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## **Ins and outs of the bordello business the key topic of this week’s ‘Marilyn York Show’**

**Mustang Ranch madam Susan Austin to be the special guest  
on the call-in show, 10-11 a.m. Saturday on KBZZ-AM 1270**

RENO, Nev. — Can paying for sex preserve a marriage?

That’s one area of discussion likely to surface on this week’s “The Marilyn York Show.”

The special guest will be Susan Austin, who knows just about all there is to know about the legal prostitution trade. Austin is co-owner and operator of the World-Famous Mustang Ranch Brothel and the Wild Horse Resort and Spa, in Storey County, 26 miles east of Reno, and was herself a working girl.

Austin will share her experiences and insights and field listeners’ questions on the call-in radio show, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, on KBZZ-AM 1270 — “The Buzz.” The number to call is (775) 823-1920 during the show. Listeners too shy or embarrassed to phone can email or post questions on a website, themarilynyorkshow.com, this week before the show.

As for a spouse paying for sex at a cathouse, “It should be on a case by case basis,” says show host Marilyn York — a veteran divorce lawyer whose Reno office handles some 200 divorce-related cases a year. York has seen time and again how sexual frustration can wreck a marriage and trigger divorce.

When it comes to unhappy spouses, some may be well advised to patronize a brothel — where business is conducted discreetly — York says. “Everyone but my husband should use them, if it means saving their marriage,” she quips. “Sex is the best stress reliever.”

Paying for sex may even be economical for some people, York says, recalling how one of her clients said, “For the amount of alimony I pay every month, I could afford 43 hookers.”

Austin is a sex-industry success story. She became a prostitute in her forties after raising four sons. She fell in love with a client — real estate mogul Lance Gilman — who himself got into the legitimate booty biz by building the Wild Horse Resort and Spa in Storey County, and installed her as the madam. Gilman purchased the historic Mustang Ranch on eBay in 2003 and moved the building adjacent to the Wild Horse in his gated compound. Austin helped him turn the Mustang — owned by legendary operator Joe Conforte until federal tax charges made him a fugitive and the government foreclosed on the property — into a modern, luxurious destination.

York has practiced law 12 years, primarily as a divorce lawyer, in Nevada and California. Her firm of three lawyers and three paralegals, handles cases ranging from marital separations to dissolutions, child-custody, child-support and alimony battles. She specializes in men’s rights.

On “The Marilyn York Show,” she answers callers posing legal questions concerning divorce, child custody, domestic violence, sex, and the often-messy legalities of relationships and dating in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

“This show is racier than your standard legal-question show,” York says of “The Marilyn York Show,” which debuted Jan. 9.

“My show is informative, but entertaining and fun, as well.”

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