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SUZANNE All aboard the *TV Montrose*. Here we are in Highland Park at the zoo today.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Welcome to show number five. Herman Park is one of the most beautiful spots in Montrose. It's just five minutes away from the intersection of Westheimer in Montrose. And there are so many wonderful things that the park offers-- the train, which is Suzanne and I's favorite. They also have a pond with paddle boats and Miller Outdoor Theater, and of course, all the museums are right here. And the zoo is gorgeous.

SUZANNE While you're staying tuned, we want you to take out a piece of paper and a pencil because we're going to give you lots of numbers today, and we want you to write them down. There's going to be places that maybe you're going to want to call us and let us know what you think about the show. We're going to give you an email address. And then there's going to be a charity that you would want to benefit.

KIM SEVIER: So stay tuned. Stay with us. Our first story today is actually a story that Suzanne did from Lobo and their brand new coffee shop. So let's go take a look.

SUZANNE Larry, you have been in the book business for 25 years. And what a change the book business has made.

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: Yeah, it started when I was 15. Yeah, it has changed a lot. [LAUGHS]

SUZANNE Well, when did you-- what made you even think about opening up this little coffee shop? I mean, that's a great idea.

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: Competition.

SUZANNE Competition. That'll keep you sharp.

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: [LAUGHS] Well, that's what it's all about. Yeah. We felt the need to do it. Be competitive. And it's in two months it's been open. It seems to work.

SUZANNE Well, you've done a fabulous job here. I mean, it looks really--

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: Thank you.

SUZANNE --really nice. And when I look around here, like I said--

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: Coming from a number one realtor like you, that's really nice.

SUZANNE There you go. You've got lots of little goodies over here to eat. You've got pies and cakes--

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: Yeah, that's how I stay slender.

SUZANNE --and fruit juices. I know. It's how we all keep our figure.

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: No, we-- we bake the cookies, brownies, and most--

SUZANNE You bake the cookies?

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: Well, we don't. The store does.

SUZANNE Yeah.

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: Dawn does, these people behind the counter. Then we have the desserts over here. We have those quiches tonight, our small types of quiches that we have during the day. We try to have other things other than just desserts.

SUZANNE Let's talk about what's in the store you got t-shirts over there. You got decals. You have coffee mugs. And one of

ANDERSON: the things that I always thought was fun about your stores is where did all these autographed pictures come from?

LARRY LINGLE: That's what's left over from a previous career of mine, rare books and autographs, which I've done business in for about 40 years. And I keep an interest. So we sell a few once in a while, but it's more just a-- it's a pastime for me.

SUZANNE It's your avocation within your vocation. So when can you come here and start getting coffee? I mean, what hour

ANDERSON: do you open up?

LARRY LINGLE: 9:00 to 12:00 Monday through--

SUZANNE Oh, you mean 9:00 AM to 12:00--

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: Midnight.

SUZANNE Midnight.

ANDERSON:

LARRY LINGLE: Monday through-- Sunday through-- oh, wait-- Monday through Friday-- do I know these things? And Saturday, we're open till 7:00. Saturday and Sunday, we're open till 7:00.

SUZANNE OK. Our grand finale tonight was Annise Parker, Councilmember Annise Parker, cutting the ribbon with Larry

ANDERSON: Lingle. And we're wrapping it up here with an enormous crowds.

I mean, you talk about crowds thronging to Lobo. We're here, and we're pretty queer too. So anyway, enjoyed having you here tonight and being a part of us, so come down to Lobo and see what they've got. Have a cup of coffee.

Welcome back. We had a super time at Lobos. I mean, the parking lot was full. The place was packed. There were people everywhere and all these gorgeous, gorgeous desserts that I was dying to wear. Anyway, we want you to stay tuned. We've got a super feature coming up on--

KIM SEVIER: About the Rolling Rockets. They're a professional basketball team they belong to a National League, and they are disabled people that play from wheelchairs. They are based out of the Multi-Purpose Center on West Gray. And Steve Baker, our very own producer, takes a closer look at what makes the Rolling Rockets so exciting and successful. Stay with us.

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STEVE BAKER: Tonight, we're in the gymnasium with a-- one of the most famous basketball teams, the Rockets, except this is the Rolling Rockets. And with me is Coach Scott Schneider, who, by day, works for Goodwill Industries, and by night, at least one night or so a week, is out here playing basketball, coaching basketball. Scott?

SCOTT Yes, we're the Houston Rolling Rockets, and we've been in existence for actually about 20 years.

SCHNEIDER:

We're made up of various individuals with physical disabilities. It's a terrific sport. We are part of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, which is comprised of approximately about 160 teams.

And we're practicing twice a week, and then our season runs basically from about September through March. We have a roster of 12 players. That's the roster that we have to have, and they're various sizes, shapes, and various ages.

And it's open up to-- we hope it will open up to more people as more teams are developing. Well, we're a family, and it makes no difference what your background is. It makes no difference, you know, what your color is, your race, your age. We accept all people.

And the common denominator here is that everyone loves wheelchair basketball. They want to learn the sport, and they want to have some camaraderie. And when we travel, we travel as a unit. We travel as a team.

A lot of the people have broken their backs, their spinal cord injured. Some people we have here have had polio. Muscular dystrophy is represented. Some people are amputees.

But when people have had an injury or an accident, and something's happened to them, lots of times, they feel that their life is over. So one of the things that we show people is that you can do whatever it is that you want to do if you set your mind to it.

Some of us have been fortunate to be on the United States team for the Paralympic Games. A lot of these guys do other events, such as track and field, downhill skiing, mountain climbing, road racing. You name it. There's a lot that they do.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

HORACE LOVE: Well, it's family. It's independence because we are our family as well as a team. And it's our independence. Because we're disabled, don't mean that we have to stay home and not do anything. This gives us a chance to get out, and get exercise, and be active, and just enjoy ourselves with basketball.

PAUL SCHLOBOHM: And we're able to go to other cities and play with other people. The competition levels are extremely high. I play both able-bodied ball and wheelchair ball, and I was fortunate enough to find these guys. And together, we've been able to put some good things together.

We strive to push each other to be the best we possibly can, and sometimes, we go a little bit over the line. It gets a little bit rough, but it's all in fun. And it's not to get anybody hurt. It's to push our limits. And that's part of what being a team is about is pushing our limits to get better together.

JEFF WILLIAMS: If you push each other harder, you work harder, and you learn better, and that's what this is all about for us.

STEVE BAKER: Franco.

FRANCO GUZMAN: Yeah, this sport is like any other sport. It's tough. High-quality performance. It's not recreational. You get a workout to be on this court and play against other teams.

We're athletes. We're part of the community, so how come we didn't even have uniforms, see? So we're part of the community. We deserve this chance, and we promise that there will be-- we put the name of Houston up because we're real athletes.

PAUL SCHLOBOHM: You know, that's-- you're pointing out a true fact. We are a non-profit organization. And unfortunately, because of being a non-profit organization, it's very difficult for all of us to work and to try to generate funds so that we can do this.

It's not a leisure activity. This is competition. We want to be the best and represent the best, which is Houston, Texas.

SCOTT SCHNEIDER: So with the right support, I feel too that it'll help us get to be the number one team in the country. We play the game for one reason, and that's to win. When we go out on the court, we're there to do our absolute best each and every game.

STEVE BAKER: For most of us, being able dribble the basketball is no big deal. And I'm actually being able to do this myself. It's a little bit harder for some of us to actually move around, and walk, and dribble the basketball, which if I had to move any faster, I'd probably have a problem. And don't ask me to hit that hoop over there because I probably wouldn't do it.

These guys back behind me, we've shown you here tonight, they can do that, and they can do more. I would figure it's only a matter of time before these guys are going to be known around the city. It's just a matter of time before people realize what wheelchair basketball is all about. And you can bet that *TV Montrose* will be here when they have their next game.

KIM SEVIER: What an inspirational and motivational story about the rolling rockets. What a brave, strong, and courageous group of people.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: That's an amazing group of men. And men play all over the United States. They play professional basketball, and they don't even have uniforms, unlike every other team that they play against.

So one of the things that *TV Montrose* wants to do is we want to make a donation to start a uniform drive. If you want to be a part of that, the first three businesses that produce commercials with us will charge you only \$500 for production costs. And \$250 of that will go towards this uniform drive, and it will go in the name of your business. So this is a way for you to be a part of *TV Montrose* and also to be a part of this incredible team.

KIM SEVIER: It's a great opportunity. And coming up next, we have a commercial break. So please stay with us.

MAN: "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 and 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 Journalist Association. The Houston press rights 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. So let's not waste one child and let them all reach for the stars.

MAN: Slash your wireless costs with phones and pagers from Premier Paging & 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.

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

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[CLOCK RINGING]

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Welcome back. This part of the zoo reminds me of Europe when we were in Paris, and we saw the big beautiful trees and the koi pond. And, Kim, these are the fattest that I've ever seen.

These fish here are this long and this wide. I mean, they get fed regularly. But it is absolutely beautiful here.

SCOTT SCHNEIDER: It is. It's breathtaking. This part of the zoo has been here since I can remember. It's probably the cornerstone, one of the first things that was built. When I was little, I'd asked my mom, can I please, please live at the zoo? And when I was really bad, my mother said, of course, we can arrange that.

SUZANNE Why would she say that when you were bad? That was a wonderful thing. What better place to be?
ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: It's a great place to be, especially on a day like this with the huge trees--

SUZANNE It's gorgeous.

ANDERSON:

SCOTT --and the beautiful birds, everything. Next up, we have a story brought to you by Leana Colmenares, who's at the
SCHNEIDER: New Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Hawthorne for a fundraiser. Let's go to her and take a look.

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LEANA Hi, I'm Leana Colmenares reporting with *TV Montrose*. Behind me is the wonderful threesome of Shades of Gray.
COLMENARES: And what a wonderful way to kick-off a great evening and fundraiser. We're also at the most wonderful home of Debbie Finney and Anita Renteria. We are here for the benefit and fundraiser for the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center.

KEVIN Well, I deal with getting tenants involved and scheduling the activities that are going to go into the community
DAVIDSON: center once it's up and running, which it is now.

LEANA Oh, great, great. Why don't you tell us where it's located and give us a little bit of idea about the look and walk
COLMENARES: us through the facility?

KEVIN Sure, it's at 803 Hawthorne, right at the corner of Hawthorne and Stanford. It's a beautiful old home built in the
DAVIDSON: early 1900, the beautiful trees on the outside. It's going to be a great place for us all to have our activities and such.

LEANA Great.

COLMENARES:

KEVIN When you walk into the first main meeting space area, it will house approximately 75 to 100 people with chairs.
DAVIDSON: And we hope to have artwork that we're changing throughout the year in that main meeting space. When you walk into the sunroom, the sunroom is an area that we're going to have a conference room and possibly TV center that people can casually meet and such.

Then we have another meeting or by an overflow conference room that's going to be a very casuals place to meet with also TV possibly, videos. We haven't decided which two rooms we'll have the library in. It'll probably be the sunroom and such. Then there's a middle room area that is going to be greeting space and informational pamphlets and just basically a reception area that allows people to come in through the facility.

There's also a kitchen that will be available for limited usage, but that's also in the downstairs area. Then as you go upstairs, there are several office spaces that will be rented to, hopefully, various community organizations in our community. Several people are interested, like the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, the Houston Pride Committee, the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, and several other organizations.

LEANA Well, it sounds like the space is huge. Do you know what square footage we're talking about?

COLMENARES:

KEVIN It's approximately 3,000 square feet.

DAVIDSON:

LEANA Oh, that's great. That's great.

COLMENARES:

KEVIN Lot's of space. Uh-huh. There's a beautiful backyard in the-- the community center. We hope to build a storage shed. And then the-- I think the gay and lesbian-- what is it-- landscaping group is doing some landscaping for us.

DAVIDSON:

CARL RIEDL: The community center is the resource center for the community. They'll be able to come in and get information about either businesses or activities. If they're an organization, they can have events at the center. And it's just a place for the community to feel at home.

ANITA Well, we're thrilled to have these people out tonight to help support the community center. There has been some strong response. And I think it's going to go very well. We're just at the beginning, and we really look forward to getting-- we're hoping for a big kick off and looking forward to a long, successful implementation of the center. It's a long time coming, so I'm glad it's here.

RENERIA:

STEWART Initially, we are breaking up the activities into three general categories. One is we hope to be a permanent home for several gay and lesbian organizations. The second one is that we want to be a clearinghouse for the gay community so that it can-- people can come to town and ask questions about places to go, hotels to stay out at, what types of activities are going on, what types of businesses that can go to that are gay friendly.

And in addition to that, we are keeping a sub-- much of the space in the center open for meeting spaces so that organizations that don't have a permanent home can come and use the center for meetings. Looking around the country, we're the only city of any size with any size, gay and lesbian population that doesn't have a community center, so--

LEANA Isn't that amazing?

COLMENARES:

STEWART It is. But historically, strange things happen. So we're looking to rectify that now.

ZUCKERBROD:

JR FUTCHER: What we are looking for-- furniture, office equipment ranging from lamps to desks, chairs, couches, the like, especially computer and electronics. We are currently seeking in cooperation with United Way for those items as well. But anything that people can offer to us, we would be glad to come and collect it for them and then provide them with a receipt as a tax donation.

LEANA This evening turned out to be a great success. We had a donation by Montrose activity center for \$3,000 and wonderful music here done by Shades of Gray and a turnout of a large number of people. Again, the facility is open for limited services right now. So if you need more information, please see the number listed below. This is Leana Colmenares with *TV Montrose*.

COLMENARES:

KIM SEVIER: Thanks, Leana, for a great story on our new Lesbian and Gay Community Center. We're here now with the giraffes, one of my personal favorites.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: They smell so good. You want to know what's happening in our community? We're going to let you know. Stay tuned.

CREW: Perfect. That'll work.

KIM SEVIER: You didn't even say bulletin board.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Oh, yeah. Stay tuned for what?

KIM SEVIER: You want to know what's happening? Stay tuned. Suzanne's going to come to your house and tell you. She's going to go in your kitchen, make a pot of coffee for herself, rummage through your refrigerator--

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Never had a pot of coffee in my life.

KIM SEVIER: --take off her shoes, and put her smelly feet on your coffee table, and let you know. Doesn't that sound exciting?

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Shut up.

KIM SEVIER: Ow!

[LAUGHTER]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

SUZANNE ANDERSON: If you want to get your community organization on the bulletin board, give us a call. 713-523-6302.

KIM SEVIER: Or you can email us at tvmontrose@aol.com. Up next, we have Joseph Molina, our staff astrologer, with your forecast for the month. I can't wait to see what he has in store for us Tauruses.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: I'm sure only good things.

KIM SEVIER: Of course. And these elephants are Pisces behind us, so let's find out.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: [LAUGHS]

JOSEPH MOLINA: Good evening, TV land. My name is Joseph Molina, and I'm stargazing for the month of April. Happy birthday, Aries. A year of great potential lies before you. If only you can stop and listen to your inner self, great heights of achievement means laying down the foundation to achieve your goals.

Taurus, if it's not one thing, it's the other, distractions-- where do you go and what do you do because you can't get away from them. Taurus, just learn to say no, or you'll never get any work done.

Gemini, you think it's all about you. Well, this month, you better make sure you know what you're talking about. Challenges will confront you, and any cracks that you have in your integrity will become noticeable crevices.

Cancer, this month, you will be a lot more conscious about your money and your spending habits. You'll be pinching pennies, hawking those out-of-date CDs, and clipping coupons.

Leo, as if you don't have enough to do already. Why are you taking on more? It could be extra money, or how about some inner need to learn a new skill?

You've got an itch, Leo. An itch to change the course of your life. Well, now is not the best time to make a move. But if you wait until after April, it could be.

Virgo, movement means drive and focus. Achieving goals means will and determination. You will accomplish anything you set your mind to as long as you stay driven and focused.

Libra, over the course of April, keep an open eye for a guide or a teacher in the form of a friend or a lover. Assistance will come from an outside source. It can manifest as love, as comfort, as intimacy.

Scorpio, calm down, Scorpio. Take a chill pill. This month, you're going to seem on edge. You won't be able to get away from yourself, so go back to bed.

Sagittarius. For a moment, the universe will open a doorway. Where do you want to go, Sag? What you desire lies behind door number 1, or is it door number 2? Well, first, decide what you want behind door number 1 and then open the doors to your future.

Capricorn, don't try and start any new projects this month, Capricorn. This month, universal's forces request some energy toward the contemplation of your life path. Finish all of your unfinished projects. Organize your home, and wait on the will of heaven.

Aquarius, although your mood may be a little off, the universe is testing the virtue of your ways. You may not feel in sync, but truly, you are very on. Even though throughout the month of April, you may not feel it.

Pisces, April means rebelliousness. And over the course of April, you will find yourself getting involved with power struggles with individuals that you work with and that you socialize with. My best advice to you is go home or take a vacation. Do what you can to avoid the stress of confrontation.

My name is Joseph Molina, and I'm stargazing for *TV Montrose*. For more information, you can call me at 713-524-4411. Or you can look me up on the internet at www.astralwind.com for an extended horoscope. Thank you very much.

SUZANNE

ANDERSON:

This has been one of the most fun shows that we've ever had. I mean, the monkeys are a hoot. We've had a great time with the giraffe. Those are the fattest fish that I have ever seen in my life.

KIM SEVIER: I don't want this day to end. It's been just fabulous. And thank you so much for being with us. Remember, we have a show that repeats on Tuesday and Wednesday night and a new show for you on next Monday, so stay tuned.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: If you missed any of our previous shows or would like copies of her shows, you have an opportunity to catch up.

KIM SEVIER: We have two different subscription plans, so please choose the one that fits you. And we appreciate you watching. Remember to always send your comments to us. We can be reached at tvmontrose@aol.com. Thank you so much for watching, and we'll see you next week.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Good night

[MUSIC PLAYING]

LEANA COLMENARES: Hi. We're here with Kevin Davidson, the committee chair. Start over. The Lesbian-- Houston Lesbian Gay-- ugh. I am sorry. [BLABBERING] Tongue twister. OK, we're ready.

KEVIN DAVIDSON: She needs another drink.

KIM SEVIER: No, I haven't had one. That's the problem.

KEVIN DAVIDSON: That's the problem.

KIM SEVIER: Want me to put that down?

SUZANNE ANDERSON: No. How long-- how deep-- I mean, how long are you going to get-- are you just going to get from the waist up? Or you're going to--

CREW: Yeah, for the most part.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: For the most part.

KIM SEVIER: OK.

CREW: Yeah.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: I just can't stay here.

KIM SEVIER: [LAUGHS] OK. What the hell are we doing? [LAUGHS]

SUZANNE ANDERSON: OK.

LEANA Hi, we're here with--

COLMENARES:

CREW: Yeah, start over.

LEANA Ugh. OK, we're here with Kevin Zuckerbrod.

COLMENARES:

STEWART Stewart.

ZUCKERBROD:

LEANA I mean, Stewart. Slap me. Slap me. I was doing so well until these last two.

COLMENARES:

STEWART What have you been drinking?

ZUCKERBROD:

LEANA Nothing.

COLMENARES:

STEWART Oh.

ZUCKERBROD:

LEANA That's the problem.

COLMENARES:

STEWART Well, get her a drink.

ZUCKERBROD:

SUZANNE --commercials for \$500. That's an incredibly small amount for producer. All right. [LAUGHS]

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: At the new Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Hawthorne for a fundraiser. Let's go to her and take a look.

SUZANNE Lesbian and gay.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Oh. Lesbian and gay.

SUZANNE Coming up, our community events. Stay tuned.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: That's it?

[LAUGHTER]

SUZANNE I don't-- I don't know. I guess, we can do-- I guess I can elaborate.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Oh, come on.

SUZANNE OK, OK.

ANDERSON:

LEANA We're here with-- ugh.

COLMENARES:

JR FUTCHER: Junior is here. Junior is going to be on television. I've been on television before.

LEANA There you go, OK.

COLMENARES:

JR FUTCHER: I'm a yam. I love attention.

LEANA There you go. Congre-- Congregate--

COLMENARES:

JR FUTCHER: Congregate.

[LAUGHTER]

Congregate, transmutate.

LEANA And here also added to that donation, the activity center--

COLMENARES:

Ah.