

**JIMMY CARPER:** [LAUGHS] That was-- well, I'm going to tell you who that was last because we started that off with request from College Station for Romanovsky and Phillips with "Give Me A Homosexual" and followed that up with something even more outrageous of The Kinsey Sicks, S-I-C-K-S, which is a four-person drag a cappella group, doing "I Will Swallow Him" and followed that up by our friend, Marcy Rae, from her brand-new album called *Marcy Rae, Live At The Hollywood*. And that's the Hollywood-- not the Hollywood Quick Stop over here, but it's the Hollywood Hotel in Galveston. And it's some of-- the audience is made up of her friends from the Briar Patch, where she sings often just about every Wednesday night from 9:30 until 11 30.

The Briar Patch which is at 2294 West Holcombe. This woman is playing all over the place. She would stop by. Yeah, I didn't get a chance to get her on. On the air--

**BOBBY:** Well, it was a lot better to say you couldn't get her on than you couldn't get her off.

**JIMMY CARPER:** That's right. Ooh, ouch. Well, I know I couldn't get her off. Sweet Mama Cotton and The Sugar Daddies appearing every Thursday in March, starting March the 8th from 10:00 until 1:00 at Paradise, 2312 Crocker. That's right in the Montrose, right off of Crocker and Fairview.

**BOBBY:** She and I had a lovely conversation in the lobby, talking about science fiction and things. She's wonderful.

**JIMMY CARPER:** So that's Thursday, every Thursday. At Paradise, you can see her. And then every Wednesday, you can go to the Briar Patch and gather around the piano and have fun. Then Fridays and Saturdays, if you go to Galveston, she's going to be at the Hollywood Hotel at 31st in Seawall from 5:00 until 7:00 and then at the Brothers Petronella, 2301 the Strand

**BOBBY:** Galveston all over the place.

--from 8:00 until 11:00. Yeah, that woman gets around. Well, she's--

**BOBBY:** Busy girl. She's talented. [INAUDIBLE]

**JIMMY CARPER:** When you got talent and--

**BOBBY:** [? That's that ?] song [INAUDIBLE] that's just too fun.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, that is too funny.

**BOBBY:** That song is too funny.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah. The whole CD is a live CD done down there in the Hollywood Hotel.

**BOBBY:** I keep laughing at that because my parents were recently looking for a little vacation spot to go to.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, that certainly would be one.

**BOBBY:** And they were pulling up on the internet. And my mom didn't say much. I'm sitting there going-- they're talking about Galveston. I'm going, oh, great. They're going to find this place.

They're going to find this place all over the internet.

**JIMMY CARPER:** [LAUGHS]

**BOBBY:** And my mom is sitting behind me. She goes, well, what about the Hollywood? And I just kind of dug myself into the crevices in the couch going, oh, God. I knew that was coming up.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, hey. Why not?

**BOBBY:** Why not?

**CHRIS ARASIN:** That'd be entertaining.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah. Educational and entertaining.

**BOBBY:** There you go. There you go.

**CHRIS ARASIN:** And learn an awful lot all in one shot.

**JIMMY CARPER:** They certainly would. Let's see. I've got some other things to chat about. Oh, we did the Club Houston thing, didn't we?

**BOBBY:** Yes, we do. Yeah, get your mind out of the bath.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, I know. Wesley Stewart, who is the new emperor of the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star, has been in the hospital.

**BOBBY:** [INAUDIBLE]

**JIMMY CARPER:** And he even went into surgery because doctors removed a tumor the size of a fig and are having it biopsied. Only if it is cancerous will Wesley undergo chemo and radiation treatments. Doctors were concerned about possible damage due to the size of the tumor. But Wes responded to stimulus and has feeling in all his limbs, which doctor consider a good sign. The second mass that they found was a blood vein problem that the doctors also fixed.

So he is still in the hospital. Let's see. That was on the 1st. And on the 2nd, another email that John-- these are both from Dan Lindquist, who is His Majesty's official town crier at the Court. And John Dye and I just returned from visiting Emperor Wesley Stewart who remains in Ben Taub ICU after surgery yesterday and a CT scan this morning to verify that things are healing properly.

He is having headaches-- no surprise there-- and a sore throat from the tube. No surprise there. OK, both are expected. He should start eating and drinking later today or tomorrow. His nose was cold. A healthy sign for a dog, I guess.

**BOBBY:** With a little happy face.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah. [LAUGHS] His hair looks like a lopsided mohawk, but hey, that will return in time. Hey. And so he's coming around. If you're aware of Wesley and the wonderful things he's done for the community and the fact that he's the emperor, you might want to send your regards to Wesley Stewart, Ben Taub ICU.

But it's nice to know that he got through OK, and he's doing fine so well. We will have weekly updates on his condition. You can better believe it. Let's see. Oh, we were talking about Gary Van Ooteghem a couple of weeks ago.

And Scott Tillinghast wrote in to correct some of the things we were saying because we were trying to do things for a memory, and I think we're very emotional.

**BOBBY:** And this group--

**JIMMY CARPER:** I know we're very emotional at the time. OK. Here's the facts as Scott Tillinghast knows. Gary Van Ooteghem was hired to administer operations of Harris County treasurer by county treasurer Hartsell Gray, who was an elected official. He was called comptroller of the treasury.

I think that title was coined by Hartsell Gray, but it was used for successors even under Gray's successor. Gary Van Ooteghem won his case in the federal court. Well, because he was dismissed from that when he came out openly gay in the '70s. He won his case in the federal district court on grounds of freedom of speech. He was technically rehired on December 31, 1978. It got into the post that this required firing successor Chad Brown, who got severance pay.

Gray had lost the November election to Henry Kriegel, who was sworn in January 1st and hired Roland Brunet as comptroller of the treasury. Boy, this is complicated. I don't know whether Gary Van Ooteghem managed to collect back pay or not.

I think he did, right? I kept up with this because I was hired by Hartsell Gray as a computer programmer in December of '76. I had no problems as a gay person. I last saw him during the recent GOP convention. He kidded me about Log Cabin Republicans. We were both democrats. I said I would leave it to Dale Carpenter.

**BOBBY:** As well you should. Yes, indeed.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes, yes, yes, yes. Well, do you have anything else?

**BOBBY:** Just the music request that came in.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, we have a music request?

**BOBBY:** Yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** What?

**BOBBY:** Tom called in and wanted to hear Go West.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, I didn't bring that with me. I didn't bring all of my music tonight.

**BOBBY:** I do have it on tape in my car as he spits out his soda.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, let's see.

**BOBBY:** Actually, it's not a very good copy. I happen to pull out the parade music and--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, I see. Yeah.

**BOBBY:** --[INAUDIBLE] got something a little peppy for the drive.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, let's see. I have something already cranked up by a new gay artist called Matthew Cloran. And it's off of his brand-new CD called *Finally Free*. He's got several that I've played on here, "Heaven on Earth," "Love Came In, "And You Came Out," "Jeffrey," and this one that I haven't played yet, but it's been in the top 10 on the OutVoice picks in previous weeks, it's called "The Prince" by Matthew Cloran. You're listening to it on *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh. A couple of mellow things there for you. It's 2:43 in the AM right here on *After Hours*.

**BOBBY:** [INAUDIBLE] in this radio.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes. Mark Islam from his brand-new CD that is not really even out yet called *The Fine Print* that we might fall in love. And before that, Matthew Cloran with "The Prince." Now, how about something by the women here and something a bit more peppy.

**BOBBY:** Well, that works.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes. This is one of my--

**BOBBY:** [INAUDIBLE]

**JIMMY CARPER:** --favorite cabaret artist, Elaine St. George, lesbian. And she does a wonderful version of a very old song, but she doesn't change any of the pronouns. So it becomes a kind of a lesbian love song here. Elaine St. George with "Shanghai Lil."

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh, from the women. Yes. That last one was Jamie Anderson from her latest CD called *Drive All Night*. Jamie has about a half a dozen CDs. Much of her work is is humorous, but she does have some really serious stuff going in there.

That one and "With My Smile" are very serious songs on that CD. But then again, we've got "I Wanna Be a Straight Guy," which is a fun much requested one. Yes. And before that was Magdalen Hsu-Li from her album, *Evolution*, that was called--

**BOBBY:** You had to think about that one

**JIMMY CARPER:** --"Monkey Girl." Yes, I did. And it's coming up to the top of the hour. And the men from the Groove should be here any second. You've been listening to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. Bobby's here.

**BOBBY:** Buh-bye.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Chris is in the background there. And we're going out with a song from lesbian artist Gwen Avery off of her latest CD called *Sugar Mama*. And it's an old BB King-- it is the BB King song.

**BOBBY:** BB.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes. And I thought that'd be a good lead-in for the fat daddy Rob Love who will be here any second. We'll see you next week. This is Gwen Avery with the "Thrill is Gone."

[MUSIC PLAYING]