

**KGO-TV
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES
AND
RELATED PROGRAMMING**

THIRD QUARTER - 2005

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

During the third quarter of 2005, KGO-TV aired the following regularly scheduled local newscasts identified on air as "ABC 7 News" with a total cumulative average of over 100 hours per month:

Monday - Friday	5:00-7:00AM
Monday - Friday	11:00-11:30AM
Monday	4:30-5:00PM & 5:30-6:00PM
Monday - Friday	5:00-5:30PM
Monday - Friday	6:00-7:00PM
Monday - Sunday	11:00-11:35PM
Saturday / Sunday	6:00-7:00AM
Saturday / Sunday	5:00-5:30PM & 6:00-6:30PM
Sunday	9:00-10:00AM

During the third quarter of 2005, KGO-TV also aired the following regularly scheduled locally produced programming that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:

BEYOND THE HEADLINES- This locally produced public affairs program consisted of a variety of subjects primarily dealing with issues related to the local community. The program's objective was to go "beyond the headlines" and explore critical issues facing the community. KGO-TV news anchor Cheryl Jennings was the host, and the program aired Sunday from 10:00 to 10:30am.

ASSIGNMENT 7 WEEKEND- This news compilation program repurposed and reviewed local news reports that covered significant community issues. These included in-depth Assignment 7 Reports, I-Team Investigations, Michael Finney's Seven On Your Side, and Doctor Dean Edell's Medical Reports. KGO-TV news anchors Dan Ashley and Cheryl Jennings hosted, and it aired on Sunday from 4:30-5:00pm & 3:30-4:00pm.

SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE- Reporter Michael Finney headed this consumer affairs unit that provided consumer information / product recalls during local 5:00pm newscasts, and reviewed investigations / resolutions during 6:00pm newscasts. Office staff answered letters, e-mail and hotline telephone calls from viewers seeking help with a wide variety of consumer problems. On the average, the unit received over 1500 letters, over 400 e-mails, and approximately 2000 phone calls per month.

NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING AIRED ON KGO-DT 7.2- KGO-DT 7.2, our secondary digital channel, is a locally programmed channel that featured local news, local specials, public affairs, syndicated programming, and encores of ABC News magazines. On the average, over 280 hours of local news aired monthly. Encores of locally produced public affairs programs accounted for over 50 hours monthly. Additionally, hundreds of public service announcements aired in commercial breaks between syndicated and off network programming.

LOCAL SPECIALS

During the third quarter of 2005, KGO-TV aired the following locally produced specials that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:

INSIDE THE NEW DE YOUNG MUSEUM: ABC7's Eric Thomas and Kristen Sze hosted this special that took an inside peak ***Inside the New de Young Museum*** at San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. After years of planning and construction, a new state-of-the-art facility that integrated art, architecture, and the natural landscape had become a reality. This program explored the unique world-class architectural design, innovative gardens, sculptures, and galleries. Also featured were some of the renowned artists who added beautiful new pieces to this Bay Area landmark. This program aired on Saturday, August 13th from 7:00-7:30pm, and repeated on Sunday, August 14th from 10:30-11:00am.

SPONSORED EVENTS

The following community events were featured on KGO-TV's "ABC7 Day Planner," the station's vehicle for sponsoring upcoming events. These thirty-second spots each featured two to three upcoming events and ran for two weeks on a fixed schedule.

July 2005

- California Historical Radio Society event (7/16/05)
- Vine Village Golf Tournament, Dinner, Art Auction (7/18/05)
- Fix Our Ferals fundraiser (7/16/05)
- Lance Armstrong Foundation, "Have a Ball Golf Tournament" (7/24/05)
- San Francisco Theater Festival (7/26/05)
- California Transplant Donor Network Minority Awareness Day (8/1/05)
- Sonoma Salute to the Arts (7/29-7/31)

August 2005

- Menlo Charity Horse Show, Peninsula Center for Blind & Visually Impaired (8/9-8/14)
- Pistahan Filipino American Festival (8/13-8/14)
- Race for the Cure, Susan Komen Breast Cancer Fund (9/25/05)
- A Day in the Park, Taylor Family Foundation (8/28/05)
- Festival of the Sea, SF Maritime National Historical Park (9/10/05)
- Ever Widening Circle, World Institute on Disability (9/29/05)
- Oakland Asian Students Educational Services reception (9/21/05)
- Food Drive with Bay Area Food banks.

September 2005

- Rock'n Blues by the Lake, Novato Public Schools (10/1/05)
- Oakland Ballet (10/1/05)
- Walk Now, Cure Autism Now (10/8/05)
- Sunny Hills Grape Festival (10/1/05)
- Bike Against the Odds, Breast Cancer Fund (10/9/05)
- Hurricane Katrina Relief, Chefs Without Borders (9/29/05)
- Blessing of the Animals, St. Francis di Assisi (10/1/05)
- Italian Heritage Festivities & Parade (10/8-10/9)
- Light the Night Walk, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (10/15/05)
- ArtSpan Open Studios

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS-

During the third quarter of 2005, KGO-TV aired over 1,300 public service announcements in various time periods throughout the broadcast day that involved many different topics. This included In-house produced PSA's that aired 509 times. Some of these PSA sponsors included: Peninsula Humane Society, Contact Lense Council, California Conservation Corps, California State Firefighters Association, Medic Alert Foundation, San Francisco Municipal Railway, The Wellness Community, Caltrans, National Osteoporosis Foundation, Al-Anon, Center For Juvenile & Criminal Justice, Over 60 Health Center, Committee For Firesafe Dwellings, Girls Inc. of Alameda County, USO, Latino Community Foundation, Job Corps, EPA, Oakland Public Schools, and Wild Aid.

* * * *

In addition to the local news and public affairs programs described in this report, KGO-TV carries all of the ABC Television news & public affairs programs listed and described in the report filed as "Network Programming."

* * * *

KGO-TV regularly surveys community leaders and organizations, and responds to these surveys. The station also regularly hosts community feedback meetings known as "ABC 7 Listens" at different Bay Area locations. Residents are invited to discuss, key issues, problems, needs and interests. Through these efforts we've determined that the following issues are important to the community:

- Youth Issues
- Health Issues
- Transportation / Traffic Issues
- Crime & Violence Issues
- Economic / Employment Issues
- Special Local News Reports

Some of the station's most significant treatments of these issues are described on the following pages.

PROGRAMS ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

YOUTH ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 17, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:42

Subject:

This report spotlighted a group of Canadian and east coast high school volunteers that spent part of their summer working for the Bay Area environment. They put in long hours cleaning and re-routing trails in sensitive local native habitat. A national food company provided a \$25,000 grant to cover the students' costs. With over 100 miles of trails in the Golden Gate Recreation Area, and a short-staffed park service, their work was much appreciated.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: September 21, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:30

Subject:

This report covered the investigation of a tragic auto accident that killed three young women, and badly injured a fourth. The four friends were heading home after classes at Chabot College in Hayward when their car went out of control. Union City Police arrived to find the vehicle cut in half after it had jumped the center divider. Investigators were uncertain why the car was traveling so fast, but they were still compiling a theory based on eyewitness accounts.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 6, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:25

Subject:

This report reviewed the break-in at a youth art and technology center in San Francisco's Hunter's Point neighborhood. The facility taught youth about video production, animation, graphic design, and produced an award winning film. It took a lot of fundraising to open the center, but the burglars stole over \$20,000 in equipment. Police didn't know who was responsible, but youth said although they lost the goods their spirit would not be destroyed.

(Youth cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 23, 2005 (6:00-7:00AM)

Length: 2:00

Subject:

This report reviewed the long time problem of illegal automobile exhibitions in Oakland known as "side shows." The city passed a new ordinance allowing police to arrest spectators and impose a first offense fine of \$500. Activists gathered to criticize the new law. One person said that trouble started long before the side show, and that trouble starts when there is no economic development. The side show problem was in contrast to a newly opened youth center on Mac Arthur Blvd. where 75 young people were taking part in an "open mic night."

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 12, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:32

Subject:

This report profiled an innovated after school program to teach elementary school kids about money and finances. Statistically 70% of families in poverty were headed by women. The theory was to empower girls at a young age to manage their finances. Third, fourth, and fifth grade girls from an Oakland school spent weeks in an extensive job training process before they actually ran a real waterfront restaurant. The girls were paid in pretend dollars, but kept track of their earnings with bank books, and then could spend earnings on real things.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 26, 2005 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: :25

Subject:

This report followed California's First Lady Maria Shriver when she visited Oakland as part of her campaign to fight childhood obesity. She had a meeting at the East Bay Asian Youth Center where kids had an opportunity to stay active and fit. That was followed by a tour of some neighborhood markets to see if quality fruits and vegetables were available and affordable. Shriver said her conversations with Oakland children proved that they wanted healthy choices.

(Youth cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 4, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 3:31

Subject:

This report profiled Youth Movement Records, an Oakland youth development organization that was started by a graduate student in social work. The environment offered young people a chance to do something constructive with their music and art. Not only could they perform, but they also got a rare chance to learn the business side by actually running a real recording company.

ASSIGNMENT 7 (Local)

Date/Time: July 31, 2005 (4:30-5:00PM)

Length: 3:01

Subject:

This report reviewed a group called "The African American Males Transition Program" that was working behind-the-scenes at the California Youth Authority. Their goal was to help incarcerated young men avoid a return visit, and to start the transition back into society. A program worker explained that this was done by changing the mentality that gave rise to destructive behavior.

HEALTH ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 14, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:45

Subject:

This report discussed California's expanded newborn screening program for dozens of treatable genetic disorders. Seven centers in the state focused on newborn screening results with one that covered sixty Northern California Hospitals. When a child tests positive, the screening staff contacts the pediatrician to explain the results and discuss treatment options. One family who lost a child to a rare metabolic disorder lobbied for expanded newborn testing so others wouldn't have to go through the same ordeal.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 17, 2005 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:32

Subject:

This report highlighted how pharmacists could do more for customers than just fill prescriptions. One example was they were taking a larger role in helping people manage their diabetes. Type two diabetics took about seven medications daily, and pharmacists could help them to keep track by wrestling questions about their meds. Pharmacists also were usually more available than doctors, and typically saw patients more often.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 21, 2005 (6:00-7:00AM)

Length: 2:47

Subject:

This report profiled a free dental clinic on wheels that served the underprivileged community in Contra Costa County. Dental decay in the population of immigrant and lower income children was called the "neglected epidemic." It was responsible for costing the state a bundle in secondary healthcare issues, and cost the children self-esteem and lost days at school. The clinic on wheels parked each week at a different school, and would serve 1900 kids in 2005.

(Health cont.)

ASSIGNMENT 7 (Local)

Date/Time: July 31, 2005 (4:30-5:00PM)

Length: 2:51

Subject:

This report saluted the director of Oakland's Asian Health Services. She was an outspoken advocate of healthcare for Asian and Pacific Islanders for three decades. More than 65,000 people were served each year at the clinic where care was culturally sensitive and affordable. All of the clinics healthcare providers spoke at least one Asian language, along with a full staff of interpreters. The need for special healthcare services would grow as 23% of Alameda County was comprised of Asian or Pacific Islanders.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 12, 2005 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: :25

Subject:

This report discussed that key Republican Senator Arlen Specter said it was about time to raise hell about restrictions on stem cell research. He was about to open a hearing on a bill to lift White House restrictions on funding for embryonic stem cell research. The president and other conservatives believed such studies were immoral and shouldn't be funded with taxpayer money. But supporters said stem cells showed promise in treating spinal cord injuries, and many other diseases. The senator was undergoing chemotherapy for cancer, and would use his personal struggle as part of the debate.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 17, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: :29

Subject:

This report discussed that a Hayward nursing home had received the state health department's most severe citation and a \$75,000 fine in the death of an elderly patient. The care center was cited for failing to provide necessary supervision during meal time. Health officials said the elderly patient choked to death after he was given the wrong food by a nurse who didn't know he was only supposed to be given soft foods. The nursing home had 15 days to appeal.

(Health cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 12, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: :26

Subject:

This report announced that a tentative agreement had been reached between nurses and hospitals run by Catholic Healthcare West. The settlement was hammered out in the morning after all-night talks. The California Nurses Association said the deal improved patient care, and provided 4,700 nurses with better wages and benefits. The hospital group said it was also pleased by the contract that awaited ratification.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 22, 2005 (4:30-5:00PM)

Length: :27

Subject:

This report covered the demonstration by California nurses who traveled to Boston just to picket against Governor Schwarzenegger outside of Fenway Park. The governor was hosting a \$100,000 a-ticket fundraiser at a concert inside. The event was to help fund his upcoming ballot initiatives. The nurses were still upset with the governor for trying to override a law that improved the nurse-patient ratio. They planned to follow him to every stop on his campaign fundraising trail.

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 15, 2005 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: 2:10

Subject:

This report covered the reaction after the director of Home Land Security minimized the terror threat to mass transit. He explained that a hijacked jet could kill thousands, while a bomb in a subway car might kill thirty. The head of BART's Security Committee was outraged by the decision. Public transit was used thirty two million times a day in the U.S., or sixteen times more than flying. After 9/11, aviation had received seventy times more than public transit in security funding. BART planned to buy a device to automatically detect explosives and guns in bags.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 12, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:30

Subject:

This report looked at a new study that found people who used their cell phone while driving were four times more likely to cause an injury accident. The study showed that people were still at risk whether they used speaker phones or headsets. In California, bills that would make hands-free mandatory had never gotten beyond the committee level. The wireless industry said cell phones were no more of a distraction than eating fast food or talking to kids in the back seat.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 12, 2005 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:30

Subject:

This report showed how a broken water main in Mill Valley caused major traffic problems for commuters. The main from the 1950's wiped out the main road going in and out of Mill Valley. A serious backup occurred as vehicles were detoured throughout the day. Local businesses along the road were affected, and the backup was supposed to get worse with the road closed during commute hours. The water district said the same problem could occur again since the over 900 miles of pipe in the system were of different ages and materials.

(Transportation / Traffic cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 20, 2005 (7:55-8:00AM)

Length: :28

Subject:

This report announced that the California Highway Patrol had started a safety crackdown on big rig trucks. CHP officers planned to stop speeding or tailgating trucks, and cars that cut in front of big rigs. Officers were focusing on Interstates 80, 580, and 880. The 15 month crackdown was planned months before, but began this week after two major accidents involving big rigs had killed six people. A big rig was shown after it was pulled over for leaking sand from its load.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 20, 2005 (7:25-7:30AM)

Length: :27

Subject:

This report covered the announcement that BART Union workers had approved a new four year contract. They ratified the tentative agreement reached by union and management negotiators in a last-minute deal that narrowly averted a strike. Workers wouldn't get a pay increase in the first year, but would get a 7% raise in the three years following. They would also have to pay more for their healthcare coverage.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 29, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report reviewed how funding from the just passed federal highway bill would be used locally. Bay Area transportation officials were celebrating the passage of the bill that meant an estimated 300 million dollars for local projects. Most of the money was expected to be used for congestion relief. Plans for a fourth bore in the Caldecott Tunnel were underway, a project that federal officials deemed a national priority. The project to widen Highway 4 in Contra Costa County had already begun and would go further with 36 million dollars more in funding.

(Transportation / Traffic cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 14, 2005 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: :32

Subject:

This report explained that a bill to pay for the completion of the new eastern span of the Bay Bridge was headed to the governor's desk. The measure would raise the toll by \$1 on seven state-owned bridges in the Bay Area to pay for the project. The bill was a compromise reached between the governor and local lawmakers. It called for a state contribution of \$630 million toward the \$6.3 billion in retrofit project costs. The new \$4 toll would take effect on 1/1/07.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 26, 2005 (11:00-11:30AM)

Length: :25

Subject:

This report discussed plans by transportation officials to build a car pool lane on a congested section of eastbound Interstate 580. Construction of the new eleven mile lane from Pleasanton to Livermore was expected to be completed in Fall 2008. A carpool lane in the opposite direction was also in the planning stages.

CRIME & VIOLENCE ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 17, 2005 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:30

Subject:

This report covered the announcement by Alameda County sheriff's investigators that they had a new clue in an ongoing homicide case. A young girl who was found murdered outside of a Castro Valley restaurant remained unidentified. Investigators unveiled a 3-D image of the girl that they hoped would generate the break in the case they'd been trying to get for two years. The phone number to a 24-hour tip line that offered a reward appeared at the end of this report.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 12, 2005 (5:00 -5:30PM)

Length: :21

Subject:

This report reviewed the security changes that BART officials were planning to make to guard the system against possible terror attacks. BART Police officers were changing their patrol schedule more often by following less predictable routines. They were also focusing on downtown Oakland and San Francisco. BART asked passengers to report any suspicious people or packages. The system had been on high alert after the London bombings that occurred in the week before.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: September 20, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:30

Subject:

This report covered a San Jose Police news conference where it was announced a special task force had caught a nationwide criminal group. The suspects allegedly targeted four San Jose auto dealerships in a scam involving driving new cars off the lot with very little money down. Police said the self proclaimed gypsies used the internet to converge on the Bay Area from across the country. They issued 84 felony arrest warrants after 113 vehicles worth \$2.3 million were stolen. Police were worried that fifty suspects were still at large.

(Crime & Violence cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 13, 2005 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:30

Subject:

This report reviewed a new device created at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab to detect a bio-terror attack on a mass transit. The Bay Area was already on the cutting edge of this kind of technology, but this new unit could take air particles, and quickly analyze them to determine if a pathogen is present. It was tested locally on BART and at the San Francisco Airport. If a biological attack was detected on mass transit, officials would immediately call local agencies to do a mass decontamination of passengers.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 24, 2005 (11:00-11:35PM)

Length: 1:00

Subject:

This report followed a door-to-door search for the killer of a teenage boy stabbed to death while sleeping in his San Jose home. Police armed with rifles, brought k-9 dogs and followed a trail of blood down the block where they thought he could be hiding. Police said family members didn't recognize the killer, and a motive was unknown. A description of the suspect was provided in this report.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 28, 2005 (6:00-6:30PM)

Length: 1:45

Subject:

This report reviewed ways people could avoid or make it more difficult for thieves to steal cars. A representative of the National Insurance Crime Bureau said keys left in cars was the number one reason why cars were stolen. Statistics based on FBI figures showed five California cities in the nation's top ten of auto theft hot spots. Oakland was ranked sixth while San Francisco was at 22. Often stolen cars were shipped overseas, or stripped down and sold for legitimate repairs. Two manufacturers were identified as popular targets for thieves. Because they were known to last long it created a need for replacement parts.

(Crime & Violence cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 12, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:00

Subject:

This report reviewed who was behind a campaign of death threats, home vandalism, and bombings. The Animal Liberation Front, an underground animal rights group posted a video on the internet claiming responsibility for an attack on a San Carlos research laboratory. The vandals targeted the local company because it did business with a notorious animal testing lab in England. The activists were trying to close the English lab by targeting its customers. The FBI's prime suspect in prior incidents was a Sonoma man who was on the run.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: September 19, 2005 (11:00-11:35PM)

Length: 1:25

Subject:

This report covered the shooting death of a man in Richmond that marked the 28th homicide of the year in the city. Police were particularly concerned about this incident since it happened in broad daylight and only a few blocks from the police department. The victim was shot several times while he was having his car serviced. Police planned to patrol the street where the crime occurred in an effort to deter retaliation.

ECONOMIC / EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 16, 2005 (11:00–11:30AM)

Length: 1:25

Subject:

This report explained how Bay Area gasoline prices could increase if refineries and pipelines along the Gulf Coast sustained damage from hurricane Katrina. An oil industry executive said if there was substantial damage oil supplies could be down 20 billion barrels in the two months following. A shortage of gasoline in the east would raise prices and make California's high-priced gas attractive to buy. Although California was not dependent on gulf crude oil, prices were set by supply and demand, and that could impact the price of gas in the state.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: September 12, 2005 (5:30–6:00PM)

Length: 1:45

Subject:

This report discussed that the economy in Silicon Valley was showing very few signs of a turn-around. This was measured by job growth as Santa Clara County only added 200 jobs in August 2005. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group issued a wakeup call that the quality of life was falling behind competing high-tech cities such as San Diego, Austin, Portland and Boston on quality of life issues. A group of 400 community leaders planned to meet to begin to find solutions.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 21, 2005 (6:00–7:00AM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report discussed a study that found more Californians were choosing to buy a home rather than rent. This was evident from the increase in homeownership rates even though prices had skyrocketed. People were spending substantially more of their income on housing costs. Some worked at two jobs, or in other cases there were two wage earners per household. Many Californians were house poor without a lot of disposable income.

(Economic / Employment cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: September 25, 2005 (6:00-6:30PM)

Length: 1:16

Subject:

This report showed a San Francisco home that was converted to solar power in an effort to lower energy costs. The longtime residents invested \$10,000 in the conversion, but realized a 50% savings in their monthly energy bill. California was facing the possibility of 40% higher natural gas prices over the previous year. The price increase could be higher depending on the severity of the hurricane damage to the natural gas infrastructure.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 17, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report covered intense negotiations held in San Francisco between the U.S. and China over a textile dispute. The number of imported clothing from China increased 57% after trade restrictions were lifted earlier in the year. In May the U.S. began to restrict textile imports after American plants began to suffer the effects. The U.S. was trying to protect jobs and factories by imposing the restrictions for three years. China had already reached an agreement with the European Union. Retailers wanted a quick resolution before the holiday season.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: September 27 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:35

Subject:

This report explained how retailers planned to increase their marketing strategies in hopes of keeping the economy moving and avoiding a recession. The concern was over a potential reluctance to spend money that would hurt retailers, and create a domino effect of lost jobs. There was some talk about retailers starting the holiday shopping season even earlier. Some stores were expected to use deeply discounted toys to attract shoppers.

(Economic / Employment cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 9, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: :27

Subject:

This report discussed a survey that found teachers, firefighters, and nurses were having a tough time buying houses in the community's they worked in. The least affordable places to live in the country were San Francisco, New York, and Boston. The national median home price grew 20% over the previous 18 months making \$71,000 the minimum annual income necessary to qualify for a mortgage. Most nurses and firefighters only earned about half of that.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: September 27, 2005 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:45

Subject:

This report reviewed a prisoner's rights campaign to ban the section on city job applications that asked about an applicant's criminal past. The group also wanted to limit criminal background checks to only what was job related. A man who had a rap sheet of drug felonies, but had been clean for nearly a decade believed checking the box had cost him a job. A San Francisco supervisor introduced a resolution that urged the city's leading hiring agency to change its policies. The head of human resources said he didn't support a ban, but he was reviewing procedures.

SPECIAL LOCAL NEWS REPORTS

ABC 7 News provided several, in-depth reports that examined a variety of issues important to the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Market. These are examples:

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 18, 2005 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 3:11

Subject:

This report reviewed the concern some Bay Area grocers had about the possibility of rolling blackouts occurring over the summer. Although grocery stores comprised only 2% of the commercial sector, they used more energy than retail stores, restaurants, hotels, and schools combined. The state's smart grocer program helped grocers to identify ways to save energy in heating, refrigeration, and lighting equipment.

ASSIGNMENT 7 (Local)

Date/Time: July 10, 2005 (4:30 – 5:00PM)

Length: 2:03

Subject:

This investigative report showed how a married man with no children was mis-identified by a county agency as a dead-beat father. The authorities agreed he didn't have children, but when the agency tried to garnish his wages they blamed their computer database. An electronic privacy expert said federal law required agencies to make sure the data they use is accurate. The mother in one of the cases was concerned her private information was being sent to strangers.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 7, 2005 (5:00 – 5:30PM)

Length: 2:57

Subject:

This in-depth report profiled an Oakland woman who wrote a book about her promise kept eighteen years before to send an entire classroom to college. She grew up in a poor section of rural Mississippi, and only earned \$45,000 in 1987 when she made the promise. She became a successful real estate broker and planned to donate the book sales to her foundation so another group could go to college. Her second class of students was about to graduate from high school and go off to college.

(Special Local News Reports cont.)

ASSIGNMENT 7 (Local)

Date/Time: July 10, 2005 (4:30 – 5:00PM)

Length: 2:58

Subject:

This in-depth report examined the question of what was San Francisco's oldest building. Some believed it was Mission Dolores that had been built by Spanish settlers in 1791. But a newly discovered archaeological site at the old Presidio Army base re-opened the debate. Workers discovered an original plastered wall in one of the old buildings that was part of the old Spanish Army base of the 1790's. Researchers believed the wall could be six months older than the mission. Scientists planned to seriously analyze a scan of age rings in the timber to determine its age.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: July 11, 2005 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 2:55

Subject:

This report showed how some auto dismantlers were not taking the proper steps to make sure auto fluids didn't get into the bay. The auto recycling industry was responsible for keeping thousands of vehicles out of land fills every year. But only 75% of parts were recycled, and auto fluids and mercury from light switches were ending up in bay waters. A new law was passed mandating the safe storage and disposal of mercury switches. An auto dismantler who was in full compliance was working to recruit other facilities into the program.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 27, 2005 (6:00 – 7:00AM)

Length: 1:45

Subject:

This report reviewed the results of the San Francisco Emergency Medical Agency's inspection of private ambulances serving the city. Several units were equipped so poorly that inspectors pulled them off the street. The EMS Agency gave the ambulance providers the exact date and time of the inspections, and provided them with an inspection form that detailed the required items. But all of the providers had problems with missing items. One provider said although the reports looked bad they had complied with everything the city ever required.

(Special Local News Reports cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: August 25, 2005 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 4:20

Subject:

This report reviewed a complaint by residents in Oakland that the city had not shut down an illegal warehouse in their neighborhood. A supermarket down the street was using a church building as a warehouse. Residents said they had close calls with forklifts, and documented the dangers with their cameras. The city sent the store owner a notice in July 2005 informing him that his warehouse was illegal, and ordered him to discontinue the unapproved activity. He was also fined \$5,000, but agreed to close the warehouse by the end of September.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: September 18, 2005 (6:00 – 7:00AM)

Length: 4:10

Subject:

This report was one in a weeklong series on Afghanistan that chronicled ABC 7 News anchor Cheryl Jennings' investigative journey to the war torn country. This segment examined the enormous problem of landmine removal, and how a Bay Area group was raising money for the effort. The slow and dangerous process of de-mining by hand was shown on camera as the reporter and photographer sheltered in place. Farmers working a vineyard cleared of mines were able to harvest sweet grapes for the first time in nearly thirty years.