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KIM SEVIER: Hi, and welcome to TV Montrose and show number 12. I'm Kim Sevier.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: And I'm Suzanne Anderson. And tonight's show is brought to you at 239 West Timer or behind Suzanne Anderson properties. And that's TV Montrose's new digs.

KIM SEVIER: We're excited. We actually have a large patio area that is currently being landscaped. A fish pond is in the works and all kinds of wonderful improvements. We can't wait to do more host segments out here and interviews as well.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Oh, Steve's done an incredible job out here. And knowing Steve, he's still got some more cleaning up to do. Anyway, I look forward to it. We have a super show in store for you tonight. We're going to do our second in a series of Countdown to Pride. And then I also have an interview that I did with Assist Hers. And it's a really, really incredible group. So be sure and stay tuned.

KIM SEVIER: Also coming up, we have Joseph Molina's astrology forecast for this month. And we also have a special celebrity interview with radio talk show host Dayna Steele. Not to mention some captivating footage from last year's pride parade.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: So stay tuned. We've got a great show.

KIM SEVIER: Coming up first is Suzanne's story on Assist Hers.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: This is Suzanne Anderson, and I'm here with Tori Williams, who is one of the co-founders of Assist Hers. Tori, welcome and thank you for the invitation today to come see Sisters. Probably most people in the community have not heard of your organization before. Who are you and what do you do?

TORI WILLIAMS: We're very new. We just started about 20 months ago. And what we did is we got 25 women together to look at ways that we can create support for women who have chronic and disabling illness.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Now your focuses primarily isn't it on the lesbian community, the women in the lesbian community?

TORI WILLIAMS: That's right. Our clients-- our volunteers are anybody. We have some wonderful men in the program, some wonderful straight women. But we look towards meeting the needs of lesbian women with chronic and disabling illness.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: You have how many clients?

TORI WILLIAMS: At the moment, we have 14 clients. We've had a total of 25 in the last year-and-a-half.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: That's amazing. How many people-- how many caregivers does it take to handle 14 clients?

TORI WILLIAMS: Well, each client is assigned between six and eight volunteers. And they work as a team. One person may help with the grocery shopping, one person may come in and help with the laundry, or changing the beds, or doing those-- another person may change light bulbs, do some housework, clean outside, do outside work. So by having this wonderful network of six to eight volunteers, they share the work and they share the responsibility of helping somebody.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: What do you need most in your organization? Do you need money? Do you need people? I mean, what-- if people who are listening tonight want to be a part of your organization to help you, what can they do?

TORI WILLIAMS: We need volunteers.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: One of the benefits that we have today is that we're actually on site at one of the clients homes. And we're going to look at some of the things that your volunteers do and find out what, kind of, needs you actually service on an individual basis. So Tori, thank you very much.

We're here at Margaretta Newell's house today. And we're here with her dog fourth and some of her caregivers. And Margaretta, thank you for the invitation today. Let me ask you, you had a spinal injury and you also have multiple sclerosis.

MARGARETTA NEWELL: Two in one.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Two in one. And what needs are important to you? What do you get from the assistance?

MARGARETTA NEWELL: It came to a point where I found out that really what my basic need was to-- how to maintain independence. And I found out through the women's bookstore there was an organization called Assist Hers.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: So I want to know what the volunteers are here for today and what are you all going to do. What are your activities today?

STEPHANIE ATWOOD: Well, today, I'm going to organize Margaretta's bedroom closet and get that in shape and everything organized so she knows where it is.

KIM THOMPSON: I hear that she has a light out here on the porch and I'm going to replace that. Climb up on the ladder and switch that little sucker out.

SHERRIE BENSON: I'm Sherrie and I'm going to wash the van. The entire van, not just the lower three feet. [LAUGHS]

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Margaretta, what has it been like for you? How has it been different to have women and men from the community, the lesbian and gay community, take care of you? Does it make any difference at all?

MARGARETTA NEWELL: Well, I believe that's the issue. It doesn't feel like they're taking care of me. I can do that, but it's the issues that I can't take care of such as changing light bulbs, washing my van. And having them part of the community, they understand issues that are important to me, which is maintaining my independence. And they allow me to do that because they help me do these things.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Well, Margaretta, it's been wonderful talking to you and it's been great talking with you volunteers and seeing you again. And this is Suzanne Anderson. We've been with Assist Hers today for TV Montrose.

KIM SEVIER: What an incredible story about incredible people helping wonderful people. That just did it for me, Suzanne. I mean, it made everything line up and ring. What an incredible organization.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: It really is a terrific organization. I mean, when I finished that interview, I went home that night and I just-- I thought about what these women were doing for one another and the difference that they're making in other people's lives and in their own lives. Because one of the things that they told me in that interview is what they get out of it and what they take home, and how good it makes them feel.

KIM SEVIER: That's unlikable.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: It was really a pleasure doing that story.

KIM SEVIER: Next up, our community calendar. My personal favorite part of the show.

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SUZANNE ANDERSON: If you would like your organization or an event featured in the community calendar, just give us a ring.

KIM SEVIER: We can be reached at 713-523-6302.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: And now, it's time to find out what's in the stars for you this month. Joseph Molina will take you there.

KIM SEVIER: Hey, maybe he'll have a special forecast for everybody whose birthdays are in May.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Which yours is tomorrow, Saturday.

KIM SEVIER: Coming up.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Coming up.

JOSEPH MOLINA: Good evening TV Montrose. This is Joseph Molina, and I'm coming to you with the month of May areas. With an imagination working overtime, prepare as the universe challenges the authenticity of your ways. It is now time to make up your mind to set your heights upon something. With Venus conducting your natal sun, you'll have even more of an urge to socialize, get out in the middle of the intimate conversations and a yearning for love.

Taurus. Happy birthday, Taurus. This month, you are in your element. You have come to space in your life where you can mold and create. With Mars lending you its fiery potential, you should notice even more of an urge to build something, to get out in the garden or create something.

Gemini. Well, Gemini, your birthday season is about to be here. Well, honey, your two selves are about to split and get to step in. Try and keep a little control over drinking and celebratory rites. I can see your shadow on the bar stool to my left and to my right.

Cancer. With Saturn's influence, a sense of serenity will settle over you. A harmony will descend into your life. The sounds of kittens purring will put you to sleep. A Libra influence encourages the reconciliation of relationships to yourself as well as others.

Leo, the month of May through the influence of Mars spurns events that will serve to validate the direction of your life. How well you handle these tests will reflect how well you are integrating your new identity. Look at it as test upon test to see if you can truly handle your new identity.

Virgo. This month, you will feel just like a kid. You will be dreamy, excitable, perhaps even in love. You will have a greater chance to be an artist, a designer, or creator of beauty. Libra. Not adjusting well to change could lead to stagnation and futility. Saturn's influence will not be denied. Only more obvious the more you deny it. Venus puts you right in the middle of temptations over indulgences and laziness. You are challenged to integrate self-control into your life.

Scorpio. This month, you will be forced to make some life-transforming decisions that could affect the next few years of your life. The next three months will either manifest your goals or you will lose them. And a mood to play your childish attitude can lead you away from your focus and all folly remember the responsibility.

Sagittarius. This month, you must pay attention to your emotions. A lingering situation could have chosen not to confront could be the basis of your mood throughout the month of May. Pay attention to it, face up to it, and move on.

Capricorn. The pins and needles that have been keeping you stuck loosen and you are wise to run with it. Chains of oppression, feelings of pressure, and stifling situations, I see them breaking and falling. This vibration is not going to last much longer, so you are wise to take advantage of it.

Aquarius. This month, you will have opportunities to break the limits that have been holding you back. There will be a noticeable amount of movement over the course of this month. Whether it will go in your favor or not is still up to you. So remember, you are in the middle of making destiny.

Pisces. You will plant seeds this month that will take a moment or two to grow. You will have passing thoughts that could be worries about money and finances. You must learn not to worry or dwell on insecurity. Water the soil that holds your seeds and your future is in the making.

My name is Joseph Molina, and I'm stargazing for TV Montrose. You can call me at 713-524-4411 for private consultation or check out my cool website at www.astralwind.com.

**SUZANNE
ANDERSON:**

Stay tuned for a commercial break.

KIM SEVIER: But first, TV Montrose would like to welcome our newest advertisers to the show. First the House of Kuhlman, whose commercial will be running with us soon, and also Suzanne Anderson properties. Thank you both for being with us.

SUZANNE And stay tuned for our countdown to Pride Week segment. And also coming up is our celebrity host interview.

ANDERSON: And this week, it's going to be with radio talk show host, Dayna Steele. And Dayna Steele is one of the finest and best community supporters we have.

KIM SEVIER: Stay with us. We'll be right back.

DAYNA STEELE: Hi, I'm Dayna Steele from *97 Talk*. And you are watching TV Montrose.

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SUZANNE Don't even think about buying or selling a home without hiring a professional. A home is the biggest financial

ANDERSON: 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.

BETTY Hello, my name is Betty DeGeneres. And my kid is the greatest. You know her. She's Ellen and she's gay. For too
DEGENERES: 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.

ALL: So let's not raise one child and let them all reach for the stars.

NARRATOR 1: Celebrating 15 years at Houston's premiere alternative dance club, Rich's has a 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 in Rich's this week. Rich's, where you can always be yourself.

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NARRATOR 2: Slash your wireless costs with phones and pagers from Premier Paging & Wireless. Premier guarantees the lowest advertised price on any prime co or aerial phone. Plus Premier has super low prices on pagers and airtime.

Premier also carries a complete line of accessories for both pagers and phones. Premier paging & wireless with guaranteed low prices and the best service anywhere. There's no need to go anywhere else.

SUZANNE Welcome back.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: The pride parade is only six weeks away. And last year's nighttime pride parade was the first ever nighttime parade in America.

SUZANNE It was a great success and we want you to see a few scenes from last year's lesbian and gay pride parade. So
ANDERSON: stay tuned.

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[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

KIM SEVIER: Last week, we began our countdown to pride series with a story on the merchandising that helps fund the pride parade.

**SUZANNE
ANDERSON:** And next up is Bridget Holmes with this week's countdown to pride.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**BRIDGET
HOLMES:** Hi, we're here tonight with Jim and Tina, and they are some members of the pride committee. And we're continuing our countdown to the pride parade. And Tina, she's going to tell us how she got started with pragmatic. Why don't you tell us a little bit about that.

TINA TRAVIS: I started back in '97 as a volunteer for the parade. And I just enjoyed myself. I had gobs of fun and met so many people. I just couldn't get away from it. And when they asked Jim and I to be a part of the parade this year, I couldn't say anything but yes.

**BRIDGET
HOLMES:** So what about you, Jim, how did you get involved?

JIM SHUMSKY: I moved here from New York in '96. And my first year, I was a banner carrier. And from there, got a little bit more involved, was a volunteer for the parade, was really involved. And by 11 o'clock the night of the parade, was asked if I would be interested in doing the parade next year. And I was so tired and delirious from the day, I said, sure, why not? Here I am.

**BRIDGET
HOLMES:** So who are some of the people walking in parade this year? Jim, why don't you tell us?

JIM SHUMSKY: We've got every-- we have straight people, we have, as usual, PFLAG. It's everything. We've got children that are supporters of their parents, of their relatives. Every walk of life. Gay, straight, transgendered, bisexual, they're all welcome in the gay-- in our parade.

**BRIDGET
HOLMES:** So is there still room? Like can I walk myself if I want to just have my own banner, TV Montrose, and Steve and us--

JIM SHUMSKY: You sure could.

**BRIDGET
HOLMES:** Would that be--

TINA TRAVIS: Oh, yeah. Come on.

BRIDGET HOLMES: Why don't you tell us about the dress code?

TINA TRAVIS: As far as your dress, that's fine. [LAUGHS] What it is, we just try and keep it-- because it is-- there are going to be families there and they're all going to be other people, we try to keep it as I guess tone down as possible, but still be able to show our diversity in ourselves. But just perhaps not flashing too many people.

BRIDGET HOLMES: So are you expecting a lot of media attention, a lot of national attention?

TINA TRAVIS: Honestly, more so than last year because it's going to be larger than it was last year, and brighter and bigger. It's just going to be awesome.

BRIDGET HOLMES: Besides the PR of being in the parade and it's also a lot of fun, what else are the other benefits from being in the parade?

JIM SHUMSKY: Well, every unit has a chance to win a trophy that is going to be awarded right after the parade is over with. And I've tried to-- we try to have more or less like an Academy Award type feeling about it because it is the only time of the year that we are all together and just want to make it as fun as possible.

There are trophies that are going to be awarded for walking units, motorized units, professional, non-professional. Just have fun with your group. It doesn't-- you don't have to spend a lot of money on your float, on your walking unit. And you're going to be judged even if you've got the loudest unit.

A walking unit-- Texas Commerce Bank took-- walked away with an award last year only because they had such a presence. They had their t-shirts on. It was a very simple walking unit, but yet they walked away with an award.

BRIDGET HOLMES: So what do you need?

JIM SHUMSKY: Volunteers.

TINA TRAVIS: Volunteers.

BRIDGET HOLMES: Volunteers. How would I become a volunteer?

TINA TRAVIS: What you could do is call our pride line and that is 529-6979, and just leave your name and your number and someone will get back with you. We really need some help with this so that we can get this thing going and just be the best that we can be.

BRIDGET HOLMES: So what is the deadline?

TINA TRAVIS: We have-- the deadline is June 1st. Our late entry is June 16th. It is the same night as our mandatory meeting, which will be held at the West Gray community center at 6:00 PM. And we ask that all of our entrance and at least one representative to that meeting they have to be there. It is mandatory. And that is when we will be taking the applications, late payments with the late fees. Whatever we need to do for that night, that it will be the deadline totally, June 16th.

BRIDGET HOLMES: It sounds like so much fun. You should really give them a call and volunteer. It's not too late for the Spice Girls to have a float I hear.

[LAUGHTER]

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Last week, we brought you our first and our new celebrity interview segment, JC Michelak did an interview with Evan Kass.

KIM SEVIER: This week, JC got an incredible interview with Dayna Steele of *97 Talk* radio.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: And when you see this interview, you'll know why she's called the first lady of radio talk.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

DAYNA STEELE: I was just speaking with some people here in Houston who participate with a group called Girls Inc, apparently a national organization that we're just finally getting here in the Houston area. One of the things that we were talking about, and I want to see if you address it in this new special issue, is the studies are showing that girls, their interested in math, and science, and computer starts to drop off as they get into high school and into co-ed situations.

JC MICHELAK: Thanks, Kim and Suzanne. I'm sitting here with Dayna Steele, Houston's first lady of radio. How are you?

DAYNA STEELE: I'm fine. Thank you so much for asking me to do this.

JC MICHELAK: Well, thank you for agreeing to do it. You have had quite a career here in Houston radio. You started out about 21 years ago, am I correct?

DAYNA STEELE: Yeah, and I'm still 30. That's my story. I'm sticking with it.

JC MICHELAK: Well, you look 30.

DAYNA STEELE: Oh, bless you. Now, I guess-- actually, I started it at Texas A&M on a dare. And 1977 was when KAMU signed on the air. And actually, it was even before that. I can't remember the station, but it was a pirate station in a closet-- in a cleaning closet in the back of a retail store in Bryan that we had to always be prepared to move if somebody found the signal.

JC MICHELAK: Well, you worked with Rock-- it's 101, wasn't it?

DAYNA STEELE: I worked with 101 for 14 years, from 1982 to 1996. And when Dak was born, my two-year-old whirling devil, I decided to take some time off and regroup, and tried some television and realized I'll leave that to you TV people.

And I had an opportunity to get back in radio-- in talk radio. And you know what? The only thing I miss about music radio now is I don't have time to eat my lunch or make personal calls. [LAUGHS] Because I'm not playing a record. I can't talk.

JC MICHELAK: You cover a variety of issues. I mean, you cover entertainment, sometimes you take on politics.

DAYNA STEELE: I don't take on politics or serious subjects just for the sake of creating argument each day like a lot of talk show hosts around the country and a lot of talk show personalities. It has to be something I am genuinely interested in, something I'm genuinely mad or upset about.

To give you an example, some gay issues. We were just talking before we started doing this, about the Ellen coming out episode. And I guess just sometimes I am just too naive because I still-- I didn't realize what a problem there was with the first gay lead-- lesbian lead in a television show until I started talking about it on the air. I just thought it was great. It was like cool. It's more like real life.

JC MICHELAK: Did you get a lot of negative response?

DAYNA STEELE: Oh, yeah. In the '80s, it was people threatening to kill me because I was playing Martin Luther King's speech. Now it's threats because I'm such an advocate for gay and lesbian rights, but still don't understand why people are so bothered. I mean, do you care who I slept with last night?

JC MICHELAK: No.

DAYNA STEELE: OK, we'll go ahead. I don't care who you slept with last night either. But were you-- are you a good person? Have you been good to people today? Did you say please and say thank you, and use your turn signal? That's all I care about.

JC MICHELAK: I know that you have championed a gay and lesbian rights on your show. And matter of fact, one time when I was a guest on your show, we had somebody call. And she wasn't going to let her children baby--

DAYNA STEELE: Oh, that's right.

JC MICHELAK: --be babysit by--

DAYNA STEELE: She's the one that had asked me if I would truly let a homosexual or a pedophile babysit my children. And that weight got a little heated because I did go on the air and used words that my mother told me I should never use, like you stupid, ignorant. I can't remember what all I called her, but-- and I apologized. That was wrong of me to call anybody stupid or ignorant. But I said it was also very wrong of her to assume that because someone's homosexual they're pedophile.

I answered her later with yes, I would let a homosexual babysit my children. No, I wouldn't let a pedophile. I said that's like saying all priests are pedophiles. What I loved about that-- I don't know if you remember. We got the phone call from the guy saying-- this whole thing started because of the argument that had been going on with gay scout leaders.

And this guy called and said, I just want to let you guys know, I've been listening, that I was molested when I was seven by my scout leader. And he said, I probably would have been safer with a gay scout leader. This guy was married with kids.

JC MICHELAK: Is there a compelling reason why you feel--

DAYNA STEELE: I don't like to see people treat other people that way. And I have a voice and I can use it, and I can speak up.

JC MICHELAK: I heard that not only are you Houston's first lady of radio, but that you have your own internet business.

DAYNA STEELE: Yes, I do, which I thought would be fun. It was just an idea I had. Gosh, before I left Kay Lowell-- after I left Kay Lowell and trying to figure out what I was going to be when I grow up for a year, I thought, just have this little business on the side that will always pay for Chinese take out, day care, whatever, a little safety net.

And I'm fascinated with the internet, where you can go, what you can find, what you can do just sitting at that little terminal. I can take a vacation just clicking on safaris all night. Never have to get near Intercontinental Airport. So we got links to space agencies all over the world and we sell hats, and t-shirts, and the GI Joe astronaut dolls, anything space-related, freeze dried ice cream. That's a big favorite. And it's thespacestore.com.

JC MICHELAK: Thespacestore.com.

DAYNA STEELE: Yeah, www.thespacestore or space store. So it's been fun. It's been fun. At midnight, I'm mailing out t-shirts now.

JC MICHELAK: Well, great. Well, good luck. And I'm sure you will prove everybody that didn't want you to succeed were wrong.

DAYNA STEELE: The Oprah of radio, how's that?

JC MICHELAK: That's right. You will be.

DAYNA STEELE: The Oprah of radio bank account. [LAUGHS]

JC MICHELAK: This is JC reporting for TV Montrose.

KIM SEVIER: Suzanne, I think Dayna is just wonderful.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: She is. She's really incredible. And it's terrific seeing somebody of her caliber that's such a cheerleader for the gay and lesbian community. She's always very, very supportive of us and our causes.

KIM SEVIER: Dayna is a Houston institution and a big part of the popularity behind Rock 101 where she worked for 14 years. You can catch Dayna's show on 97 FM talk, 10:00 to 1:00, Monday through Friday.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Next week, we hope to be coming to you from an even more lush patio with the waterfall in.

KIM SEVIER: I can't wait to see it when it's all finished.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: We hope that you've enjoyed our celebrity interval segments that JC is doing. In the very near future, we have an interview coming up with Marguerite Chamomile. And, of course, she's the first army colonel who was discharged because she's a lesbian.

KIM SEVIER: Also in the coming weeks, TV Montrose will be making some exciting announcements about upcoming celebrity guests and also other major events.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: So tune in and find out what's happening in TV Montrose.

KIM SEVIER: Thank you very much for being with us tonight. Good night.

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SUZANNE Commercial break.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: But first, TV Montrose would like to welcome our newest advertisers to the show, the House of Kuhlman, which will have a commercial running sometime soon. [LAUGHS]

[BEEP]

SUZANNE Welcome back.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: That's it?

[LAUGHTER]

SUZANNE I told you I could do it.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: OK, I believe you.

SUZANNE I have my heart. [LAUGHS]

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: That was funny.

[BEEP]

--at night.

SUZANNE And it was a great success. We think it's important that you know a little bit about what was happening. So we want you to see some clips from it. So stay tuned. [LAUGHS] Or something.

KIM SEVIER: Or whatever. We don't know anymore.

[BEEP]

SUZANNE And Next up is Bridget Home with--

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: No, it's not. [LAUGHS]

SUZANNE She has more than one home.

ANDERSON:

[LAUGHTER]

KIM SEVIER: Hey, that's your kind of girl.

SUZANNE Yeah. [LAUGHS] OK.

ANDERSON:

[BEEP]

KIM SEVIER: Let's take another peek at last year's pride parade.

SUZANNE It was so good. [LAUGHS]

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: And this year's is supposed to be even better.

[BEEP]

UNKNOWN Three, two--

SPEAKER:

SUZANNE Next week, we hope to come-- OK.

ANDERSON:

UNKNOWN And again. Five, four, three.

SPEAKER:

SUZANNE Next week, we hope to come to-- [LAUGHS] or in front of you or something. I don't.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Or whatever.

[BEEP]

SUZANNE Last week, we brought you our first in our interview segment-- I don't remember. We brought you the first in our
ANDERSON: new celebrity interview segment.

KIM SEVIER: I like that.

SUZANNE Last--

ANDERSON:

[BEEP]

Last week, we brought you our first in our new segment of talk-- [LAUGHS].

[MUSIC PLAYING]