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Jimmy Carper 00:16

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Howard McHale 02:25

He was in the house tonight is

Jimmy Carper 02:27


in the house tonight. Who

Howard McHale 02:28

me baby? Big Daddy. Big Daddy and little daddy. Daddy a little

Jimmy Carper 02:34


big daddy Howard McHale.

 Howard McHale 02:36

Hey, I know you all been missing me. I know it. I know. Because I know I've been gone for a long time. It's been a while and I know I know. And tonight that's all for people who are listening to us and most of them are all down in Pacific Street. Happy coming out mum. It's about time you've come out the door. Oh, right.

 Jimmy Carper 02:54


Like who else can I tell the world No, that's my problem on National Coming Out Day. It's like who the hell else can I tell? We're supposed to

 Howard McHale 03:03

tell everyone y'all know go to the Galleria and walk up to everyone and say hi, I'm out.

 Jimmy Carper 03:09

I'm the town fag.

 Howard McHale 03:12


Hey, the town tramp? I should be stoned you well. Hey, you and Mary Magdalene. Hey, look who we marry man. Look what we got in the house tonight. Who was this? Little daddy Jim is back with me. Baby baby. My big sidekick. Hey, honey, Jim Griffith. Hey, you know and we've been we've been celebrating. Coming out month all month now. We've been selling

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almost because we've been drunk all month. Please as often as you could. Somehow I believe you Hey, wait a minute. Wait a minute. What do you do for Coming Out Day? Well, I'll give you saw me in a bar.


 Jimmy Carper 03:46


That's right. That's right. Really?


 Howard McHale 03:49


Well be on your knees. No at the urinal. No, I never I don't ever go


 Jimmy Carper 03:57
I think the term is chatting up someone at the bar how

 Howard McHale 04:00
how European yeah I've seen her chat chat many times


 04:09
it's been a conversation Yeah Isn't chatting and he almost came up to me and told


 Jimmy Carper 04:14
Frank that's lips were moving but nothing was coming out. Is that it?


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I'm talking about coming out coming out. Oh, that's our topic how whoever James you what is your topic? You know,


 Howard McHale 04:29
you know since since you did since I did not have a spot anymore. And since since now, I'm coming back with Jimmy soul likened to me and said Come Come back. Come back the fourth Saturday of the month. Yeah. So Big Daddy and Jim will be here every Saturday fourth Saturday.


 Jimmy Carper 04:45
Do you know who's gonna be here with you? Yeah, daddy,


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who stay safe.


 Howard McHale 04:49
It stays as she is


 Jimmy Carper 04:53
here. She is in the house.


 Howard McHale 04:55
That that leather that leather girl? Yeah,

 Jimmy Carper 04:58
well, we've got a full house in Find out what happened to fist and what's going on with this and what's going on with the leather community that's in the second half the second half, and then talk


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about a new commercial dungeon. And we're gonna talk about 20 1060. And we're gonna do a little play that a bunch of us put together. No kidding. Yeah, a little play a little skit called Monkey Business.

 Jimmy Carper 05:19
Oh, you've been you've been working girl. No,

 Howard McHale 05:23
no, no. When other people put together a play. Yeah. Is it just basically all bonded?

 Jimmy Carper 05:29
No, no,

 Howard McHale 05:30
no. You hear the play? Oh, I'm sure it'll be at my local community theater, embed and toy for school districts across the state on your local

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VCR.

J Jimmy Carper 05:43
Right here on KPFT. And about two and a half. And also

H Howard McHale 05:47
it's a radio. Yeah. Well, we're gonna have to listen in. We're going to run down to Pacific Street and coax everyone to go home and turn on the radio. And also on. Yeah, in the event of National Coming Out month. I know, Jimmy, you can't come out to anyone anymore. I know. We also have a special guest in the house. Right? Mr. Robert Jones? Yes. And he's got a very interesting story to tell us. What's the deal? Well, he's been married to a woman for 25 years and recently came out to her why and I'm sure there are many, many men and women in our listening audience tonight, including Jim,

J Jimmy Carper 06:25
I'll be interested in finding out how that

H Howard McHale 06:28
Yeah, and just the trials and tribulations of coming out and dealing with it. And we're gonna just kind of join

J Jimmy Carper 06:35
the this this guy like gay or is he like, why section? No,

H Howard McHale 06:38
he is straight. I know. He is gay. He's gay. He's gay. He has a wife. He just come out to his wife after living kind of like this lie for so many years. Yeah. And the burden that's been lifted from he wants to talk about and share it with our audience. We want to do a call and see if anyone's out there. He's just an enormously and you can't shut them up.

J Jimmy Carper 06:57
And q patrol was here to patrol is here and we're going to talk to q patrol right after we go to a piece of music as a matter of fact, and

H Howard McHale 07:06
I'm excited to be back. I hone

I'm excited to be back. I hope



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you're back. Well, you



Howard McHale 07:10

could have called to answer my phone calls.



Jimmy Carper 07:12

I did eventually. I know after four weeks. Well, you know, I had a habit of leaving me out the street. Oh, get her out of the street. Who's in the clubs every night? I know if I wanted to get a hold of her. I just go to the mining right there



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she is. I'm out there word boom saying pause.



Jimmy Carper 07:31

Your work. What cause your work. I



Howard McHale 07:34

know many of you do know this, but I do. I do co chair 99 Pride Week. Yes, you do. And a lot of changes coming up until I have to go out and feel the community. Yeah. Well, I've noticed you've been doing a



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great job of that. In the moments when I wasn't chatting. I noticed you feeling anything that was



Howard McHale 07:55

Mr. I get on my knees now to anything you want to hear. But I sure hope we don't have that those of those Halloween sounds in Yeah, do we Jimmy? No, we don't. Because, you know, civic street has been kind of crowded tonight. It's very crowded. Parking Place. my Halloween costume and no one else is here.



Jimmy Carper 08:15

That's a Halloween costume. Yes,



Howard McHale 08:17

I'm Ebola Ebola from Chicago. Chicago,



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Danny Mazin.



Howard McHale 08:23

What's your girlfriend's Eve leisurely? Susskind ski surely to skin cabasa and sauerkraut and we call it the bowler ramaa I noticed your armpits are braided. That's cute.



Jimmy Carper 08:35

Oh, that means? Does that mean he's polish?



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Who Howard is learning the Kinski your



Howard McHale 08:43

grade year.



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It's tonight just for this, didn't you? Oh, you mean they're normally that way? Oh, Howard. I'm sorry. But



Howard McHale 08:48

anyway, it's Halloween. What do you do for Halloween, Jim? Trick and treating besides scaring yourself in the mirror go trick or treating? And joking. Jimmy. What are you doing for Halloween?



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May Yeah. I can't think of candy. Kids.



Jimmy Carper 09:05

I used to have a drag closet and all kinds of costume. I was just gonna say that and I gave it up. You know just this this past year.



Howard McHale 09:12

I gave it up above 45 years ago. Just drag never appealed to me. But I still have the wigs.



Jimmy Carper 09:17

Now the last time I got into drag I looked in the mirror and you know what? I saw your mother law right on Loretta Lynn's mother. Oh, it was real scary.



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Lizzie Borden. Which I think that's what happened. Well, that was the only time I ever did drag. I looked in the mirror. It looked just like my mother needs a bath it silver. Never again. Thank you very much as a moustache. Oh, yeah. Great lady. Jewish all you knew



Jimmy Carper 09:47

well for Halloween. Oh, I've got a special piece of music. Okay. by one of my favorite strange artists. Yeah. Jane County. He used to be Wayne County until she had the sex change well



Howard McHale 10:03

do you know that Detroit's in Wayne County? Did you do you kidding? Yes, it's in Wayne County.



Jimmy Carper 10:10

Well, no, it's in Wayne County and it's the only people



Howard McHale 10:14

Oh, it's Jane county



Jimmy Carper 10:15

she's she moved to England and I've got this Yeah, quite a couple of things from it but she does a little Halloween each song does she Yes.



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I would love Halloween.



Howard McHale 10:27

I love little Halloween.



Jimmy Carper 10:29

I don't like mine Harlow.



Howard McHale 10:30

Of course you don't you know, I got a new little dog. My little, little black mini. Oh Doxon she's black, black man. She sheds just like sleep over the Italian man. I know I tell him shots like her. Sleep



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with the day you've been you sleep with



Howard McHale 10:48

Rozlyn if you're listening honey turned off. They're talking bad about Daddy.




Jimmy Carper 10:55


Okay, we're gonna go to a piece of music and when we come back, we're going to talk to Q patrol and then we're going to be back with all of this nonsense.




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How we're gonna how we love nones? Yeah.


 Jimmy Carper 11:05
So stay tuned. You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station, Bryan. Oh, yeah. Jane COUNTY WITH US armed the gates of heaven


 Howard McHale 11:26
that that song scared me.


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I'm scared. Those scare


 Howard McHale 11:32
I'm scared of anyone run out and buy that album. Let me tell you I'd be scared to run into them. That was kind of a little punky wild crazy song. Yeah,

 Jimmy Carper 11:40
actually, Jane Kenny is considered kind of an original originator of punk music. Yeah, she did a lot of her music back in the late 70s.

 Howard McHale 11:49
Oh, who was that? One? That because the night Jane Smyth James Watt. Remember that her because the night in the late 70s. You remember her? Because the night belongs to lovers? Yeah, yeah. Makes me on a mainline mainline heroin again, ah. Oh, the 70s interest.

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Not in the late like measles.

 Howard McHale 12:11
Just because we're in the midst of Halloween joining us

 Jimmy Carper 12:14
in the studio this evening.

G Glenn Holt 12:16
The only person who didn't miss the 70s because of illegal substances. It's glad from Q Patrol. That's right.

J Jimmy Carper 12:26
So what's going on q control these days?

G Glenn Holt 12:28
Well, it's nice. We're seeing two or three new people coming out every weekend. Oh, yeah. So recruitment is up.

H Howard McHale 12:34
Hey, I love it when my ankles are up.

G Glenn Holt 12:38
We've been talking. We've been talking it up and we've been fit and has been pushing up there at his table.

J Jimmy Carper 12:43
Ah, I've heard about the way Dan pushes. That's right.

G Glenn Holt 12:48
So we've been doing our best to improve or

J Jimmy Carper 12:52
Dan was was in front of Jr's last night at the recruit module, right? That's right. Yeah. Getting people and getting money. I'm doing well with both

H Howard McHale 13:02
bottles. I saw a lot of people out there talking to him last night.

- G** Glenn Holt 13:05
Yeah, and Dan likes that a lot. Yeah, he does. Yeah. He's very much a people person. Oh, yeah. Whereas I'm a microphone person.
- J** Jimmy Carper 13:13
No, actually, you are a take charge person. That's why you're the CO president. Yet. That's
- G** Glenn Holt 13:17
right. That's why I'm Daddy. Yes, sir.
- J** Jimmy Carper 13:23
Yes, daddy. Tell us like, I found that out. The last last year we were all together.
- G** Glenn Holt 13:30
That's right. Yeah. My boy who at this very moment is driving safely back from Washington DC. He was up there this week.
- J** Jimmy Carper 13:40
So I'm sure he he has his Yes, he has. He had he knows the route and all of that. Oh, yeah. Oh, yes.
- G** Glenn Holt 13:47
He likes to drive which works out well, because I do not like to drive. Ah,
- H** Howard McHale 13:52
I tend to drive or myself.
- J** Jimmy Carper 13:54
Let me get this straight here. We've got a daddy top that doesn't like to drive.

G Glenn Holt 13:59

Yeah, there's something wrong with this picture for short distances. Oh, my car. Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Gotcha. Whoa, okay. Where was her head add on now? The problem is that I didn't ride with you on Q patrol last night. And so that's why I'm just talking to the Butch thing and walk.

J Jimmy Carper 14:19

Yeah, yeah. You got rid of the the, the ugly pounds.

G Glenn Holt 14:23

Yeah, that's right. Our Q patrol foot patrol motto is walk off those unsightly pounds. That's right. And goodness knows there are some of us out there doing our very best and what do I do? I just drive around. Oh, that's okay. You don't have unsightly pounds to lose.

H Howard McHale 14:37

At least it wasn't in a convertible with people waving.

J Jimmy Carper 14:39

Oh, I know. There was a couple of incidents last night. The one where we he kind of followed that truck around and

G Glenn Holt 14:48

Yeah, well I mean, like that, you know, it's it is Halloween, ya

J Jimmy Carper 14:52

know and roller, kind of, they want to come to the Montrose and see the spec. To call,

H Howard McHale 15:00

you know that, you know, kind of think of it last night I did see a pickup. What are you talking about last night? Yes. I didn't see a red pickup with men with cowboy hats driving around. Is that the same one you were following? Yeah. Was it really?

J Jimmy Carper 15:11

Yeah. The one that had lights on the time? Yeah, yeah. Yeah. We followed that when out of the

Montrose.

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Howard McHale 15:22

Did you push them out of Montrose? Did you just follow him?

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Glenn Holt 15:25

Well, no, no, no. I mean, when when you patrol escorts a vehicle like that we just follow them long enough so that they know that we know that they know that they're being

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Howard McHale 15:32

watched. Okay. And then that scares them? Well, I

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Glenn Holt 15:36

mean, the fact that, you know, we've got, we've got the cube Patrol logo plastered all over the vehicle, these magnetic signs, just so that they know that we're out there. We're the visible presence and all that sort of stuff. See that one big advantage over them? We're organized?

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Howard McHale 15:49

Yeah. Hey, Glenn, let me ask you. What, have you seen a decline in violence in the in the montrose? Because I mean, that's not making the headlines anymore. So I mean, is there still the same amount of crimes still have bashings and carrying guns? Well,

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Glenn Holt 16:07

yes and no. I can say No, there isn't because you Patrol has been successful in doing what we're doing. But yes, in the sense that we still occasionally hear about things like a couple of weekends ago, there was a shooting right down there at a Montrose. One of our own people got egged on the way walking to patrol, no kidding, weekend or weekend before I forget, which it is. He's out there last night. So I mean, these things still happen. Because there are always new and different people. It's not the same people coming down here all the time. So I mean, there's always new and different people coming in to the Montrose looking looking for trouble labs, right. So there's a constant need for us to keep up our fridge.

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Jimmy Carper 16:50

There's also new and different people on patrol. So you know, you might be able to kill two birds with one stone. If you happen to be sitting at home all by yourself. You may find a new friend.

G Glenn Holt 17:03

Yeah. And you know, if you bring some a PAM and a frying pan with you, yeah, catch those eggs. There you go. Glad to know tonight. We'd like to have more people out. Obviously. We had a big patrol out last night. Yes. Tonight they've walked off Pacific Street, we'd like to have a much bigger patrol. But of course, you know, it's a totally volunteer organization that people have things to do have plans,

J Jimmy Carper 17:30

especially Halloween weekend. Yeah, that's right.

G Glenn Holt 17:33

But those of us who are out there are forming a perimeter around that area where Oh, yeah, the street is blocked

H Howard McHale 17:41

off. Glenn, is there a specific area in Montrose a specific street a specific corner that people should really avoid? Or does it just happen all over? Yeah, the dark ones? The dark ones? Should people walk in the streets? On the sidewalks? Well, that

G Glenn Holt 17:57

depends. On the I mean, even in Q patrol on the busy streets like Westheimer and Fairview, we walk on the sidewalks. Most of the time, we try to walk out in the street to be as visible as possible, right. But we're obviously not going to walk in the street on Westheimer. True. So in places where the sidewalk at the sidewalk is clear of overhanging trees and well lit, dark spots, and people can jump out from bushes at you. on busy streets, that's a good idea to walk.

H Howard McHale 18:31

So basically just happens with a lot of common sense.

G Glenn Holt 18:35

Exactly. Of course, if your three sheets to the wind, then common sense kind of goes with

J Jimmy Carper 18:40

that. Yes, unfortunately. But we see a lot of things. People are changing their habits, we see a lot of people driving other people to their cars.

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Glenn Holt 18:50

That's right. And driving friends. And it doesn't have to be an arrangement for the whole evening. Right? If you're going if you're leaving the bar and you're leaving the bar alone. We're not in that sense. I knew that get a laugh. No, really? What? Well, I mean, there's several things you can do first, ask a friend to walk with you and then drive him back to the bar. Okay, no doubt on that one. Right. Second is if you do have a, an encounter for the evening, oh, the two of you walk together to one or the other. Yeah, drive to the drive drive. Yeah. And then of course, the third thing is flagged down a cute patrol mobile unit and we'd be happy to assure did you get to where you're going? You bet.

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Howard McHale 19:39

I think I was waving at someone last night. But

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Glenn Holt 19:43

I doubt that it was probably one of those naked boys.

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Howard McHale 19:48

What does Q and Q patrol stand for?

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Glenn Holt 19:51

Whatever you want. It isn't really

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Jimmy Carper 19:54

well when I'm there, it's queen, patrol, a queen,

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Howard McHale 19:58

patrol. Whatever, whatever.

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Glenn Holt 20:00

People keep asking is it is a q? zactly? That's why keep your I mean, really, it's not it doesn't stand for anything. It's just cute. How

stand for anything. It's just cute. Hey,

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Howard McHale 20:07

how's things going in Dallas? I know you're trying to start another chapter up there. Is it working out? Okay.

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Glenn Holt 20:11

Well, we didn't get like just a whole lot of response from the people up in Dallas. Oh, really, really. And part of the reason is because I mean, every city is different. And, and part of the way that they've got their bars set up up there, they already have a private security force working. The the bar managers have hired this security people to drive a bus back and forth between the brick and the other bars. So I mean, in that sense, they're already fairly well covered. And then I think each of the bars up there as Rhonda cops or something that they have on board anyway. So I mean, we may not even have really been needed. Yeah.

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Jimmy Carper 20:48

And I have a feeling it's a more concentrated area.

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Glenn Holt 20:53

Yeah, it is. I mean, we would have been able to cover some of the other areas, like out towards the park. And some of those other areas that aren't, aren't covered by the regular patrols. I think we would have made a good adjunct to what they have already. But there just wasn't enough. Enough interest. And the people who were interested, the guy that was gonna sort of spearhead our operation up there, ended up he got custody of his two children. Oh, we became daddy for real all of a sudden, and so suddenly, having gotten the life had to devote his time to other things, which we found completely totally understandable. Yeah, well, hey, but then again,

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Jimmy Carper 21:33

Dallas does things a little bit different. Reminds

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Glenn Holt 21:34


me and how many kittens Do you want?

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Jimmy Carper 21:37

Oh, your cat had kittens? Well, you know, you ought to give one at give. Here's an idea as
you're giving out fashion


you're giving out fashion.

 Glenn Holt 21:47


Your dear husband said last night. Here comes the news. You are writing. You didn't hear that.

 Jimmy Carper 21:52

You've never met my husband. You met my boyfriend. Okay.

 Glenn Holt 21:57


It's confusing, because it's a three way Oh, yeah. What did he say? A six week we were walking out. We had such a great time on foot patrol. We were just laugh riot all time last night. That's why That's why I'm hoarse because I was laughing all time last night. But I turned around and I said okay, how many kittens does everybody want? Jim said well what is usually enough to fill me up

 Howard McHale 22:28

I don't get it

 Jimmy Carper 22:32


that's why you're doing late night radio.

 Glenn Holt 22:35


That's right. That's why you're in here. Not out there getting love. I can't see it on here

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you could open it. You could open a Thai restaurant. How many digit?

 Glenn Holt 22:47

Oh no, no. Oh.

 Howard McHale 22:50

Oh, I just did a Thai restaurant. I didn't get that one either.



Glenn Holt 22:56

No, that Okay, so my cats roll every level. I just Yes, yeah, it's every time I turn around look, there's more of them. Open a restaurant. That one banana shoot and now I've got all backyard full of banana trees. I thought that was something but yes, the cats go faster than



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by rabbits if you think cats are bad.



Glenn Holt 23:23

But unfortunately cute patrol volunteers don't show up as fast No, no, I really wish that they would be well what



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maybe she offered some of the same things to cats and rabbits



Jimmy Carper 23:33

and citations to people who don't dress correctly that's right they can get a free kit and with that



Glenn Holt 23:39

but they really appreciate that I'll never do it again and I really well as always I like to extend and oh by the way I wanted to mention yeah we have a new phone number coming up no kidding yes. They will the 8718519 number still going to be answered okay referred to the new number number once we have a chance to take care of all the paperwork everything you have to do get a new phone put it is going to be five to eight safe




Howard McHale 24:08

wow like that



Jimmy Carper 24:10


you have to wait safe afraid say Yeah, and it's a good ol Montrose number. That's five to

 Glenn Holt 24:15

an easy Montrose number to remember five to eight safe gray or I think I was trying to think of something that that you could spell out with a five to eight pardon, and it came out to something like Fub safe or something. Ooh, okay, we're gonna call it five to eight safe, good. And we want everybody to call up and either say yes, we will support you patrol with our time, talent and or money. Because, I mean, we're out there for you and we can't

 Jimmy Carper 24:44

do it without you. That's right. That's right. Glenn, thanks for coming by my pleasure. As always, I know you want to get back to Pacific straight and all of the carryings on tell

 Glenn Holt 24:53

you what, it's that's a site out there tonight. It's a jungle jungle out there. We're gonna go to a

 Jimmy Carper 24:59

new piece. Some music by Elton John. He's on a new album from tower of song, the songs of Leonard Cohen. And Elton John does one of them and I don't know I kind of like it. It's called. I'm your man, little baby.

 Howard McHale 25:18


Jim Howard, I like this little intro music. Thank you the intro they give you that little John National Coming Out. I'm sure he hasn't come out yet, though. Joe

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MGMA. Yeah, way out. He's

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way out. Maybe. Jim

 Howard McHale 26:05

Howard. Tell me Tell me a little little bit about something you want to talk about right now.

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When you tell him you want to do something coming out, I thought was really kind of interesting, because I was reading this thing. In fact, part of it was in the twit. One week, the public opinion surveys and other studies really indicate that people who know someone who's openly gay or lesbian or bisexual are much more likely to support the idea of equality, regardless of sexual orientations. So it's got to be coming out, it's got to be considered one of the most effective weapons the gay and lesbian people can use to wield in an era which hate crimes are on the rise. And backlash against homosexuals is being spearheaded by these radical rights. I think when people know someone, and you really know them, that sort of breaks down all these preconceived ideas and notions. And I know that, you know, in running Stephens house, some of the people that have been there and been our residents. So when they came, they've shared the fact that their parents don't know. And that's been like, their biggest thing they had to like, get through. And whenever anybody I've ever known, has decided to tell their folks or their this or whoever, they found incredible support. And that's sort of been my history. So when you said you want to do something with this, I was really, really excited. And I think our guest probably has a fabulous story. And we really need to get in.

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Howard McHale 27:30

Let me let me give a little rundown on our talking talking guests this evening. What happened, I went out searching the chronicles of this lovely, wonderful city and I came across a gentleman who was been married, a rather handsome middle aged man, I might say, I might say so. And what happens when we were sitting around the dinner table one day and out in restaurant, I overheard him talking about that he was married, and that he still had a wife and one of the hardest things he ever had to do is to come out to his wife. And I thought, Oh, my God, I said, I said, Bob, would you like to come and talk about this on the radio? Because there must be millions of people out there in the city, or in the whole world who goes to the same feeling? Am I correct?

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Absolutely. Wouldn't.

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Howard McHale 28:20

You got to get close to that microphone, honey. Okay, there we go. Now, here we have a gay man. Like that big thing. You

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need it close to your mouth. Howard. Just look

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Howard McHale 28:29

at it name. Okay. Mr. Mr. Robert Jones is in the house tonight. And we're going to talk to him. How can a gay man be gay? And be I know, we've talked about this before. You're a gay man.

And you live in you maybe married a woman? You're your childhood? college sweetheart?



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Correct. Someone I met in my 20s.



Howard McHale 28:54

And you married you lived with her for 25 years? Yes. And long? About 25 years you finally said to her?



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Well, it was I finally said that I could not live a lie. And I had lived for 25 years longer. That although I loved her very much, much of being married, that by being married I was cut myself off from my natural sexuality, which was being gay. And I had known I was up in the gay all my life, but I elected in the late 60s To get married because I was afraid to be gay as prior to being out and being and so what I did essentially was to find someone I cared for. Did all the right moves fell in love got married, got married, and live happily ever after. After all it happened and Snow White and seven dwarfs Washington happen for me but



Howard McHale 29:48

none of everyone out with drawers, Dopey and sneezy us. I like droopy and Hungee. Okay, so who you are Your Did you ever start to notice that at one certain point in the relationship you had to tell her? I mean, was it in the 10th? Year, the 11th year? Or was it always everything in the back of your mind stating that, oh, I'm gonna, I'm gonna have to do something I'm gonna, eventually I'm gonna have to deal with this.



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No, actually what I decided I created this fantasy world in which I was dealing with it magnificently, which I was playing the role of the suburban husband and father and supporter and doing all the things you're supposed to do buying a house and the best part of town and having the markets and having the kids and go to PTA meetings and being on the Civic appreciation, and all the other things that being straight Suppose today, I thought, I just found that it was like trying to fill a bottomless pit, I'm gonna have what I put in it, it was never full.



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It didn't, not you, I mean, or did it? Was it painful? Or was it just like sort of just kind of there? It





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was always difficult, always, always difficult. I knew every day that I was forcing a square peg into a round hole.



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And when children came along, did it exacerbate the issue? And or did it just heal it to be something that you Well, now I even have to shove this farther back because now I have these kids what



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actually happened, I adopted her son by her prior marriage. He was 10 remarried. And so I became his surrogate occupant tried to become his father, his real father had no relationship. And I found that it was a very rewarding, positive thing. But it was still I could not overcome the fact that I knew I was a gay male, that I wanted to be with a man and that I was forcing myself to live essentially a life that was like living going to the movies for me. So I was playing a role. I wasn't living alive.



Howard McHale 31:52

So So you realize this after so many years? There are a lot of people in our community who would say that, no, you you owe this, this woman something that you hurt her. You deceived her. Did you did you feel there was deception involved?



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Oh, I've got to see through every bit I could. I didn't want her to know I was gay. I thought if she knew I was gay. It would, in my mind if she knew I was gay, it would destroy our marriage.



Howard McHale 32:18

Here's, here's a word off the wall question. Go ahead. Just a second.



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I mean, that was something that you ultimately you not want him to. I mean, he talked about destroying the marriage. That was something that you really didn't want to be in anyway. was a more like destroying the relationship you had with this woman because you really cared about her.



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I cared and care. Right, and I love her now. I loved her before America, and I'd love to during our marriage. I admire her I liked her. I enjoy spending time with her. I enjoy going places whether it was like having a very good close best friend who was a woman.



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And isn't that what you didn't want to destroy that relationship as opposed to just



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I had also, because of my actions and my successful actions, I created a lifestyle and an ambiance of our living, which was very nice. And we traveled a lot went to Europe and other places, and she liked it. And I liked it. And she became to depend on me and I, I set it up so that she did I mean, I consciously did it. And I knew I was doing.



Howard McHale 33:25

Yeah, but here's the here's why. After 25 years, you love someone, and you've said you've loved her. There's still a part of you. So what happens is that, could your sexual orientation really ruin this marriage? I mean, I mean, I'm sure she doesn't hate you now, and I'm sure she's she still loves you. And you still love her. Could have the marriage work?



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Well, I mean, it for me being an actively gay male. And trying to find someone in gay life that I could spin my future with. was totally incompatible with being married to a woman. I couldn't say I want a lover and still have a wife. I had a very long term affair with a guy who another married guy when I was married. And it was we did the same thing we played the Let's go fishing on the weekend routine. It was great fun, but I



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never got any fish. We got Fulton Fish Market thing God we



Howard McHale 34:30

got I haven't got a fish in years.



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Well, girl y'all tried. But even that I knew was a lie in hell, I hate fish take the truth. I just like the way that yeah, hi, girl. No, oh, okay. But what I found what I found was is that when I married my wife, I knew I was gay and I knew I had selected it. lected to turn my back on a gay

lock, which had led my team in my 20s. And, and I had elected to lead a different type of life. And I thought I could make it work. And it turned out that your sexuality is just too great. You can't make it go away.

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Howard McHale 35:17

Okay, let's wait. First of all associate station back real quick. Remember, you're listening to Big Daddy and little daddy here KPFT 90.1 and 89.1 fm que EOS and College Station. Our guests in the house tonight is Mr. Robert Jones, and we're speaking about coming out to his wife after 25 years of marriage must have been a big decision. Did you agonize in the day that you go through the day, if you would please, that leading up to that, that actual sitting down and Honey, this is what I've got to tell you, because there must be hundreds of men out there who are agonizing with this problem? Well,

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I began struggling Well, I struggled with it a long time. But I would say probably with the the rise of the awareness of daylight that came about in the 80s primarily because of AIDS, and my own involvement and, and sport activities for AIDS patients who might have professional life, it became more and more apparent to me that I had made a mistake when I had abandoned my sexuality in the 60s and gotten married. I also and Clinton decided that he would support gay rights in the military and helps me and I decided that it was time for me to be honest to myself and to my life. Why? And so I began trying to get myself up to it. And there is nothing I ever did. That was hard. And I felt I was becoming psychotic. I wanted to run away and hide and, and I couldn't really identify what the problem was. And I finally realized that if I told my wife, then I was coming out of the closet, not just to her, but to my own family into my friends and my co workers. And so I made that decision. And I sat down with her and cried a few hours and finally told her that I was gay. I'd always been gay. And it never had anything to do with her. It had to do with me. And that I could not live the lie that I had built for us for any longer that

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Howard McHale 37:27

did did her was her first response. You've cheated her.

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Hurt, bewildered. Us. She wanted to know what she could do differently. And my answer to her and that was very simple that she did everything she could have done. It never was her. Always me. The

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Howard McHale 37:47

I mean, do you really think it was your Do you think it was just society in general, I'm gonna hold us back, I made



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the choice to be married. I made the choice to make the promises and not get out early on when I realized that the disaster and to try to change myself and make it work. So yeah, with lot me. But when I decided it was because I could not when I decided to get married as if I could not handle the social or cultural intellectual pressure of being a gay male in the 60s. Although I had done it, I could not conceive of living openly gay and I could live the lie of hiding, you know, pretending to have a girlfriend when you had a boyfriend and telling you live something else and doing all the lies you tried to do in the 60s. And but I knew I'd be fired from my job if I came out. So I took the easy way out due to I'd like to blame society. I'm part of it. I mean, I most certainly learned much of my internal beliefs through society. And because of that, I also understood that that that was part of it. But I made the decision. I have a cousin who made the decision to be out in the 60s. And she's still out. She's a lesbian. She's happy. She's respected by her friends and family. And I was foolish enough not to realize that I could do the same thing if I was honest about it. And I thought I was dishonest. And I hated being dishonest still do



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during that agonizing time when you you know finally how to how long did this I'm sure was it handled in an evening a week a month? It all began How long did this integration kind of process take?



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Well with me it It began with with trying to determine why the thought of, of coming out and being gay was so absolutely terrifying to me. I mean, I would go into a blind black panic over it. And I forget I thought I analyzed I realized that the first thing I thought I would do is I would lose my family. My my brothers and sisters, cousins of a large extended family, and secondly of living losing my wife and her family whom I absolutely adore. They're wonderful people. And, and I felt that I had to do what they would approve of me doing. And it finally dawned on me that they probably already was gay anyway. And secondly, they had never come to me for my approval of their lifestyle. And I thought, if they love me, they love me, regardless of what my lifestyle is not a murderer or bad guy. Never lose a



Howard McHale 40:23

friend you never had. I want to remind our audience tonight, too, that we are taking phone calls that five to six KPFT. If you want to get in on the conversation, if you have a coming out story, if you want to talk about coming out yourself, if you want to talk about some of the difficulties you've made, and you're coming out decisions. Did you regret not coming out sooner? Yes. And how did you talk yourself out of it?



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Always made the price too high. I said, Well, you know, my, my profession is not where a spot where I can really cut it loose. I really can't afford to support two households. Maybe when my

where I can really cut it loose. I really can't afford to support two households. Maybe when my son gets into the five years old, or maybe when I get another 5000 or 100,000 or million dollars, then I can make it work. You know what I mean? Then I can make it work. But it was always some nice easy excuse that kept it pushed way down the line.



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When you were talking before about the worried about losing your family and that blackness that you feel and I've talked to so many people that have had those same sorts of common experiences. And indeed, after you told them an after the original hurt or frustration or anger, two questions, one, did they indeed have an idea? Did your wife indeed have a clue? Or, you know, and then did your family and people in your in laws? And do they have a clue as well? And then secondly, ball? Has it all indeed worked out? I mean, well, did anybody abandon you? Is there a? You know, have you found the friend you never had?



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The most wonderful thing I found is, is what logic should have led me to believe to start off with is that my family loves me. They love me gay, they love me straight. I called my younger brother who's extremely important to me and call and told him over the phone. He was the first one I told that I was gay. And he said, Why do you call it tell me this? I've known it for 40 years, I was wondering why you got to bear in the first place. And I thought, Well, God damn son of a bitch, excuse my language folks. Out here we thought about it. That I told my wife and she said, Well, you know, I always had those queer friends out there. And I wonder where that came from. So what I found essentially, is that I was the only one that was pretending that nobody knew. It's kind of like the utmost dirty linen. Everybody knows is dirty, but people pretend it's not until she finally says, you know, I didn't really need to wash my linen because it's dirty. So the truth is, most everybody in my family knew my mother in law knew my fault. My sister in law knew. My brother law knew. My wife's family had been wonderful to me. And my nieces and nephews on her side have all come to me and told me they loved me and it made them no difference at all. My family's done the same thing I've had. I've had a couple of religious right wing Christian bigots. They've got all Christian about the whole thing, but I basically told him to eat it and forget it. But I was proud of who I am. And if they can't take it, then they can step out of my life. I don't have I said he never lost Britain never heard that's right. That's right. And if they if their acceptance me depended on my not being a homosexual, then I can't do anything about it. Because that's who I am.



Howard McHale 43:42

How are things going now with the wife?



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If going very well, we've lived apart for two years, I see her at least two or three times a week we usually go we go out to dinner into a movie or something at least once we talk on the phone at least three or four times a week. We go on vacation together, we go visit friends and relatives together. There are areas that we don't discuss anymore.



Howard McHale 44:05

What I mean areas you don't discuss well. I believe



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my sexuality my my private sexual life is most certainly private to me. It's no one else's business. I would not discuss our hers and my sex life with anybody. And I will not discuss my sex life with anyone either. Most certainly not with her. So she understands that I am. I am sexually active to the point that I can be but she also knows that's not a part of my life that she shares never will ever share. And it it just doesn't come within the ambient of our relationship



Howard McHale 44:40

has has she devolves into another relationship?



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No. You mean does she have another another relationship? No, she doesn't. She doesn't wish to and that's part of the part of the reason we're still married. When I told her I was coming out I told I would do anything, whatever it was she wanted, that I was prepared and reliable. Laid would be best if we got a divorce. But if she didn't want a divorce that would be that would be a call she could make. Hey, you're still married? Correct. We are still married. We're not contemplating divorce. And part of that because, well, I There are friends who say that I'm a guilt ridden Maybe I am. But on the other hand, I did lead her for 25



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How old was your adopted son when you decided to come out? 33 Oh, that's right. It was a quite a windy



Howard McHale 45:37

day dangling well. I knew that




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I just didn't think 33 Just caught up with now. He was



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33 it was of all of my family and friends. His was the most difficult. I had he still has huge difficulties with it just can't talk about

 Howard McHale 45:51

uh huh. Anyway, we have a call, don't we? Jimmy? We're ready. Hello? Caller you're on the air. No, he's not

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gonna try. Last.

 Howard McHale 46:04

Hello? Caller. You're on the air. Yeah, I'm here, Adela. Yeah. How are you tonight?

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I'm okay. Thank you.

 Howard McHale 46:09

Now remember, you're on the air. So well, what would you like to talk to Robert about?

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Well, no, I was listening to your topic. I just happened to turn the radio on. And I was listening to your story about coming out. And I was married for 12 years, I got married when I was 16. I've been divorced since August of 88. Been alone with a few men off and on between then. And about four years ago, three and a half years ago, I met a woman. And we became real best friends. I knew she was a lesbian at the point at that time. And I'd always had that curiosity about being with a woman, but never acted on it. And she kind of chased me around for about six months. And it had that curiosity got fulfilled. And then it turned into a relationship. And we've been together off and on a lot. I mean, but you know, since then, I've got three children. The first year that we were together, I didn't want anybody to know, because I was scared of what everybody was gonna think about me when you were married with your husband? No, when I was with the girl. And I was real scared. And so I told her not to say nothing to nobody. But obviously they kind of knew because I knew how she was. And I guess about a year after that I got to where I wasn't ashamed of it. But I never told my mother. And but she knew how she was. And she didn't like or to begin with. Because of that. My mom died about four or five months ago. And to that day, I never told her but I think she knew.

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Howard McHale 47:43

Do you regret not telling her to feel like she's gone. And she never took a part of you her with



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your mother knew her mother. Her mother knew she didn't want to be here.



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She knows. You know, it's one of those things that a mother knows so good, but they just don't sign up. And they wait for you to tell them you know, I think she knew because she doesn't. She didn't want me hanging around with the girls. Even when you were young, right? Even when I was well, when I was young. I never thought that you know, your mama was still suspicious. Yeah, well, the one thing that I know that she knew my mom died in June, I was cleaning out her dressers and things. And I have found a real, seductive, dirty note. I guess you could say that my girlfriend had wrote me. And it was in my mother's drawer. Oops. So I you know, I kind of think that she knew but she never told me.



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Maybe she considered it your private life. Yeah, but I was living under my under my mother's roof at the time. My mother knew and she forgave you and didn't want to talk about it because it was easier for her.



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Maybe Yeah, you know, I don't know. I think so. What



Howard McHale 48:48

since then, have you come out to your ex ex husband and your family?



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My children now. My children live with me. They're 17 14 and a half and 12 My oldest and youngest live with me and they do know. The other. Other one doesn't live with me. But I have context and see her and she knows I've never physically told her but I have told the other team.



Howard McHale 49:11

How do you like yourself now that you're you're you're out?



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How do I like myself now? You know, I never thought it was possible to love a woman. And when we broke up one time, I did go hop in bed with a man and you know, I made me sick. I hated



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it. Just stand there. It's really seriously, you know, put up with that dirty stuff. I'll tell you that the washcloth Yeah.



Howard McHale 49:40

Don't worry about that. I listened but but let me ask you a personal question because I'm from a lesbian and a gay man. Do you think it's a little bit easier or harder to come out? If you're in Bob's situation or your situation? Is there a degree a little bit more degree of difficulty?



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I think it's a personal opinion now okay. What before I got into this situation? I could look at two women being together is okay. Because they had more to play with so to speak. I guess that tar in the background, you know,



Howard McHale 50:21

aren't you to pardon to live around the loop?



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Well, no, we just came from Conroy to dance. Okay. And the man, I had trouble looking at me and the wife, not good can they do? No offense. And I did look at it as being a little disturbed or sick. But now that I'm in the situation, it's my heart is I was explaining to someone, I don't care if they're male or female, my heart falls in love with them. I love them. It's like when I look at an interracial relationship, they all have the same blood just because their skin is different doesn't you know different color doesn't make them any different. You know, and that's the way I feel with a woman.



Howard McHale 51:07

Listen, listen, we appreciate you calling in and we love your coming out story and more power to you and hope it comes down to Pride Week. Next June, you know, the parade is in June, the last Sunday, June and it starts at five o'clock this year. Hey, hope to see you there. And listen,

thanks for calling in. We really appreciate it. Okay, bye bye. He stay off that loop. I didn't know there any lesbian bars out in Conroe. Listen, I've just been told that you are listening to KPFT 90.1 in Houston with Big Daddy Jim and little daddy Howard, and also in College Station on 89.1 FM que els our guests. Our guest speaker tonight in the house is Mr. Robert Jones. And of course he's got a coming out story that he's been sharing with all of us. And I had a question when you were