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 Jewel Gray 00:01

He said that to me, because you know, he was always offering me I never asked him. He was always offering me as math facts. He did a couple of ceremonies for people that I knew. Physical Therapists friend of mine, and her lover had a ceremony down at the old What is it now? The Renaissance Hotel? What is it now? It used to be something else they're crossing the summit. Have no idea and it was a big big thing like 200 300 people he did the ceremony for them and had some huge ceremony there and, and but he said he has recently changed his belief and he's no longer doing that. I don't know if I didn't really get into it if it was a matter of gay and lesbian or just no more ceremony so so I'm not really sure I I was kind of disappointed and upset so I got off the phone pretty quick. Because I counted on I had counted on him so if anybody knows somebody please call me you

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just have to be like a religious person that does No, no,

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I guess not. It's an art you know, I

 Glenn Holt 00:54

don't know. You just need a ceremony facilitator.

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That's right. So cool.



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You know, here's some you need to go to Montrose counseling center and get somebody



J Jewel Gray 01:07

like that. Do It Yourself stuff, though. You know, I didn't think of that. Maybe I could sell that at Crossroads or something and do it yourself ceremony kid. Here, fill out this paper here and sign this little certificate and comes with a frame.



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Offered 2995 to write



J Jewel Gray 01:24

all the instructions. Sample, you know, I could get, you know, we really started me thinking was when I did that review on that book. Uh huh. ceremonies of the heart, right. It really started me thinking and my new love is sitting back here. Well,



G Glenn Holt 01:39

the important thing is are you going to go through the ceremony in the nude?



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I wouldn't, would you? Yeah, yeah.



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We got to.



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Okay. We'll be over. He's gonna go sell tickets. I'll buy him. But if anybody knows anybody or anybody wants to have a like a mass ceremony, I'd love to have a masseur. I really liked that ceremony that what's the name? Troy? What's his name? Carrie. Carrie, did you know when they were watching? They married what? 100 100 couples or something? That's what I want. I want to get married. I want to get married. So again, what's going on at CUPA trawl get on? What a comfortable segue. Glenn. What's going on in Q patrol? Well,



Glenn Holt 02:24

I am the for anybody that doesn't know. I'm the president of Q patrol and sitting beside me as Michelle Lee, Vice President of cute patrol. And we've had our patrols out there regularly. Oh, yeah. And having fun. That



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was tonight as a matter. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Michelle's Michelle Meyer is the Vice President



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and patrol coordinator. Aha, that's the big that's the important. She's got the hard job.



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That's the hard job. I



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know. I know. Because the Pacific Street was kind of blocked off or a block party tonight. Oh, yes. So that kind of made patrolling



Glenn Holt 03:01

kind of pre Halloween Halloween? Yeah. Well, you know, we we did. We did stand around, got into our foot formation and stood around and it was very quiet foot formation.



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Foot formation. Is that a fetish? Yes. Cool. Yeah,



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we have. We have foot patrol.



Glenn Holt 03:21

And, and when Jimmy's out there third comes out. We have Rotunda patrol



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he's in the lobby right now.



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Oh, yeah. Listening. Yes. Yeah, actually, the foot patrol is the most important part of IQ patrol because it is the most visible thing that we have out there. That along with the skaters and bikers. The whole community sees that we're there and thinks about keeping themselves safe. And that's what's important. Yeah, that is a it's a community thing. We're not a deterrent, where I reminder that the whole community needs to cooperate and work together and making sure that gay bashing do not occur.



Glenn Holt 04:09

Yeah, for anybody that doesn't know. Q patrol is a nonprofit corporation and has been for many years. Now. We are not vigilantes, and we're not amateur policemen, or we're not amateur security guards, and we're not guardian angels, our purposes. Actually, we're part of the Houston Police Department's citizens on patrol program. And our purpose is to be out there and be visible.



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Were the eyes and ears of the police but more importantly, to reporting and trying to get help when it's needed is to instill in everyone who's out there on the streets, walking back to their cars or coming to the bars that we all have to pay attention ourselves at with with our friends. To our safety. And that's the way we're going to all be safer is if we all participate in this, not just being on to patrol but when you seek to patrol, remember, be safe.



Glenn Holt 05:16

And that means walking to and from the bar in groups as opposed to individually. And you know, one of the ways that you can do that is if you're going to be leaving from the bar, and you didn't get lucky. And you're, and you're walking back to your car, just ask somebody that you know, to walk back to your car with you and drive them back to the bar.



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Oh, yeah. And maybe you won't have to take them back. Maybe you're going home with you go. That is really a good idea. Jeez, that sounds like something I would have thought.



Glenn Holt 05:51

And, and if you're not having success in the bar, instead of asking people if they want to go

home and eight, ask them if they want to go home and cuddle with their Yeah, try that for change. Also, you know, when you when you're instead of stumbling in a drunken stupor back to your vehicle, walk alert with keys in hand and eyes up and focused and aware of your surroundings. And not not just the crutches and and and that that tends to deter would be attackers because they're looking, believe it or not these big tough gay bashers. They're looking for easy marks

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easy. Yeah, because they're usually

J Jimmy Carper 06:32

very cowardly for the drunks they're cowardly, wonderful walks, crookedly in a fog. Eyes down. Yeah. If you're walking determined late, you're know where you're going. That that that. For those of you who have ever been to New York, make believe you're there.

G Glenn Holt 06:49

There you go. Yes. You're walking with a purpose. Right? Right. Kind of like Jimmy, you know, because not much time left. He's got a purpose. Got him in mid sip. Almost about the nose on that. Right.

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Now. I'm sitting right in front of this board. It could have been bad. Thank you. Great. You always seem to do something to

G Glenn Holt 07:16

timing. It's all timing. Right? So anyway, also, if, if you feel the two cannot participate in queue patrol with your time or talents, we take money, guess what? We're a nonprofit corporation. deductible. That's right. And so we do accept tax deductible donations, Pio boxes, we've even better than that. We have a very easy to remember email address. Que patrol@aol.com.

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All right, that's easy. Why don't we tell people what tax deductible means? You know, I bet they're glad therapy. What it means

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is it's been since I've made out of tax return. I



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wouldn't say that on the radio. Wouldn't say that on the radio, not the IRS in the doghouse. Like it's tax deductible means at the end of the year, you can write every penny that you that you donate off, which means you can get it back from the government.



G Glenn Holt 08:17

Cool. Well, yeah, actually, what it does is you you fill out your 1040 long form, claiming your deductions. And then depending on which tax bracket it's in, what it does is it reduces your taxable income by that amount, right? Which means that if you if you're single, and and and working for the government, then you know, and you're in that like 56% tax bracket, then that means that you get 56% back, essentially.



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That's right. So it's like, it's like it's like it said, getting giving a donation and getting it back same time.



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Tax percent was like 37



G Glenn Holt 08:56

Well, you know, I'm exaggerating, slightly, yes. But really, you know, I sat down one year when I was got really frustrated about my income taxes and who hasn't and and I started thinking and I ended up because it's not just income tax coming off the top, you know, sales tax off the bottom and then it's all the 911 fees and Poison Control equalization surcharges and dog polishing fees and license taxes they always erupt and toll fees for roads and bridges we've already paid for our registration yeah and really were adds up to about a 70% tax bracket and total if they if they did away with all that and put it all into income tax or did away with all that and put it all into sales tax. You know, flat tax it would be 70% Wow.



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No wonder I can't buy food. No wonder I get never really put it together like that. No one



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thought it should be illegal to have a tax on food at all.



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I did too. I think so too. like it should be illegal to have tax on a lot of things. He always irritates me. When I get my check, they take taxes out, then I go to the store and they take taxes out. And then if when I pay that money for the thing, I get taxes out, and then they tax me on how many dollars I spent. So it's like these multiples of taxes, all for the same exact money. Yes. It always irritates me. Yes. Oh, well, taxes then when you die.



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Your state gets tax is an incredible amount. Anyway. Whatever other fundraisers does, keep it y'all have going for it? Oh, yes.



Glenn Holt 10:39

Michelle. Tell them



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coming up on Sunday, November the ninth the K gay Comedy Jam gala palooza. Wow. It's it's some of the same folks from the gala palooza. Yes, Scott Kennedy, Kevin May and Bob Smith are going to be in town.



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Can me so funny. I worked with him. Yeah, he told me



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that they're going to be at the last stop. This is on Sunday, November 9 at 8pm. And he's benefiting Q patrol. Good, nice. They're there. They have a new CD. And this is kind of like pair CD release party.



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So well, you know, Scott was on was meeting gay voices we can half ago, a week and a half ago talking about how he had put the CD he delivered CDs of that his CD to crossroads and and Lobo. And several days later, I went to both places sold out, didn't have them. Because I want to have it to play. So I went there to buy one not available. So they are selling out fast, folks.



Glenn Holt 11:52

I'm glad to say that they this CD is more radio playable than the last one was



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even even Scott stuff? Yes, yes,



Glenn Holt 12:00

even Scott stuffs got down to down. I that first one. It took a lot of time in the production room trying to carve up little bits and pieces out of that. But this one I think will be much easier. Ah, what



Jimmy Carper 12:14

I love about them because it's just so very openly gay. And what happens to us, and especially in Kevin's comedy, because he focuses a lot on on AIDS. And being a man with AIDS. I mean, funny things happen. When he starts his routine and he starts talking about AIDS. You look around the audience, and everybody's really nervous. You know, looking at each other. Should we laugh at this? I heard him talk about that. Yeah. And he has this way of, of setting the the audience at ease about it. And they can laugh. It's because funny, you know, you weren't



Jewel Gray 13:00

talking about having the difficulty. Sure. Not doing a stick but having the difficulty opening up the room being uncomfortable. You bet. glad he's doing it. I'm glad that you know, it takes a lot of the mysticism, the unreality out of it, to be able to laugh at things to be able to find the humor in it. Yeah, yeah, really



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does. I really enjoy and and Bob Smith, he books out. He's really



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funny. Yeah, his most recent book is called Open me Bob and Lee Bob. And he was the first openly gay comedian to appear on the Tonight Show. Amazing, amazing. And these



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people are going to be having what is it the comedy? Gay, gay Comedy Jam and benefiting the Q patrol? Yeah, cool. And when?



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At Sunday, November the ninth 8pm one show, one show one show. Oh,



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I get your tickets. Right. It's a small room. It sure is. They pack them in but it's still a small room



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so they pack them in last time I was there. I almost had a fight almost. Did you go for the cake went Yes. That's when I almost had a fight. Oh, lesbian sitting next to me would not shut up. I turned around to her. I said look, I paid \$20 For this seat and all I can hear is you shut up. And you know I don't get like that. No, I was irritating. You don't It is a small room but you can get a lot of people in there. So



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yeah.



Glenn Holt 14:37

Oh, one other thing I wanted to mention is take this opportunity on behalf of cube patrol to thank everybody who has sent in Memorial donations in memory of D killer. Oh



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yeah. It was on September the sixth that the McKellar as we were getting ready to go on patrol had a massive heart attack and died right there. Suzanne Anderson horses people have in remembrance of day have sent in donations to Q patrol. Great and just it's just amazing. They just keep on coming in.



Glenn Holt 15:22

We get three, four letters a week with donations tucked into them. That's nice.



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She meant a lot to a lot of people she shared this year did.



Jimmy Carper 15:32

There was there's a wonderful story on the October tets newsletter written by Sarah dipalma. Actually, there's several articles about the in this but it just it kind of struck me. Sarah's you have one too. Don't you

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have one more

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to talk about?

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Do you have an article?

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Yes. Oh, yeah. I, I usually write since I'm the president of taps are one little article and each month, kind of telling everybody where where we're heading, what we're thinking about that kind of stuff. I really enjoy

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the tax newsletter.

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While we've gotten all that one month, we published a newsletter this year. I'm really proud of that. We really turned it around before the middle of the year, and everybody is participating. And that's what really makes the newsletter a quality newsletter that the membership is participating in putting it together and writing it that's standing for Texas Association for transsexual support.

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How can people get a hold of this newsletter? Wow. I mean, you send one to me. So you know I get one for free? Oh,

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yes. But we have. For anyone who is not a member of tats. We have a subscription rate of \$15

yes. but we have. for anyone who is not a member of CTS. we have a subscription rate of \$15 a year. That's for 12 issues. Usually runs about eight pages. Not big huge print, not double space dip. So it's jam packed with information and photos. And the number to call would be error code 713-827-5913. And that doesn't spell anything



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nice phone number that doesn't spell any folks.



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I have a program on a computer that will find something that it will spell really Yeah, it'll go through and find something it'll spell might be mud or something but it'll find it.



Glenn Holt 17:53

I had a an English teacher in high school and his phone number there the acronym that he came up for that one was bed length.



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While there is a phone number that that does spell something. Yeah. And that's for Cubitron is that so anyone wanting to make a donation or become a member to patrol can call area code 713528 S A F E, five to eight, safe five to 87233. That's



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a good one safe.



Glenn Holt 18:27

I work all afternoon putting that one. Really, you know, you sit down with the list of available phone numbers. And then you sit down with this matrix of like what what letters can go with what numbers and you go absolutely crazy. And then after several hours,



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it's really easy with the program.



Glenn Holt 18:44

I wish I had a program like that when I was doing that.



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I was gonna do I've just been informed that Taryn Sunil is in the studio. All right, so let's go to a piece of music and bring him on, shall we? Shall we? Let's see what piece of music Oh, this is a new like you don't have some already cute. This is a new CD machine. So I'm probably going to screw this up. Right a way I switch lies ahead. The choice. I'll be tolerated groups. Are we still over here? The group



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are Yes. That was David Brown from his CD, splendid wings. Every kiss is a revolution. And I think we've kind of got a revolution going on in Houston right now. Because we've got several Well, a couple several openly gay people running for position public all we talked about and nice. And in our studio right now. We have Terence O'Neill from from his law



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handout. It says I want to ensure that equality education is affordable and accessible for all Houstonians that it is the cornerstone of our city's economic strength and diversity. You are running for.



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I'm running for Houston Community College Board trustee in district eight.



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What does that mean? I don't know what that means. That means if you live



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in my district, you need to vote for me.



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This is a district eight yet what what does the Okay, let's start with that. What does this



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Houston Community College or rather the entire system is governed by a board of trustees. And the board itself is divided, or the board members are elected by district and there are nine districts throughout the city of Houston. We live in district eight and district eight is Montrose heights. Little part of River Oaks, very small part. It's also Denver harbor in Fifth Ward. Wow. So it's a very diverse group. And so for those folks who live out there in Houston, who live in this area, I really need them to go out there and vote for me. No, it's an important election. Okay. So



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what does it mean to be a trustee? To me to be a trustee? I



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know that the Chronicle and



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a lot of this is like being on the board of directors or something? Absolutely. If



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you want to envision it or see in that sort of way, there's a lot of confusion as to what the board does. I think a lot of people aren't aware exactly with what it is that we do. I have no idea but but we serve as an administrative body, basically, we pay the bills, we decide policy, or we create policy that is going to affect students, faculty, we could also have a huge influence on taxes. A few years ago, there was a huge bond issue. And the board presented it to the voters in the voters decided the voters approved it. So it's very influential, it's in certain things. And other things, they have a lot of power in some things, they don't have power. Okay, but I think one of the things that that you talked about was the importance of education and the importance of this election. What's something that a lot of people don't know is the fact that Houston Community College is a third largest college in the entire state of Texas. It's the largest college here in Houston, I have no idea. And it's the 10th largest college in the entire nation from like 55,000 people there. And suddenly, they're about 55,000 students in the entire college, we have an annual budget of \$121 million. And so hello, over there. And one of the things when you hear things like this, you hear statistics like this, you have to remember and you have what comes to mind is the importance of the college, and the importance of this election. We need people to realize that this is their tax dollars are being spent, this is their money. These are their kids, these are their students. This is all of us. And we need to invest our time



Timmy Carter 22:56



Jessica Carter 22:50

to college. To me, I think it's very important to have a gay or lesbian sensibility in our education system.



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Absolutely, absolutely, especially in the times that we were living in. Now, as you are aware, and as many others are aware, I'm running as an openly gay candidate. I think that it's important in the times that we're living in that we start to stand up for gay and lesbian rights, Tibet, we're seeing that happen in the private sector. We're seeing that happen in certain aspects of the public sector. We need to see that happen in our schools. I think that it's good that you have ah, that Houston Community College has a current non discrimination policy that is, which was adopted or which was passed by the federal government during the Civil Rights Movement. But we need to expand upon that. And we need to develop a non discrimination policy that protects gay and lesbian students and faculty. And that's one of the things that when elected to office, I'm going to push towards, I'm going to ask the board of trustees that we pass a policy that protects gays and lesbians. And I hear a lot of students and friends of mine that go to HCC that they say they get frustrated, because sometimes they're in class and they decide to write a paper or they decide to write a report about being gay are subjects that are of a homosexual nature. And when the teacher finds this out, she ends up arguing with them or debating with them about how wrong homosexuality is and how right their ideas are. And it's unfortunate that a student doesn't have a policy or a student doesn't have some type of rule or something they can fall back on, to protect themselves and to protect their rights. You



Jewel Gray 24:35

know, I ran into this very same, that very issue when I was going to San Jacinto junior college, and a psychology class. I did a paper and my psychology teacher who was very sympathetic not that she had a problem. But she pointed out to me that two students pre the previous year had done something that was about homosexuality and been literally ostracized and she suggested strongly that I withdraw this paper and do another one, some other subject, because not because she felt this way, but because these other students had been ostracized in other places throughout the school because of their papers. Now, I know she was really comfortable with it. But, you know, I gave it some thought. And I said, frankly, I'm not intimidated. And nobody's going to run me off. And I went ahead and did the paper, but I did feel the heat. I did feel the heat from other faculty from I was on the Dean's List prior to that. And immediately after that, it was just enough to pull me off the Dean's list my grades, and it was just enough to pull me off the Dean's List not enough like it wasn't it was numbers were toyed with, rather than, you know, affecting really where I was at grade wise. It was just numbers, little bitty numbers that pulled me off the Dean's list. And when I confronted the issue about that, of course, you know, they had 10,000 stories. Sure. But you know, I knew what the story was because she'd already told me that these other two women had done the same thing the year before, and had, you know, bucked the system and had been totally ostracized and had been discriminated against in various minimal, tiny ways. Now, that's what really is. The thing is that they're very tiny ways, almost so tiny that you hate to mention it. But when you get a bunch of those tiny ways that really can affect you. And that's, I felt that San Jacinto. So it's good to have somebody who's wanting to look out for those at HCC.

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Jimmy Carper 26:29

Well, you know, I've read so very often about right wing groups, fundamentalist groups that go into the education system and have books thrown out of the library change curriculum. And I never, I never hear about someone gay reinstating that. Or anyone straight, even reinstating that. And that's why I think it's very important to have the gay presence. Absolutely.

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You know, you know, one of the things that's so important about this election is, is how far we've come. You know, I was talking to a friend of mine, who was actually involved in, in the gay rights movement way, early on the 70s. And we were talking about how things have changed. He was saying, you know, they used to incarcerate us. And now they come and they ask us for our support, they used to mock us and lapis now they come and ask us for help. Times have really changed, really, and we have a, you know, a nice Parker got the Chronicle endorsement. Yeah, she has gotten the support of the majority of the organizations out there, a numerous endorsements. And that tells you how times have changed. We have a president, who was appointed a US Ambassador to Luxembourg, who was an openly gay man, times have changed. But yet, we can't get to a point in which we can say, Well, that's it, we did our job, we're there, oh, you're not there, we have to continue in the fight. And we have to continue to make sure that in the realm of business, in the realm of government, and in the realm of education, which is something that I'm fighting for, that gay and lesbian students have a voice, gay and lesbian students have a right to an education that is affordable, that it's accessible. And and that shouldn't be taken away from them. And I want to make sure they have that. There's,

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Jimmy Carper 28:19

I'm looking at your picture, and I'm looking at you, and he looks very young. Now, in the back of my mind, I'm thinking I have seen this guy around, oh, details here. But I mean, I've seen you around, and I've seen you like in organizations. I mean, you've been working behind the scenes for quite a few years now. Because somehow I picture you in organizations like HDL PC and, and things like that. So what is your background?

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Well, other than the fact that I probably get around as we're talking about, I have an extensive background in working with nonprofit and for profit organizations. I, when I first came to Houston, I started working for the Catholic Diocese of Houston. And it was interesting, because that's where I first came out. And we could probably talk a great deal about that. And that's when I first came in contact with the HIV AIDS movement and the compassion that I saw that people had towards people who were infected and affected by AIDS moved me. And so I was drawn towards that. And so I started working in the ministry of the Catholic Church that dealt with people who were infected and affected by AIDS. Afterwards, I did case management for another organization, and then worked for AIDS Foundation as an outreach coordinator. And we talked to people about you know, going out and protecting themselves from getting HIV and

AIDS and the importance of using condoms for after that I was elected or ran for a state office and was elected to the Vice President of Finance for the Texas shutdown. Democrats, which is an office that I still hold. I've been very involved in politics within the Democratic Party. But I've also received the support of my Republican friends, such as people like Judge Robert Eccles, who recently appointed me to the Ryan White Planning Council. With regards to your, with your answer, or to your question, I'm 25 years of age. I'm a Sagittarius. Wow. You're young.

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Glenn Holt 30:29

When you were 12? Yeah. But Jimmy, remember, remember?

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Yes.

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Glenn Holt 30:33

Anybody would look young to you. I mean,

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there's I you know, I'm sitting here thinking, you're running for this district, and you want these people to vote for you. Tell me what how you would convince those two gay guys sitting out in the heights who are not going to school have already got their degree already working? Someplace how that this would be important to for, for them to even vote in this issue?

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That's a good question. I think you need to ask yourself as a gay and lesbian person, you know, what's the future hold for us? What does the future hold? Unfortunately, sometimes we get caught up into this, you know, living for the moment. Sometimes that moment can be at a club, it could be at a civic organization or political organization. And we tend not to focus a lot on the future. Unfortunately, our community because of AIDS has, is living or is experienced time. And we thought that the President was all that we had, that we didn't have a future. But we're realizing that thanks to science and medical intervention, that we're saying that we do have a future. And as gay and lesbian people, we need to realize that the only way we're going to have a future is that we educate our youth. So people that go to hatch, people in schools, we educate them about our history. And it's important that we preserve our history, because the people that don't have a history don't have a future. In fact, it's interesting, I was talking with my roommate, actually, roommate, as a clarification very Gary van Nottingham. And I'm sure he's not going to mind that I use his name. Oh, no. But we were talking about the importance of in fact, he's been on this show, I'm sure he has numerous times. But one of the things we were talking about was the importance of preserving our history, maybe it'd be great to have a collection of, of, you know, volumes of what the community has done. Because Houston in particular, has had a tremendous impact on the gay and lesbian community, at a national at a

national level. And we need to make sure that gay and lesbian people, especially young people know about this, whether it's in schools, whether it's in churches, whether it's at the library, no matter where they go, if the black community can have their history, if the Hispanic community can have their history, if the Asian community can have their history, then gay and lesbian people should also have their history sent to you



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bet you bet. So that's



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why that's why the cute Do you know that the cup, the Donna Reed type couple with the white picket fence over in the heights need to vote they need to get involved in this election? Because their futures at stake?



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That's good. That was that's exactly what I was thinking that people are going to want to know why what's what why is this important to me and these people that your your district, you know, and being that this is such a specialized thing that HCC and these people, you know, are gonna think, well, that's college and I don't need to pay attention to that. That's not you know, beyond that. It is very important, and it's important for our future.



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Well, also, if I can add, one of the things that we need to realize is the importance that Houston Community College plays for the economy of Houston. Right now in Fort when Bill Clinton, for example, came to town about a month ago. Where did he go? Then you go to Houston Community College, you know, he did it, he went to San Jacinto College. And that shocked me, me too. You know, I said, Why isn't he coming to HCC? Well, he's not coming to HCC because we haven't really taken the time and the energies and the efforts to focus our attention on on this college. We haven't realized what an important factor HCC plays in the future of the city. Let's take for example, the fact that HCC is a powerful or could be a powerful tool for training a skilled and educated workforce to help meet the challenges of the business of the business community. I was talking with someone who works for the comptroller's office, and they were telling me how businesses like brown or rude or Southwestern Bell, come to them and say, you know, something, we need people that can use computers and know how to use certain software programs, people on how to type people who have these skills. We need them to come work for us, we train them. Well, they do that they train them, but at the same time, they're thinking, why isn't the community college meeting these needs? HCC should be doing this? Well, that's that's, I mean, it's beautiful when you think about the fact that you could have a committee already College, educating people to either go to a four year college to pursue their education, or give them the skills that are necessary to meet the challenges that the future holds for the business community. Another important thing, let's take In fact, let's take let's take a current event. We all know that federal legislation says that the state that that all

welfare recipients need to get off the welfare dole. And it's the responsibility. This is what Congress says it's the responsibility of the states to get them off the dole and put them to work. Well, we all know that Governor Bush is probably going to have to ask for an extension, because we've failed to do that we haven't met the requirements, just



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enough McDonald's jobs. Right.



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And when you have unskilled labor, that's what you got, you got, well,



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this is a perfect opportunity for George Bush. And for the people of a state and for the people of the city to say, you know, something, HCC is a perfect place, a perfect place to get people who were former welfare recipients, get them trained at HCC and put them to work for companies like brown and root, Southwestern Bell Compaq, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, it is the most powerful tool we have will ensure the success of the same



Jewel Gray 36:11

well that's the other thing I wanted to know about how what would how is it that you can affect if you got elected to this seat? The financial end of this, you know, that's my biggest problem is I cannot afford to go to school. Even with financial aid, I can't afford to go to school. Because with the time that it takes to go to school, and the time that I have to be there, and the cost of books and the cost of tuition, everything on top of all of that and, you know, carry on a full time job it is it is impossible for me to be able to go to school, what can you do on that in that position to make it more affordable to people like myself?



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Well, right now HCC, the tuition is very affordable. Right, a regular three hour class is about under \$100. And that's including fees and other administrative costs. But it's very affordable at the moment. And it's also affordable to the taxpayer. You



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know, the the books and the supplies is what really eats my pocket up is, is buying the books and keeping myself you know, up with the the paperwork and all the stuff at the bookstores. God that bookstore is really expensive.



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Absolutely. I mean, I'm currently going to the University of St. Thomas myself, and I know how expensive school books and class can be. And I know it even though it's a tuition, HCC is much lower than University of St. Thomas, it's still pretty expensive. But you know, one of the things we need to do is is I think, probably to answer your question is we need to do some image building. Houston Community College needs to start letting people know about what it has to offer to students. Information about tuition, information about graduation rates, it needs to get people motivated, needs inform people about what he seek and duels, I'm



J Jewel Gray 37:59

sorry, outreaches to high schools outreaches to high school, or college, age, patient aids, I mean, financial aid, package and help kids sign up for financial aid to get into HCC.



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Absolutely. And they need they need to tell them about the scholarships, about the financial aid that is available to them. There's tons of money out there. And unfortunately, when a student goes to school, he has to dig for it. And he has to look for this for these resources. Well, I think in support, it's important and the school has a responsibility to make sure that that information is made available. Now, in the end of this year, the federal government is going to pass two, I guess you could call them. They're sort of their tax exemptions, but they're like scholarships, you could, I guess you could say, one is called a HOPE Scholarship. And I forget what the other one is called. But there are two scholarships that basically pay for a full two years worth of tuition. So your full two years of school of schooling is paid for. So if you have someone like the average Joe, who just got out of high school, but took the SATs score and doesn't necessarily have or meet the requirements to go into a four year college, but he wants to go to and the only his only option is to go to a two year school like Houston Community College. Well, he can take advantage of this. These scholarships are tax exempt some exemptions, exemptions, scholarships, I'm having trouble speaking here. Tax Exemption exemption scholarships. I hope you never run against me a tax exemption scholarships that will practically pay for the first two years of schooling for these kids that really excites me.



J Jimmy Carper 39:43

I have to tell you that you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. Joel gray is here, along with Glenn Holt and Michelle Meyers and we're talking to Terence O'Neill, who's running for Houston Community College trust The district eight



G Glenn Holt 40:01

as an openly gay candidate. Yes.

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Jewel Gray 40:05

And tariffs, what about the you know another thing? That's always because I've gone to junior colleges a couple of times I went to Samsung on taking some classes at att. And you know, the there's a difficulty between when you're in after you've gotten as much as you can get at HCC moving into U of H, are you planning to, to streamline or to help that transition there from the two year college into the four year college? From your position? Can you or can you affect that?

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Absolutely. Excuse me, I think one of the things though that kid could is going to help facilitate that process is what the current chancellor, Ruth Burgos Sastra is doing and what the currently the board is doing. If you notice, recently, in the news, you heard that Sharpstown, campus HTC was closing down. And apparently the trend is going to be that they're going to start closing down the 30, the 30 some odd campuses that are based at local high schools, they're gonna close those down within the next 10 to 15 years and start focusing on the five campuses, which are Northeast, Northwest, Southwest, Southeast and central campus. What I like about that idea is that that helps the student who like we talked about the average Joe, can we name this guy? I don't know. He's Joe, or Josephine, Josephine, you know, Josephina, gay guy just came out, just graduated from the, you know, 12th grade and got out of high school doesn't necessarily have the requirements, though, to go to a four year school. So what does he end up doing? Well, he has to go to HCC. But unfortunately, he has to go to the campus, or to the college campus that's at the high school that he just graduated at. So you can imagine the psychological impact that's going to have on he's still going, I'm still going to high school. Well, with the current trend of focusing on the five campuses and building a strong community college image that similar to the four year college, that's going to start, you know, preparing the student, like this guy, Josephine, it's going to prepare him to help go into a four year college. The good point. So I think this is when we talked about image image is always important as gay people. I mean, we know how important images, I mean, you look at the way we're dressed, absolutely. Image is important. But I think I think that's, that's something that's going to really contribute to the success of a student going into a four year school.

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I think that's a very important aspect. Because I mean, I've seen it with the contact that I've had with UT San Antonio, when you have a classroom that has a diversity of age, that is no longer a high school class. And those incoming students perform so much different than if you take a class of let's call virgins, straight from high school, where they don't have any returning students. There is a total difference, and how that class reacts and performs.

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Jimmy Carper 43:23

You have a HCC, you have a divergence of ages, in the classes, pretty much. It kind of reminds me of going to night school. And I really, that's what I did. And I really preferred it because the people there want to go

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right, yes, don't have any disruption. They want to be they're



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not there to have a party, they're there to learn, because most of them are paying for it out of their own pocket. Yeah, and



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in fact, there are some studies that have been done that show that students who went and got their basics at, for example, HCC went to two year college got their basics done, they're finished their got their results, associate's degree, then they moved on to a four year college and finished the other two years got their bachelor's degree, they ended up doing much better than students who went to the four year college first and just sort of you know, ended up playing around or slack party, party and party you have all these you know, fraternities and sororities going on, and and all this other stuff going on. Whereas a student who goes to a secondary goes to a two year college doesn't necessarily have these distractions usually



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working already. A little more mature. Yeah, sure. Sure. I know that trick that I appreciated about going to a junior college was that there was a divergence of ages. It made my class a lot better when I had a classroom surrounded. When I was the oldest one in the class. The whole class seemed a little less mature and I don't mean the people but I mean the class it wasn't as, as mature wasn't as I'm looking for word



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dynamic. It's Class dynamic sets up when you have one group all have the same age, and it doesn't make any difference, what age they are. They, they all have these things that they know about in common and therefore aren't discussed. And we're going to set the stage, that's what sets the stage. And it sets the stage in a very limited fashion. Whereas if you have a diversity of age and a diversity of experience, and people get out there and begin to talk about different things and feed off of each other and learn from each other, you do not learn from a professor, you learn by working. Yeah,



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anyone who listened to Montrose knows about diversity we live while we're surrounded by diversity. And it may we're in it all the time. So it may be hard for us to explain it to someone who doesn't, doesn't live here. What diversity really Yeah,



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and I wish that peep, I wish that our culture at a national and a local level, would realize the importance of having diversity. You know, I used to remember when I was in studying history, we'd always study Givens decline and fall of the Roman Empire. And I was told the reason they declined is because all of their cultures are the reason Rome fell is because all the cultures got together and mixed in. And there was no more, you know, a standard, you know, culture that was truly Rome, it was had all these diverse cultures in there. And so the United States is going through that very same thing, and thus is on its way to decline. Now, it's always been that way, always been that way. And I totally disagree with that viewpoint. I think that we can learn so much as a country and learn so much as a city, when we start looking at a diversity and seeing it as a strength and respecting each other's differences and diverse are respecting our diversity, you

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got it? That's the secret right there.

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Jewel Gray 46:50

Absolutely. You know, analogy is to steel that, you know, of itself, the metal is very weak. But when you mix that, that that metal with the tin and the copper, and it makes it you know, very, very strong. Yeah. You know, you it's the divergent diversity that makes things strong. I don't think it's the other way around.

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Yeah, I'm over PC, just, you know, just respect people's differences. And not only respect, you don't have to agree with them. Learn from those differences.

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You don't have to agree with to learn from it. Sure.

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You know, I

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mean, I've learned a lot from the Klan. I really have on

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Glenn Holt 47:28

the on the station here Thursday. The the show that's on and in the late afternoon. We the People, I think it is Jerry Brown. Yeah. They were talking about this very same issue. Thursday, biodiversity. Yeah. Yeah. Right. And if you if you think of starting



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to think like, right, I mean, this is a real problem.



Glenn Holt 47:50

If you if you if you think of social Darwinism in the same sense, as, as as physical Darwinism. Then they were saying that the, the ecosystems or in this case, the social systems that survive and flourish are the ones that are diversified, whereas the ones that are genetically constrained, when they meet any kind of a challenge out of the environment, they die off.



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The Third Reich is your prime example. There



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you go. Yeah. Why is it your that on all of your shows? We eventually get philosophical.



Glenn Holt 48:34

I like it. Well, I tell you what, let me break that mold for you. Because Terrence is a gorgeous guy, and I'm going to attack him right here and now.



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Thank you. He's not does you just I noticed that you have the door blocked by the way so I try to run he's



Glenn Holt 48:52

he's not making it out of the studio with his clothes on. I tell you what.



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Well, we certainly appreciate you coming here, Terrence, and I wish you the best of luck.



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So I guess I'm not gonna get attacked. Oh, yeah.



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I just want to say thank you so much.



Glenn Holt 49:15

Oh, that's a chat. Yes.



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Actually, yeah, that was those were chest tears.



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Tears. He's not kidding.



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I just want to thank you very much for having me. I really do appreciate it. I just want to just encourage everyone and to please go out there and vote. You need to vote for your openly gay candidates and each Parker, you need to go out there and vote for me, Terence O'Neill on the last page and the last page of the ballot and a lot of people aren't going to go back there because they feel once they voted for mayor and city council that said, No, you gotta keep going workout. Yeah, there's a lot got to keep going and look for the gold Irish name. I'm not your typical Irishman. But you got to look for the good old Irish name.



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This is probably one of the most important Absolutely important elections ever.



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Absolutely. It is. November



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November 4, Tuesday.



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I live out of town I don't even get to vote anymore. So well



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just I think that's what the pink party are great. There's some party going on. We'll, we'll figure it out here the gray party.



Glenn Holt 50:19

And we've got Ray Hill running again to



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raise something. Yeah.



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I'm Terrance. Thank you for being Yes, it was my pleasure. You bet. You're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. Let's go to a piece of music now. In fact, some more of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus from their extravaganza album, and this was the Encore that they did during that program. And it's you know, it's just a standard in the game you



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need a policeman all you got to do is holler. They're always there right on the job. For instance, here's the best one that money can buy. Oh



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I'm a real believer. Oh, would I love to give you the third degree? My gazing at my sexy farm with rapture you'll be stricken. Take one look at me fellows. In me you'll find a chicken. I ruffian wants to bite me. I gave him one call gays. And as I readily met with her, I said to him, I said, your arrest and your arrest was with me. We're going to the station and the sergeant shields serve tea. Now stop that chittering i and send you a hard hard man. Because I'm a real policeman now honest to god I am. Well, your allies when you are walking down the street one day with my girlfriend by my side. She said look at that horrible fistfight. I think I'll run and hide. But instead of fanning suppose my spelling salts I drew and dashing mascara on my eyes into the fray I flew. So I says to him, You booger your rest of your red cabbage wants with me. We're going to the station and the Saudi shields are key stuff that snickering I insist you harvest hard

man, because I'm a real policeman. Honest to God, I am. Cruising in my squad car last night. I came upon two lovely boys parked in a car. They are. So I shine my flashlight in the car and I says Okay, fellas, what's going on in there? One of the boys said, well, nothing officer what is sitting here talking, just chewing the fat, you know? So I said, Well, how long have you been parked here? He said about an hour, sir. I said You mean you've been parked for an hour and nothing has happened? We said no, sir. I said, well, here you get out and hold the place light led me in there. Well, I'll never forget my toughest arrest was a bartender big and rough. He says I wasn't a policeman. I didn't look too happy now. But did I bought him out something terrible, right? Then I called his bluff. And suddenly my kerchief in his face. I said, I've had enough. I'm so medic, it's bit. So I said to him with the authority of my voice. Your arrest was with me for going to the station and the sergeant she'll serve.



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Hold everything. No matter what you said three times the sergeant she'll serve. Certainly I said it three times. Now. You mean the sergeant He'll serve to you don't know your English. Well, you don't



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know my sergeant. That's not that's thicker. stickering I insist you hiring hard man. Because I'm a real policeman. Now honest to God.