

[COUNTDOWN]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

KIM SEVIER: Hi, and welcome to a special 4th of July edition of TV Montrose. I'm Kim Sevier and sitting in tonight for Suzanne Anderson who's on another vacation still without taking me is my friend Dan DeLeon.

DAN DELEON: Thank you, Kim.

KIM SEVIER: Hi, Dan.

DAN DELEON: It's great to be here. And do you know tonight, we are coming to you atop the 3400 Montrose building where this Big Bang celebration party is about to begin.

KIM SEVIER: That's right and I can't wait because the view up here is incredible. And we'll actually get to see the official Houston fireworks display which will be right over downtown. And you'll see it too right behind us.

DAN DELEON: And you know, Kim. From this location, we can see the entire display of fireworks that the entire city of Houston is displaying this evening.

KIM SEVIER: That's cool because that means I get to see them all. Tonight's event is sponsored by Body Positive and also the proceeds from tonight's event will benefit Body Positive's Wellness Center, which is also located here at 3400 Montrose.

DAN DELEON: Last week, we dedicated our show to the Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. And this week's show will be similar as we bring you the gay and lesbian 4th of July celebration.

KIM SEVIER: That's right. And the format for tonight's show will be pretty much go with the flow, my favorite way. So sit back and enjoy it with us. We'll walk it right through.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

STEVE BAKER: Hey, I'm here with the two co-chairs for the Big Bang party tonight. How long has the party been in the planning?

PETE SHARP: We've been planning it since about February. And we actually found out that city of Hope was doing a party the same day, and so we decided to join forces with them rather than compete. And so it turns out we're doing a weekend event where we're the warm-up party for the big Red White & You.

TODD RAMOS: First kind of event that Houston and Texas have been able to throw because the kind of parties-- weekend parties have always been in other large cities. And Houston needs a foundation for having an entertaining party for a 4th of July weekend, so it was a good opportunity to seek out.

STEVE BAKER: This is a rather major party. We're talking five parties this weekend. It started last night at Rich's and continues and finishes at Rich's tomorrow night. How many people are you expecting to be here tonight?

PETE SHARP: We're planning on about 800 people. We hope.

TODD RAMOS: Six to eight.

PETE SHARP: We've sold about 600 tickets and we're expecting a couple hundred more at the door.

STEVE BAKER: And all the proceeds that are raised now go to charity, right? And which charity is that?

TODD RAMOS: This weekend within the Red White & You weekend, Body Positive Wellness Center. The Big Bang is the main organization that is going to solely benefit the Body Positive Wellness Center throughout the whole weekend, so we're fortunate to have all the proceeds come to that and through the Big Bang. And the VIP people through the Red White & You will be able to get a part of the proceeds from that as well.

DAN DELEON: If you're at the Pride Parade, then you had to have seen the TV Montrose sky cam hanging over Westheimer catching scenes of the parade that never were possible before.

KIM SEVIER: No kidding. With the camera hanging way up in the air like that? No doubt. And we, on last week's show, I'm sure you saw it. We took images from the sky cam and combine them with close-up images from our ground cameras to produce some incredible footage.

DAN DELEON: Now TV Montrose has produced a beautiful 30-minute video of all 112 entries. And it is really interesting and it just moves right along.

KIM SEVIER: That's right. If you'd like to purchase a copy of the Pride Parade video, they're available for only \$12.95 plus tax at our offices which are located at 239 1/2 Westheimer, right between Suzanne Anderson properties and the back fence.

DAN DELEON: Yes.

[LAUGHS]

And for only \$15, we will mail you a copy.

KIM SEVIER: That's right. There's not a better Pride Parade video available and definitely, the price is right.

DAN DELEON: Yes TV Montrose accepts Visa, Mastercard, so give us a call at 713-523-6302.

KIM SEVIER: What do you say, Dan? Before we get back to the party, let's take a look at some footage from the Pride Parade.

DAN DELEON: Yes.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[CROWD CHEERING]

HOST: Welcome 1998 Houston Pride Parade. Let's hear for Houston.

[CROWD CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[CROWD CHEERING]

(SINGING) For the best to--

[MUSIC PLAYING]

HOST: I'm with the Honorary Grand Marshal Barbara Winston with her family.

BARBARA I'm very excited it's great fun.

WINSTON:

HOST: Can you introduce your family for me?

BARBARA This is my son Phillip, my daughter, Blake. [INAUDIBLE] and my [INAUDIBLE].

WINSTON:

HOST: Congratulations to you have a good tonight.

[CROWD CHEERING]

SUZANNE Jackie, congratulations.

ANDERSON:

JACKIE: Thank you so much, Suzanne. It's wonderful to be here tonight. Your shoes--

[LAUGHTER]

SUZANNE Well, you're doing a great job. And there's Mina. Where were the babies tonight?

ANDERSON:

JACKIE: The babies are at home, behaving at home.

SUZANNE So are you having a great time at the festivities?

ANDERSON:

JACKIE: Yeah, it's wonderful. The crowd is awesome and they stay here in the rain and we haven't had a hurricane yet.

SUZANNE Congratulations to you.

ANDERSON:

JACKIE: Thank you so much. I appreciate it.

SUZANNE You do it proudly, Jackie.

ANDERSON:

JACKIE: Oh, thank you.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

DAN DELEON: We hope you like what you just saw at the parade, so give us a call and get your full-length copy.

KIM SEVIER: Now let's get back to more fun on the roof on the 4th of July.

FRED WALTERS JR.: I'm here with a Houston legend, Marion Coleman of House of Coleman Printing. Marion, what do you think about the Big Bang tonight?

MARION COLMAN: Oh, I'm so excited. It's just so wonderful to see so many people having such a good time and we've had such sad times. I'm excited. I'm very excited.

FRED WALTERS JR.: It's quite a turnout here tonight.

MARION COLMAN: Major turnout. I think we ought to do this every year.

[LAUGHS]

FRED WALTERS JR.: Now you also were a recipient of an award, can you tell us a little bit about it?

MARION COLMAN: Yes. It's called an Uncommon Legacy Foundation and it's an award that's given to someone who's gone the extra mile for women and gay issues.

FRED WALTERS JR.: Now you have quite a reputation for being on many boards helping out many non-profit organizations throughout the country and in the city. And we just want you to know how excited we are that you were a recipient of that award and that you were on the board of Body Positive.

MARION COLMAN: Thank you very much. I'm very proud to be on the board of Body Positive. I've never been around the group of men and women that have worked so hard. And every board member works. They give 24 hours of their time, practically. And it's been exciting for me to work with them. It's been a pleasure.

FRED WALTERS JR.: Well, have fun tonight.

MARION COLMAN: Oh, I will. Thank you, Fred. We love you too.

HOST: Here with Shana Ross, who is with the Body Positive Wellness Center. And two weeks ago it was the last time I saw you, and that's when the wellness center opened up. That was on the sixth floor of 3400 Montrose which is down below where we're at right now. So what's happened in the past two weeks?

SHANA ROSS: What a whirlwind the last two weeks have been, I tell you. Like you said, on the 18th we opened up. The very next Monday we started our nutritional counseling and we've already brought many people through. And Monday, the 6th, we will actually start taking people into the gym and taking them through the weight resistance training. Matter of fact, we had the trainer's meeting yesterday just before this party. So it's been work and play mixed together. But they all came in and we're very excited about the program. And we're going to be ready on Monday to start the white resistance training. So we're on schedule, we're working hard, and we invite anyone to please come by and see the facility.

HOST: So as word really getting out about the wellness center, are you all pleased with people calling in and the people they're signing up?

SHANA ROSS: Oh, yes. We're very pleased. We've had a lot of people calling in. Probably one of the most exciting things is the Human Rights Campaign had their executive director from Washington Elizabeth Barchan last week, and she gave us a call. And came by and toward the facilities and was very excited at what she saw. And was talking to us about possibly being hooked up to their national website, so we're very excited. The word is getting out. People are very interested in what we're doing. And we are extremely gratified at the support that the whole community has given us as evidenced by quite the crowd that we have here tonight.

HOST: It truly is shaping up to be a fantastic party. I can't wait for the fireworks later tonight.

- You're are watching TV Montrose.

[CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

DAN DELEON: Everywhere our camera crew goes, people ask if they can buy one of our TV Montrose t-shirts.

KIM SEVIER: And towel. Check them out. Aren't they cool? And it's on the back. Oh, yeah.

[LAUGHS]

DAN DELEON: And since many of our viewers want one of these t-shirts, we've decided to make them available at a very reasonable price for only 12.95 plus tax. If you pick them up at our offices at 239 1/2 Westheimer or we can mail one to you for only \$15.

KIM SEVIER: That's right. And we also have tank tops available, same price and they're way cool.

DAN DELEON: Yes. So you can order your tank top or t-shirt. And we also accept Visa and Mastercard.

KIM SEVIER: Dan, isn't this a super cool party?

DAN DELEON: Yes.

KIM SEVIER: Are you having a good time?

DAN DELEON: Definitely.

KIM SEVIER: I know I am.

[LAUGHS]

DAN DELEON: I was lucky enough to substitute for you last week at the Pride Parade. And now for Suzanne at this fantastic event, it's incredible.

KIM SEVIER: It is.

DAN DELEON: The view, the lights. I'm really looking forward to the fireworks.

KIM SEVIER: I know. I can't wait to see them. It's going to be a great view from up here. And the food is incredible and the party is for a great cause, and we're just having a wonderful time. Now let's take a word from our sponsors. We'll be right back. Stay with us.

DAYNA STEELE: Hi, I'm Dayna Steele from 97 talk and you are watching TV Montrose.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SUZANNE
ANDERSON:** Don't even think about buying or selling the home without hiring a professional. A home is the biggest financial investment that you will ever make and I am always amazed at how casually people select a realtor. They'll call the name of a sign or take the name of a friend of a friend. To be a good realtor, you have to be a good listener. And I've listened to my clients and I customize my services to fit your needs. We listen, present creative solutions, and help you make decisions in buying or selling a home.

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[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Celebrating 15 years, its Houston's premiere alternative dance club, Rich's has the hottest music hits, the largest dance floor, four huge bars, and the wildest theme parties. Rich's is the place to be for fun and action. The only New York-style dance club for the gay and lesbian scene. Rich's is where the real world ends and your imagination begins. Be a part of the fun in Rich's this week. Rich's, where you can always be yourself.

**BETTY
DEGENERES:** Hello, my name is Betty DeGeneres. And my kid is the greatest. You know, her she's Ellen and she's gay. For too long, gay Americans have suffered discrimination. As long as our sons and daughters are excluded from the basic protection of law, we must share that burden as a family. So let's not wait one child and let them all reach for the stars.

**MARTHA
WASH:** This is Martha Wash and you're watching TV Montrose.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

KIM SEVIER: Welcome back. Thanks for staying with us.

DAN DELEON: Yes. You know what, Kim?

KIM SEVIER: What?

DAN DELEON: Let's go talk to some more of the people here enjoying this 4th of July celebration.

KIM SEVIER: Let's do it.

FRED WALTERS JR.: I'm with Michael Moony, who's visiting us from West Hollywood, California. And Michael, you're here for the Big Bang and also the opening of the Body Positive Wellness Center. What makes the Body Positive Wellness Center so unique?

MICHAEL MOONY: It's the only place in the country, in the world, where an HIV-positive person can go that has all the facilities to rebuild their physical health and their well-being.

FRED WALTERS JR.: Specifically, what types of things do they need?

MICHAEL MOONY: Well, there's a weightlifting gym, nutritional evaluation, a discount dietary supplement buyer's club, meeting rooms, and all the information in one place that a person can empower themselves with to really get healthy and learn how to really feel good.

FRED WALTERS JR.: And Houston is the first one to have this out of all?

MICHAEL MOONY: I know. I envy you. From Los Angeles, we're going to put one in Los Angeles for sure, but you guys came first.

FRED WALTERS JR.: Well, Michael, thanks for visiting us, and have fun at the Big Bang.

MICHAEL MOONY: Thank you very much.

KIM SEVIER: OK, Dan. I've got some good news and some bad news.

DAN DELEON: Uh-oh. OK.

KIM SEVIER: The good news is you're substituting for Suzanne. The bad news is it's time to introduce the community calendar. And you have to do it in three takes or more.

DAN DELEON: OK, no problem. Three more? I can do that.

[LAUGHS]

Here goes. Get your day planners out and let's take a look at what's going on in and about the community.

KIM SEVIER: That was very good.

[LAUGHS]

LANNIE GRIFFITH: Hi. I'm Lannie Griffith with 1075 The Buzz and you're watching TV Montrose.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

KIM SEVIER: Besides tonight's Big Bang party, there's also a Lost in Space after-hours party at Rich's tonight.

DAN DELEON: Yes, the Lost in Space party is the fourth of the five events going on this entire weekend.

KIM SEVIER: That's right. All for July 4th. Now let's go take a look at what it's like to be lost in space.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

DAN MEADOR: I'm Dan Meador. Tonight reporting from Rich's. Behind me, hundreds of people celebrating the 4th of July, but they're also here for a good cause. Tonight, Lost in Space. And this is the fourth of five dances that will be benefiting some great, great charity, City of Hope also Body Positive. Every one of these people here tonight are having a good time and helping our community. Tonight in Rich's.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

DAN DELEON: This show tonight marks our five-month anniversary on the air.

KIM SEVIER: Can you believe it?

DAN DELEON: No.

KIM SEVIER: I totally cannot believe it. And as you know, when we began airing our show on March 2nd, we would broadcast every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night at 8:00 PM. So that way we could offer our viewers as many chances as possible to see the show and get caught up in what we had going on here at TV Montrose.

DAN DELEON: And in May, we dropped our Tuesday night airing as planned as the word spread about the show.

KIM SEVIER: That's right. But beginning July 20th, we are going to also drop our Wednesday night slot and will just be coming to you like every other show one time a week on Mondays.

DAN DELEON: So starting on July 20th, TV Montrose will be airing on Mondays at 8:00 PM.

KIM SEVIER: We at TV Montrose would like to encourage you to call establishments in the area and see if they'll air our show on Monday night. That way we can all put on our pajamas, grab our boo boo kitty pillows, and run down there together and, and have everyone watch TV on Monday nights at 8. Like Melrose Place used to be.

DAN DELEON: And what a better way to watch the show with an entire group of people at these establishments. Kim, I was thinking. Since you were out of town last week and you missed the parade, how about a look at some of what you missed last week.

KIM SEVIER: You bet. I'm ready. Let's go.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- All right let's hear it for--

[CROWD CHEERING]

- We are the Pride Committee of Houston. We are the people who are marching in this Pride Parade. We are the Pride Committee of Houston. And we want welcome you to Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride 1998.

Can you see the people right here? They are the parade coordinators. They put it all together. Let's give it up and make some noise.

[CROWD CHEERING]

If you want us to throw something, you've got to make more noise than that.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[CROWD CHEERING]

DAN DELEON: Kim, the fireworks are awesome, and what a crowd.

KIM SEVIER: No kidding.

DAN DELEON: Great turnout.

KIM SEVIER: It's been a fun night. Thank you so much for being with us. It's been a great fun show to tape. We're glad to have had you and we hope that you've enjoyed your rooftop view of Houston's 4th of July celebration.

DAN DELEON: Kim, as you know, it's time to close the show.

KIM SEVIER: Yes. And next week, remember starting on Monday, we will come to you only on Mondays at 8:00 PM.

DAN DELEON: Kim, it's been a pleasure to work with you once again.

KIM SEVIER: I've had fun. Thanks for being here tonight, Dan. And happy 4th of July to everyone. See you again next week.

DAN DELEON: Until next time, I'm Dan DeLeon.

KIM SEVIER: And I'm Kim Sevier. Thanks again.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

DAN DELEON: You were at the Pride Parade last week, then you had to have seen the TV Montrose sky cra-- cram.

[LAUGHTER]

KIM SEVIER: I saw it and I wasn't even in town.

[LAUGHTER]

DAN DELEON: If you were at the Pride Parade last week--

[LAUGHTER]

KIM SEVIER: I love him.

[LAUGHTER]

DAN DELEON: If you were at the Pride-- I'm ready.

[LAUGHS]

Like I said, \$12.95 or \$15.

[LAUGHS]

KIM SEVIER: If we mail it to you.

[LAUGHS]

DAN DELEON: I can't.

KIM SEVIER: Dan's a bigger dork than I am tonight. This is my friend Dan.

CAMERA MAN: Three, two, go.

DAN DELEON: Everywhere our camera crew--

[LAUGHS]

Three, two--

[BEEP]

Actually last week, I was lucky enough to substitute for Suzanne. No.

[LAUGHS]

KIM SEVIER: No. That would be mean.

[MUSIC PLAYING]