



QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND

NEEDS AND RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

SECOND QUARTER

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**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

KPRC Channel 2 News Today at 4:30AM, Monday through Friday, 4:30AM - 7:00AM

Owen Conflenti, Rachel McNeill, Britta Merwin, Jennifer Reyna

This program covers the latest overnight news, weather and traffic.

KPRC Channel 2 News Midday, Monday through Friday, 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Andy Cerota, Sofia Ojeda, Jennifer Reyna, Britta Merwin/ Justin Stapleton

This hour long program covers the latest news, weather, traffic and family oriented community events.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 12:00PM, Monday through Friday, 12:00PM – 12:30PM

Andy Cerota, Justin Stapleton/ Britta Merwin

This program covers the latest news and weather.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 4PM, Monday through Friday, 4:00PM - 4:30PM

Keith Garvin, Sara Donchey, Frank Billingsley

This program covers the latest news, weather, health reports and pet of the week segment.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 5PM, Monday through Friday, 5:00PM – 5:30PM

Bill Balleza, Lauren Freeman, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather, sports and consumer reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 6PM, Monday through Friday, 6:00pm – 6:30PM

Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather, sports and health reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 10PM, Monday through Friday, 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News Today, Saturday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 9:00AM – 10:00AM

Courtney Gilmore, Sofia Ojeda, Khambrel Marshall

This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 6PM, Saturday, 6:00PM – 6:30PM and 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Syan Rhodes, Jonathan Martinez, Justin Stapleton, James Starks

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News Today, Sunday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 8:00AM – 9:00AM

Courtney Gilmore, Sofia Ojeda, Khambrel Marshall

This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 5PM, Sunday, 5:00PM – 5:30PM and 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Syan Rhodes, Jonathan Martinez, Justin Stapleton, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

Sports Sunday, 10:30PM – 11:00PM

Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest in sports news.

- **Public Service Announcements and Campaigns**

Public Service Announcements (PSA's) generally vary in length from ten seconds to thirty seconds each and, unless otherwise indicated, appear throughout KPRC-TV's broadcast schedule including primetime.

Red Cross Phone Bank - Before the first day of devastating flooding was over, KPRC contacted the Houston Chapter of the Red Cross and in less than 24 hours, we had a full phone bank setup with volunteers to collect money to help the Red Cross' relief effort. Houstonians were clearly looking for a way to help their neighbors because the donations poured in. We raised \$260,000 in the first day, so we decided to host a second day. Our two-day total for money pledged to the Houston Red Cross surpassed \$670,000, making it our most successful disaster relief phone bank.

Senior Scholarships - We presented more senior scholarships to deserving high school students. All of our winners received a \$2,500 scholarship from KPRC and a \$500 gift certificate from Mattress One.

March of Dimes March for Babies - More than 30,000 people attended the March of Dimes walk that was emceed by our own Khambrel Marshall and Britta Merwin.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer – The event is a fundraiser to help in the fight against breast cancer. Meteorologist Britta Merwin emceed the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on May 7.

Texas Black Expo - The event features dozens of leaders, stars and musicians in the African American community. Meteorologist Khambrel Marshall emceed the annual corporate luncheon recognizing Texans who make a positive impact in the community.

Red Nose Day - We partnered with NBC and "The Today Show" to make Red Nose Day a success in the Houston market. The fundraiser aims to help lift kids out of poverty, around the world.

Summer Blood Drive - June 16th – 20th. The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center credits us with this drive being one of their most important and successful blood drives every year.

Clear the Shelters - We're partnering with Telemundo Houston and dozens of local animal shelters on June 23rd to try to get every animal adopted.

- **Editorials**

KPRC-TV regularly presents station viewpoints about current issues of community concern. Specific topics are provided within this report.

Habitat Home (April 12)

Family/ Community

This week we proudly dedicated our third KPRC Habitat Home. We all know that a home is a special place for a family and we are truly grateful that we could be part of making a home for the Amraoui Family. Thanks must go out to our Houston Habitat for Humanity promotional partners including Star Furniture, Coventry and Plantation Homes, Christian brothers Automotive, Pappas restaurants and Shipley Donuts, along with Channel 2 employees and our viewers who make this project so successful every year. Finally a special shout out to Houston Habitat for Humanity. They've built more than 1,000 homes for Houstonians and we are honored to be able to help them make a difference in our community! Thanks to all! I'm Jerry Martin, that is our view, we would like to hear from you.

Houston Flood Drownings (May 3)

Safety/ Community/ Environment

In less than a year the Houston area has been pounded by two devastating storms. Eight people died when water filled roads and underpasses just a couple weeks ago. Add that to nine deaths during the Memorial Day flood last year. The weather is dangerous enough without construction issues and malfunctioning or missing warning signals. Stopping people from drowning in their own cars on our streets has to be a top priority for our county and state officials. We are pleased Harris County Judge Ed Emmett has pushed this critical safety issue high on his agenda but we need all our local leaders to act fast. We need smarter and more significant barriers and a better communication plan, lives depend on it. I'm Jerry Martin, that is our view we would like to hear from you.

Senior Scholarships (May 25)

Education/ Family

Next week we will present our final \$2500 Senior Scholarship of 2016. We started this program a year ago so we could highlight some amazing public school seniors, their teachers and their schools. But here is the really good news, these students had plenty of competition for each scholarship. Certainly a testament to the students and their teachers that despite budget cuts, our schools are still capable of graduating some extraordinary students. Let's hope the proposed budget cuts for the next school year don't limit our students. Special Thanks to our sponsor Mattress One, all the school districts that participated and to our KPRC Scholarship Committee for taking on the difficult task of choosing our scholarship winners. I'm Jerry Martin, that's our view, we would like to hear from you.

Blood Drive (June 16)

Community/ Health

Today is the kickoff of our 24th annual Summer Blood Drive with our partner, the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. Since 1993, we have been asking our viewers to donate something more precious than money, a pint of blood. Summer is when donations are needed the most! Demand is up and supply drops so your donation, which can save up to three lives, is even more valuable. We are grateful to all the Houstonians who registered to donate at KPRC today, you can still give during our Summer Blood Drive through Monday at various malls and neighborhood donor centers. To find a location

near you, go to the community page of Click2Houston.com. I'm Jerry Martin, that's our view and we would like to hear from you.

- **Locally Produced Programs**

Houston Newsmakers/ Sunday, April 3

Congressman Brady pushes for social security changes/ Sisters Network 5K Walk/Run

Politics/ Elderly/ Health/ Women

Congressman Kevin Brady, (R) 8th Congressional District, said the bill he's pushing in Congress right now could make a big difference to the retirement accounts of several very special groups of people. African American women continue to die of breast cancer at a significantly higher rate than other ethnicities. Karen Jackson, founder & CEO of the Sisters Network, told Marshall the challenge is to educate the African-American community. Jackson talks about efforts to change the dire outcomes being seen today and the upcoming Sisters Network 5K Walk/Run to raise awareness.

Houston Newsmakers/ Sunday, April 10

Houston Interim Police Chief Martha Montalvo/ Chinquapin Preparatory School/ March for Babies (April 10)

City/ Education/ Health

HPD Interim Chief Martha Montalvo says she'd love to have the permanent job but will abide by the will of Mayor Sylvester Turner. Montalvo says she's living the American dream after coming to the U.S. from Ecuador at age 5 and now is leading one of the nation's largest police departments. Her focus this week is to call attention to the significant increase in Houston pedestrian deaths within the last year. The Chinquapin Preparatory School focuses on economically disadvantaged students yet still has an amazing record of academic success. The 2016 March for Babies will take place April 23rd & 24th. The Ambassador Family Mother for that walk is Morgan Bryan, who delivered twin sons 16 weeks early that weighed 1 pound 9 ounces and 1 pound 10 ounces. Jonah weighed one ounce less but survived while his brother Austin did not. Morgan shares her story on this week's Houston Newsmakers along with March for Babies Chairman Anup Sharma, the Global CIO for GE Oil & Gas.

Houston Newsmakers/ Sunday, April 18

Dean of Texas Senate on campus carry, Texas jails/ Child Abuse Prevention Month

Safety/ Government/ Youth

Senator Whitmire weighs in on the loophole that allows Texans to take online courses without ever showing proficiency. The result is a concealed handgun license that is legal in Texas. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Lidya Osadchey, CEO of ESCAPE Family Resource Center says her center teaches adults and children how to deal with the stress that often leads to abuse.

Houston Newsmakers/ Sunday May 6

Elizabeth Killinger, President of NRG Retail and Reliant says you choose the charity to receive \$100,000 and ADL Houston Associate Director Dena Marks discusses No place for hate, what we don't know

Culture/ Environment/ Education/ Youth

Reliant and its parent company NRG have a global giving day where employees from all across the country get out in the community and make a difference," she said. "We'll be announcing the winner

that day.” No Place for Hate is a program established by the Anti-Defamation League 15 years ago. The ADL Houston Associate Director Dena Marks is a guest this week and says the program has been exploding in schools and provides great results by applying simple remedies.

Houston Newsmakers/ Sunday May 15

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on budget, flood issues, Uber & more

City/ Politics/ Consumer/ Safety

The mayor discussed a number of topics including the latest impact of the Tax Day Floods.

Houston Newsmakers/ Sunday, June 12

Chief Meteorologist Frank Billingsley/ Freedmen's Town/ NASA

Safety/ Environment/ Culture

Frank Billingsley has some very important tips to remember this hurricane season. The history of Freedmen’s Town and battle to keep its’ historic brick streets, built by the offspring of slaves. We take a look at NASA's efforts to head into deep space and how much more is at stake as astronauts head to mars.

KPRC Special/ Road 2 Rio: Hometown Hopefuls/ Thursday, June 23, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Culture/ Community

KPRC helped get Houston excited about the upcoming Games and our local athletes competing for a shot at being an Olympian. We aired a one hour special on June 23rd called “Road 2 Rio: Hometown Hopefuls.” The program was anchored by KPRC anchors Dominique Sachse, Keith Garvin, and Olympic Gold Medalist Mary Lou Retton. The special profiled all the best athletes from our area and included reports from the Gymnastics Olympic trials in St. Louis and the Diving Olympic trials in Indianapolis. In addition, we sat down with some of the greatest Houston Olympians of all time. Carl Lewis, Leroy Burrell, Zina Garrison, and Mark and Diana Lopez shared about their memories and their advice to the young athletes competing this year.

- **KPRC-TV gave significant coverage to the following community issues and concerns during the 2nd quarter of 2016:**

Final Four Comes to Houston

Community/ Family/ Culture

Air Dates: April 1, 2, 3

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 9am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

College basketball converged on Houston the first weekend of April, as Villanova, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Syracuse faced off in the NCAA’s men’s basketball championship. Aside from the games themselves, the Final Four was a major event for everyone living in the Houston metro area. Our news team covered “everything but the game,” from the concerts, to the pricing of tickets, to all of the other fan-related events. Our team also provided extensive coverage of “Fan Fest” held inside the

George R. Brown Convention Center, which gave fans the opportunity to take part in the festivities without having to go to the games.

Inside Typhoon Texas

Consumer/ Family/ Community

Air Dates: April 4, 5

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Owen Conflenti takes an exclusive tour inside the newest water park, Typhoon Texas.

Lackland Air Force Base Shooting

Security/ Safety

Air Dates: April 8, 9, 10

Total Coverage: 27 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 9am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm

An airman shot his commander in an apparent murder-suicide at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Officials say this was not an act of terror. The bodies of the two men were found inside a building that's used for classrooms and offices.

Houston Habitat Dedication

Community/ Family/ Environment

Air Dates: April 5, 12, 13

Total Coverage: 35 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am

Together with Houston Habitat for Humanity, we helped improve the lives of the Amraoui family by building them their very first home. The dedication ceremony on April 12th aired live in our midday newscast and online at Click2Houston.com. Anchors Dominique, Bill, Frank, Rachel and Owen all hosted the event.

Virginia Gun Licenses in Texas

Safety/ Government

Air Dates: April 6, 7, 14

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Joel Eisenbaum reveals a loophole in state law allowing Texans to get a Virginia license to carry online.

Astros Home Opener

Culture/ Community/ Youth

Air Dates: April 10, 11, 12

Total Coverage: 22 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

The team is playing their first regular season game at Minute Maid Park today against the Kansas City Royals. They come back after a rocky start on the road. The Astros managed to win only two of the last six games against the Yankees and Brewers. The team is looking to redeem themselves against the Royals for a rematch of last season's A-I division series. Today's match-up starts at 7pm tonight.

Lumber Liquidators Investigation

Consumer/ Safety

Air Dates: April 13, 14

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm

Amy Davis tests flooring from local family's home and finds high levels of formaldehyde. Amy has advice for homeowners concerned about flooring safety.

Constable ambushed, shot and nearly killed

Safety/ Crime

Air Dates: April 13 – 16, 18, 22, 25, 29, 30

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 56 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 9am

Deputy Alden Clopton was shot multiple times while his back was turned after a traffic stop on Wednesday, April 13. Clopton is a 48-year-old father of six, whose family has extensive history of serving in Houston law enforcement. The shooting happened near Texas Southern University, after another officer, Deputy Ann Glasgow, pulled a driver over for running a stop sign. After they finished with the traffic stop, Glasgow told Clopton that she was having trouble with the audio in her dashboard camera, and asked him for help. That's when a suspect out of nowhere comes up and opens fire, not related to that traffic stop. This is the second ambush-style attack on a Houston law enforcement officer in eight months.

City Parts Audit

Consumer/ City

Air Dates: April 15

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Newscast: KPRC channel 2 News 10pm

Robert Arnold exposes a city audit that found more than a million dollars in overcharges to city taxpayers by an auto parts giant.

Historic Storm and Flooding

Environment/ Safety

Air Dates: April 18, 19, 20, 21

Total Coverage: 6 hours

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm

A historic storm causing widespread flooding and nine deaths. An upper-level low in the United States stalled, resulting in record-breaking rain in and around the Houston metro area, causing severe flooding. There were more than 17 inches of rain in one day in parts of the city, and up to 4 inches of rain per hour that morning at George Bush Intercontinental Airport. This particular storm was the most widespread flood event in Houston since Tropical Storm Allison in 2001, which caused a state of emergency in nine counties. Phil Archer was the first local reporter to get on board a rescue craft, as emergency crews worked to save people who were trapped by flood water. In addition, we provided extensive coverage of rescues from Sky 2; plus special coverage as several new waves of heavy rain hit the Houston metro area on Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21. Also, as part of our coverage, Channel 2 hosted the Red Cross this week, as they raised money to help the people who lost everything in the floods. Channel 2 viewers and sponsors donated more than \$600,000 to relief efforts.

Conroe Neighborhood Tiger

Environment/ Safety

Air Dates: April 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28

Total Coverage: 2 hours, 24 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm

A young female tiger, named Nahla, was spotted roaming around a Conroe neighborhood. The tiger was captured and animal control officials urged her owner to come forward. Channel 2 crews covered the story for several days, as this already unusual story took several wild twists. The owner came forward a short time later, but the City of Conroe battled the owner and won custody of the animal. We carried portions of the custody hearing live during our 4pm newscast, on Tuesday, April 26. Then, a day later, there was an apparent attempt to steal Nahla from where she was held. Police said a masked man with chain cutters in hand broke into the shelter with the intent of taking Nahla at about 5:40am, just hours before the big cat's scheduled move to a sanctuary in Fort Worth. The man, wearing a camouflage jacket, black shirt and pants and gloves, left after being unable to gain entry into the area holding the tiger, surveillance video showed.

Inside Zika Research Lab

Health

Air Dates: April 26, 27

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Haley Hernandez goes inside lab dedicated to finding treatments for Zika and updates state's efforts to stop the spread.

Transgender Bathroom Debate

Legal/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: May 1, 2, 12, 13, 16, 31

Total Coverage: 40 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm

The national debate over the use of public bathrooms by members of our transgender community has taken center stage across America, and here in Texas. The issue grew when transgender supporters and opponents had dueling rallies outside a Target store in The Heights. Target came under fire by critics and received praise by supporters, after the company decided to allow customers to use the bathroom that they identify with. The story heated up later in the month when President Obama issued an initiative calling for transgender students to use the bathrooms they identify within schools. This sparked Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick to fight back, calling for Texas schools to disobey the President and by the end of the month Texas was part of a lawsuit fighting against the President's directive. It was also a primary topic at Texas' GOP State Convention. In addition, the superintendent of Barbers Hill ISD said he would not abide by the President's directive.

Drainage Fees

City/ Legal

Air Dates: May 2

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm

If you own property in Houston, you're paying a fee every month on your water bill called the drainage fee. It's supposed to pay for street and drainage projects. Since it began in 2011, the city has collected 106 million dollars and completed hundreds of improvements. Over the next five years, the city plans to rebuild more than 483 miles of roadway and improve 154 miles of drainage. But there are critics of the fee, who say not enough is being done to prevent chronic flooding and they're planning a court battle.

Tow Company Investigation

City/ Consumer/ Crime/ Politics

Air Dates: May 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25, 26

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 23 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday at 10pm
Amy Davis exposes a tow company, with a city contract, accused of ripping off drivers.

Houston's Flooding Problem

Environment/ City

Air Dates: May 4, 6

Total Coverage: 7 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Jace Larson investigates why Houston is flooding so frequently.

Cinco de Mayo Parade

Culture/ Community/ Family

Air Dates: May 5, 7

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm

The celebration of Cinco de Mayo will continue well into the weekend. LULAC will hold their free Cinco de Mayo Parade Saturday in downtown Houston. The event will celebrate Mexican heritage and folklore behind the Victor at the Battle of Puebla.

Wild Warehouse Fire

Safety/ Environment

Air Dates: May 5, 6, 7, 9, 11

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 12 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 9am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm

A fire at an auto repair business spread to a warehouse containing dangerous chemicals. The fire led to public safety concerns for people living and working in the Spring Branch area. Channel 2 News provided wall-to-wall coverage of the fire. Reporter Ryan Korsgard spoke with homeowners that were spraying down their homes with water, as the fire was burning, to try to protect their property. Aside from the fire itself, there was concern over a stream tainted from warehouse chemicals, which ran into the water. The water in the stream was “Crayola red” in color; schools of dead fish were washing up on the side of the stream; and people living and working around the area complained of raspy throats and irritated eyes, due to the fire and chemical issues. Channel 2 spoke with the owners of the warehouse, who tell us the chemicals inside the building were approved and up to code.

Rodent in Soda

Safety/ Health/ Consumer

Air Dates: May 9, 10

Total Coverage: 21 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

A grandfather says he found a dead rodent inside his grandson’s bottle of Dr. Pepper. John Graves of Katy said his 3 year old grandson, Kayden, drank the Dr. Pepper they bought in Galveston. The boy was given the soft drink while he sat in his car seat. He didn’t finish it, so they put the cap back on. When they opened the 20-ounce bottle the next morning, they found a rodent floating inside. They immediately took the child to his pediatrician to undergo some tests. The family also contacted Dr. Pepper. A spokesperson told them and KPRC 2 that they want the bottle so they can run tests on it. But the Graves family wants to have its own testing done before handing the bottle over to Dr. Pepper’s people.

Death Penalty Drop

Government

Air Dates: May 9

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm

Texas has sent more prisoners to the death chamber in the last four decades than any other state and more of those sentences have been handed down in Harris County. 126 so far than any other Texas county. But the recent Houston Area Survey shows support for the death penalty here steadily

declining. The percentage of residents saying death is the most appropriate punishment for first degree murder dropping from 39 in 2008 to 27% in 2016. The lowest poll result ever.

Modeling Promises Broken

Youth/ Consumer

Air Dates: May 9, 10

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Robert Arnold investigates a modeling agency breaking promises to local children and their parents.

Texas State Republican Convention

Politics/ Government

Air Dates: May 12 - 16

Total Coverage: 44 minutes

News:cast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 6am and 9am/
Phil Archer went to Dallas to cover the convention which had several hotly contested topics.

Uber Background Checks

Consumer/ City

Air Dates: May 16, 17

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

News:cast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Joel Eisenbaum exposes loopholes in Uber's background check system and gets the city's response.

Josue Flores Murder

Youth/ Community/ Family/ Crime

Air Dates: May 17 - 27

Total Coverage: 2 hours, 30 minutes

News:cast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 9am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

An unknown assailant stabbed 11 year old Josue Flores to death while walking home from his middle school in North Houston. From all accounts, the attack seems to have been unprovoked, and Josue was not carrying anything valuable that could be stolen either. The attacker was originally thought to be Che Calhoun, however charges against him were later dropped. □Police are currently searching for Josue's killer. They believe the attack was random. The Houston Police found a knife on May 25, in a storm drain a few blocks away from where Josue Flores was stabbed to death. Calhoun had an alibi, surveillance video captured him in a local convenience store. We covered the news conference, where police admitted to their mistaken arrest, live during our Midday newscast. Flores' sister was very gracious in speaking with us nearly every time we asked, including immediately after we heard murder charges were dropped against former suspect Che Calhoun.

Timeshare Warning

Consumer/ Legal

Air Dates: May 19, 20

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Bill Spencer warns consumers about costly timeshare promises and a company with a history of misleading people.

Designer Outfit Rentals

Consumer/ Women

Air Dates: May 24, 25, 28

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday at 6am

Sara Donchey reveals an inexpensive way for professional women to add to their wardrobe.

Broken Fire Hydrants

City

Air Dates: May 25, 26, 28

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 8am

Jace Larson reveals why it's taking the city weeks and months to repair broken fire hydrants.

Wild Weather Leading into the Memorial Day Weekend

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: May 26, 27

Total Coverage: 3 hours, 38 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:00am – 7:30am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm

Severe weather struck on May 26, starting in Bryan/College Station, and moving south into Waller, Washington, and Montgomery Counties. Our Channel 2 News team was live in Bryan with reporter Robert Arnold, who tackled the flooding while finding damaged homes. Prior to our newscasts, Robert shared his ride to Bryan/College Station on social media. That evening, all of our crews covered weather from Jennifer Bauer, who was near Brenham, Cathy Hernandez and Keith Garvin in Montgomery County, and Jace Larson at the Office of Emergency Management headquarters.

Overnight on May 27, another round of storms moved through the region. We began our extended coverage at 4am. Brenham endured 19 inches of rain during this storm. Another round of severe storms moved in that Friday afternoon, which led our weather team to provide extended cut-ins throughout the afternoon. In addition, we aired a special, hour-long edition of Channel 2 News at 6pm, as the severe storms were moving through Downtown Houston. During our 6pm broadcast, Brandon Walker obtained exclusive video of a water rescue in Conroe. And, investigative reporter Jace Larson did a special investigative piece on Houston's recent flood problems. A Rice University professor called for local government leaders to buy out homeowners living near bayous, to help provide more greenspace, and areas for water to run off. In addition to all of our run and gun

coverage, we also provided our viewers with an investigative, enterprise story on the floods, to provide perspective, in light of our city's flood problems the past six weeks.

Memorial Drive Shooting Rampage

Crime/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: May 29 - 31

Total Coverage: 1 hour

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm

On May 29, an armed gunman, traveled from California to Houston, and opened fire on Memorial Drive, during Memorial Day weekend. In all, an innocent man was killed, before seven others were wounded during an hour-long rampage that ended when officers killed the gunman. Reporters Sara Donchey and Jake Reiner were first on the scene, to provide viewers with instant updates on the public safety threat, and to alert the public when the threat was over. On Memorial Day, May 30, our team spoke to the father of the gunman. Investigative reporter Joel Eisenbaum spoke by phone with the father of Dionisio Garza from California. Soon afterwards, we sent Sara Donchey to the Rancho Cucamonga area to try to track down family members. Overnight on May 31, we spoke with Garza's mother and father, (sound with the parents, they did not want to show their faces on camera) providing insight into their son's mental health problems, after serving in the military and returning from Afghanistan.

Severe Storm Cleanup

Environment/ City/ Community

Air Dates: May 30, 31 and June, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Total Coverage: 47 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Channel 2 crews were focused on two areas primarily; Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties, where thousands of homes were flooded due from the Brazos River. Texas Governor Greg Abbott toured the worst of the damage. Reporter Ryan Korsgard was in Brazoria County, to join Governor Abbott when he saw the extent of the damage. In addition, we spent multiple days covering the heartbreaking stories of long-time homeowners, who lived in these neighborhoods for decades, losing nearly everything they owned due to the horrific flooding. One of the more unique flooding stories occurred when reporter Phil Archer saved a dog in Fort Bend county, that was chained outside of its' home. He and rescue crews pulled the dog to safety. Animal control officials later renamed the dog "Archer" in honor of Phil. Days later, the Fort Bend County Sheriff adopted "Archer." Soon afterwards, Phil tracked down "Archer's" former owner, who suffered from health problems, and tried to get back to the dog, but his street was blocked off due to the flooding. He gave up the animal, after he was rescued. Finally, on Monday, June 20, PETA honored Phil and the county sheriff for their efforts to save and adopt "Archer."

Drone Racing

Safety/ City

Air Dates: June 2

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm

Owen Conflenti reveals the newest hobby for thrill seekers, drone racing.

Cardio Key

Health

Air Dates: June 3

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm

Haley Hernandez reports on a new heart monitoring device, the size of a key.

Telemedicine Service

Health/ Consumer/ Family

Air Dates: June 7, 8, 12

Total Coverage: 7 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News

Bill Spencer reports on a Houston company that connects doctors and patients via telemedicine.

Women Infected with HIV

Health/ Women/ Crime

Air Dates: June 9, 10

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Jace Larson investigates a man accused of infecting multiple women with HIV.

Small Plane Crash near Hobby Airport

Safety

Air Dates: June 9, 10, 11, 16, 20, 21

Total Coverage: 55 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday at 6am and 9am

A small plane crashed into a car, in front of an Ace Hardware store, just blocks from Hobby Airport.

Three members of the same family, on board the flight, were killed in the crash.

Donald Trump Comes to Texas

Politics

Air Dates: June 10, 15, 16, 17, 18

Total Coverage: 56 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday at 6am and 9am

Texas took center stage in the race for President, as GOP nominee Donald Trump made several campaign stops in the Lone Star State. Channel 2 reporter Jennifer Bauer traveled to Dallas as

hundreds attended a Trump rally. Trump flew to Houston Friday for a pair of stops; a private fundraiser at the home of a prominent River Oaks attorney, and a public rally at a concert venue in The Woodlands, a suburb north of Houston. Channel 2 reporters Anoushah Rasta, Samantha Ptashkin, Cathy Hernandez, and Jennifer Bauer all covered the Trump events, on Friday, June 17. Bauer reported a man was placed in handcuffs after he was found to be armed outside The Woodlands event.

Tragedy in Orlando

Safety/ Crime/ Community/ Culture

Air Dates: June 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 33 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm

KPRC Channel 2 sent a crew to Orlando, following the horrific massacre inside an Orlando nightclub. Channel 2 anchor Syan Rhodes led our coverage, providing live reports from Sunday, June 12 to Tuesday, June 14. Rhodes focused on the investigation and the victims the day of the attack, also field anchoring our 10pm newscast from Orlando. On Monday, June 13, Syan focused on a large vigil held in Orlando, attended by thousands of mourners. On Tuesday, June 14, Rhodes was one of a few reporters who did a one-on-one interview with the father of gunman Omar Hassin. After we learned, Hassin's wife was aware of a potential attack, Rhodes went to Port St. Lucie, where the Hassin's lived, which is where she conducted the interview.

Too Young For Stroke

Health/ Youth

Air Dates: June 14

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm

Haley Hernandez reports on risk factors causing more young people to experience strokes.

The Medical Center Game Changer

Health/ Community

Air Dates: June 15, 16

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Dominique Sachse goes inside the new medical center innovation lab revealing the next generation of medical research happening in Houston.

Florida Alligator Attack

Safety/ Family/ Environment

Air Dates: June 15, 16, 17, 18, 20

Total Coverage: 44 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday at 6am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday at 6pm

A two year old boy was killed by a gator at Disney World. Syan Rhodes was live at 11am, noon, 4pm, 5pm, and 6pm.

Juneteenth Parade

Culture/ Community/ Family

Air Dates: June 18, 19

Total Coverage: 12 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/
KPRC Channel 2 News

It's the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery, it dates back to 1865. Today Houstonians took to the streets to celebrate Juneteenth. Channel 2's Jake Reiner was there for today's parade.

Flood Drowning Prevention

Safety/ City/ Environment

Air Dates: June 20, 21

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Robert Arnold reveals large scale plans to prevent flood related deaths in Harris County.

Houston Pride Festival

Community/ Culture/ Family

Air Dates: June 25

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm

A big weekend for Houston's LGBT community, the Pride Parade is set to get underway in just a few hours but the Pride Festival is already underway. Haley Hernandez is live downtown with a preview of tonight's big parade.

Olympic Trials

Community/ Culture/ Family

Air Dates: June 25, 26, 27

Total Coverage: 35 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday at 5pm and 10pm

June marked the start of the Olympic Trials. Andy Cerota covered the Diving Trials in Indianapolis, Sports Director Randy McIlvoy travelled to St. Louis for the Men's Gymnastics Trials, Jonathan Martinez covered the Swimming Trials in Omaha and Keith Garvin covered the Track & Field Trials in Eugene, Oregon. And Rachel McNeill in San Jose, California for the Women's Gymnastics Trials.

Insurance Policy Lawsuits

Consumer

Air Dates: June 28, 29

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Amy Davis exposes a plan by one insurance company to force policy holders into arbitration and prevent lawsuits over claim denials.

Judge Misconduct

City/ Politics

Air Dates: June 29, 30

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News at 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News at midday

Joel Eisenbaum exposes a district judge accused of misconduct in office.