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

SUZANNE And I'm Suzanne Anderson. And tonight, we're going to celebrate our anniversary.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Four months. Can you even believe it's been four months, Suzanne?

SUZANNE When I think back at the shows, what was your favorite one? I think mine was the zoo.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Oh, my gosh. I loved the zoo. Your favorite can't be the zoo. My favorite's the zoo.

SUZANNE Getting up in the tree--

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: It was so cool.

SUZANNE --that was a special moment.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Well, happy anniversary, Suzanne.

SUZANNE Thank you.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: And because it's our fourth month anniversary and because we also have a ton of new viewers, we're going to show you excerpts of the people, places, and events that TV Montrose has covered over the past four months.

SUZANNE And this will give you a chance to catch up on the stories we've done and the people that have been on our show.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: But up first, we have our fifth segment in our series, Countdown to Pride.

SUZANNE So let's join Joseph Molnar at Pumped Up on Art.

ANDERSON:

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JOSEPH I'm Joseph Molnar and I'm here to preview for the pride committee of Houston's Pumped Up on Art exhibition.

MOLNAR: And I'm speaking with Ernie Manouse who happens to be one of the co-hosts for the event. Can you tell us what Pumped Up on Art is?

ERNIE Pumped Up on Art is an auction that's held every year. This is the fourth year that we've done it. And it's to raise
MANOUSE: money for the pride committee of Houston. And what happens is we have shoes donated from celebrities. This year there are 14 pair that have come in.

And one shoe is taken by a local artist and turned into a work of art and the other shoe is kept in its original way. And then they're brought to this auction and they're auctioned off. In the last three years, we've raised \$25,000 with this and we're hoping to do that much at least this year.

JOSEPH MOLNAR: Well, that's fascinating. Can you tell us where it's going to be located and any extra details about it?

ERNIE MANOUSE: Sure. It's at the Williams Street gallery, which is at 711, Williams Street here in Houston and the Dakota lofts. It's going to be the 26th of June. And everyone out there should come and bring their checkbooks. [LAUGHS]

JOSEPH MOLNAR: Joel, could you please show us a couple of these pieces and describe them.

JOEL LUTRINGER: Well, sure thing. This one is by Christy Douglas. It is Lisa Kudrow's shoes. She actually wore these shoes for the Screen Actors Guild Awards. And the piece is entitled, Lovely Assistant Lost. And over, here we have Victoria Principal's shoes. And this piece was done by Bob Martin.

JOSEPH MOLNAR: Joel, I think it's a really great thing that these personalities have decided to donate their shoes. Who else has decided to do that this year?

JOEL LUTRINGER: Oh, well, sure thing. Other celebrities include Rosanne Cash, Janet Lee, Deborah Gibson, Kathy Najimy, and Clyde Drexler, and other notable celebrities.

JOSEPH MOLNAR: Well, that's great. But I know that's not the only thing that's going to be there, just shoes. Can you tell me about some of the other pieces of art?

JOEL LUTRINGER: Oh, we've had a art collector from the community donate from his personal art collection \$30,000 worth of art that will be used during the silent auction portion of the auction.

JOSEPH MOLNAR: I'm here with Mr. Bob Martin who happens to have designed and executed this piece. Could you please tell me a little bit of something about the inspiration?

BOB MARTIN: Well, about the only reference point I had for Victoria Principal when I was given the shoes was Dallas. So with that, traveled with it, thought oil, Texas, steal oil rigs. And I went from there. And tried to go as big as possible.

JOSEPH MOLNAR: Christy, can you tell us something about your piece here?

CHRISTY DOUGLAS: Well, I was given Lisa Kudrow's shoes. And she's so well-known for her TV appearances that I wanted to do something with a little drama and create a skit, an all new show for her to do possibly. And this is entitled Lovely Assistant Loss. And there's a whole story about it that you'll find out during Pumped Up on Art.

But basically, what I did was, it's a piece of the dismembering box of doom from Omar the Great, the magician. And what I actually did to the shoe is a raku faux finish, which is a Chinese glazing technique for pottery.

JOSEPH MOLNAR: That's fascinating. We hope you've enjoyed this introduction to Pumped Up on Art. It'll be at 7:00 PM, June 26th at the 711 Williams Street gallery at the Dakota Lobs apartments downtown. Be sure to pick up your pride guide available at Montrose area businesses, and you can attend many of the other events. This is Joseph Molnar with TV Montrose.

KIM SEVIER: Suzanne, now I want to go buy some shoes.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: I'm just curious as to what, kind of, shoes they buy. Do you think that they always get custom shoes handmade or do you think they ever show up at Target and just go in and pick up a pair of sandals?

KIM SEVIER: If they do, I haven't seen anybody there yet. [LAUGHS] Up next, we're going to go to JC, who's presenting a celebrity of the week segment from Stages Repertory Theater.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: And this week, he caught up with state land commissioner, Gary Mauro, who is the Democratic candidate for governor.

KIM SEVIER: And after speaking with Gary, JC also got a few comments from Kerry Lobel, who is director of the gay and lesbian task force. So let's go to JC and find out what he found out.

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JC: Standing here with Gary Mauro, the Democrat nominee for governor. And you're going to be running against a very popular governor, Governor Bush. What do you-- how do you feel about it? Do you feel confident about it?

GARY MAURO: Well, I'm real excited about the race and I am confident. We have a once in a lifetime opportunity, a once in a generation opportunity in this election in 1998. The fact is because of this great economy we're in right now, we're generating enormous revenue increases for state government.

The question is, are we going to reprioritize our spending so that we don't stroll into the 21st century, but we roar into the 21st century and really bring the best jobs to Texas? We've got a really decider we're going to just be the proudest state, the state that has the most to be proud of. And that's what this campaign is about, talking about how I think we ought to reprioritize state government spending and all these revenue increases that we're getting.

Let's keep no growth budgets in non-prioritized areas. But let's spend the money so that we make Texas that special place we want to live in the 21st century. That the real strength of Texas has always been in celebrating its diversity. And you don't see enough of that in our state. We have probably the most diverse culture in the United States.

And although we haven't fallen into the pitfalls of a California, where the English only people have worn out, we have got to make certain that we don't. And I'm pretty optimistic that we can celebrate our diversity and continue to attract the best jobs and have the best standard of living right here in Texas.

JC: Some discourse within the gay and lesbian community because they don't feel that they've gotten anything in the past. How would you change that? And I mean specifically with if legislation were to come to your desk with repealing 2106, the sodomy law. Or there's a speculation that Warren Chisholm is going to introduce an anti-gay adoption bill. How would you support that? And will you be seeking the gay and lesbian community support?

GARY MAURO: Of course, I've always sought and always received the gay and lesbian support in the community. And in every election I've ever been in, I've had the strong support of the gay and lesbian community. I mean, the fact is I have a record at the Texas General Land Office. I was the first statewide elected official who passed rules and regulations to end sexual orientation discrimination in our hiring policies.

You look at my workforce at the Texas General Land Office, Texas Veterans Land Board, we are truly reflective of the diversity in this great state. If you look at my support on most gay and lesbian issues, I've generally been willing to stand up, toe the line, and be for equal rights. I have an old fashioned idea-- I am an old fashioned Texan. And what people do in their bedroom is really nobody else's business.

JC: Would you sign an anti-gay adoption bill?

GARY MAURO: I can't imagine signing an anti-gay adoption bill. I mean, the fact is the important issue in adoption is, can we find qualified parents who put the time and effort into raising kids? Their sexual orientation shouldn't be an issue.

JC: And most political pundits say that by the year 2000, and it's approaching, that the entire state will be controlled by the GOP. If you were to be elected governor, do you think you could work with the GOP majority if that were the case?

GARY MAURO: We're a democracy. And of course, I could work with that. But the GOP is not going to be a majority. In fact, it's moving the other direction. I mean, the fact is demographically, we are a democratic state. Hispanics, Blacks, people lower socioeconomic status, middle-class Americans, little middle class Texans, they traditionally are our voters.

Where we Democrats have fallen down is we haven't provided enough reasons for Blacks, Hispanics, and Texans of modern income to get out and vote. And if we'll work and build our correlations, including the gay and lesbian community, we'll have more than enough votes to maintain a democratic majority. By election day, everybody will understand who I am, what I believe in, and what the difference is between me and Governor Bush are. For the gay and lesbian community, it's real easy.

JC: What's that?

GARY MAURO: He's against you and I'm for you. It's that simple. I mean, he's buying into the Christian Coalition. I'm not. I don't care if the Christian Coalition ever, ever says a kind word about me. Those people don't believe in a tolerant America. They don't believe in a democracy. I do.

And in your community, it'll be real simple. It'll be very-- I'm going to list the things I'm for, what I think my vision for Texas is, and we're going to put that right next to George Bush. And for gay and open-- openly gay or lesbian person in Texas to vote for George Bush means they're voting against their own interest.

JC: Thank you. I'm standing here with Kerry Lobel, the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. How are you doing, Kerry?

KERRY LOBEL: I'm doing great. Happy to be here in Houston today.

JC: So why are you here in Houston? You're obviously-- are you campaigning or lobbying?

KERRY LOBEL: We're here in Houston today because it's important that national organizations know what activists and communities like Houston are doing. You all have a lot to teach the national community. So I'm here to listen, and to learn, and participate in a special event tonight that benefits the task force, the lesbian and gay rights lobby and the gay and lesbian political caucus, which is an unprecedented gathering of three organizations to put together a special event that benefits us all.

JC: Great. Your organization, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force recently put out-- I'm probably going to mispronounce it. But they recently put out an information package basically of the public's changing perceptions towards gays and lesbians. Can you elaborate a little bit on that?

KERRY LOBEL: Sure. Our think tank put out a report called from rights-- from wrongs to rights. It looks at public opinion over the last three decades and basically found that the majority of Americans support equality for gay and lesbian people as much as the extreme right wing.

As much as local politicians may say that people don't support equality for our community, the truth is that mainstream Americans do. And people who say that we don't are really out of step with the majority of opinion. It also showed that over the last 10 years, there's been a tremendous drop in the disapproval rate of gay and lesbian relationships.

And so what it's teaching us is that the visibility that we've had as a gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community, the kinds of alliances that we felt and the way that we've talked about our lives have transformed every town in which we live. And as long as we're honest about our lives, as long as we're open, as long as the right wing is shining a light on our communities, it's only to our benefit because public opinion is changing.

JC: One of the issues that the American public seems to still be at odds with is gay marriage. Do you think that that is an issue in time that they will change their attitudes and perceptions on as well? And why do you think that seems to be the issue that they really don't overwhelmingly support?

KERRY LOBEL: Well, the reality of the situation is a growing number of Americans support same gender marriage. They want to make it possible for two people who love each other to marry. Those numbers are getting better. And in this next decade, we will see a majority of American people support same gender marriage. In fact, in this next 10 years, we will be able to marry people of our same partners. The handwriting is on the wall.

JC: Well, thank you for talking with us here at TV Montrose. This is JC.

KIM SEVIER: It's only June, but already the political races for next November are in motion.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Came up like Christmas, where the shopping season gets earlier and earlier. [LAUGHS]

KIM SEVIER: You're absolutely right. TV Montrose will be interviewing political candidates from all political parties that are, of course, willing to be interviewed.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Now, TV Montrose doesn't endorse any candidates and they want to be fair during the election season by giving equal time to everybody who would like to be on the show.

KIM SEVIER: Let's take a commercial break.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: And when we get back, we'll take a look at some segments from our past shows.

KIM SEVIER: That's going to be fun.

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

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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 raise one child and let them all reach for the stars.

NARRATOR 1: Celebrating 15 years, it's Houston's premiere alternative dance club. Rich's has the hottest music hits, the largest dance floor, four huge bars, and the wildest theme parties. Rich's is a place to be for fun and action.

The only New York style dance club for the gay and lesbian scene, Rich's is where the real world ends and your imagination begins. Be a part of the fun in Rich's this week. Rich's, where you can always be yourself.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Don't even think about buying or selling a home without hiring a professional. A home is the biggest financial investment that you will ever make, and I am always amazed at how casually people select a realtor. They'll call the name off of a sign or take the name of a friend of a friend.

To be a good realtor, you have to be a good listener. And I've listened 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.

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NARRATOR 2: 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.

NARRATOR 3: 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 Lesbians and Gays.

DERICK NELSON: I'm Derrick Nelson from 107.5, *The Morning Buzz*. And you're watching TV Montrose.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thanks for that sexy--

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SUZANNE ANDERSON: Welcome back.

KIM SEVIER: There have been so many people on our show in the last four months.

SUZANNE Well, let's take a look at some of those faces from the many stories that our camera has captured.

ANDERSON:

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KIM SEVIER: That was so cool. I can't believe there have really been that many people on our show.

SUZANNE Oh, let me tell you. When Steve Baker put that piece together, he estimated that there have been over 400

ANDERSON: people in the last four months that had something to say on TV Montrose.

KIM SEVIER: Good grief, that's a ton.

SUZANNE It is a lot.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: Now, get out your day timers because it is now time for the infamous community calendar.

SUZANNE Stay tuned so you'll know what's happening.

ANDERSON:

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ALL: You're watching TV Montrose.

[APPLAUSE]

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KIM SEVIER: A sign that our show is reaching a growing number of viewers is the crazy amount of requests we have from organizations to be on our community calendar.

SUZANNE There are so many requests coming in that we can't put them all on. There's only room for six announcements.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: That's right, but don't worry. TV Montrose will be expanding the community calendar and we will be able to hold more events in the future.

SUZANNE And meanwhile, we do apologize for not being able to put on all the requests, but we hope to add more in the

ANDERSON: future.

KIM SEVIER: Our segments from the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival were very popular.

SUZANNE You seemed to enjoy the movie clips.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: You sure did. So TV Montrose will continue to bring you clips from movies that might be of interest to our community.

SUZANNE And the first film that we'll look at is *Lawn Dogs*.

ANDERSON:

KIM SEVIER: *Lawn Dogs* is a sketch of a quirky relationship between 21-year-old Trent and 10-year-old Devin. Trent mows lawns in an affluent neighborhood and Devin is a resident of the neighborhood. And together, the relationship explores the differences between rich and poor. And in the process, upsets the well-to-do community.

SUZANNE Well, let's take a look at the movie.

ANDERSON:

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DEVON STOCK: People say you're trash.

TRENT BURNS: Yeah, I guess they do.

DEVON STOCK: I wouldn't like that.

TRENT BURNS: You get used to it.

DEVON STOCK: My father says if everyone worked hard, there wouldn't be any poor people. You're a poor person, aren't you? He says that anyone who works hard can be rich just like him.

TRENT BURNS: It sounds like you got a smart daddy.

DEVON STOCK: Trash is something you put a lid on because it stinks. You don't smell that bad. [LAUGHS]

TRENT BURNS: It makes my day. [LAUGHS] The way I see it, you get people who own lawns and you've got people who mow them. And they're never the same people. Would you piss in is yours for life.

[MUSIC - BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, "DANCING IN THE DARK"] --home in the morning. I go to bed feeling the same way. I ain't nothing, but tired. Man, I'm just tired and bored with myself. Hey there, baby--

Come on up here.

[MUSIC - BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, "DANCING IN THE DARK"] --I could use just a little help. You can't start a fire. You can't start a fire without a spark. This gun's for hire.

This is my river. You hear me?

DEVON STOCK This is my river. You hear me?

MAN: Dam kids. River rats.

[MUSIC - BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, "DANCING IN THE DARK"] Messages keep getting clearer. Radio's on and I'm moving round my place. I check my lock in the mirror. Wanna change my clothes, my hair, my face. Man, I ain't getting nowhere. I'm just living in a dump like this. There's something happening somewhere. Baby, I just don't know that there is. You can't start a fire.

Sons of bitches.

[MUSIC - BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, "DANCING IN THE DARK"] You can't start a fire without a spark. This gun's for hire. Even if we're just dancing in the dark.

[GUNSHOT]

KIM SEVIER: *Lawn Dogs* looks really cool. I want to go check it out.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: You just have to be prepared though, because *Lawn Dogs* is not righted and there are some nude scenes of Trent taking a swim in the river and suggestive sex scenes between Devon's parents.

KIM SEVIER: Woo-hoo. Let's take a look at another film. This one is entitled *The Opposite of Sex*, and it's about Dede, a way too grown up 16-year-old who moves out of her house and into her gay brother's quiet life.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: In the process, she totally destroys her brother's peaceful world. I was a kid sister. I did that a couple of times. And in a relationship. And then trying to piece it all together, they're introduced to a whole new range of characters and lifestyles.

KIM SEVIER: I got to see this. Let's go.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

DEDE TRUITT: Randy was a geek, but he was nicer than a lot of the guys. Mostly because he was born with only one ball and he was pretty nice to anyone who'd sleep with him and not make fun of it. Go. You had to ignore the Christian stuff.

I told him I was going to my grandma's in Memphis. But where I was really going was Indiana to see my brother Bill, who was really only my half brother and who I'd seen like once before when I was a kid when my real dad died.

Bill was like dozens of years older than me and an actual real-life homo and a teacher, which is, kind of, gross. I mean, the combo. But he had a lot of money from his last boyfriend who died of AIDS and I needed a place to get my shit together.

If you think I'm just plucky, and scrappy, and all I need is love, you're in over your head. I don't have a heart of gold and I don't grow one later. But relax, there's other people a lot nicer coming up. We call them losers.

MATT MATEO: Hello.

DEDE TRUITT: You're not Bill.

MATT MATEO: No, I'm Matt. Bill's at school. Are you one of his students? Because he really doesn't like his students coming here.

DEDE TRUITT: It's OK, I'm his sister.

MATT MATEO: Oh. I got to call you back. I didn't know he had a sister.

DEDE TRUITT: Who are you?

MATT MATEO: Boyfriend.

DEDE TRUITT: Can I come in? I'm a real relation.

MATT MATEO: Yeah, come on in.

KIM SEVIER: Well, Suzanne, that wraps another show.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: And we hope that you've enjoyed our look back at TV Montrose and the introduction of our new TV Montrose at the movies segment.

KIM SEVIER: That's right. And next week, look for tons of pride coverage of all the events that will be going on this weekend at Memorial Park and Astroworld.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: But because of all the pride events going on, many of the features that we normally do have not been shown.

KIM SEVIER: That's right, but don't worry. In July, we'll be back to featuring community organizations and also our not-for-profit segment.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: Also in July, there'll be some news segments that I know you're going to enjoy.

KIM SEVIER: You can count on it. Until next time, I'm Kim Sevier.

SUZANNE ANDERSON: And I'm Suzanne Anderson. Good night.

ALL: You are watching TV Montrose.

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