

[COUNTDOWN]

[THEME MUSIC]

SUZANNE Good evening. I'm Suzanne Anderson.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS And I'm Carlos Campos. And you're watching *TV Montrose*.

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE And Carlos is subbing for us while Dan's in New York.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS Well, it's a pleasure to be here with you, Suzanne, again.

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE Well, thank you. Considering the lifespan of a TV show, it's really spectacular *TV Montrose* has been on one year.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS Well, as you viewers are watching this right now, our one year anniversary is in full swing at Club Picassos.

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE And we're just having a lot of fun watching the old clips and, of course, the bloopers.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS Well, hiding from those bloopers is more like it.

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE Speaking of clips, we're going to continue our history tour of the 157 stories that we produced in the last year.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS And since that's a lot of stories, let's get going and go to Jason to see what clips he has selected from our story

CAMPOS: vault.

[THEME MUSIC]

JASON VINCIC: Hey, this is Jason here, with another look at the 157 stories, *TV Montrose* produced in year one. In the past two episodes, we have looked at clips from 35 of those stories. Tonight, we're going to look at another 15 of them. Now *TV Montrose* has positively shown off Montrose in the gay and lesbian community on television as never before achieved in Houston.

BRIDGET But what's going on here today?

HOLMES:

JASON VINCIC: In show seven, Bridget Holmes reported from the 1998 Lesbian Health Fair held at the West Gray Multi-service Center.

JACKIE DOVAL: --today is a safe and comfortable environment for lesbians to come and have health care screening tests, mammograms, pap smears, and blood HIV and, STD testing.

BRIDGET HOLMES: So tell me about the booths and why they're set up back here. Are these some of your sponsors? Are you--

JACKIE DOVAL: These are some of the sponsors of the health fair in the sense that they're vendor booths. And we're showing to the community or giving the opportunity for the lesbian community to demonstrate what they have to offer to other lesbians in our communities.

[MUSIC FROM STRING INSTRUMENTS]

JASON VINCICK: In show eight, we showcase the trio Shades of Gray at a rehearsal. This dynamic group frequently plays at events in the Montrose area and is also well known for adding music charm to formal dinner parties.

[MUSIC FROM STRING INSTRUMENTS]

[? Jamie ?] [? Shelton ?] had breakfast at the Bering Memorial United Methodist Church's Annual Spring Festival. This festival and the various auctions raised the largest single amount of funds for all the Bering Memorial charities and operating budget each year.

GEORGE NEVERS: We started in 1950. 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 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.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[HORSE NEIGHS]

JASON VINCICK: And one of the many annual events held in Houston is the art car parade. Like so many other large scale events, this one makes its way along Allen Parkway on the edge of Montrose into downtown. Despite heavy rain, there was a large crowd and *TV Montrose*.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[THUNDER]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[NON-ENGLISH SINGING]

Another major city event held each year near Montrose is the international festival. This was a fun story for the *TV Montrose* crew and the first story where we teamed up two reporters, Fred Walters and Joseph Molina.

Fred and Joseph stirred up a few negative emails for being too corny and for not being as professional as reporters should be. Maybe they were not the only people having a Caribbean good time.

FRED This festival is so big that it took both of us. Joseph, what are you going to cover today?

WALTERS:

JOSEPH Culture, Africa, the Caribbean. I'm off.

MOLINA:

[CHUCKLES]

FRED While Joseph's going one way, I'm going the other. We'll meet back. We may even go for a little dip in the pool here. We'll see you in a bit.

Found the perfect plant. No-maintenance plant, the perfect bachelor's plant.

Which way do I go? Which way? Hey, where? Texas, Latin, African? What?

JOSEPH Africa. What do you think? You also run out and buy one now.

MOLINA:

FRED Darling. I don't think so.

WALTERS:

JOSEPH At first, this looks so familiar. It almost looked like a mass of lesbians and then homosexuals. But then that got

MOLINA: me confused. I didn't understand where I was at anymore.

FRED Which part is it? The ranch or JR?

WALTERS:

JOSEPH I'm ready to cool off.

MOLINA:

FRED Well, right behind us there's a little pool.

WALTERS:

JOSEPH But thank you. Back to you, Kim and Suzanne. I think we're ready to go cool down.

MOLINA:

FRED Dip in.

WALTERS:

JOSEPH See you. Whoa.

MOLINA:

[CHUCKLES]

JASON VINCIC: We hope that you've enjoyed some of those stories. Keep in mind that with 157 stories made in our first year, you are only seeing the tip of a large iceberg here tonight. I'll be back later with more.

SUZANNE Carlos, that was a fun selection of stories.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS That sure was, Suzanne. And we have lots more of our first year to show you later.

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE But first, let's take a sponsor break and thank the businesses who support this history-making TV show.

ANDERSON:

LEE BROWN: I'm Mayor Lee Brown, and you're watching *TV Montrose*.

[THEME MUSIC]

What we got is--

--free checking at Bank United--

--beyond the year 2000.

And we want to--

--make it sing.

Give it some sizzle but don't forget the steak.

Right.

How about unbelievably free checking?

Free checkarama!

High che-che-checkie.

OK. Let's review.

No monthly service charges.

Good.

No minimum balance.

Excellent.

Beyond the year 2000.

Swell.

Monstrously free checking.

Check zero.

Free chekasaurus.

With toys?

Nah.

I got it. Super free checking.

We could get that song.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Get free checking beyond the year 2000 at Bank United.

Thank you, Bank U. Woohoo!

FEMALE AD 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.

MALE AD Lobo Bookshop and 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 for 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 and Cafe.

MALE AD Celebrating 15 years, it's Houston's premiere alternative dance club, Rich's has the hottest music hits, the largest dance floor, 4 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.

DERICK I'm Derick Nelson from 1075, The Morning Buzz, and you're watching *TV Montrose*.

NELSON:

CREW: Thanks for that, sexy.

[THEME MUSIC]

CARLOS Welcome back.

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE Well, let's get back to Jason in the story vault and see some more stories about our community.

ANDERSON:

[THEME MUSIC]

JASON VINCICK: Hey, Jason back here again. And in this segment of our history tour of year one, we're going to take a look at some stories from early summer. So let's get right to it.

DAN BUTLER: I don't want to get into--

JASON VINCICK: The Little Room Downstairs Theater produced a play entitled, *The Only Thing Worse*, which was written by Dan Butler, who plays Bulldog on Frasier. The play explores parent reactions to gay children, one being the only thing worse than being gay is to be dead.

DAN BUTLER: --some balancing out of a former life. I don't think I had a choice in the matter. Or did I? When did I know? Maybe, maybe I always knew. Maybe I was inside my mom, my face pressed up against the SAT-going boys. Hm, girls, pee-eew. Or maybe, maybe it's environmental, too doting a mother, too distant a father, too many musicals. I don't know.

[MUSIC - CHER]

(SINGING) that is free. You should love your hair. It's too loud for me to take.

JASON VINCICK: Celebrity makeover artist, Devin Cast, put on a great show as Cher at the June meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. Reporter JC Michalak later interviewed him about what it is like to be Cher and other female personalities.

[MUSIC - CHER]

(SINGING) --too much for me to take. We're gonna love one another til morning comes. Seek the sweet salvation for what we've done. Give up resisting one by one One by one He gives a new kinda meaning--

JASON VINCICK: There is never a shortage of major events in and around Montrose. Reporter Fred Walters became part of the festivities at the West Palmer street festival and interviewed people and animals alike. Some were hard to tell apart.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

FRED A little bit more practice.

WALTERS:

[CHUCKLES]

[MUSIC - VILLAGE PEOPLE, "YMCA"]

(SINGING) Young man, what do you want to be? Young man, you can make real your dreams, but you got to know this one thing.

JASON VINCICK: The first lady of radio, Dayna Steele, gave *TV Montrose* a wonderful and insightful interview about talk radio and her personal feelings about her respect for the gay community.

DAYNA STEELE: --you only 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 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 cool. It's more like real life.

JASON VINCICK: Did you get a lot of negative response?

DAYNA STEELE: Oh. Oh, yeah, you know.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

JASON VINCICK: Fred Walters reported from the first ever indoor AIDS Walk at the George R. Brown Convention Center. And the walk is usually outdoors, but last year, it was forced indoors because of the fires burning in Mexico. The event was a big success. And besides Channel 26, *TV Montrose* was the only other television media that covered it.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

FRED [INAUDIBLE], why are you here today?

WALTERS:

GIRL: To support the AIDS Walk.

FRED Very good. What's your name?

WALTERS:

AMY: Amy.

FRED And Amy, what are you here today for?

WALTERS:

AMY: I'm also here to support the AIDS Walk.

FRED How many miles have you all ran today?

WALTERS:

AMY: 500.

FRED You've run 500 miles? I think that's a song title.

WALTERS:

QUEEN BEES: Because we are The Queen Bees.

FRED Oh, That's all I need. Be a bunch of queens.

WALTERS:

HONEY BEE: I'm actually Honeybee.

FRED Honeybee.

WALTERS:

BARBIE: I'm Barbie.

[LAUGHTER]

STING: And I'm Sting.

[LAUGHTER]

FRED Sting, Barbie, and Honey. Well, all we need now is H-E-Bee.

WALTERS:

QUEEN BEES: (PRETENDING DISMAY) Oh.

JASON VINCICK: Now things do not always go to script the way they're planned. And so we often end up with bloopers that our audience just can't get enough of. So let's look at some of those bloopers from the era of the story clips you have just seen.

[THEME MUSIC]

REPORTER: These are the two men behind the silent auction here at the Spring Festival. Would you like to tell me how you--
[MACHINE SOUND]

[CHUCKLES]

May I keep going?

[CHUCKLES]

[BEEP]

FRED We're downtown. I'm with Joseph Molina. I'm Fred Walters Jr. From *TV Montrose*.

WALTERS:

[CHUCKLES]

[BEEP]

Today's events' sponsor-- ah.

[BEEP]

FRED 13 blocks of spotlight on-- ah. That's not it.

WALTERS:

[BEEP]

FRED That water looks good. Now that isn't right. Cut!

WALTERS:

[CHUCKLES]

JOSEPH --hot. So Kim and Suzanne, I think that we are ready to go cool down.

MOLINA:

FRED You know that water behind us looks really good.

WALTERS:

[MUSIC PLAYS IN BACKGROUND]

[BEEP]

JOSEPH Well, after a wonderful day, a hot day, not to mention how--

MOLINA:

[MUSIC PLAYS IN BACKGROUND]

[BEEP]

SUZANNE More and more response from the viewers. And that was really bad.

ANDERSON:

CREW: Sorry.

[LAUGHTER]

[ANIMAL SOUND]

SUZANNE We're getting--

ANDERSON:

SHEENA: We suck today.

[LAUGHTER]

[BEEP]

Get along, little doggie. I'm sorry. I'm in high freq today. I'm not sorry. I'm just in high freq.

[LAUGHTER]

[BEEP]

SUZANNE And coming up is the art park-- car parade. It was cold. It was windy. I know--

ANDERSON:

[LAUGHTER]

Sheena, I just-- I'm not tired. I'm not nothing. I'm just [BLEEP].

[LAUGHTER]

[BEEP]

It was windy, and people came by the thousands to see what was happening.

SHEENA: Let's check it out.

SHEENA AND Hey!

SUZANNE:

[LAUGHTER]

SUZANNE In spite of her.

ANDERSON:

JASON VINCIC: Now I've certainly had my share of the blooper reel. Later, I'll be back. One more look into our first year.

SUZANNE Seeing some of those historic clips brings back some memories of what I really thought an exciting year last year

ANDERSON: was.

CARLOS Well, 1998 was a busy year in Montrose and for the gay and lesbian community.

CAMPOS:

CARLOS And 1999 seems to be getting off to a really good start. So keep tuning into *TV Montrose* to stay on top of it all.

CAMPOS:

CARLOS Well, let's take our last sponsor break and when we get back, we'll see more of *TV Montrose* in year one.

CAMPOS:

GUESTS: You are watching *TV Montrose*.

[THEME MUSIC]

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 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.

JEFFREY BULES: 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 insure 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. I'm Jeffrey Bules.

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

DEGENERES:

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.

VICKI SHAW: I'm Vicki Shaw at the last stop. Everybody, turn around. And you're watching *TV Montrose!* Good job!

[THEME MUSIC]

SUZANNE Welcome back.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS Let's go back to Jason and see what else our camera caught this first year in Montrose.

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE No telling.

ANDERSON:

[THEME MUSIC]

JASON VINCICK: Now the slogan for *TV Montrose* is television for all people with an interest in the Montrose area. Now all people means gay, straight, Black, white, purple, orange, male, female, or any possible combination. Our content policy is all inclusive of people, places, and events in the Montrose area. Positive television visibility of the most diverse community in Houston is only found here on *TV Montrose*. Let's look at some more clips that show our community as never before possible.

After seeing one of our episodes, AIDS Walk emcee Lanny Griffith of 107.5, The Buzz, and by the *TV Montrose*, to be on his talk show.

LANNY And the show is called *TV Montrose*. What is *TV Montrose*?

GRIFFITH:

TV MONTROSE *TV Montrose* is show that centers around the Montrose area of Houston, which includes the museum district, **REP:** theater district, events going on downtown, and River Oaks. So it covers a wide area. Montrose is like the hub of a wheel. And there's a lot that goes on around it. Montrose is a neighborhood where people come in from all over the city for different events, such as the Earth Fest that was recently off Buffalo Bayou Park. There's the Westheimer street festival which brings in people from all over the city.

LANNY Huge. It was huge, few weeks ago.

GRIFFITH:

TV MONTROSE There's no other neighborhood in Houston that hosts so many major events. And so many people come into the **REP:** Montrose on weekends, Saturdays and Sundays, for the various events. So we started this show because that neighborhood just has so much going on.

JASON VINCICK: In July, there was a roast held in loving honor of gay activist, Ray Hill. Now people either really like Ray or really don't like Ray. The fact is, like him or not, Ray began many of the reforms in the police department that made life better for gays in Houston.

[LAUGHTER]

ROAST HOST: But of course, being the very bipartisan kind of guy that Ray is, he delivered the exact same threat to the Republicans across [INAUDIBLE] their convention. And needless to say, their precinct was packed also.

TRAVIS To get to roast Ray Hill [INAUDIBLE]--

PETERSON:

[LAUGHTER]

--I think it's appropriate that we finally have to say to your face what we've been saying behind your back.

[LAUGHTER]

[CLAPS]

RAY HILL: And he came up and I say, you slimy bastard, you would just love to kick the shit out of a handcuffed old man, wouldn't you?

[LAUGHTER]

Well, that said, I was going to jail that day.

TRAVIS Absolutely.

PETERSON:

RAY HILL: When we got to the jail, the captain of the jail met me at the car. Mr. Hill, would you--

[LAUGHTER]

Suddenly, the officers during the arrest realized that there might be a problem. He said, Mr Hill, would you like to wait in my office until your release is arranged. And I said, no, I am under arrest. I deserve a cell, preferably one with a telephone. Thank you.

[LAUGHTER]

[THEME MUSIC]

JASON VINCICK: And one of the many Pride '98 events covered by *TV Montrose* was the Pride Jamboree in Memorial Park. The mix of people was very diverse. And it was a great way to spend a Saturday in the park.

[THEME MUSIC]

HOUSTON PRESS: We're with Houston Press. This is Linda [? Koo. ?] She's the romance director for *Houston Press*. This is Monica. She's a romance administrator. This is Joe over here. He was going to be the lucky guy that we were going to match up.

[CHUCKLES]

Take off your shades, Joe. All right looking good looking Joe there.

JASON VINCICK: One of the several elements of the event was an Easy Bake Oven contest sponsored by Outrage. And some of the food cooked up was an outrage as well.

REPORTER: We will attempt to talk to them anyway. I haven't met too many lesbians that I think of as cooking. Oh, and honey, you're trying to put it in the outdoor.

OK.

[LAUGHTER]

MARLENE: Well, there you go.

REPORTER: What is it that we're cooking here, Marlene?

S'mores.

We're cooking s'mores.

[THEME MUSIC]

[CHORUS MUSIC]

JASON VINCICK: Montrose is home to the arts of all kinds, including the graceful voices of the Gay Men's Chorus. The chorus has been singing together for 20 years and impressing both gay and straight audiences all over Houston.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) make me blue. With some other guy that you knew before. Between the two of us guys. You know I love you more. You took me by surprise. And I found out just yesterday.

JASON VINCICK: The *TV Montrose* aired from the top of the Cody's building last July 4 with the city of Houston's fireworks show in the background. *TV Montrose* ended that episode with this patriotic salute to America.

KIM: The rooftop view of Houston's Fourth of July celebration.

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

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

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

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

DAN: Until next time, I'm Dan de Leon.

KIM: And I'm Kim Sevier Thanks again.

[MUSIC - "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"]

JASON VINKIK: Ready for some more laughs? Since most of our reporters staff had no prior television experience before *TV Montrose*-- yes, me. We naturally have a large selection of quality bloopers. So let's go take a look at some of those.

[THEME MUSIC]

KIM: You were at the Pride Parade last week, then you had to have seen the *TV Montrose* sky cre-- cram.

[LAUGHTER]

I saw it and I wasn't even in town. [LAUGHTER]

[BLEEP]

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

[LAUGHTER]

KIM: I love him.

[LAUGHTER]

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

[BEEP]

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

KIM: --if we mail it to you.

[LAUGHTER]

DAN: OK. Dan's a bigger dork than I am tonight. This is my friend, Dan.

[BEEP]

CREW: 3, 2, go.

DAN: Everywhere our camera crew--

[LAUGHTER]

CREW: 3, 2,

[BEEP]

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

[LAUGHTER]

KIM: No, that would be me.

[THEME MUSIC]

JASON VINCIC: Now if this is the first time that you have tuned in to *TV Montrose*, you have just seen small example of the kind of programming we provide for positive visibility of the gay and lesbian community. For *TV Montrose*, this is Jason Vincik.

SUZANNE Carlos, it's time to wrap up another show.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS Not just another show, Suzanne, but our birthday show.

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE But it doesn't feel like it because we're taping now. But I know that when we are at Club [INAUDIBLE] we are

ANDERSON: gonna be having a good time.

CARLOS Oh me too. But before we go we'd like to thank everyone that has ever had a role in making *TV Montrose* happen this past year.

SUZANNE And a very special thanks to the volunteers behind the camera and all the reporters that brought in the stories.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS In coming weeks, we hope to make some important announcements about our sister show in Dallas and partnerships that will make *TV Montrose* much stronger and visible in 1999.

SUZANNE Well, for *TV Montrose*, I'm Suzanne Anderson.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS And I'm Carlos Campos. Good night.

CAMPOS:

[THEME MUSIC]

SUZANNE Good evening, and I'm Suzanne Anderson.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS And I'm Carlos Campos. And you're watching *TV Montrose*. What happened to my voice? Did you hear that?

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE No.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS It's weird.

CAMPOS:

SUZANNE We're just talking too much about being butch.

ANDERSON:

[LAUGHTER]

A big deal that *TV Montrose* is going to be on one year.

CARLOS And as you viewers are watching the show, our anniversary party--

CAMPOS:

[CHUCKLES]

--what is wrong with my time this morning?

CREW: I was going to wake you up. [BEEP]

SUZANNE Carlos, that was a fun selection of stories. Oh. I'll finish. [BEEP] Carlos, that was a fun selection of stories.

ANDERSON:

CARLOS That sure was, Suzanne.

CAMPOS:

[LAUGHTER]

SUZANNE Puberty, puberty, puberty. It's these hormones he's taking.

ANDERSON:

[LAUGHTER]

CARLOS There you go.

CAMPOS:

[CHUCKLES]

RUSSIAN You're watching *TV Montrose*. [SPEAKING RUSSIAN] You are watching *TV Montrose*. [SPEAKING IN RUSSIAN]

GUESTS:

[THEME MUSIC]