's a fact that one in 90 Houstonians are HIV positive, men, women and kill them. Now, that's not something we can just walk away from. Houston ranked seventh in the nation in cases of AIDS and It is estimated that by the year 2000 14 million persons worldwide will have been infected with HIV AIDS. Now your support for the Southwestern Bell Heusen AIDS Walk will help 18 local agencies provide HIV AIDS education, health care, food, shelter, volunteerism and a wide array of social services to over 100,000 Princetonians a year. Now the goal of all these agencies is to provide people and flick infected or afflicted with HIV AIDS, a compassionate hand to maximize your quality of life. Now, if you'd like to be part of this, Houston, age walk, contact the Aid Foundation Houston, Pio box 4346 department 510 Houston, Texas 77210. That's a foundation Houston, Pio box 4346 department 510 Houston, Texas 77210. Or you can go to the Aid Foundation Houston at 3202. Western in Houston, Texas. 77072. Okay, I

 Michelle Meyers 16:21

think that's okay. Now,

 Roy 16:23

one other thing I want to say. Okay, and I would tell you, how would you like 30 bucks, folks? Yes, you'd like 30 bucks. Okay. Two hours of work. Okay, now homosexual males and females. I wanted to serve in an auditory experiment. Another Arthur is listening it that's why I have gay or lesbian nearly got \$30 for two hours work.

J Jimmy Carper 16:52

This is for lesbians isn't it and for

R Roy 16:55

homosexual males.

M Michelle Meyers 16:56

Wow. And bisexual males and females

R Roy 16:59

and or gay women and lesbian men ever get a message at area code? 512-471-1704. And that's area code. 512-471-1704.

J Jimmy Carper 17:19

Is this in connection with the new thing about the inner ear thing with produces lesbians? Okay,

M Michelle Meyers 17:28

okay, so we'd like to mention the after hours. Email address. Yes, that's after hours. kpft@hotmail.com

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doesn't matter if it's caps or lowercase Oh, no. Anything you want. Okay.

M Michelle Meyers 17:43

I prefer after hours to be start with large a and KPFT to be all orange letter course. And Hotmail to be spelled H O T m a i l ? L e. And before we leave, I hear a rumor. Yes, that's actually a fact. Yes.

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Roy 18:03

Lesbian and Gay voices are moving back to their original timeslot on Fridays. from eight to nine from 8pm to nine. This next week.

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Michelle Meyers 18:11

Yeah, so, so Thursday, remember that they're not they're not gonna be they're gonna be Friday gonna be Friday from eight to nine.

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Roy 18:20

And don't forget TV Montrose Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on Warner cable that before yours in touch.

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Michelle Meyers 18:29

Okay, so that's it. We're out of here.

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Roy 18:34

Tony up there and Midway

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Sarah DePalma 19:00

bring the microphone over to you. You have to actually talk Are you ready to start bringing it down and we are back live. Leave the music underneath the status nice stuff. That's good stuff. I have Vanessa with me and Vanessa has something that she needs to talk about before we leave the new segment.

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Michelle Meyers 19:32

Actually, I'm here to speak about the Unity banquet that is coming up. This is our annual event that the transgender community puts on each year. It's a chance for all five of the transgendered groups here in town to get together and actually exchange ideas and basically keep the lines of communication open which fosters a much better come Unity, then some of the other communities that unfortunately don't have quite the same, how the same communication the same friendship. We do this in a sense of trying to keep everyone together. And also to maybe do even a little bit of cross pollination, so to speak. We do have numerous members that are members of both organizations. And the Unity banquet this year will be held on May 9. That will be at reverse restaurant, which is at the corner of Missouri in Yocum used to be Missouri Street Station for all of you folks who don't know. Okay, exactly. And it'll be starting at 630 on Saturday, May 9. and tickets are currently available from any of the transgendered

groups here in town. And it is open to anyone who is transgendered, or individuals who just happen to be friends of the transgendered community as well. So if you do wish to attend, please get in touch with any of the transgendered groups here in town either GCTC, which is the hosting group this year, or triathlon or tats or Houston crossdresser social club or HCDA. Alternatively, I suppose we could also have you get in contact with the station here at KPFT. And have them contact Michelle Meyers and she will also be able to pass along information on how to get in touch with us regarding tickets to the unity banquet,

 Sarah DePalma 21:46

or you can contact me at my email, which is the letter our host. That's our host short for Radio host@flash.net. Okay, very easy.

 Michelle Meyers 21:56

Thank you. I appreciate that. Yeah. Also, the ticket prices are \$14 apiece. And this is a buffet style banquet. It's basically just Italian cuisine, there at Reavers, you kind of serve yourself. Pardon me for kind of rambling on a little bit, I'm kind of half asleep. Well,

 Sarah DePalma 22:21

I could say that Laurie and I had dinner at Revis tonight, and the staff was wonderful, the food was good. And, you know, I've been around the community long enough, I can remember when the when the organizations in this community were busy eating each other's throats. Exactly. And it there are still many places in the country where there is an argument about the cross dressers and transexuals. And you know, more transgender than thou in this sort of nonsense. And Houston is really blessed that that is not the case here. In Houston, the the organization's work together on various kinds of issues. As Vanessa pointed out, there's a lot of cross membership people were members of two or three different groups in this city. Exactly. Because they really do serve different functions. In many cases. We're very fortunate

 Michelle Meyers 23:09

here, we don't realize exactly how good of a community we have in this city, many cities. In fact, actually, I've got a friend of mine in a city in Ohio, unfortunately, this is a friend that you met at the nice Parker campaign, yes, that they unfortunately have a big battle going on between the cross dressers and the transsexuals. And it's really sad because it's counterproductive and it's still it's really stupid. It is they're fighting amongst themselves instead of trying to understand each other and tolerate each other. And of course, these are the same individuals who would wish for tolerance and understanding from the outside world as well. And of course, if they see us fighting amongst ourselves, then they don't, Dima. So I guess, worthy of much tolerance for understanding themselves as well, since we can't even seem to get along with ourselves.

 Sarah DePalma 24:02

Well, that's right. That's right. So so anyway, the Unity banquet is May 9, right? Yes,

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Michelle Meyers 24:07

indeed it is. It begins at 630 in the evening and lasts until whenever, once again it is at ravers they're an extremely friendly staff Mike's aboya and all the people that read those are very transgender friendly, in fact, just very friendly to the entire community here in Houston, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or whatever. They're just wonderful people very, very kind hearted folks. And we're really looking forward to a very good banquet this year. And I think it's going to be a little special. We've got a little surprise coming up some.

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Sarah DePalma 24:44

And now I want to say I know that there are a lot of folks who listen to our show who are not members of any organizations. And there are a lot of people who are listening to the program who were what I call private crossdressers Yes, you know, their their their crowd. are stressing in their bedrooms and, and such. And they often will call us and say, Well, how do I get in touch with these groups or if I was going to go this than the other, this is the ideal opportunity. Absolutely, you do not need to worry about being able to pass quote unquote, no one judges you hear on how you look, no one cares. This is a great opportunity, if you're looking for someplace to do, where you can go. And fam, as they say, for the first time, and do it safely. This is the place, this is the time to do it. There's no better no better. And I really, really encourage you to come on out to this dinner, meet the members of the various organizations learn what they do, I will be out there. I know, I know, most of the leaders of the transgender community do plan to attend to an ideal opportunity.

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Michelle Meyers 25:56

Exactly. It's one stop shopping, especially for those of you who are trying to seek out a transgendered group. This is where everyone comes together, you can basically see each and every member, or well, I shouldn't say each and every member, but each and every group represented there and get a good view as to what all is involved in those groups. And this way, you can at least get a little bit of knowledge before actually going in or deciding to join a group. And even just beyond that, even if you don't feel like joining any of the groups at all. It has a wonderful occasion to get together and speak with a bunch of the other folks that you might not otherwise get a chance to say and a lot of the other faces that may have dropped out of the groups and have gone on with their lives, they drop in as well. So it's a great opportunity to see some old friends and also make new ones. There you go. Vanessa, thanks a bunch.

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Oh, no problem. Thanks for having me.

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Sarah DePalma 26:55

Well, anytime, anytime. And in fact, if you'll hand me that magazine that's sitting right there in front of you,

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I certainly will.

S Sarah DePalma 27:05

The next thing that we want. Well, first of all, I guess we ought to do a station break. In fact, we were doing some time ago, this is 90.1k PFT and K E O S College Station 89.1. On the FM dial as they used to say. In various times, we have spent time talking about trans about cross dressers. And we don't discuss the cross dressers a lot on this show, in part because they don't always appreciate it when I do, I often will get phone calls from from people who will say, you know, how you're scaring the hell out of us. What are you doing talking about this? You know, and that sort of thing? Well, okay. In any case, I'm going to talk about this. And if I scare people, we'll get used to it. I just Jimmy saying do station break?

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We did well, I've been studio, folks. So

S Sarah DePalma 28:04

this is we're talking about people from Houston, who are pioneers? Well, Jane Ellen Fairfax is one of the great pioneers. She in Apprenda, Thomas and Brenda has been on the show before where were pioneers in this community. And we're, we're, we're working on behalf of cross dressers long before it ever became popular to do so. I can tell you that even with my own experience, the very first cross dressing meeting that I ever went to happen to have been a try as meeting and I met Jane Ellen Fairfax there, and it was years ago. She was wonderfully kind to me then. And she's still wonderfully kind. I'm proud to consider her a friend. That Oh, yeah. And very, very

M Michelle Meyers 28:52

good. Very good people there at both Trius and GCTC. Originally, Jane Ellen was a GCTC member as well. And occasionally, when I first joined GCTC us to go to some of the other meetings. We had, I guess probably as good a relationship then is we do now we had a really good understanding between the groups at the time and I think we have kind of pretty much come around to the same thing even though we do kind of drift away at certain times. And that actually

S Sarah DePalma 29:27

was the doing of Phyllis Frye, to be honest with Phyllis Frye was responsible for that. In any case, what I want to talk about is in in the current issue of transgender tapestry. There is a a section here called the wives Bill of Rights. Now the wives bill of rights if let me know I guess I should start start back up on this little bit. For wives, it is a hell of a shock to discover that your wife your husband is a crossdresser and the husband's Other cross dressers are often quite guilty of being how can I put this politely pushy. I'm overly demanding, you know, you have to accept me and you need to accept me now.



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I think there's a lot of worry on the wives part. And they don't want to jeopardize the position that they had, I guess before this new entity came into the relationship or the marriage. And so there is a lot of ambivalence, and really a lot of concern for a lot of women out there, it's, it's a tough position to be put in.



S Sarah DePalma 30:36

Well, in this current issue of transgender tapestry, they have the wives Bill of Rights. And as I was reading through this, this was actually written years ago by Jane Ellen and her wife, which is just terrific stuff. And I thought this would be pretty good to discuss. The very first thing that they say this is number one, wives, the wives pillow writes, here, we have the right to know about our husbands cross dressing, preferably before marriage, it would be nice, but certainly when our husbands begin to make cross dressing a significant factor in their lives, and to wish to contact support groups. Now, I can tell you from my own experience, when I was married, I didn't tell my wife, and like many, so I'm not in the position of preaching here. Because like many cross dressers, my wife found that by walking in discovering me, well, I don't really think



M Michelle Meyers 31:33

a lot of husbands are even aware of it themselves. I think a lot of them pretty much assume that. If they do get married, it will cure their crossdressing urges. And so they're of the mind that they're successfully repressing it by getting buried in so a lot of them really don't, I guess, remain truthful to themselves about this. A lot of them kind of tend to downplay the the cross dressing aspect, and assume that maybe, you know, with a help from the wife, they can pretty much get over this. And there's not going to be this issue coming up somewhere down the line. So Well, I really think it's disingenuous as much as just they're probably under a misconception himself.



S Sarah DePalma 32:26

Yeah, I'm, I was one of those people, I thought, well, you know, I'm gonna get rid of it. You know, yeah, I actually don't burn my clothes, like a lot of the people do and stuff. So and you can imagine for the wife, this is kind of one, this is a major league shock here. So the very first thing is we have the right to know about our husbands cross dressing, preferably before marriage. Okay. Makes sense to me. The very second, the second thing is, we have the right to honest and open communication with our husbands with negotiation in compromise on both

sides. Hello, important stuff, pay attention, compromise on both sides. Okay, that's a big deal. That's really important, particularly in regard to the allocation of family resources, in matters pertaining to telling our children, all patterns of selfishness and deception must cease. Or add sounds like grounds for divorce if you don't do that to me. Well, Jack, let me explain to the audience Jackie Thorne has just stepped in and is joining us and Jackie, you've, you've been around this stuff for years and years and years. This and this sound familiar to you?

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The problem that you have a lot of times is when the wife tentatively agreed to accept or to work with the husband. Unfortunately, sometimes what happens is the husband goes completely off the deep end. And this really drives the wife off the wall.

 S Sarah DePalma 34:04

Yeah, I mean, she thinks she's married this she thinks she knows what it is that she's married. And in many cases, at least, the crossers don't know they've been married for some time. I mean, you know, they don't start cross dressing like two weeks after the marriage starts. So they've been married for some time. And all of a sudden, the wife is being presented with this. And I know, I've heard the wives say, Well, does this mean I'm lesbian? No, because this mean, my husband's homosexual? No. But the husband almost appears to be out of control, because once they start the cross dressing, it's like they just can't stop. And so I think the second point that Jane Ellen in her wife has brought up here about communications and allocation of Family Resources. This is a big deal is important stuff

 M Michelle Meyers 34:50

really is. As Jackie mentioned, a lot of people do go overboard. I think some of it has to do with repression. If you repress anything long enough, it'll manifest itself in one fashion or another. And usually when it does, it's a lot. It's a lot more unwieldy. It's, it's very difficult to control because it tends to come out and kind of binge fashion, in any kind of a binge type of approach to anything, regardless of whether it's, you know, anything is innocent is like food to alcohol or even worse, or, or in this instance, cross dressing can lead to situations to where an individual gets in over their head or makes unwise decisions. Oh,

 S Sarah DePalma 35:41

yeah, I know, when I first started cross as it was like an avalanche. You know, there was no stopping it once it started. And it was hard to get a grip on it and say, Hey, wait a minute. There were other things I really need to do besides this. Go ahead, Jackie. Well,

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well, one point that you need to remember is, is that this is something that a person is born with, it never goes away. It's part of their personality. And what I try to do when people ask me, ~~you know, well, how do I explain this to my wife? I say, basically, what you need to do is tell your~~

you know, well, how do I explain this to my wife? I say, basically, what you need to do is tell you why if that this is part of your personality, and it's part of what makes you who you are, and it's part of also what attracted her to you to begin with. He just wasn't aware of it.

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Sarah DePalma 36:26

Yeah. Yeah. Great point. Yeah, I agree with that. That's great point. Yeah. Yeah, you just hit that exactly. Right. And, you know, it's funny, because you hear the wives say, Well, what attracted me to this to my husband was his gentleness and his. Well, hmm. Gee, and what exactly what sort of a trait is what society call that? They call it a feminine? Or for feminine, feminine? Yeah, yeah. And I agree with that. Alright, number three, here, we have the right not to be pushed to accept things before we have had time enough to learn about them, and to begin to get used to them. Amen. Hallelujah. I'm glad to hear somebody say this.

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Michelle Meyers 37:11

I think a lot of the wives are happy that these issues are being addressed. It's something that really probably needed to have been addressed. Quite some time ago.

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Sarah DePalma 37:22

A lot of times the wives aren't, are they know something's going on. The wives are not stupid. They know something's going on. They just don't know what. And in some cases, the wives are kind of relieved to finally get the truth out in the open. Now, the important thing is, once it's out in the open, tell the damn truth, the batter, don't add a deception on top of what you've already done, because that really is grounds for divorce. Jackie,

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one other thing with regard to that aspect of it is the education is really kind of a two edged sword here. And unfortunately, oftentimes, the CrossDresser themselves really doesn't understand or isn't knowledgeable about what they're doing and why they're doing it. And for God's sake, if you don't know about it yourself, you surely can't explain it to someone else.

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Sarah DePalma 38:11

Well, that's right. And that's where groups like triads are, are terrific. But it's really hard for a wife to say, I'm going to go to a group meeting, when what you really want to do is to hide it all costs. That's, that's tough. That you know, and understandably, that's not meant to be a criticism, it's understandable that a wife would feel that way.

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Michelle Meyers 38:30

There's really not a lot of support functions for wives out there. Except in a situation like Tauris, they have a wonderful system set out as far as support for the spouses and even other

family members as well. But it is something that is truly needed, because a lot of wives are in a position to where they're very reluctant to even reach the subject to begin with. And then once it has begun, then of course, it's a situation where they worry that the husband are going to assume that because they've actually spoken on the subject that all of a sudden, it's okay, they've got carte blanche to do this whenever they want. And of course, the wives want to keep at least some form of some parameters in there to where the husbands don't get in. There are issues involving children usually, yes, uh, when we know what's acceptable in the household. This is no small matter and worries about transsexuality as well, because of the fact that a lot of wives are just deathly afraid that their husband just because they cross dress, immediately. They take that to mean that Oh, well. My husband is going to be a transsexual, period. And a lot of the time, the vast majority of the time that is not true. They're afraid of some of the things that they've heard I guess through the media and that's more the sensational aspects of it, but um, Once again, especially when you've got kids involved, there's a lot on the line there for any family. And when you get someone starting to talk about the potential of using female hormones or, or even talking about cross dressing, and taking it to the next level, doing it for an extended length of time, a lot of wives start looking at this as a pattern setting a pattern towards moving towards transsexuality whether or not they do or not. And,



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Jamie, this is,



J Jimmy Carper 40:33

this is a coming out story here, we're talking about coming out of the closet isn't that we're talking about coming out of the closet here. And as a gay man, the same rules apply. You can't do it all at once. The other half like coming out to your parents, that you have to give them time to get educated about being gay, or being a crossdresser or being transgendered, and you can't, can't throw it out at them in one day and expect them to say great, you know, the next



S Sarah DePalma 41:08

many of the cross dressers react one of two ways, Jamie? One is they throw it out in both hands and say you have to accept it now. No, or the flip side is they say I'll never do it again. They get rid of all this stuff and think it's gonna go well, it doesn't go which of course it never does.



J Jimmy Carper 41:22

Yeah, that's like, all those guys who go to the ex Exodus groups and all of that, you know, they they eventually come back. Yeah.



S Sarah DePalma 41:30

But of course, that's the point is that there is a middle ground there. But it means but when they when they talk about compromise and giving time, they mean it and it makes perfect

sense. And what



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Jack said was very important, because as a gay person, you have to be confident about your gayness before you come out to someone else, especially your parents, because they're going to have all kinds of denials. Oh, this can't be and give you all excuses for why you really aren't. And you have to be secure in your own cross dressing to do that. Where do you get educated? A



S Sarah DePalma 42:04

lot of what I learned early on, I learned from you. I learned from Jackie you she was she was my teacher. You bet



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Jackie has taught hundreds of people in this area. I remember when I first got involved with the switchboard, the very back in 19 810 years ago, it was like, oh, okay, if you get a call about somebody cross dressing, here's Jackie thorns number called



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Jackie Jackie will tell you



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about 1982. That's right.



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So where do people get educated? Jackie, let



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me give you let me give you a personal example on this. Of course, the as far as where people get educated, thank God, there is finally a sizable number of studies that have been done a great deal of research and a lot of literature has been published on the subject within the last five to 10 years, probably more than was published. Prior to that, all told, the medical community is taking a serious interest in the subject because they've gotten over the television sensationalism of the thing and realize that this is something although it was in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, the DSM three as a mental illness. And also they indicated that cross

dressing was the a man who wore female clothing for sexual arousal. In many cases, that is not that is not the correct thing. Initially, it may be and I find that oftentimes in talking with people, it's not so much that it's the sexual arousal as that the forbidden nature of it causes a sexual arousal once they get a comfort level. The sexual aspect of it really is not that important because what you're doing is you are expressing a part of your personality. Okay, again,

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Sarah DePalma 44:07

it's gender expression. Yeah.

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But there is a great deal of literature out there now. And the this is how you get educated. But let me give you one real quick example in my own situation. I was married for a number of years my wife never knew through very fundamentalist religion and would not have accepted it. And after we were divorced about two years after we were divorced, someone gave her a I had started doing shows and raising funds for age related charities and so forth. In fact, I was probably involved in one of the very first ones here in Houston

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and continuously to I may add,

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but in any event, someone gave my ex wife a picture of me that had been taken at one of the shows and had the person pointed out to my ex wife If this is no your ex husband, she would not have recognized me because I look so different when I'm impatient. I'm out of

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bed. Yes, you really do. Yes, it's true. And of

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course, unfortunately, my ex wife was one of those type of people who's very vindictive, very hostile. And the first thing that she did what she told her two children, and the second thing that she did was she told the pastor of our church. Well, of course, the pastor of the church is, you know, here I am a deacon in the church and all this kind of good stuff. And the pastor calls me in and he says, No, he says, I understand there's a picture of you in women's clothing. And I looked at him frightened, straight in the eye, and I said, so. He was expecting. And so we talked about it for a while, and I explained to him, unfortunately, he was East Texas, Piney Woods, upbringing and didn't really understand it. But at the end of our conversation, he basically took the attitude. He said, while he says, I don't really understand it, he says, I think it's bizarre, but

he says him, as long as it's not hurting anybody. And then of course, with regard to my children, which is another point that that try is makes very, very strongly, as far as the telling of children are not. Obviously it's got to be done much more gently than it was done to mind but my daughter, my son, my son, took it fairly well, because he had known me when I mean we had done all the things that a father and a son do together. And my impulse he was older