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**CARLOS** Hi, I'm Carlos Campos.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** And I'm Suzanne Anderson, and you are watching *TV Montrose*.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** It's great to be here in the host chair again.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** I heard how much you enjoyed being in the host chair when I was off in France a couple of weeks ago, Carlos.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** Well, I'm kind of glad Dan isn't here today.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** Well, I know that Dan would like to be here, but you and Jason really are doing a good job and we appreciate your

**ANDERSON:** taking our place.

**CARLOS** Well, thank you, Suzanne, and tonight, we have a packed show with lots of news and entertainment.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** First up tonight is a sneak preview of the story we did on Easter at Bunnies on the Bayou with an interview our

**ANDERSON:** producer, Steve Baker, did about our expansion into Dallas on May the 3rd.

**CARLOS** But you know, Steve announced that *TV Montrose* will be coming *Out TV Texas* in Dallas and airing, just like we

**CAMPOS:** were, Monday night.

**SUZANNE** That's right, and also tonight, we're going to the movies with a trailer from *Steam* about a man's coming-out

**ANDERSON:** experience in Istanbul, Turkey, and the consequences of his self-discovery.

**CARLOS** We also have a contributing story tonight from Epic Software that sent us a cartoon entitled *The Funeral*.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** It doesn't have any gay theme in this cartoon, but it was produced for MTV, and it's just so funny, we thought you

**ANDERSON:** ought to see it.

**CARLOS** And coming up this month, is the Berry Memorial Annual Spring Festival that raises funds for many community-

**CAMPOS:** service organizations, so we're re-running last year's event to get more people out.

**SUZANNE** And last is the peak of last year's art car parade, which will be happening later on this month, and there's a lot of

**ANDERSON:** cars there that you're just not going to find up for sale in lots around Houston.

**CARLOS** Well, you know, Suzanne, that's because most of them were saved from the junkyard.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** No, probably, but we have a lot to do tonight, so we better get started.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** Well, let's go to last week's sneak peek of Bunnies on the Bayou, and learn what's changing for *TV Montrose*.

**CAMPOS:**

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**JASON VINCICK:** Jason here, and we are here with Steve Baker, producer of *TV Montrose*. Now, Steve, back at the anniversary party at *TV Montrose*, you announced to everyone that there's been a partnership with Dallas. What has become of this since then?

**STEVE BAKER:** The partnership has been born, and at the end of this month, end of April *TV Montrose* will no longer exist as *TV Montrose* but will become *Out TV of Texas*. The same show will be shown in Dallas and Houston on Monday nights in primetime. It'll be the first time in the entire country that two major cities in America have been linked up with the very same show. Our new slogan is equality through visibility.

The name *Out TV* is symbolic of the fact that more gay Americans need to come out at work and with their families so that mainstream America will begin to realize that they know more gay people than they think they do. And it's through that process that politicians will get elected that'll vote our way that we'll get equality, and equality through visibility means the same thing. The more visible we are in a positive light, which *TV Montrose* and now *Out TV* will be doing, the more favorable our community will be seen by the average American. And therefore, equality will be just down the road.

**JASON VINCICK:** Now, what about the content of the show? Is that going to change at all?

**STEVE BAKER:** The format of the show will be essentially the same. Suzanne Anderson and Dan DeLeon will continue as the hosts for the show. We'll still have some of the same segments. There will be a community calendar for both cities. The only difference right away will be that half the show will focus on Houston and Dallas with stories coming in from Austin, San Antonio, and Galveston.

So really, the show will actually become the first statewide show of its type in the country. It's been a very long year with *TV Montrose*, and we've established a reputation for quality programming. The show, when it changes to *Out TV Texas* will continue completely along that same philosophy. I think that one of the great things about *TV Montrose* is the people that we have associated with the show.

Everyone, including you, Jason, all the reporters, Suzanne Anderson, Dan. Everybody that's worked on this show is a part of where we're going, and where we've been, and as a producer of a show, I have to say that it's always the people in any organization that make it work. We need more involvement from the community. We're looking for organizations out there to take *TV Montrose* on as a pet project to help us develop a fan club.

We still need more advertisers. We're on a roll here. I mean, this show is about to take on national recognition, and I challenge everybody out there in Houston and Dallas to realize that we're doing something that's never been done before. We've proved that we can do it the past year, and I'm looking for organizations and groups to help us get the word out. That's number one. So *Out TV* is for everybody, and everybody's help in any possible way is appreciated.

**JASON VINKIK:** Great. Well, America, get ready, because there's a new show in town, *Out TV Texas*.

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**CARLOS** I'm Carlos.

**CAMPOS:**

**RUSS:** I'm Russ.

**RYAN:** I'm Ryan.

**JASON VINKIK:** And I'm Jason.

**CARLOS** We were *TV Montrose*, but now, we're *Out TV Texas*.

**CAMPOS:**

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SUZANNE** Our change of name and expansion into Dallas is a really big step forward for gay and lesbian television visibility.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** No other show like ours has linked two major cities with the same programming and the rest of Texas is not far

**CAMPOS:** behind.

**SUZANNE** And until the final episode of *TV Montrose* on April the 26th, we'll be airing rerun stories of events that happened

**ANDERSON:** last year, and they'll be happening again this year in April and May in order to promote them.

**CARLOS** We'll still be shooting news stories, but they'll be saved to air in *Out TV Texas* next month.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** Our show's on a role right now, and we grow from publicity, as Steve mentioned. This is the right time for

**ANDERSON:** organizations to climb on board with their support.

**CARLOS** And for new advertisers that will get exposure in Dallas and 250,000 additional homes.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** *Out TV* is something positive for our community to rally behind and support, and it's something that's good for

**ANDERSON:** the entire community.

**CARLOS** *Out TV* is an opportunity to bring our community together behind something that benefits every part of our

**CAMPOS:** community with the power of television.

**SUZANNE** So give us a call and ask us what we need or what you want to give us to the show to continue to make television

**ANDERSON:** history in Houston and across Texas.

**CARLOS** Well, Suzanne, how about a trip to the movies?

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** I'm game. Let's roll *Steam*, a story about a man's realization of his sexuality.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** Oh.

**CAMPOS:**

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**SUZANNE** *Steam, The Turkish Bath* is a story about a married man that inherits a traditional steam bath in Istanbul, Turkey.

**ANDERSON** In taking over the bath, he discovers the sultry world of Turkish baths, and in the process, learns more about

**(VOICEOVER):** himself, his marriage, and his sexuality. This film is not rated.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**CARLOS** Steam is generating rave reviews for its story and its cinematography.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** And it's now showing at the Landmarks Greenway, and we definitely recommend that you see it.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** Let's hear now from our sponsors that help keep us making gay and lesbian television history.

**CAMPOS:**

**CROWD:** We're bunnies on the Bayou. You are watching Out TV Texas.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**MAN 1:** So what we got is--

**WOMAN:** Free checking at BankUnited.

**MAN 2:** Beyond the year 2000.

**MAN 1:** And we want to--

**WOMAN:** Make it sing.

**MAN 2:** Give it some sizzle.

**MAN 1:** But don't forget the steak.

**WOMAN:** Right. How about unbelievably free checking?

**MAN 2:** Free checkaroma.

**WOMAN:** Ah, cha- cha- checking

**MAN 1:** OK, let's review.

**WOMAN:** No monthly service charges.

**MAN 1:** Good.

**MAN 2:** No minimum balance.

**MAN 1:** Excellent.

**WOMAN:** Beyond the year 2000.

**MAN 1:** Swell.

**MAN 2:** Monstrously free checking.

**WOMAN:** Check zero.

**MAN 2:** Free checkosaurus. With toys? Nah.

**MAN 1:** I got it, super free checking.

**WOMAN:** We could get that song.

**NARRATOR:** Get free checking beyond the year 2000 at BankUnited.

**MAN 1:** Thank you, Bank U. Woo-hoo.

**NARRATOR:** Baba Yega, a Montrose tradition, two lush patios, and a spectacular waterfall make dining at Baba Yega a peaceful experience. The only thing better than the atmosphere is the food. With a wide variety of fine entrees, there's something for everyone's taste, including a veggie menu. The Jasmine Room is perfect for business or social meetings. Also, visit the wild Earth herb shop next door. Excellent food, superb staff, tranquil surroundings, and moderate prices make Baba Yega the complete dining experience.

**NARRATOR:** Lobo Bookshop & Cafe, Houston's only exclusively gay and lesbian bookstore, serving the gay and lesbian community for 25 years. Lobo carries a full spectrum of fiction and non-fiction books, including the largest selection of used books in Houston, and also, the largest selection of theatrical movies and other videos of interest to gays and lesbians.

Lobo offers a wide selection of cards for any occasion and plenty of merchandise to select gifts for others or yourself. And there's nothing better than a cup of fresh brewed coffee at the Lobo Cafe. Select from 40 flavors and a menu of specialty coffees. The Lobo Cafe also carries fresh made sandwiches and a wide assortment of desserts including cheesecakes and cookies. For videos, magazines, and merchandise exclusively of interest to the gay and lesbian community, there is no other place like Lobo Bookshop & Cafe.

**NARRATOR:** Some of them will be three times more likely to commit suicide than their friends. There's also a greater chance that someday some of them will be assaulted, beaten, threatened, harassed, or even murdered just because they may be lesbian or gay. But look at them. They deserve it, don't they? A message brought to you by the Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

**NARRATOR:** Celebrating 15 years, it's 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 a 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 at Rich's this week. Rich's, where you can always be yourself.

**ANNISE** Hi, this is Houston City Council member Annise Parker. You're watching Out TV Texas.

**PARKER:**

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SUZANNE** Welcome back.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** Up next is a 3D cartoon sent to us by Epic Software which is based in the Woodlands.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** Now, the funeral is a short made for MTV that is visually just a hoot to watch.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** Let's take a 3D motorcycle ride past a funeral procession and learn why this one really stopped traffic.

**CAMPOS:**

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**BOY:** Mhm, milk.

Pardon me, sir, but I have never seen a funeral like this before. Could you tell me what is going on?

**MAN:** Well, in the first hearse is my wife. The dog sitting next to me killed her.

**BOY:** Oh, I'm terribly sorry. But what about the second hearse?

**MAN:** In the second hearse is my mother-in-law, and the dog next to me he killed her also.

**BOY:** I'm so sorry. Excuse me, sir, but would it be possible to borrow your dog for a while?

**MAN:** Get in line.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**CARLOS** That was fun. And owning a Jeep, I know how easy it can be to eat a few bugs on the highway.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** And thank you Epic Software for submitting the cartoon to us.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** Next up is a replay of last year's story of the Bering United Memorial Church's Spring Festival.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** This story is a prime example of how well a church can work with and embrace the lesbian and gay community

**ANDERSON:** and raise funds to make life better for so many that are in need of help in the community.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**JAMA SHELTON:**It's a dreary rainy Saturday morning. And we're here at the Bering Memorial Methodist Church Spring Festival.

The weather has not stopped the crowds from coming out to partake in this annual event. Everyone's excited about it. So let's take a look at what's going on.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**GEORGE** This is the 48th time we've done this, 48. We started in 1950.

**NEVERS:**

**JAMA SHELTON:**Wow.

**GEORGE** And every year, we add a little bit here and there. This year, we've added a plant sale out on the other side in the

**NEVERS:** courtyard for the first time ever. We've got some beautiful big plants out there for sale. The silent auction this year has increased, doubled in size over anything we've done before. And hopefully, everybody's having a good breakfast even if it is wet.

**JAMA SHELTON:**What's your favorite part of the Spring Festival?

**GEORGE** My favorite part-- I just had breakfast. That's got to be your favorite part. I had the pancakes with the

**NEVERS:** strawberries and blueberries and whipped cream. You can't beat that.

**MARY PARKER:** And this is our big fundraiser that supports our aids ministry and all the other ministries we have at our church.

**JAMA SHELTON:**So this is the one big fundraiser you do--

**MARY PARKER:** All year.

**JAMA SHELTON:**--for the entire year?

**MARY PARKER:** Yes.

**JAMA SHELTON:**I bet a lot of planning goes into that, huh?

**MARY PARKER:** Yes, a lot. We start about six months ahead of time until today.

**JAMA SHELTON:**Wow. And where does all this stuff around us come from for the rummage sale?

**MARY PARKER:** It's donated by church members, from community members, from people that are really interested and appreciate all the ministries of Bering Church all year. And they call up, and we go pick it up and bring it in. And it takes about, oh, four to six months to collect it all. And the community really supports our church.

**JAMA SHELTON:**Would you like to tell me how you got involved with this?

**JACK CAIN:** Well, let me first say, there are a lot of people behind this silent auction. We have a lot of dedicated men and women that have helped us for the last three months put this together, and we are very proud to have them as volunteers. So we kind of spearheaded it, but we had a lot of volunteers behind us.

**JAMA SHELTON:**Great. It looks like you have lots of items here. Where did they all come from?

**LARRY** We had over 75, probably 130 different people donating items and services. We have over 300 items for bids here.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**JAMA SHELTON:** Can you tell me a little bit about what it's like to be a cook here today?

**HENRY CHU:** Oh, well, you have to really work fast. First of all, you have to organize. You cook your first batch here, flip it over, move it over to finish the cooking, and you start another batch because they need bacon real fast.

**JAMA SHELTON:** Sounds like you've gotten this down to a science.

**HENRY CHU:** Yeah, all right. Yeah, mm-hmm. Yeah, experience helps.

**JAMA SHELTON:** Are you having a good time today?

**HENRY CHU:** Yeah, I'm having a good time. And I feel I am helping out, doing a lot for the community.

**ALIANDRO** Well, I started going to Bering since, I guess, early January. And this is a great church. It's a great community.

**MARU:** They've been promoting it for a few months now. And it's just like their annual spring event. And it's a great time to meet up with friends and have good breakfast and it's for a good cause.

**JAMA SHELTON:** What's your favorite part? What's your favorite thing you've done this morning?

**ALIANDRO** I've met a lot of people here and it's great. I mean, I've met people from all ages and backgrounds and

**MARU:** everybody's friendly. And it's just a nice sense of queer community that it's sometimes rare to find out there. So this is a nice-- it's a nice space.

**JAMA SHELTON:** So as you can see, rain or shine, it's been a great morning at Bering Memorial Methodist Church's Spring Festival. It's an annual event. Everyone's excited about it. It's been a great morning. If you want to clean out your attic, clean out your garage, give the church a call. They'll come by and pick up your stuff. So next year, it'll be an even bigger event, raise even more money for the church. This is Jama Shelton reporting for TV Montrose.

**CARLOS** Make it a point to have a great breakfast and support this outstanding church.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** Well, let's take our last sponsor break.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** We'll be right back.

**CAMPOS:**

**CARLOS:** I'm Carlos.

**RUSS:** I'm Russ.

**RYAN:** I'm Ryan.

**JASON:** And I'm Jason.

**CARLOS:** We were TV Montrose.

**JASON:** But now we're Out TV Texas.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**NARRATOR:** Are you still using your parents' insurance agent? How good is your insurance if you're not comfortable talking to your agent? At the Schmerler Insurance Agency, we understand the special needs that special couples have. We ensure the autos, homes, and businesses of people just like you all over the Houston area. We also handle health insurance, life insurance, renters insurance, and any other insurance needs you may have.

**JEFFREY BULES:** I'm Jeffrey Bules.

**ROB SCHMERLER:** And I'm Rob Schmerler. Give us a call and let us help with your insurance needs. The Schmerler Insurance

**SCHMERLER:** Agency is here for you.

**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** Don't even think about buying or selling a 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 off 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 listen 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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**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 waste one child and let them all reach for the stars.

**BILL:** Hi, I'm Bill.

**BRIAN:** And I'm Brian.

**RAYMOND:** And I'm Raymond.

**PAUL:** And I'm Paul.

**BILL:** And we're the grand prize winners of TV'S Montrose first-year anniversary. We're on our way to see Patti LaBelle. And you're watching TV Montrose.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SUZANNE** Also coming up later this month is the annual Art Car Parade.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS** This event is at least a once in a lifetime thing to go see. And here's a quick look at what we can expect to see  
**CAMPOS:** this year.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SUZANNE** Before we wrap up our 54th show, women, do not miss the dyke event of the year. April 16, Lesbians in Business  
**ANDERSON:** is going to have point guard Kim Perrot as our featured speaker. For reservations, call the live line. You have to  
have reservations at least 48 hours before Friday night, April the 16th. It's 713-529-0077.

**CARLOS** Well, Suzanne, sponsored by NLA Spring Iniquity, kicking off April 16 at Nighthawks. So now let's wrap up the  
**CAMPOS:** show.

**SUZANNE** OK. So many times, it does amaze me that TV Montrose has survived as long as it has. And to be getting a new  
**ANDERSON:** name and expanding into Dallas, it tells me that it's more than survived, but it's really thrived.

**CARLOS** If you want to be a part of television history and you want to know how you or your organization can help to  
**CAMPOS:** make *Out TV* a next show bigger success for our community, give us a call or email.

**SUZANNE** The show is here to make life better for everyone in our community by giving pausing television exposure that  
**ANDERSON:** never existed before in Houston or anyplace else, for that matter, in America.

**CARLOS** For *TV Montrose* and *Out TV*, I'm Carlos Campos.

**CAMPOS:**

**SUZANNE** And I'm Suzanne Anderson. Good night.

**ANDERSON:**

**CARLOS:** I'm Carlos.

**RUSS:** I'm Russ.

**RYAN:** I'm Ryan

**JASON:** I'm a ventriloquist. That's what I am.

[MUSIC PLAYING]