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**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** Good evening. Welcome to the TV Montrose. I'm Suzanne Anderson.

**KIM SEVIER:** And I'm Kim Sevier.

**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** And today, we're at the funkiest place in the world. We're at the art car museum.

**KIM SEVIER:** It is ultra, super cool. You have to come down and check it out. They're open from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Tuesdays through Sundays. And it's always free to the public. So be sure to come down and give it a look.

**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** And our first segment is going to be on the art car parade. It was cold, it was wet, it was windy, and people came by the thousands to see what was happening.

**KIM SEVIER:** Let's check it out.

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Wasn't the art car parade ultra cool?

**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** There art car parade is always cool.

**KIM SEVIER:** Man, and it's one of my favorite events--

**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** It's funky.

**KIM SEVIER:** --all year.

**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** You went to the party afterwards.

**KIM SEVIER:** Oh, no, the party before the art car bowl. Now, that was hip too. I didn't see you there.

**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** That was cold. It was too cold. [LAUGHS] I'm a little old lady. Also the same weekend was the pancake breakfast at Bering United Methodist Church. So stay tuned and find out what happened there.

**KIM SEVIER:** I love pancakes.

**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.

**WOMAN:** (SINGING) He's of tender age. He-- is it him? Is it him? [VOCALIZING]

**GEORGE** This is the 48th time we've done this, 48. We started in 1950. And every year, we had a little bit here and there.  
**NEVERS:** 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.

**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, 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 for the entire year? I bet a lot of planning goes into that.

**MARY PARKER:** Yes, a lot. We started about six months ahead of time and until-- and until till today.

**JAMA SHELTON:**Wow, and where does all this stuff around this come from for the rumage 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 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 on 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 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  
**BARTON:** 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, experience helps. [LAUGHS]

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

**HENRY CHU:** Yeah I'm having a good time. And I feel like I'm 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 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.

**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** Bering Memorial Church is one of the biggest assets that our community has. They have the dental clinic, they've got all AIDS assistance programs that are going, and they're really an incredible group of people and an interesting mixture of people too.

**KIM SEVIER:** Oh, yeah, they've helped out several of my friends. They really are an asset to the community. Up next, we have a commercial break. Stick with us and we'll check out some more cool cars.

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**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** Welcome back. And we can tell from the response we're getting from you all that you're tuning in, you're listening, you're telling your friends. And I'm starting to get recognized even when I don't have Kelly Jean with me now. Are you?

**KIM SEVIER:** Yeah, I'm being stopped on the street even for TV Montrose and I'm about to take my OL out in this luxurious Velvet machine and drive our right by the community bulletin board so she can see what's going on. Stay with us.

**SUZANNE ANDERSON:** And I'm feeling fine about it. [LAUGHS]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Remember, the U of H is now part of our viewing audience at this time. It's in their dorms and in their public areas. Now, if you would like to be a part of the community calendar, you have event that you want to publicize, give us a call at 713-523-6302. Or if you have some advertising you'd like to do with us.

**KIM SEVIER:** Up next, we have a story on the Houston international festival, which is a huge annual event. That takes place around City Hall. Each year, a different country is featured. And this year, it was the Caribbean. We sent out Joseph Molina and Fred Walters to give us the low-down on the HIF festival. Let's go check it out.

[NON-ENGLISH MUSIC]

**FRED WALTERS:** Welcome to the 1998 Houston international festival. I'm Fred Walters Jr. I'm with Joseph Molina from TV Montrose. This festival is so big that it took both of us. Joseph, what are you-- what are you going to cover today?

**JOSEPH MOLINA:** Culture, Africa, the Caribbean. I'm off. [LAUGHS]

**FRED WALTERS:** 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.

**JOSEPH MOLINA:** If there isn't one thing that you can find at the international festival, it's food. So you come here, make sure you come with a very hearty appetite. And more food. Anybody care for any baklava? My mouth is watering. Wow, look at these. Excuse me. What do you call these?

**MAN 1:** Tacones.

**JOSEPH MOLINA:** Tacones? Tacones. What are they made out of?

**MAN 1:** It's a flour tortilla shaped in a cone.

**JOSEPH** And where does it come from?  
**MOLINA:**

**MAN 1:** Where does it come from? A couple of guys getting together. So you know what? That'd be cool idea.

**JOSEPH** That's a cool idea. It's good you got a nice setup here.  
**MOLINA:**

**MAN 2:** Thank you.

**JOSEPH** That's good. That's good. Vegetables like my mama would pick. Yeah, yeah, this is wonderful. Chicken. Yeah,  
**MOLINA:** what stuff do you got here?

**WOMAN 1:** Well, we've got chicken, we've got lamb, we've got sausage and beef, vegetables, celery sauce, and Greek salad.

**JOSEPH** Wow. You have more than a meal. Beer, food. What are you all up here doing today?  
**MOLINA:**

**WOMAN 2:** We're up here enjoying the sun and the beautiful music. We have a friend in from Austin who wanted to come down to the festival. So we thought that we'd bring her on down.

**JOSEPH** So what do y'all think of the festival today?  
**MOLINA:**

**MAN 3:** It's wonderful festival. We have a beautiful day out here in the Montrose area.

**WOMAN 2:** Music is great, the food is wonderful, and the drinks are delicious.

**JOSEPH** Drinks.  
**MOLINA:**

**WOMAN 2:** Drinks.

**JOSEPH** Food.  
**MOLINA:**

**WOMAN 2:** People and fun.

**FRED** Thank you. I found the perfect plant. No maintenance plant. The perfect bachelor's plant. And if you're into  
**WALTERS:** romance, I found some beautiful candle holders, beautiful sculptured. Lots of things. Which way do I go? Which way? Hey, where? Texas, Latin, African? What?

**MAN 4:** Africa.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**FRED** Well, we're here on the Texas largest grill. I've heard it being grilled, but this is ridiculous. Look at all this  
**WALTERS:** sausage. It looks so good.

**MAN 5:** This is a Johnsonville big taste grill. It's the world's largest traveling grill. And we're from Johnsonville, Wisconsin. This is approximately 65 feet long. We can cook 750 bratwursts on here at a time and \$2,500 an hour.

**JOSEPH MOLINA:** One of the beautiful pieces I found at the International festival was done by this woman. What's your name?

**WOMAN 3:** Juliette Singias.

**JOSEPH MOLINA:** The thing that attracted me by it was it's strong orientation to the feminine divinity. Are you a feminine-- do you paint goddesses?

**WOMAN 3:** I do, and I do them basically because I feel that we all have an internal light. And part of the painting is to bring that light out and also in centering. The mask I made out of clay, and they're called dream people. And the eyes appear to be close to just remind you to reflect. And there's also a color chart that tells you what the colors mean. And most people are attracted to blue, which is a very peaceful color. And I guess in our day and age, we need that.

**JOSEPH MOLINA:** Well, I think she's doing a phenomenal job. Thank you.

**FRED WALTERS:** Thank you very much. We're in Pueblo to people, a nonprofit organization benefiting South American cooperatives. I have a palm leaf hat on. Let's see what we can make it look like. Darling, I don't think so.  
[LAUGHS]

**JOSEPH MOLINA:** What do you think? Y'all should run out and buy one now.

**FRED WALTERS:** Excuse me. Do you have these in a size 14?

**MAN 6:** No, highest is a size 10.

**FRED WALTERS:** No, highest is a size 10? Oh, well.  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

**JOSEPH MOLINA:** And look, you can even get your fortune told. Well, here Fred and I are taking a break in the middle of our very exhausting day. How's your day been so far, Fred?

**FRED WALTERS:** It's been very busy. I'm so tired. I got to visit Pueblo to people, I got to visit this big Texas grill, and I got to be a little silly today.

**JOSEPH MOLINA:** Oh, I got to try on some nice summer dresses, got my fortune told, and a lot of great food. I am so stuffed.  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

At first, this looks so familiar. I know this looked like a mass of lesbians and then homosexuals, but then that got me confused. I didn't understand where I was at anymore.

**FRED** Which bar is it, the Ranch or JR?

**WALTERS:**

[NON-ENGLISH MUSIC]

They both have golden A.

**JOSEPH** It's true. Look at the hats, golden A.

**MOLINA:**

**FRED** Oh, my God.

**WALTERS:**

[NON-ENGLISH MUSIC]

**JOSEPH** I love it. They have got some movement. They are doing a fabulous job. They know how to work it. They can clear a dance floor Rich's.

**MOLINA:**

**FRED** Look at that.

**WALTERS:**

**JOSEPH** OK, maybe for just a minute.

**MOLINA:**

**FRED** Well, you're all so very cute out there with all of you. [LAUGHS]

**WALTERS:**

[NON-ENGLISH MUSIC]

**JOSEPH** Now, it really reminds me of PS and Rich's at 1:30. But we're back here in front of the pool at the international festival. Hey Fred, how was your day?

**MOLINA:**

**FRED** It was wonderful. It was a very, very hot day. I'm tired. And it was very colorful too.

**WALTERS:**

**JOSEPH** Yeah, I enjoyed my day too. You know what? Now, 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.

**MOLINA:**

**SUZANNE** Girlfriend, this is cool. We got Madonna on the hood. We got a cross or something funky on the end of it.

**ANDERSON:**

**KIM SEVIER:** Everything in life is fine because we're riding in style in a Deville.

**SUZANNE** We're ready to go. I think the boys are getting a little bit too comfortable with themselves.

**ANDERSON:**

**KIM SEVIER:** Joseph and Fred are crazy. They're just nuts.

**SUZANNE** Well, I mean the camera and everything is just too comfortable. The people are watching them and it's going to

**ANDERSON:** their head.

**KIM SEVIER:** I like them. I think we should start hanging out with Fred and Joseph more often.

**SUZANNE** We got our own deal. And if you don't get our deal, and if you would like to see us and you don't have Warner

**ANDERSON:** Cable, you can order the tapes.

**KIM SEVIER:** Call 713-523-6302, and we'll set you up with a subscription plan. Let's take a look at them now.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SUZANNE** Well standing here in front of the swamp mother, we thought you might like to see a little bit more of the art car

**ANDERSON:** parade.

**KIM SEVIER:** I want to see more cars.

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**WOMAN 4:** 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.

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**SUZANNE** Well, our 30 minutes has passed and we're going to wrap up the show with this 1958 Mary Kay Cadillac. Mary Kay  
**ANDERSON:** around in 1958?

**KIM SEVIER:** I have no idea.

**SUZANNE** Why am I asking you? You wouldn't know. You're not that old. Oh, well, next week, we're going to be coming to  
**ANDERSON:** you from Rich's. We're going to be partying down. So it's Suzanne Anderson along with my little buddy, Kelly Jean.

**KIM SEVIER:** And Kim Sevier.

**SUZANNE** Good night.

**ANDERSON:**

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**JAMA SHELTON:** These are the two men behind the silent auction here at the spring festival. Would you like to tell me how you--  
[LAUGHS] I mean keep going.

**FRED** [BLEEP] We're downtown. I'm with Joseph Molina. I'm Fred Walters Jr from TV Montrose. [LAUGHS] Today's  
**WALTERS:** events-- sponsor. [BLEEP] 13 blocks of spotlight-- that's not it. [BLEEP]

**JOSEPH** That border looks good. So that isn't right. Cut. [LAUGHS] [BLEEP] Hot. So Kim and Suzanne, I think that we are  
**MOLINA:** ready to go cool down.

**FRED** You know that water behind us looks really good.

**WALTERS:**

**JOSEPH** [BLEEP] Well, after a wonderful day, a hot day, not to mention how--

**MOLINA:**

**SUZANNE** [BLEEP] More and more response from the viewers and that was really bad. [LAUGHS] We're getting--

**ANDERSON:**

**KIM SEVIER:** We suck today. [LAUGHS] [BLEEP] Get along, little doggie. I'm sorry. I'm an high freak today. I'm not sorry. I'm just an high freak.

**SUZANNE** [BLEEP] And coming up is the art car parade. It was cold, it was windy. I know, I know, I know. [LAUGHS] Chill, I  
**ANDERSON:** just-- I'm just-- I'm not tired. I'm not nothing. I'm just [BLEEP] [LAUGHS] it was windy and people came by the thousands to see what was happening.

**KIM SEVIER:** Let's check it out.

**ALL:** Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

**SUZANNE** In spite of ourselves.

**ANDERSON:**

**KIM SEVIER:** I love it.

[MUSIC PLAYING]