

JIMMY CARPER: These great looking men are going to be knocking on my door. Come on in. It's going to be a good year. It's going to be a good year.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: I think so too.

JIMMY CARPER: 40th anniversary Pacifica, the 20th anniversary of Stonewall, this is the year of anniversaries, and you're only going to hear it on Pacifica. We get accused a lot of time of playing commercial music. I don't know what that is, because in all the time I've been here, almost two years at Pacifica, I don't know what's commercial. Contemporary? Is that right? But we're talking to-- we're talking about gay rights and lesbian rights and Black rights and oriental rights, and I can guarantee--

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Because of human rights.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. I can guarantee you that you're not going to turn the radio on and listen to-- what's this lady's name that sings the Locomotion thing?

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Oh, Kylie?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, and you're not going to hear that song on any of the other stations and hear them talk about gay rights.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: That's right.

JIMMY CARPER: It's not going to happen. What I would like to do is come on every week from 2:00 to 4:00 and just talk to you. Excuse me.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: OK.

JIMMY CARPER: And I almost-- don't know what happened, but just talk and address the gay and lesbian issues, address the human rights issues, address why Blacks in south Africa still live under apartheid. But we can't do that, because we have not educated ourselves yet as to the importance of this movement. In Los Angeles, at KPFK radio, everything after midnight is just about talk. They don't play a lot of records.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Is that a fact?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, and Lucia Chappelle, who happens to be a lesbian and producer of a international gay and lesbian radio program called This Way Out, she told me that they they have very little music after midnight. It's all talk. I would love nothing more.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: But where else are our friends going to hear any music?

JIMMY CARPER:

They're not, and a lot of times, we have to play a lot of the music to get people's attention at 2:00 in the morning. Because as you're driving down the road, and you're changing the dial, as we all do, you come across a song that you like, and you happen to hear someone screaming what do we want? Gay rights. And I've had people call me and say, we drove the car off in the ditch.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Just not ready for it.

JIMMY CARPER:

Yeah. It just caught us off guard.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Good. So those are the things that-- those are the reasons that we're here. Marathon's coming up. I believe it starts on the 13th of January. We're going to have two marathon programs.

Everything that we do here is completely sponsored by you, as you listen, and as you can continue to send in your dollars to keep the station on the air. It's been happening for 40 years. Pacific has been around forever, it seems like. And for the gay and lesbian community, this is a gold mine.

Because I can guarantee you, ABC, NBC, CBS, Turner network, everybody else, they're not recording gay and lesbian history on tape for you. You can't go to those places and get all of the material that we get out of the archives at Pacifica relating to gay history for the last 40 years, because it's not there. They don't care. We broadcast the celebration of life rally from city hall, here on Pacifica, back in November last year, for three hours. Wasn't it?

JIMMY CARPER:

That's right.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

And heard from local leaders in the community, City Councilman Vince Ryan was there, Harry Brett, supervisor from the city of San Francisco was here. Last year, we brought you the gay and lesbian pride week parade live, KPFT. The year before that, 1987, we broadcast the national march on Washington for gay and lesbian rights for five hours, on Pacifica.

JIMMY CARPER:

Five entire hours.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Five hours, the rally from beginning to end, from the time they started, from the time-- let me see.

JIMMY CARPER:

He's checking that out for you folks.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

From the time they started and you heard this, somewhere, but the opening of the rally. That's not going to cue, but from the time of the opening of the rally, until Jesse Jackson spoke, right?

JIMMY CARPER:

That's right.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

We broadcast the opening.

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

- Say it so they can hear you in the capitol. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back.

- I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage leading the chant. For love or for life, we're not going back.

- Good afternoon, and welcome to the national march on Washington DC for gay and lesbian rights and choral reciting! Let's hear it out there!

[CHEERING]

[CHEERING]

- I'm Lea Delaria.

- I'm Bruce Hopkins.

- I'm a dyke!

- I'm a faggot!

- And we're best friends!

[CHEERING]

[END PLAYBACK]

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

The most important part of this rally from Washington in 1987, November or October the 11th, was when-- I can't remember her name now because I'm tired. But a woman took the stage and told the crowd--

JIMMY CARPER:

Yeah.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

--that they were there in strength of over 600,000 people. You can't imagine-- sitting there alone in your bedroom, in your car, on your sofa, lying in the floor listening to me on your Walkman-- you can't imagine being on the Capitol Mall in Washington, DC surrounded by 600,000 screaming gay men and lesbians. It was just incredible.

JIMMY CARPER:

Just about the largest march in history.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

It was.

JIMMY CARPER:

Not just gay and lesbian history-- in history.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

The parks department didn't admit that until this past fall, but it was the largest march of foot. They had more people on foot in Washington, DC than ever before in the history of our country. Dr. King had two or 300,000 people when they had the big march on Washington back in 1960 what-- '63?

JIMMY CARPER:

Something like that.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

I think. And when she stood in front of that crowd--

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

- I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the Lesbian and Gay Rights March, the official count is over 500,000 strong! 500,000 strong! Look at you! 500,000 strong!

[CHEERING]

500,000 strong! One of the largest marches in United States history!

[CHEERING]

One of the largest marches in United States history! 500,000 strong!

[CHEERING]

[END PLAYBACK]

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

You need to see the video of the march to really appreciate what was going on there, to have five or six, 700,000 gay men and lesbians standing around you screaming and yelling. We only had a couple of hundred on the steps of city hall downtown on November 27 honoring the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Harvey Milk. We're not really honoring the assassination, but remembering our love for Harvey and what he meant to us.

And when Harry Britt, who has served on the San Francisco board of supervisors for the last 10 years in Harvey's seat head young Larry Rodriguez, 17 years old, who's probably listening to us now because he listens every week, heard Larry read a speech given by Harvey Milk, I saw the big man well up and cry.

JIMMY CARPER:

He sure did too.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

He was very. Very touched.

JIMMY CARPER:

He wasn't the only one.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

And he came over to me, and he put his arms around me. And he said, you put on quite a show, kid. And I said, Harry, I didn't do anything but bring all these wonderful people together and give them a chance to speak.

But when Harry Britt got up and spoke and said these words, it just really wrapped up that whole evening for me.

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

- I'm here partly tonight to say some good things about Texas. I'm proud to be a Texan. I know that I could not have heard Harvey Milk's challenge to me had not something in my life in this state prepared me to hear the word of freedom that Harvey spoke to us.

I am here tonight because it is time that all of us who love this state that gave us life and has nurtured us and taught us our values to stand up and claim the history of this state for freedom and justice and human respect away from the forces of narrow-mindedness and bigotry that too often dominate the politics of the state of Texas.

[CHEERING]

[END PLAYBACK]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Get your pen and pencil ready because I want to give you an address and a phone number in just a second. But on the first day of the year of 1989, I'll issue a challenge to you.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

JIMMY CARPER:

Yeah.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

We're asking Phillips-- what baby?

JIMMY CARPER:

You know what that reminds me of?

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Mm-mm.

JIMMY CARPER:

Remember at the rally and Bruce Cook's speech?

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Yeah.

JIMMY CARPER:

Yeah.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Yeah, living with AIDS. People are living. People aren't dying.

JIMMY CARPER:

That's right.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Sex doesn't kill people. Gay love between two men or two women who care about each other doesn't kill you. It's not dirty. It's not nasty. It's not all the trashy filth that a lot of people want you to believe. It's beautiful, and it's available to you. You just have to fight for it.

Someone asked me in New Orleans-- a friend of mine-- his lover writes the editorials for their gay and lesbian paper every week. And he called and wanted to know what my New Year's resolution was or my Christmas wish-- I can't remember-- for the community for 1989.

And I said I would hope that we would find that gay pride that we're always talking about and put it to use, or that somehow we would all come together.

JIMMY CARPER:

Isn't that a nice wish?

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Isn't that what you wanted to say about this?

JIMMY CARPER:

Yeah, I sure do.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

You think it'll ever happen?

JIMMY CARPER:

Oh, yeah.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Do you really?

JIMMY CARPER:

Oh, I do. It won't be soon.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

In our lifetime?

JIMMY CARPER:

Oh, I hope so. I'm working on it.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Do you think we'll get to see it?

JIMMY CARPER:

[LAUGHS] Would be nice.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Well, if it's up to people like Larry Rodriguez, we will.

JIMMY CARPER:

I know that's right. Keep plugging, Larry.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

My Christmas--

JIMMY CARPER:

Bring your friends.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

My New Year's prayer for you is going to be sung to you by Joan Baez. And this is my dream for you as you listen this morning. Once again, I want to ask for your card or letter of support. I need to hear from you. I need to know that you're out there and that you're being touched by what we're trying to do here every week. It's After Hours.

Just write Buddy, After Hours Radio, KPFT, 419 Lovett, Houston, Texas 77006 because we want to hear from you. It just makes our day to get those letters and cards.

JIMMY CARPER:

Sure does.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

So this is my thought and prayer and dream for you as 1989 begins today. This is how I want you to think about the year coming up.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And the Happy Goodman Rainbow didn't call.

JIMMY CARPER:

Yeah, I'm really surprised. I think that's his favorite song. I love that one.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

You know what that song reminds me of?

JIMMY CARPER:

What?

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

The first gay pride parade I went to down in Westheimer because they had it blaring out of Mary's.

JIMMY CARPER:

Oh, I can imagine.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

It was great.

JIMMY CARPER:

I can imagine.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Anyway, Dr. D and Paradise Lost coming up in just a second, so stay with us.

BURT LANCASTER:

I'm Burt Lancaster, and I have a confession to make. I'm a card-carrying member of the ACLU. Now, you know the kind of people who support the ACLU, radicals like Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Harry Truman. Listen to what John Kennedy said about the ACLU.

The American Civil Liberties Union has played a significant role in defending our basic democratic freedoms. America is a stronger nation for their uncompromising efforts.

The ACLU represents everyone, from a mother who thought it was wrong to send her child to a segregated school to Oliver North. That's right. Oliver North. The ACLU is there to protect everyone's rights.

To be sure, no one agrees with everything they've done. But I can't imagine a single American who would disagree with the principle that's the heart and soul of the ACLU of America, liberty, justice for all.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

JIMMY CARPER:

Fact or fable. Reality or revelation. History or hysteria. Choose your context. Each Thursday evening at 8:00, KPFT FM 90 in Houston broadcasts the American Atheist Hour, the rational alternative.

[MUSIC - BOBBY BARE, "BACK HOME IN HUNTSVILLE AGAIN"]

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

If you think locking people in prison and forgetting them makes you safe, you are wrong. If you think executing people for capital crimes reduces capital crime, you are wrong again. Over 2 million people in Texas have been or are in prison. Another 500,000 will go to jail or prison in the next 10 years.

The only media devoted exclusively to the discussion of these and other criminal justice issues is the Prison Program on KPFT FM 90 Houston Sundays 3:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. Listen, support, and participate.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

SPEAKER 3:

[SPEAKING SPANISH]

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Did you hear that?

JIMMY CARPER:

What was that?

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

It was an ID in Spanish.

JIMMY CARPER:

No kidding.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Now we're in stereo.

JIMMY CARPER:

Oh, OK.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

'Cause, see, you're in that ear, right?

JIMMY CARPER:

Yeah.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

And I'm in this ear. So people that are listening at home are going hoo, wowie. How did he do that?

JIMMY CARPER:

That's exactly right. Boy, that's strange.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

So have you got something else?

JIMMY CARPER:

I've got a real good idea here. I just found it. Save your Christmas tree and recycle it for mulch. The Houston Audubon Society is sponsoring this free event on Saturday, January the 7th from 8:30 to 5:30 on the southwest corner lot at Montrose and West Main.

They do ask that you remove the tree stands and nails and bring your own containers to take it back. But isn't that a terrific idea?

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

So you can recycle your Christmas tree?

JIMMY CARPER:

Yeah.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Now, you're listening in stereo, right?

JIMMY CARPER:

Uh huh.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

So if I go like this, then I just appear in both ears.

JIMMY CARPER:

Whoa.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

And we'll put this back and put you in there. It's 3:55, and you're listening to KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. Doctor-- what?

JIMMY CARPER:

From the heart of Montrose.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Yeah, from the heart of Montrose. Dr. D is getting ready to take you on a journey to help find Paradise Lost so stay with them for that. Bud'll be here in the morning with Smokestack Lightning followed by American Back 40. 11:00 AM, Musical Trot with Lisa Lot followed by Irish Air's Mazel Tov, The Prison Program, with some guy by the name of Ray Hill.

JIMMY CARPER:

Who is that guy?

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

At 3:00, followed by International Hour at 5:00, the Arabic Hour, Reflections, Black on Black Team will be here at 7:00, wrapping up with the Hall of Fame Reggae at 9:00. So it's going to be a great diverse evening--

JIMMY CARPER:

Absolutely.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

On KPFT. Ray always talks about being squeezed in between the Jewish program, Mazel Tov and the Arabic Hour.

JIMMY CARPER:

[LAUGHS] Actually, I've listened to both of those. Those are some pretty good shows.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

It's interesting. KPFT is a lot of fun. Anyway, once again, I need to hear from you. It's after Hours Radio, or just put Buddy, and I'll get it.

JIMMY CARPER:

I know. That's right.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Believe me, they all know who I am.

JIMMY CARPER: They know you around here.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: After Hours Radio in the care of KPFT, 419 Lovett, Houston, Texas, 77006.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: And we want to hear from you. It's just a few minutes before four. It's a brand new year. And--

JIMMY CARPER: Do you feel different?

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Yeah, because I have a job now. I'm working.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. I heard about that. Good for you.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: So I finally went back to work after about-- how long has it been?

JIMMY CARPER: It's been a couple--

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Five months. Because I quit the police department in August. Five months. The only thing I hate about getting up and going to work now--

JIMMY CARPER: What?

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Is leaving my puppy, Harvey Milk, at home every day.

JIMMY CARPER: How is puppy?

BUDDY JOHNSTON: He's great. He's getting real shaggy because I haven't been working, and I don't have any money yet to take him and get his puppy fur trimmed. So he's--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, well, he's a cocker, so they're supposed to be kind of long.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Yeah, he's getting kind of shaggy. And he needs to go get a haircut. But we're going to do that as soon as I get paid. In the meantime, it's funny because a lot of people think we get paid for this.

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS] Oh, boy.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: I wish we did.

JIMMY CARPER: Wouldn't that be nice?

BUDDY JOHNSTON: But in the meantime, once again, stay tuned for Paradise Lost with Dr. D, and please let us hear from you. If you need any information about what's going on in the community, call us at the After Hours hotline 529-4636. If you want to find out what's going on in Houston and surrounding areas, call the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard at 529-3211.

SPEAKER 4: Buddy, but we do get paid for this.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

We do?

SPEAKER 4:

Yes. We get paid through your phone calls and your cards and letters saying we love you.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

That's right.

SPEAKER 4:

That's the payment we get.

JIMMY CARPER:

That's true. That's right.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

And believe me, it makes my day to open the mail and read one of your letters. It just really does. You can't believe how much it puts a smile on my face.

JIMMY CARPER:

And I really like it during our After Hours meetings before the show.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Oh, yeah, because we always read them.

JIMMY CARPER:

Yeah. It really makes everybody feel good.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

And Rob Ditto in Philadelphia will be back next week. He'll put together the Afterwords segment, and the gang will be back. So we're going to get 1989 off to a good year. Marathon's coming up in a couple of weeks. If you want to come down and be a part of After Hours during Marathon and be one of our phone volunteers, call us, 529-4636. We'll sign you up for a phone shift, and you can come down and help us out.

In the meantime, this is Buddy.

JIMMY CARPER:

And Jim.

BUDDY JOHNSTON:

Saying happy New Year.