QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND NEEDS AND RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS SECOND QUARTER APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2014 KPRC-TV LOCAL 2

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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

Local 2 News at 4:30AM, Monday through Friday, 4:30AM - 7:00AM Owen Conflenti, Rachel McNeill, Anthony Yanez, Jennifer Reyna This program covers the latest overnight news, weather and traffic.

Local 2 News at 11AM, Monday through Friday, 11:00AM - 12:00PM Andy Cerota, Lauren Freeman, Jennifer Reyna, Anthony Yanez This hour long program covers the latest news, weather, traffic and family oriented community events.

Local 2 News at 4PM, Monday through Friday, 4:00PM - 4:30PM Keith Garvin, Lauren Freeman, Frank Billingsley This program covers the latest news, weather, health reports and pet of the week segment.

<u>Local 2 News at 5PM, Monday through Friday, 5:00PM – 5:30PM</u> Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy This program covers the latest news, weather, sports and consumer reports.

<u>Local 2 News at 6PM, Monday through Friday, 6:00pm – 6:30PM</u> Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy This program covers the latest news, weather, sports and health reports.

<u>Local 2 News at 10PM, Monday through Friday, 10:00PM – 10:30PM</u> Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

<u>Local 2 News Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 8:00AM – 9:00AM</u> Courtney Zavala, Britta Merwin This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

<u>Local 2 News Saturday 6:00pm – 6:30pm and 10:00pm – 10:30pm</u> Phillip Mena, Khambrel Marshall, Nick Giovanni This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

Local 2 News Sunday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm and 10:00pm – 10:30pm Phillip Mena, Khambrel Marshall, Randy McIlvoy This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

Public Service Announcements and Campaigns

BEAR Program (April 2) – Since we first told viewers about Jordan Bleimeyer, a boy who was abused and allegedly locked in a closet and malnourished our newsroom has been flooded with calls and emails asking how you can help. Local 2 is working with Be a Resource for CPS Kids or the BEAR program. This program helps thousands of kids like Jordan every year in our area. The group accepts new items -- everything from diapers, clothes, car seats and cribs to school supplies and toys. They also accept cash donations. Currently, folks can donate specifically to Jordan Bleimeyer if they make that designation at the time of their donation. To donate, you can go to one of the locations listed below or visit the website also listed below.

Shred Day (April 1 – 5) – KPRC Local 2 is a sponsor of the second annual Comerica Bank Shred Day. It's your chance to shred unwanted documents for free. Last year hundreds of viewers took part.

Holocaust Museum (April 11) – KPRC Local 2 is proud to be a media sponsor of "The Rescuers: Picturing Moral Courage" now through August at the Houston Holocaust Museum. Local exhibit showcases ordinary citizens who made a difference.

March of Dimes (April 27) – We were once again partnered with Houston's March of Dimes chapter and throughout April, we covered stories about how the group helps save babies born prematurely and helps prevent even more early births. Khambrel Marshall is an active supporter of the group and was the emcee for the April 27th March for Babies walk.

Military Appreciation Month (May 17 – 18) – KPRC celebrated our military families throughout the month with our Military Appreciation Month coverage. In addition to regular stories, Randy McIlvoy emceed two major events for the group Impact a Hero – the 5K at Reliant Park and the Gala the following night.

Community Involvement (May 18) – Our community involvement for May also involved Dominique emceeing the CanCare Luncheon which raises money to improve the quality of life of cancer patients and Anthony Yanez emceeing American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

Renter's Rights (June 3) – The month of June started with KPRC and Telemundo teaming up again for a phone bank to help Houston renters. The Houston Apartment Association provided 20 bilingual volunteers to take calls and answer questions about Renter's Rights. KPRC Consumer Investigator Amy Davis fronted our phone bank coverage throughout the afternoon on June 3rd. Over the course of 2.5 hours, the volunteers fielded questions from more than 420 callers. The HAA says it was by far the most successful phone bank in which their organization has ever been involved.

Summer Blood Drive (June 18 – 23) – Summer always is a challenging time for blood collections as many regular donors go out of town or become busy with summer activities and don't always make time to donate. However, the need for at least 1,000 blood donations every day is constant. KPRC Local 2 hosts its annual summer blood drive from June 19 through June 23, 2014. Dozens of employees donated and the turnout from the public was tremendous. The kickoff event had a 36% higher turnout than in 2013. Over the entire five day campaign, the Gulf Coast Regional Blood

Center says 1,583 people came out to contribute. 1,292 were able to successfully donate blood which is enough to save more than 3,000 lives.

Editorials

Education (April 25) - Both candidates for Texas governor have pre-K education recommendations they want to enact if elected. And just this week Neil Bush, chairman of the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, introduced Houston's literacy crisis a blueprint for community action.

Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (May 13) - Houston is a great city... a diverse city... a city of inclusion and perhaps with no hyperbole intended... the great American city of the twenty first century. That is why we support the city council passing Mayor Parker's Equal Rights Ordinance. Houston is the only major city in America that does not have an equal rights ordinance that prohibits discrimination by businesses - like restaurants, bars and hotels. we need to codify what we stand for which is equal rights for all. No one should feel like second class citizens based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or identity. Not in this great city. We urge you to contact city council and ask them to pass the ordinance this Wednesday.

Paying tribute to American heroes on Memorial Day (May 23) - We can't believe we are already to Memorial Day weekend. Here at KPRC we all hope you have a great weekend planned and just in case you are searching for something we have a list of great Memorial Day weekend events on click 2 houston.com under the community page. One notable event this Saturday is the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Parade and Victory March at MacGregor Park. And of course, we hope you spend some time thanking those Americans that served their country so bravely so we could enjoy our freedom. They always deserve our appreciation but absolutely on Memorial Day.

KPRC Local 2's Summer Blood Drive (June 18)

We are conducting our 22nd annual blood drive with our partners at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. They tell us the need for blood is greater than ever and always increases in the summertime.

KPRC Local 2's Hurricane Survival Guide (June 23)

Tonight at 7 - KPRC Local 2 will air our 2014 Hurricane Survival Guide.

The Houston area has not had a major tropical storm since 2008 and since Ike, more than 750,000 people have moved into the Houston area....Native Houstonians know it is not a matter of *if* but rather *when* will we see our next hurricane. Tonight's survival guide will update you on the latest in hurricane preparedness, evacuation routes, how to protect your homes, children, and pets -- All researched and presented to you by Houston's most experienced extreme weather team. Be sure to watch tonight at 7 and Download our Hurricane app.

Locally Produced Programs

KPRC Special: Shell Houston Open Preview April 2, 6:30pm – 7:00pm Economy/ City – It's an event that puts Houston in the spotlight every year. Six of the top 11 golfers in the world will tee off on April 3 at the newly named Golf Club of Houston, formerly Redstone. Anchor Rachel McNeill and Sports Director Randy McIlvoy will host the special.

KPRC Special: Habitat for Humanity

April 5, 9:00pm – 10:00pm

Economy/ Family- A local family is now living in a new home thanks to the hard work of hundreds of volunteers. Local 2 teamed up with Star Furniture and Houston Habitat to start building the house back in January. Last month Kimberly Hudson and her four children moved into their new home. Local 2 anchors Owen Conflenti and Rachel McNeill host the special that will take us through the whole build process and what it takes to become a Habitat homeowner.

Houston Newsmakers

April 6, 10:00am - 10:30am

Family/ Youth/ Adoption – guest was a locally known entrepreneur, Mattress Mac, who is involved in many charities in Texas and discussed the circumstances in which he adopted his daughter. He is now a huge advocate for adoption.

Houston Newsmakers

April 13, 10:00am - 10:30am

Community/ Family/ Youth/ Child Abuse

Gwen Carter of Texas Dept. of Protective Services and Rania Mankarious of Houston Crime Stoppers are focused on catching child abusers for the month of April. \$5,000.00 rewardsfor tips leading to arrests.

Houston Newsmakers April 27, 10:00am – 10:30am

Crime/ Family/ Youth/ Safety/ Education

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee says pressure on Russia will be increased until there are positive results. A human trafficking database has been proposed to stop Houston as a major trafficking hub. There is bi-partisan support to do something about providing ways to fund early childhood education. And the National Guard Unit at Ellington Field can be saved if Houstonians rise up in support.

Houston Newsmakers

May 4, 10:00am - 10:30am

Education/ Youth/ Family/ Community

The evaluation of teachers in Houston ISD is fair and should be based on how well a teachers' students perform. That was the response of Dr. Terry Grier, Superintendent of HISD, to a lawsuit filed by teachers saying the HISD methodology is grossly flawed. It is one of many areas covered in this week's "Houston Newsmakers" with Khambrel Marshall. Also on the agenda, why the Texas Education Agency is doing an academic review of many of the district's low-performing schools, the quarter of a million dollar cost to change the mascot names at four HISD schools, the tremendous pushback from parents and community residents to the attempt to close five HISD schools and the HISD efforts to fight the growing problem of illiteracy in our community. Also on this week's program: Neil Bush, the co-chair of the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation and its efforts fight what it has determined is a crisis in Houston.

KPRC Special: NFL Draft Special May 8, 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Culture/ Family/ Youth/ Economy

Anchors Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Randy McIlvoy, Chester Pitts and Nick Giovanni bring us the latest information about the 2014 NFL Draft including up to date details on the Houston Texans and the first overall pick.

Houston Newsmakers May 18, 10:00am – 10:30am

Government/ Politics/ City

Mayor Annise Parker is proposing an Equal Rights Ordinance for the city of Houston that is running into major opposition. Why? Harris County Republican Chair Jared Woodfill says it's mayoral politics at its worst. "When she's no longer going to be subject to the will of the voters she came out with a very aggressive pro LGBT agenda," said Woodfill. "It's an agenda I think she would have lost early on had she tried to pass early on and would not have been re-elected mayor."

Houston Newsmakers

May 25, 10:00am - 10:30am

Community/ City/ Culture

Only 8 percent of Americans say they know a transgendered person. That fact is likely what is behind much of the controversy surrounding sections of Houston's proposed Equal Rights Ordinance. Amelia Miller and Monica Roberts, born male, now consider themselves women. Miller says they should be included in any ordinance being considered. "HERO stands for Houston Equal Rights Ordinance," she said. "And it's because we as a community are discriminated against and a lot of it is due to misinformation about what an actual transgender person is." Miller and Roberts join Khambrel Marshall for this first of its kind conversation about who they are and the challenges they face.

Houston Newsmakers

June 15, 10:00am – 10:30am

Culture/ Community/ Minorities

The 11th annual Texas Black Expo hits Houston June 19-22 with business empowerment sessions, concerts and a trade show with more than 200 exhibitors. Jerome Love is the president and CEO of the Texas Black Expo event and said the whole weekend is about empowering people with an overriding theme of Healthy People, Healthy Community.

Houston Newsmakers June 22, 10:00am – 10:30am

Women/ Crime/ Safety

Women, become prime targets during the summer months as thieves take advantage of the normal summertime distractions. Rania Makarious, executive director of Crime Stoppers of Houston says her organization along with HPD and the Greater Houston Loss Prevention Alliance are trying to get an important message across. "We want women to know there are people on the streets, in parking lots, at gas stations that are targeting you," she said. Mankarious joins Khambrel Marshall with great information about what women can do to help stay safe. The almost \$9 billion handbag industry is driving some of the thefts but what's inside those bags are lures as well.

KPRC Special: Hurricane Survival Guide June 23, 7:00pm – 7:30pm

Environment/ Family/ Community – Our 2014 Hurricane Survival Guide featured the entire KPRC Local 2 Severe Weather Team and brought viewers important information on everything from this year's storm predictions to what they need to know to protect their families and pets. We also revisited one of the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Ike to see how far homeowners there have come since the storm and to talk to them about how they'll handle the next big threat to come ashore.

KPRC Special: Ready, Set, Ruben!

June 23, 7:30pm – 8:00pm

Family/ Youth/ Community

Featuring our morning lifestyle reporter, Ruben Galvan's most memorable moments and segments. "Ready, Set, Ruben!" was fast-paced and fun and gave viewers who might not tune in every morning a taste of what they're missing each day!

Houston Newsmakers

June 29, 10:00am – 10:30am

City/ Government

Houston Police Department Chief Charles McClelland is the special guest on this week's Houston Newsmakers with Khambrel Marshall. Among the many topics addressed, the dismissal of HPD Sargent Ryan Chandler after it was revealed he had not investigated homicide cases to which he'd been assigned. "If we mess up, we're going to fess up and we're going to clean up "he said, when I lose confidence in someone that has committed these types of egregious violations I've got to separate you from the Houston Police Department." About the thousands of cases not being investigated by HPD, Chief McClelland says crimes against people take a priority and that HPD officers answer more than one million calls and make more than 100-thousand arrests a year. He says that's progress "The previous five years, violent crime in this city has been reduced by 18%, property crimes have been reduced by ten percent", he said. Also discussed, budget issues in HPD, officer shortages and the fact that HPD has fewer officers today than it did 10years ago, continued problems with the HPD Crime lab and why Chief McClelland thinks having it switched to independent control is a good thing.

• <u>KPRC-TV gave significant coverage to the following community issues and concerns</u> <u>during the second quarter of 2014:</u>

Acid Reflux Cure

Consumer/ Health Air Dates: April 1 Total Coverage: 6 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 10PM Rachel McNeill reveals a new surgical treatment for acid reflux.

Houston's Homeless Issue

Community/ Family/ City Air Dates: April 2 Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4PM

Mayor Annise Parker has announced a big drop in Houston's homeless population. Right now, the city has placed more than 1,400 people in affordable permanent housing. There is an estimated 6,300 homeless people in Houston. Mayor Parker says the city has also developed a coordinated system so that different agencies can fight homelessness together. It includes a computer data base that helps track the homeless population to help them into housing.

State of the City

City/ Politics/ Government Air Dates: April 3, 4 Total Coverage: 17 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM – 7AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 10PM Today Mayor Annise Parker will discuss the State of the City. She'll be talking to community and business leaders at the Houston Greater Partnership's annual luncheon. Her speech starts today at noon.

President Obama's fundraising trip to Houston

Government/ Politics

Air Dates: April 9 - 10

Total Coverage: 21 minutes, 30 seconds

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM

President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama will move from downtown to River Oaks to attend a democratic national committee fundraiser. The fundraiser and dinner will be held at the home of John and Sheridan Williams. One plate will set you back \$16,200.00, about 60 people are expected to attend. Democratic leader Nancy Pilosi is expected to be there. Senate majority leader Harry Reid was also expected but cancelled at the last minute.

Astros Opening Day

Community/ Culture/ Family

Air Dates: April 1 - 2

Total Coverage: 50 minutes 15 seconds

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM

Local 2 kicked off the home team baseball season with lots of hope and big team coverage from Minute Maid Park. Ruben Galvan's interaction with fans was hilarious and you-tube worthy, as usual. Dominique was live at the park, giving 'Stros fans their first look at the new merchandise and food available at the Park this season. Randy and Nick had the scoop on this year's team, and Jennifer Reyna kept an eye on the traffic situation.

Fort Hood Shooting/ Memorial

Community/ Family/ Security/ Safety/ Government Air Dates: April 2 – 13 Total Coverage: 130 hours Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 6:00AM / 8:00AM, Local 2 News Saturday 6:00PM/ 10:00PM, Local 2 News Sunday, 5:00PM/ 10:00PM Local 2 crews were some of the first on the air when a shooter opened fire on the military base at Fort Hood. A mass shooting on the same base less than five years before made this event all the more shocking and terrifying. The story unfolded through the early evening newscasts, and with multiple crews on the scene, we brought each new development to the viewers through prime time cut-ins, and into the 10pm newscast. It was clear the experience, perspective and emotional connection our reporters and anchor teams brought to the story gave our coverage the winning edge.

Civil Rights Summit

Culture/ Community/ Family Air Dates: April 8 - 11

Total Coverage: 1 Hour, 30 Seconds

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM

A three day Civil Rights Summit gets underway today at the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin. The event commemorates President Johnson's signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Presidents Obama, Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush are all speaking at the summit.

West Texas Fertilizer Explosion- 1 Year Later

Community/ Family/ Safety

Air Dates: April 16, 17, 18, 22, 23

Total Coverage:1 hour, 3 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM

One year after the devastating explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, TX, that took 14 lives, Local 2 crews joined West residents to remember, reflect and look forward. We told the stories of hope and determination that made it possible for the community to recover.

Online Shopping Rip Off

Consumer Air Dates: April 18 Total Coverage: 3 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 10PM Jace Larson exposes a Houston based online retailer that's not delivering on promised merchandise.

Boston Marathon Bombing, 1 Year Later

Safety/ Community Air Dates: April 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21 Total Coverage: 1 hour, 18 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News Saturday 6:00PM and 10PM, Local 2 News Sunday, 5:00PM and 10:00PM Ryan Korsgard's coverage from Boston not only gave viewers insight into the emotion and

determination felt on the one year anniversary of the bombing, but he also told the stories of Houston runners who witnessed the bombing and were determined to run the marathon again.

Dowling Marine Graduation

Culture/ Community/ Family

Air Dates: April 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 Total Coverage: 21 minutes, 30 seconds

Program: Local 2 News Saturday 10PM, Local 2 News Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 8:00AM – 9:00AM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 10PM

Marine and KPRC Anchor Bill Balleza traveled to San Diego where the son of injured firefighter Bill Dowling graduated from Marine Corps Basic Training. Dowling, also a Marine, was badly injured last May in the Southwest Inn fire that killed four of his fellow firefighters. Making the trip to see his son graduate and follow in his footsteps was an incredibly special event for Dowling. Our own Bill Balleza's perspective as a father and as a Marine brought to the stories an emotional impact that resonated with viewers and reflected in our ratings.

Feral Hogs

Environment/ City/ Community

Air Dates: April 23, 24 Total Coverage: 9 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM – 7AM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM Feral hogs: they travel in packs - in the middle of the night - tearing up local neighborhoods. But, new tonight, there's a "plan" being considered that would combat the "threat" in rather a unique way. Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner Steve Radack wants to place traps in a 4 acre area in west Harris County and catch the hogs. The hogs will then be slaughtered and processed at a USDA certified facility. Once the meat has passed inspection, it will be donated to the Houston Food Bank as Courtney Gilmore reports, the "end game" for those hogs would be to *feed them* to Houston's hungry.

Most Violent Schools

Education/ Family/ Community Air Dates: April 28, 29 Total Coverage: 4 minutes 30 seconds Program: Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM Robert Arnold reveals the Houston area schools with the highest numbers of gangs, fights and drugs.

Primary Runoff Election

Government/ Politics/ City Air Dates: May 2, 16, 19, 26, 27 Total Coverage: 30 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM – 7AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM While it was a small election, KPRC coverage of the Primary Runoff went well... with KPRC once again getting the first results on the air.

Outrageous Medical Bills

Health/ Consumer Air Dates: May 5, 6 Total Coverage: 5 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News at 11AM Bill Spencer explains the steps to take to lower outrageous medical bills.

Teen App Threats

Youth/ Family Air Dates: May 7, 8 Total Coverage: 5 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News 4:30AM Amy Davis reveals five apps that every parent should delete from their child's phone. Apps used to bully other kids and exchange sexually explicit pictures.

Hospital Infection Rates

Health/ Safety Air Dates: May 9 Total Coverage: 3 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 10PM Bill Spencer reveals the Houston hospitals with the highest rates of infection.

Bayou Cars

Crime/ Community/ Family/ Safety Air Dates: May 12, 13, 17, 19, 20 Total Coverage: 12 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News Weekend Saturday 6:00AM and 8AM, Local 2 News Weekend Saturday 10PM, Local 2 News at 4:30AM Joel Eisenbaum reveals more than 100 submerged cars under Houston's bayous and asks why HPD isn't checking them for missing people or evidence of crime.

Neighborhood Park Crime

Crime/ Community/ Family/ Safety Air Dates: May 21 Total Coverage: 3 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 10PM Jace Larson crunches the numbers, revealing which Houston parks have the biggest problem with crime.

Most Coveted Schools

Education/ Family/ Community Air Dates: May 20, 21, 24 Total Coverage: 9 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News Weekend Saturday 6:00AM and 8AM Lauren Freeman reveals the most elite public schools with the toughest admission rates in the district.

Rain – High Water

Environment/ Safety/ Community Air Dates: May 26 – 28 Total Coverage: 4 hours, 29 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM Flood waters cause problems for drivers; 60 horses have been evacuated.

Fire Southwest Inn – one year anniversary

Community Air Dates: May 30, 31

Total Coverage: 26 minutes

Program: Local 2 News 4:30AM – 7AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News Weekend Saturday at 6PM and 10PM, Local 2 News Weekend Saturday 6AM and 8AM

The month ended with a somber anniversary. May 31 marks one year since Houston lost four firefighters when a burning hotel collapsed. KPRC paid respects by remembering the victims on the air and online and by covering the various events being held to celebrate their lives and their sacrifice.

Helmet Test

Education/ Youth/ Safety Air Dates: June 2 Total Coverage: 3 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 10PM Jace Larson puts high school football helmets to the test, revealing which ones get the best safety ratings and which ones failed.

Osteen Stadium Event

Religion/ Culture Air Dates: June 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15 Total Coverage: 15 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 4:30AM-7AM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News Weekend Saturday 6AM and 8AM Dominique Sachse travels to NY to cover the Night of Hope event with Joel and Victoria Osteen taking viewers behind the scenes of the huge stadium event.

Bergdahl To San Antonio

Government/ Community Air Dates: June 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23 Total Coverage: 1 hour 36 minutes

Program: Local 2 News 4:30AM – 7AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News Weekend Saturday 6AM and 8AM, Local 2 News Weekend Sunday 5PM

Local 2 was in San Antonio when Sgt. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the last American prisoner of war, returned to the United States. He arrived in San Antonio from a military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, where he'd been recuperating since his release May 31st in exchange for five Taliban figures held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The 28-year-old Bergdahl, the longest-held U.S. soldier since the Vietnam War, was taken to the San Antonio Military Medical Center. Local 2 was there just hours after the announcement came down from the government. We were also there overnight when Bergdahl got off the plane for live coverage.

Insurance Fraud Warning

Consumer Air Dates: June 9 Total Coverage: 3 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 10PM Amy Davis reveals the cost of insurance fraud, uncovering videos proving people are gaming the system for disability and medical insurance fraud.

Hospital Germ Robot

Health Air Dates: June 10 Total Coverage: 3 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 10PM Bill Spencer demonstrates the new robot helping keep hospital rooms and surgery centers free of deadly infections.

Border Crisis

Immigration/ Government/ Security Air Dates: June 12, 13, 19, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30 Total Coverage: 1 hour 16 minutes

Program: Local 2 News 4:30AM – 7AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News Weekend Sunday 5PM and 10PM

Local 2 has been ahead of the border crisis story for the past month. Robert Arnold has made three trips to McAllen and then to San Antonio to cover this still developing story. More than 52,000 unaccompanied children have been apprehended since October after entering the United States illegally. Three-fourths of them are from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador and say they're fleeing pervasive gang violence and crushing poverty. Governor Rick Perry has authorized \$1.3 million per week in additional funding for the Texas Department of Public Safety to bolster border security.

Electricity Theft

Consumer Air Dates: June 23 Total Coverage: 3 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 6PM Amy Davis exposes a utility company worker stealing identities and the light punishment she received after being convicted.

Save a Drowning Victim

Safety/ Youth/ Family/ Community Air Dates: June 23 Total Coverage: 3 minutes Program: Local 2 News at 10PM Lauren Freeman goes in the water to show viewers how to rescue a drowning victim.

Baby Taken During Carjacking

Women/ Family/ Crime Air Dates: June 23, 24, 25 Total Coverage: 45 minutes

Program: Local 2 News 4:30AM – 7AM, Local 2 News at 11AM, Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM

This is a story that made national headlines. 8 month-old Genesis Hailey was left in the car while her mom ran into a gas station. Just as her mom went into the store, someone hopped in and drove away. After a massive manhunt, the baby was found in a field by a jogger. Little Genesis was still in her car seat. The child is ok. This story was breaking during the morning show on Local 2. We also had live coverage all morning during our cutins, including team coverage on Local 2 News Midday. The next day, reporter Jennifer Bauer talked to the mom about what happened. The man who took her is still on the run.

Garage Collapse

Safety/ Security Air Dates: June 26, 27

Total Coverage: 29 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 4PM, Local 2 News at 5PM, Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM, Local 2 News 4:30AM- 7AM, Local 2 News at 11AM

Local 2 was first to go on the air to report a major garage collapse where more than 30 people were injured. Local 2 went on the air just before 1pm and stayed on the air until 3pm. Dozens of people were injured after a 2-story garage collapsed during a celebration in west Harris County. Authorities told us the collapse occurred in the detached garage behind a residence on Park Mill and Park Brush Lane. The second floor of the garage 'pancaked' onto the first floor, injuring people on both floors. From Sky 2 aerials, dozens of people could be seen outside the home, many of them were being treated by emergency personnel. Firefighters set up an impromptu triage on the street and in the driveway. Officials brought the injured out on stretchers to waiting ambulances. At least 30 people were transported to nearby hospitals, including Texas Children's, Katy Memorial and Methodist West hospitals.

Bike Patrols

Security/ Community Air Dates: June 30 Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Program: Local 2 News at 6PM, Local 2 News at 10PM

Harris County deputies are now patrolling the streets of downtown Houston on two wheels. The bike patrols are part of Sheriff Adrian Garcia's plan to make people feel safe in and around government buildings. This security push comes after an increase in crime reports near county buildings.