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KIM SEVIER: Hi, and welcome to *TV Montrose*. This week we're coming to you from beautiful Buffalo Bayou Park, right in the heart of downtown.

SUZANNE And how close are we to downtown? Montrose is connected to downtown. The skyline is beautiful. And we

ANDERSON: decided to bring our family today! This is Kelly. She does tricks, and she's a community activist. Those of you that have been around the community for a while, you know that and Wilbur Murray just out enjoying the sun.

And this weekend, we went to the opening of the near town little league baseball. And I brought my granddaughter, Kristina, so enjoy the show. Well, it's springtime, and you know what's happening in Montrose? We're having baseball. The near-town youth baseball league gather today at fiesta, and what a group gather.

The parking lot was full. There were kids all over the place. There in their clean uniforms, which is probably the only time that they'll be in their clean uniforms. And they marched all the way down to the park. And the exciting thing was that they got to have a fire truck today. And they all clamor around that fire truck, and that's a big deal to get here.

Once they got here, we had the invocation and introduced the sponsors, which are an important part of the league. And they started to play, and an exciting game it's been. Apparently, the first team that's up is just waiting to get their maximum number of runs before they proceed because they're just cleaning up. Anyway, and I get to be with my granddaughter today, Kristina Anderson. So it's fun. We're going to sit back and watch some baseball and enjoy it with us.

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STUDENT: Hello. Hello. I like baseball a lot, and it's a fun game to play.

SUZANNE What position do you play, Susan?

ANDERSON:

STUDENT: I don't know.

SUZANNE What position do you play?

ANDERSON:

STUDENT: I play shortstop this year, and last year I played shortstop.

SUZANNE Good. Do you think that's something that you may take through your life and be a shortstop for a big major

ANDERSON: team?

STUDENT: Maybe.

STUDENT: My name's Robert!

SUZANNE Yeah? Oh, we got another one in there. Who's this?

ANDERSON:

STUDENT: Lewis.

SUZANNE Come here, Lewis.

ANDERSON:

STUDENT: That's my brother.

SUZANNE Are you all playing today?

ANDERSON:

ALL: Yes.

SUZANNE And who's going to win?

ANDERSON:

STUDENT: Us.

SUZANNE Yeah? We're no stranger to *TV Montrose*, Annise Parker, but you look a little different today than you usually do.

ANDERSON:

ANNISE I'm ready to watch a ballgame.

PARKER:

SUZANNE You look like you're ready to play a ball game. I like it. I like it. And Ed Gonzalez, and Ed, you help start this

ANDERSON: league up, didn't you?

ED GONZALES: We both did. Annise Parker was the president of near-town community development corporation, and it was an incubator process of getting the near-town youth baseball league up and running as our own standalone nonprofit, and that's where it started.

SUZANNE Who even thought about this many children being in Montrose to start out of baseball league? I mean, obviously,

ANDERSON: they were right, whoever they are.

ED GONZALES: Well, we do have a unique policy. If the kid can show up, we don't care where they're from. They can show up. They can play. We're not restricted by some of the other city leagues. And also this is for boys and girls. It's not just boys.

SUZANNE That's something that I really, really like. We talked to one of the little girls earlier, and she loved playing with all

ANDERSON: of these boys getting out on the field. So you coach it, or be it any kind of an active part or just an active participant in watching?

ANNISE I'm just a spectator. But I think what's important about this league that last year was it's first year. It was the

PARKER: first youth activity started in Montrose in at least 20 years. There are lots and lots of kids in Montrose. We tend to forget that.

SUZANNE Suit level, how long have you been in this community? Two three decades?

ANDERSON:

SPEAKER: A long time.

SUZANNE A long time. Well, you had one of the children that we interviewed earlier. You've got what, two boys on the team?

SPEAKER: Yes. Two boys. I have three boys total, Robbie and then Colin, and Steven.

SUZANNE And you know what, I can't believe we're not coaching.

ANDERSON:

SPEAKER: Well, there's this you got to let the kids go sometimes on their own without having mother around all the time.

SUZANNE But I got a big feeling that you're probably there in the afternoons and on the weekends tossing the ball back and forth.

ANDERSON:

SPEAKER: Yeah, we toss the ball around my house a lot, we do. But this is a great league, and I serve on the board. And it's been a real pleasure to put this together and watch us, much needed.

SUZANNE Did you ever think that we'd have anything like this in the Montrose community?

ANDERSON:

SPEAKER: No, I really didn't, never. No. Long ago, when we started our activism, you and I, of course, I wouldn't think I'd be sitting there watching you with your grandbaby on your lap.

SUZANNE I'm getting her ready. She's going to be playing on a team someday.

ANDERSON:

SPEAKER: But no. And the really neat thing is you can look out here and see the diversity of the kids, all different kinds of kids from all different families are here, and it's really nice.

SUZANNE And what was it like getting ready today? Was he excited?

ANDERSON:

SPEAKER: Oh, he was so excited. We've washed his uniform, and he had it on way early in the morning. He was running around in it.

SUZANNE Yeah, I was wondering if he put it on his uniform maybe a couple of days, even early, to see what it looked like.

ANDERSON:

SPEAKER: Oh, definitely, yes, yeah, he had it on the night before too. Well, Kristina, we've had a good time here at the near town youth baseball league. And next year, if you would like to be a part of it, I'm sure that there's room, there's lots of teams, lots of clean uniforms because it's opening day, and it's a fun part of the Montrose community. Say goodbye. Weren't those kids cute?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SUZANNE I love taking my granddaughter there. It was a beautiful day, and they were getting up, and they were hitting one ball after another. They put them up on those little posts, and they just keep making home runs, but it was really a good story to make. And I think it's an incredible thing for the community to realize just who we are and what makes up our community, lots of little kids, lots of parents.

KIM SEVIER: Next up, we have our story featuring are not for profit organization this week, Bunnies on the Bayou. As a matter of fact, their party will be right behind us, Wortham Center, on Easter Sunday. Let's check it out.

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PETE ARANDA: I'm with Jonathan Mitchell of Bunnies on the Bayou. Jonathan, what is Bunnies on the Bayou?

JONATHAN Bunnies on the Bayou is a local charity Bubble 1C3 charity that raises funds to benefit the Houston area gay and
MITCHELL: lesbian community. We host an annual party every year on Easter Sunday that usually has about 2,000 people. It's here where we are today at the Wortham Center on Fish Plaza.

PETE ARANDA: What about transportation and parking? Is that all made available down here?

JONATHAN This year, Rich is providing transportation from their parking lot across from the bar. There's also parking
MITCHELL: available in the downtown area. They should have the parking garages open in the theater district so people can park in that area also.

PETE ARANDA: What are some of the events here at the festival?

JONATHAN Well, it's really a great time just to get out and mingle with your friends and meet new friends. It's a pretty wild
MITCHELL: party. We have people that show up in costumes. It's really turned into a really fun event. This is our fifth year, sixth year, to be here at the Wortham. This year, we're having a bonnet contest for the first time.

We've invited a bunch of local charities and organizations to participate in the contest. And they're all going to be walking around with these fantastic self-made bonnets on, and they're going to be collecting votes by donations in the form of dollar bills for their bonnet. And the charity with the most dollars at the end of the day wins the contest. And all of the proceeds collected from all of the entrants will go to the chosen charity of the winner.

PETE ARANDA: So what time does this event take place?

JONATHAN The party this year is going to be from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Sunday, April the 12th.

MITCHELL:

PETE ARANDA: At what location?

JONATHAN It's at the Fish Plaza, which is downtown at the Wortham Center. It's where we are today, the big gazebo, the
MITCHELL: fountains. It's going to be a great day. We have it all decorated out. It's beautiful with Easter decorations and things.

We have chosen 10 charities to benefit from the party. Those charities are the PWA coalition, the coal 45s, Avez, Milem House, Hatch, AIDS Foundation Houston Project Caesar, AssistHers, Barron Community Service Foundation, Steven's House, and the Lesbian and Gay Community Center.

PETE ARANDA: So Jonathan, tell me, how much money have y'all raised in the past before?

JONATHAN MITCHELL: Last year, Pete, we raised over \$30,000 for the charities that were benefiting last year's party. This year we're hoping to raise around \$35,000. The entrance fee at the party or the minimum donation that we're requiring at the party this year is \$20. And I think one of the things that we're really proud of with our organization is that as soon as the people get to the door, the party is completely paid for. None of the proceeds from the party itself go to pay for anything that any of the costs that are incurred on the day of the party.

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SUZANNE ANDERSON: Now you know what to do on Easter. I mean, after you've had your little Easter egg hunt, gathered all your eggs, you go to Bunnies on the Bayou and afterwards neat party at Rich's.

KIM SEVIER: Actually, you can even park it Rich's and take a bus over to the party at the Wortham, which is great because the bus is a party all by itself.

SUZANNE And then I take you back to Rich's.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: That's right. That's right. It'll be great fun. Stay with us. We're going to a commercial break. And when we get back, Kelly is going to jump through flaming hula hoops.

SUZANNE And Wibur's going to turn into a floater in the Bayou.

ANDERSON:

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ANNOUNCER: Slash your wireless costs with phones and pagers from Premier Paging and Wireless. Premier guarantees the lowest advertised price on any PrimeCo 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 and Wireless, with guaranteed low prices and the best service anywhere, there's no need to go anywhere else.

SPEAKER: 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? The message brought to you by the Parents, Families, and Friends, Lesbians, and Gays.

SPEAKER: *The Texas Triangle* is a free weekly newspaper reaching over 60,000 readers every week, available every Thursday throughout Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Dallas, and 20 other Texas cities. *The Triangle* offers the best in news features and entertainment. A six-time award winner, it's the only gay newspaper to receive an outstanding journalism award from the National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association. The Houston press writes, "for gay and lesbian news, by far the best is *The Texas triangle*." So pick up the triangle every week. Quality makes a difference.

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.

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

SUZANNE Coming up as Nancy Ford, and she has the funniest story to tell you about Australia. You don't want to miss this.

ANDERSON: It's hysterical.

KIM SEVIER: Especially if you're a twin. Stay with us.

NANCY FORD: Good evening, and get a big load of this. Forget Monica Lewinsky, forget same-sex marriage, even forget Ellen.

Here's the big news. For 82 years, Siamese twins Gus and Horus Del Trico have lived in relative obscurity in Melbourne, Australia. But now, it seems that after spending his entire life joined at the hip and back to his brother Horace, also 82, Gus has determined that he is gay and has come out of the closet. Talk about living a secret life behind your family's back-- literally.

All I can say is, well, go, Gus. Evidently, it's true. We really are everywhere. Now let's take a moment to fully absorb and appreciate this visual. Siamese twin brothers, 82 years old, one gay, one not. Got it? OK, let's continue. In a Supreme stroke of homophobia coupled with possible fratricide, hetero-twin Horus wants for himself and his brother to undergo separation surgery regardless of the potential life-threatening consequences.

This yet another example of a family tragically torn apart simply because one member is gay. Quick, somebody call PFLAG. Now, this dilemma causes at least a couple of questions to come to mind. Can our brave gay guests ever really come out of the closet when that horrible hetero-Horus keeps trying to pull him back in? Did Gus ever sneak out behind his brother's back, so to speak, to follow through on any of his newfound desires? And if so, how?

If nothing else, let this story be a lesson to all you closeted gay men and lesbians out there. If you're still in the closet because you think you have too many complications in your life to come out, think again. Because if Gus Del Trico, that brave 82-year-old Siamese twin of Melbourne, Australia, can come out and tell his other half that he's gay, never mind the separation anxiety it might cause him, so can you. At least, in the end, you'll still have your own liver. What a world. What a world.

For *TV Montrose* in Texas triangle, I'm Nancy Ford.

SUZANNE I think there's a lot more stories that we can follow up with those twins. That was kind of interesting.

ANDERSON: Unfortunately, Wilbur Murray will not be a part of any of those stories because he has peed on the camera bags and tried to chase the dogs in the park.

KIM SEVIER: Ounce for ounce, my dog's the toughest thing in Montrose.

SUZANNE She's cool. She's cool.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Next up, we have a story about Diana Taylor, a Houstonian artist that went to New York and cut an album. She was back in town to promote that. So let's go to Diana Taylor.

DIANA TAYLOR: Thought of the church when I was age seven years old. I went to my first Baptist church, and I began to play the piano and the arc. And from there, I began to sing in talent contest all over everywhere, karaoke contest, so that's basically how I got my start. Two clubs, I would say, were Heaven Rich's, especially Rich's. I owe them a lot because David Hammer and John Mott, they're really backed me 100%. They were there 100%.

And they never give up ever since. So I'd say if they have a dream, they have a mission, they have a goal. It's so easy to accomplish. The moment you begin to believe, others will believe in you, and then you'll have help. But if you really believe you have the talent and you have the heart to do it, it's all going to unfold for you. You don't have to put no more effort than what you naturally have to give, and that's yourself.

I'm just taking my stand, and I want to always feel like Houston will be behind me because I'm always going to come back. As a matter of fact, I plan to live here. Houston, I'm still a Houstonian. I'm not going anywhere, honey. I'm still here. I'm just Diana Taylor. I'm the girl that does back loops at the club. I want to say I love you guys, and if it wasn't that you guys I wouldn't be on my way to accomplishing the accomplishments that I'm aspiring to.

KIM SEVIER: Wow, that was Diana Taylor. Oh, my gosh, she is red hot with fire.

SUZANNE And coming up the community calendar. If you want to be a part of the community, you have to know what's happening, so stay tuned.

KIM SEVIER: I'm going to be on my best behavior.

SUZANNE You need to be.

ANDERSON:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Now you know what's happening in Montrose. You can attend and be a part of it. And if you want your organization to be listed in our calendar, you can email us at TVMontrose@AOL.com.

KIM SEVIER: And if you missed a show or if you have friends that don't get our show, you can subscribe and receive them on tape. Stay tuned, and we'll show you exactly how to do it.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

SUZANNE So if you have a friend that doesn't have cable TV, this is an opportunity to let them know how to see *TV Montrose*, or better yet, buy the subscription.

KIM SEVIER: Up next, we have a story from Jama Shelton. If you're looking for something fun to do on a Saturday, hang out with Jama. She's taking us to antique row, right in the heart of Montrose, for a serious shopping excursion.

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JAMA SHELTON: Ever been bored on a Saturday afternoon? Maybe stayed out a little too late the night before and looking for something to do? Here on lower Westheimer, there's an antique strip full of different shops, furniture, collectibles, anything you could want. You can find more here than just furniture as well quite unusual things, stained glass windows, steadier typical little black mailbox, how about trying this new item?

And I have absolutely no idea what you can use this for.

JOE MOSICHUK: We carry a nice mixture of furniture, accessories, small items. People like it because it's a little bit of everything.

JAMA SHELTON: What would you say is the most unique item you have in your shop?

JONATHAN Right now, we have a Mesquite door that was made into a coffee table. The base of it is a ox yoke. And it's called
MITCHELL: a primitive, and primitives are pretty hot.

JAMA SHELTON: How could your house be complete without a picture of this handsome fellow right here? Or maybe what you need is a new old bedroom suit. This is quite a number here. It certainly beats my mattress on the floor. Hello? Hello? It's for you.

TARA You will not see these pieces in the South much. We had to go all the way up to main in Massachusetts to get this
GREENLEAF: stuff shipped in. This is called a mission oak piece. This is one of the pieces when they had the little cabins, the mission houses, that they had to utilize all their space. As you see, it turns into a table when they needed to eat.

JAMA SHELTON: Whether you're looking for big furniture, small furniture, or pretty much anything else, you can find it here on lower Westheimer the antique shops. Perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon. It doesn't cost you anything unless you buy something. I got the purse of my dreams today. This is Jama Shelton reporting for *TV Montrose*. Is it me?

KIM SEVIER: Up next, we have a story about Houston's PFLAG. They organized a national trip to Washington, DC, to lobby for ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. Let's go check it out.

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SPEAKER: Dick was a great dad. Like many fathers, he gave baths and read bedtime stories and took his turn in the kitchen, and fed the babies. He always helped with the birthday parties and celebrations, and he even helped build a tree house. He coached soccer, he led paper drives for the boy scouts and helped with homework. And really, in every way, never missed an opportunity to encourage and support his children, whether it was academic effort and athletic or musical. Anything that they did at the church or school, he was there.

In other words, he actively cherished his children. There was never any question of his commitment.

SPEAKER: My family is the most important thing in my life. We have three wonderful children. Rick, our oldest, is no BGN. He lives in California with his partner Steve of nine years. Kern and his wife Gina live in Dallas, where their two children, Caitlin, and our three-week-old grandson. Julie is our youngest. She's a third-year medical student in San Antonio, and her partner of three years, Alicia, will join her when she finishes her clerkship with the Texas Supreme Court.

I'm proud of all of our children. There isn't anything I wouldn't do for them. Two of my children don't have the same rights the same opportunities as their brother. As parents, Norm and I just couldn't accept that. So we joined the parents, other people who care, and we did something we never thought we could do.

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NEWS ANCHOR: Dozen of Houstonians headed to Washington to lobby Congress. Members of PFLAG, Parents And Friends of Lesbians and Gays are gathered tonight at Christ Church Cathedral for a pep rally.

NEWS ANCHOR: Members of Houston's parents and friends of lesbian and gay groups are gearing up for a road trip to Washington.

NEWS ANCHOR: Mothers and fathers from across America gathered in the nation's capital to lobby for their gay children.

NEWS ANCHOR: Houston parents fighting for gay rights took their message to Washington today. They're lobbying Congress for equal rights in the workplace for their children.

NEWS ANCHOR: Kirsten page reports that group included a large delegation from Houston.

NEWS ANCHOR: These parents know about discrimination against gays and lesbians. All of them have children who are homosexual. The parents are on Capitol Hill lobbying for legislation to prevent job discrimination based on sexual orientation. Houston native Gail Rickey has a daughter who is lesbian.

While her daughter has never faced discrimination at work, she says the threat is always there. That's why Gail brought these parents to Washington. She and 29 others from Houston traveled by bus for three days, stopping in cities along the way to spread their message.

GAIL RICKEY: 200 parents have come together here to proclaim their love for their gay and lesbian children and to say, America, open up your eyes and help us correct this grievous wrong.

SPEAKER: There were many people involved from many backgrounds from all over the country, but we went to Washington for one reason, to secure equal rights for all our children.

KIM SEVIER: Up next, we have a segment from our very own producer Steve Baker who's helping to get the word out about *TV Montrose*.

STEVE BAKER: Hi. I'm Steve Baker, producer of *TV Montrose*, and I want to take this moment to thank you, our viewers, out there for tuning in tonight and in increasing numbers every week. I really appreciate the emails and the letters that we've been getting about the show. All the comments have been very positive, and the constructive criticisms have been very good, and things that I totally agree with, and we've been enacting a lot of changes in the show to make it better.

Every show is better, and in every show, we have a larger audience. I want to thank you for tuning in, and as we do in every show, tell your friends about us. I mean, this show is for you, anyone that lives in Montrose or cares about Montrose or comes into Montrose every week. The other thing that I want to talk about is publicity for the show is very important, and *TV Montrose* is beginning to advertise and print media. But we also have made some very nice flyers to promote the show.

One thing I like to challenge you, our viewers out there, is if you belong to an organization that sends out a newsletter or does any type of mailings whatsoever. If you'll let me know, call me personally. Anybody can call me about the show. And let me know that you would like to include these flyers in your next mailing. I'd be happy to give you as many copies as you want. If you're a business and you want to distribute these in your store, I'd certainly appreciate that as well.

Anyways, thanks a lot for tuning in. And we'll see you next week.

SUZANNE Well, this has been Suzanne Anderson.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: And Kim Sevier.

SUZANNE And we've had a great time out in the sun today and a lot of fun bringing our dogs who are not always really,

ANDERSON: well, one of them was but regardless. And I want to thank Robin for doing my due today and my makeup.

KIM SEVIER: And I want to thank all of you for tuning in. Remember our show repeats on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, or we have a new episode every Monday. So please stay with us.

SUZANNE Your favorite part? We'll see Kim if you know how to act. Yes, ma'am.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Community calendar's real important.

SUZANNE I Know. PBS, stop that bully.

ANDERSON:

[DOG BARKING]

KIM SEVIER: Bus trip to Washington, DC to lobby for ENDA, the Employment National-- no, it's not.

SUZANNE Non-Discrimination.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Red hot. You want the community calendar?

SUZANNE That's my favorite part.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: OK. Up next the community calendar. And I'll promise to be on my best behavior. Want to go again? Cable where you can get them for--

SUZANNE You can get them a what?

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Who cares?

SUZANNE Kelly, Gene, Kelly. It's OK, baby.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Mama, she's done a job.

SUZANNE Oh, and [MUTED] what's happening with your organization? It's Montrose@AOL.com.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: No, it's not. It's TVMontrose@AOL.com.

CREW: That's our email. Yeah, it is TVMontrose@AOL.com.

SUZANNE All right. What a fun time being at the near-town baseball you-- uh. [MUTED] Next year, join us. What position do

ANDERSON: you play, Susan?

STUDENT: I don't know.

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