

KFSN-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
FOURTH QUARTER 1998

From October 1, 1998 through and including December 31, 1998, KFSN-TV presented regularly scheduled locally produced public affairs programs, syndicated programs, and 19½ hours of local news programs a week. In addition, KFSN broadcast all programs and public service announcements provided by the ABC Television Network. The ABC-TV Network Fourth Quarter News and Public Affairs Program Information Report is also attached.

KFSN through its programming addressed the following issues of concern for communities that make up the six-county area served by ABC-30.

- 1) CENTRAL VALLEY FREEZE
- 2) IMMIGRATION
- 3) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- 4) PESTICIDES
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- 8) CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- 9) PARENTING
- 10) CALIFORNIA GENERAL ELECTION

Programs, program segments, news reports, as well as Public Service Announcements broadcast by KFSN that provided significant treatment to the issues are the following.

CENTRAL VALLEY FREEZE

Early Monday morning December 20, freezing temperatures gripped the state's prime citrus areas including the San Joaquin Valley. Temperatures dropped to the low 20's for the entire week turning a promising crop of oranges and lemons into icy mush and throwing thousands of employees out of work. Freezing temperatures have caused an estimated \$591 million in crop losses.

KFSN's local news broadcasts presented the following reports.

ACTION NEWS

December 20, 1998, 6:00 PM, :32 sec., Local

December 20, 1998, 11:00 PM, :32 sec., Local

Freeze Fight – Shane Blue with the California Citrus Mutual, an association that represents 800 growers statewide, talked about the forecast for low temperatures. Adding to the problem the citrus crop is maturing late and that 85-90 percent of the citrus is still in the orchards.

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ACTION NEWS

December 22, 1998,6:00 PM, :20 sec., Local

December 22, 1998, 11:00 PM, :20 sec., Local

Vegetable Damage - Freezing temperatures are also causing damage to the Central Valley's westside. Growers are particularly concerned about broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and lettuce. Droopy leaves in a broccoli field located in Huron is a sure sign of stress if the frost continues. It will break down the plant's cells and cause damage. If conditions improve the vegetables can be saved.

ACTION NEWS

December 23, 1998, 5:00 PM, 1:20 min., Local

December 23, 1998, 6:00 PM, 1:20 min., Local

December 23, 1998, 11:00 PM, 1:20 min., Local

Citrus Loss - Agriculture officials estimate that 85 percent of the citrus crop is wiped out. The effects will be felt throughout the country, because Tulare county is the top orange grower in the nation. Three nights of freezing have shaken even the sturdiest citrus trees. Growers are hoping for even the slightest change in temperatures.

ACTION NEWS

December 23, 1998,5:00 PM,:49 sec. Local

December 23, 1998,6:00 PM,:49 sec. Local

December 23, 1998,11:00 PM,:49 sec. Local

AG Work – Strathmore is home to three packinghouses that employ hundreds of people. Without a crop to harvest, there is no work, and residents worry the town will not survive. Similar situations could freeze local economies in Cutler-Orosi, Lemon Cove, Exeter, and Lindsay.

ACTION NEWS

December 23, 1998,11:30 AM, :15 sec. Local

Tulare Co. Freeze – AG officials estimate that at least 85 percent of Tulare County's citrus is lost. Damages to oranges, lemons, tangerines and grapefruit will total to about \$174 million dollars.

ACTION NEWS

December 24, 1998,6:00 PM, :34 sec. Local

December 24, 1998,11:00 PM, :34 sec. Local

State Emergency – Tulare County Board of Supervisors will likely declare a local state emergency as early as next week. Fresno County supervisors are also planning to hold a special board meeting January fourth to do the same for Fresno County.

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ACTION NEWS

December 24, 1998, 11:30 AM, 34 min. Local

December 24, 1998, 6:00 PM, :34 min. Local

Losses – The Valley is adding up its losses. In Fresno County the cold weather destroyed the Lemon crop. Total dollars lost in fruit production in Fresno County is about \$46.6 million dollars. In Kern county the entire grapefruit harvest is a loss. The county reports a total dollar loss of more than \$ 174 million dollars.

ACTION NEWS

December 25, 1998, 6:00 PM, 1:20 sec. Local

December 25, 1998, 11:00 PM, 1:20 sec. Local

Emergency – Supervisors want state and federal officials to realize the urgency and severity of Fresno County's citrus crisis. The crisis moved three Fresno Co. supervisors into urgent action, taking time on Christmas day to formally declare Fresno County in a state of emergency. A special meeting was held to try and speed up getting state and federal aid.

ACTION NEWS

December 25, 1998, 6:00 PM, :20 sec. Local

December 26, 1998, 11:00 PM, :20 sec. Local

Others – Farm laborers aren't the only ones who are suffering. Everyone from truck drivers, manufacturers, growers, fruit packers, consumers, and the small communities that built up around the citrus crop will feel the effects of the freeze for months to come. Priorities have shifted from saving the fruit to helping the communities.

ACTION NEWS

December 27, 1998, 6:00 PM, :32 sec. Local

December 27, 1998, 11:00 PM, :32 sec. Local

December 28, 1998, 11:30 AM, :32 sec. Local

Tests – AG inspectors will begin checking oranges at 65 valley packinghouses to see how well the thawed fruit survived the cold. A survey of fruit still on the trees indicates 60 percent of the crop was lost. A check of harvested fruit will give a more accurate picture of the freeze toll. The cold snap destroyed 100 percent of the lemon crop.

ACTION NEWS

December 29, 1998, 5:00 PM, :31 sec. Local

December 29, 1998, 6:00 PM, :31 sec. Local

December 29, 1998, 11:00 PM, :31 sec. Local

Governor Declares – California Governor Pete Wilson declared an official state of emergency in Fresno, Kern, Madera, and Tulare counties. Signing of the emergency declaration will mean quick economic relief to the people who pick and pack the crop for market. Governor Wilson and Senator Diane Feinstein are now looking to the Federal Government and the president to declare the four counties a disaster area so federal funds will be available for assistance.

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ACTION NEWS

December 30, 1998, 11:30 AM, 5/6/11:00 PM, :16 sec. Local

December 31, 1998, 11:30 AM, 5/6/11:00 PM, :16 sec. Local

Coalition – ABC 30 along with the Fresno Bee and other local organizations are teaming up to help farm workers, packers, growers and others affected by the freeze. They formed the Valley Freeze Relief Coalition. Donations are being accepted by the Salvation Army at P.O. Box 11965, Fresno, Ca 93786.

Public Service Announcement

Valley Freeze Relief Coalition :30 sec.

IMMIGRATION

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY

October 2, 1998, 11:30AM, :15 sec., Local

Immigration - Immigrants who take to crime can be kicked out of the country. A new immigration law went into effect yesterday that says any immigrant caught committing a crime could be deported. Immigrants convicted of certain felonies can be held without bail while their deportation cases are decided.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT FIVE

October 13, 1998, 5:00PM, :26 sec., Local

I.N.S. RAID - Here in the valley, the immigration and naturalization service is cracking down on undocumented workers. Twenty-six have been arrested so far. The Agency is also telling business owners about the undocumented People working for them. The I.N.S. says the new approach will emphasize opening up jobs for those eligible to work in this country.

ACTION NEWS

October 13, 1998, 6:00PM, :39 sec., Local

October 13, 1998, 11:00PM, :23 sec., Local

Immigration - The Immigration and Naturlization service is putting out word to employers. They warned businesses that if they hire illegal workers, either make them legal, fire them or I.N.S. will arrest them. The agency says the sweep opens up jobs to those who are legally here. Employees can now get training on how to spot counterfeit immigration documents and how to access I.N.S. data banks to verify eligible workers.

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ACTION NEWS LIVE AT FIVE

October 14, 1998, 5:00PM, :25 sec., Local

I.N.S. Protest - Advocates of the group "No Nos Vamos", called attention to the release of a study on the impact raids have on families and workers. The study found that immigration agents often violate constitutional rights during I.N.S. raids. The advocates say such actions are harmful to families.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT FIVE

December 18, 1998, 5:00PM, :28 sec., Local

Immigration - Calling to stop raids, the organization called "No Nos Vamos" or "We Won't Leave" says recent raids in Fresno, Kings, Merced and Tulare counties are pulling families apart. The group claims illegal immigrants are being punished for working in the U.S. and the law is failing to sanction the employees who knowingly hire the illegals.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

October 15, 1998, 11:00PM, :17 sec., Local

Domestic Vigil - People in Madera shed light on an often invisible violence that strikes thousands of Americans every day. The reality of domestic violence brought people out to the courthouse park in Madera. Residents marched through the streets, holding candles in remembrance of victims affected by domestic violence.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE

October 22, 1998, 5:30AM, :35 sec., Local

Domestic - October is domestic violence awareness month. Last night victims and survivors of domestic violence were recognized and remembered at a candlelight vigil. The vigil took place at the Marjoree Mason Center in Fresno.

ACTION NEWS

October 30, 1998, 5:00PM, :30 sec., Local

October 30, 1998, 11:00PM, :23 sec., Local

Domestic - The number of domestic violence cases in Tulare County is on the rise. The sheriffs department is fighting back, with some new high tech help. High tech monitors will alert victims if their attackers are near and a domestic database will get victims help faster. It's all being paid for by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

ACTION NEWS

December 2, 1998, 11:00PM, :18 sec., Local

December 3, 1998, 5:30AM, :27 sec., Local

Domestic - The Fresno County Sheriff's department has received an award for it's "Vine" program. "Vine", which stands for Victim Information and Notification Everyday.

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ACTION NEWS

December 8, 1998, 11:30AM, :22 sec., Local

December 8, 1998, 11:00PM, :18 sec., Local

Mason - Fresno's Marjoree Mason Center is about to celebrate it's 20 anniversary. The center held it's first annual community report. Over the past year the non-profit group has been struggling with financial problems but now the executive director says they are able to move forward.

PESTICIDE USE

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

October 7, 1998, 11:00PM, :25 sec., Local

Pesticide - A health scare today for a Madera County road crew. Workers were accidentally soaked with a dangerous pesticide. Three members of the crew were sent to Madera Community Hospital for emergency de-contamination. The county fire department was trying to track down three other workers who were also sprayed.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE

November 6, 1998, 5:30AM, :18 sec., Local

Pesticides -A new report says California's underground water tested free of serious pesticide residue last year. Pesticide residues were found in only four percent of the wells. Officials say the levels are low enough and there's been no threat to people's health. The residues were discovered in wells in seven-counties here in the central valley.

ACTION NEWS AT SIX

November 12, 1998, 6:00PM, :32 sec., Local

Pest - The California Health Department is warning consumers about illegal insecticides resembling blackboard chalk. The product contains unregulated ingredients and packaging. The pesticide chalk is sold under the names - "Pretty Baby Chalk," "Chinese Chalk, " and "Miraculous Insecticide Chalk." It's often sold at swap meets and discount stores. Viewers are urged to take the product to a hazardous waste disposal facility.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE

December 15, 1998, 5:30AM, :40 sec., Local

Pesticide - A Valley company is being fined thousands of dollars for what is being called Fresno County's largest farmworker poisoning accident in a decade. This news comes after a four-month investigation by the county AG Department and the State Department of Pesticide Regulation.

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EDUCATION

AN EDUCATED CHOICE

December 20, 1998, 10:00 AM, 30 min., Syndicated

The time your children spend in school develops more than just their intellect; it's also an important component of their social and emotional growth. Parental involvement is essential if we are going to fulfill the educational needs of the whole child. Find out about your school's curriculum and teaching styles, and the way your child learns.

ACTION NEWS AT SIX

October 1, 1998, 6:00PM., 2:46 min., Local

Education - Teachers and administrators at Fresno Unified have been given a huge challenge to raise test scores or risk losing their job. The Districts accountability plan also calls for parent and community involvement. This is an issue abc/30 will continue to bring on how Fresno Unified will meet the challenge.

ACTION NEWS AT SIX

October 16, 1998, 6:00PM, :26 sec., Local

Boot Camp - A Unique graduation ceremony took place at Elkhorn Boot Camp near Caruthers in Southern Fresno County. Two cadets received their high school diplomas from the Violet Heintz Education Academy. Besides lessons, all cadets participated in mental health counseling, substance abuse programs and work projects. They are the first graduates of the school.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY

October 22, 1998, 11:30AM, :05 sec., Local

Charter - Charter schools are getting a big boost. President Clinton has signed a bill encouraging states to set up more of them. The schools are generally smaller and custom-designed, and can be set up as community groups under a special charter.

ACTION NEWS

November 4, 1998, 5:30AM, :05 sec., Local

November 4, 1998, 5:00PM, 1:15 min., Local

Class Reaction - California schools get over 9 billion dollars as a result of 1-A relieve overcrowding. The money will mean smaller, safer classes, and the expansion of elementary schools through universities. The best part is that all improvements come without raising taxes.

ACTION NEWS AT SIX

November 5, 1998, 6:00PM, :29 sec., Local

Joe Lee - The Fresno County District Attorney's office is taking a closer look at the spending practices of the West Fresno School District's superintendent. Bills reportedly total close to eight thousand dollars.

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ACTION NEWS AT SIX

November 10, 1998, 6:00PM., 1:25 min., Local

Laptops -Action News takes us to one high tech Clovis school that's getting a lot of attention. More than 11-hundred students are using laptop computers. While students still open books, they also open up computer programs using both side-by-side. Most computers were purchased by parents at a discount and others were loaned to students by the school.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY

December 10, 1998, 11:30AM, :44 sec., Local

Mid-Smart - The Washington Post has come out with a publication for parents called "Helping Your Child Make The Grade." The guide includes pages of information on homework, technology, social skills, and parent teacher relationships. They also include an activity booklet that enables parents to help their children in the learning process.

ACTION NEWS AT SIX

December 16, 1998, 6:00PM, 1:30 min., Local

MERCAP - Imagine having your income cut when your children skip school. That's what happens to people on public assistance in the "Merced County Attendance Program," called Mer-Cap. All school districts in Merced county are expected to be involved with the Mer-Cap program by next year. That's over nine thousand students whose attendance will be tied to public assistance.

Public Service Announcements

Fresno County Office of Education	Special Ed Career/Work	:30
Fresno County Office of Education	Special Ed Movie Equipment	:30
Fresno County Office of Education	Special Ed Resource Spec.	:30
Fresno County Office of Education	Special Ed Sports	:30

EMPLOYMENT

ACTION NEWS AT SIX

October 13, 1998, 6:00PM, 1:20 min., Local

Economy Development -The valley leads the entire country in agriculture production. More and more farmers are playing a high stakes game where much money can be made and lost. If Asian consumers don't buy as much California ag products that will first begin to impact the 8-percent of valley jobs directly tied to farmwork. One economist told farmers that he's bullish on the valley's economic outlook.

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ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

October 14, 1998, 11:00PM, :12 sec., Local

Bugbite - Another deal was reached on more than one billion dollars in education funds. It will create 100-thousand new teaching jobs and individual school districts will have control of the money. Despite the progress, members of congress say the budget deal is far from sealed.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

October 15, 1998, 11:00PM, :22 sec., Local

INS Farm -The I.N.S. says its crackdown on illegal workers will open jobs for legal employees but valley farmers say it could be bad for business. Area growers say many legal workers who are unemployed aren't willing to do the hard labor.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT FIVE

October 19, 1998, 5:00PM, :22 sec., Local

Economic Report -A new report out today says Fresno is losing jobs quicker than the city can bring new businesses in to replace them. On the positive side, leaders from business, labor and city government agencies have come up with a bold new plan to reverse the trend. The Fresno Economic recovery project was released today by committee members at city hall. Their goal is to create more jobs and attract new businesses.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT FIVE

October 26, 1998, 5:00PM, :25 sec., Local

Refugee - Fresno county refugees will have some new job opportunities thanks to a 3.8 million dollar grant that will be dedicated to training for jobs in areas like health care and education. Local assistance agencies hope the one year program will lead to long term employment opportunities.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

November 5, 1998, 11:00PM, 1:35 min. , Local

Gang Jobs - Hope Now For Youth has helped several hundred at-risk teens find jobs. Organizers say honest employment is the only way to keep these young men off the streets. The program combines a good work ethic with faith and friendship and gives these young men a chance they never thought they would have.

SHOWCASE 30

October 18, 1998, 10:00 AM, 30 min., Local/Public Affairs October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Marjaree Mason Center offers shelter and counseling for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. They offer counseling programs to the batterers. They recognize this month with an open house and candlelight vigil.

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HEALTH CONCERNS

ACTION NEWS LIVE at FIVE

"Medical Breakthroughs":

During the quarter, Monday through Friday on Action News Live at Five, we broadcast medical breakthroughs about subjects not yet known to the public. Viewers are informed about procedures and drugs that are just being introduced. Viewers can request more information about our stories. By sending in a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the name of the story about which they are interested, they will receive a transcript and research summary. The research summary is everything that cannot fit into a minute-and-a-half story. It includes further research, story contacts, costs and other cities or countries that are performing the same procedure or research.

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October 9, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"SAFE SEX AND SENIORS" - As the population of people with AIDS expands to include those of all races, genders and sexual orientations, AIDS educators and health care professionals are working hard to get the "safer sex" message out. However, as Lynn Sherr reported in this segment of the ABC news magazine program, there may be a forgotten group that is becoming more and more vulnerable to HIV infection: People over 50 years of age.

SHOWCASE 30

October 11, 1998, 10:00 AM, 30 min., Local/Public Affairs

California State University, Fresno Institute of Health, Healing and Well-Being: The Cardiac-Stress Connection -- Lecture: "Love and Your Health"; Workshop: Learning to Love and Health: A Scientific Approach. Local university offers preventative workshops for physical and mental health.

Another segment of the show featured the Breast Cancer Awareness Coalition of Fresno County -- October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The coalition is made up of organizations, including the American Cancer Society, hospitals, and breast cancer screening centers. They offered educational workshops and some free mammograms.

OPRAH

October 20, 1998, 4:00 PM, 60 min., Syndicated

Compiled by NBC Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Bob Arnot, the Breast Cancer Prevention Diet is designed to help fight breast cancer, which strikes one in nine women. There are three nutritional plans: standard, advanced, and long-term -- to help women avoid breast cancer, or for those who are currently battling the disease. In addition to Dr. Arnot, today's show also featured some of the women who have tried this new diet, who shared their amazing results.

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October 21, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"A LIFE OR DEATH LOTTERY" - During this segment of the news magazine program, Dr. Nancy Snyderman reported on how some breast cancer sufferers are speaking out against a system in which a promising experimental treatment awaiting FDA approval was dispensed only to a small minority of sufferers by lottery.

SHOWCASE 30

November 22, 1998, 11:00 AM, 30 min., Local/Public Affairs

Fresno County Human Services System -- World AIDS Day: "Be a Force for Change". This candlelight vigil included children and teens. Education in the classroom is offered through Fresno County Health Services.

OPRAH

December 9, 1998, 4:00 PM, 60 min., Syndicated

To a woman, "hysterectomy" is one of the most feared words in the English language. Critics say some doctors are too quick to take out the uterus at the least sign of trouble and that they don't appreciate how much it impacts a woman's body. Today's program featured women who told personal stories about their own hysterectomies. Guest Dr. Judith Reichman described the different types of surgery, possible side effects, and the alternatives that are available. She also defined ways women might be able to avoid this drastic, often life-changing, procedure.

Public Service Announcements

KFSN/Children First	Immunization and Health Kids	:10
College Gastroenterology	Colon Cancer 800-978-7666	:30
Central California Blood Center	Megan	:30
Central California Blood Center	Jennifer	:30
Central California Blood Center	Shelley	:30
Central California Blood Center	Silvie	:30
Foodlink/Community Food Bank	Hunger:30	

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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October 30, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"A MURDEROUS ENCOUNTER" - Eighteen-year-old honor student and athlete Jeremy Strohmeier's brutal sexual assault and murder of 7-year-old Sherrice Iverson in a Las Vegas casino bathroom shocked the nation. For the first time, in an exclusive interview by Barbara Walters, the Long Beach, California teen sentenced to life without parole and his parents told their story and offered a warning to other families.

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November 8, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"MONEY MACHINE" - Correspondent Chris Wallace presented a behind-the-scenes report on a very modern style of bank robbery: ATM fraud. Millions of Americans have come to rely on automatic teller cards as a simple and fast way to do their banking, but fraud from ATM banking is increasing dramatically. Authorities estimate that thieves are stealing 150 million dollars each year by compromising ATM cards.

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November 18, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"JUVENILE JAILS" - In recent years, crimes committed by teenagers have become so violent, states have begun punishing young offenders in prisons, rather than relying on the old system of detention centers and training camps. This change in focus has fueled a growing debate among authorities and youth experts: Do juvenile jails scare kids straight or turn them into career criminals?

OPRAH

December 17, 1998, 4:00 PM, 60 min., Syndicated

According to statistics, airport crime rises dramatically around the holiday months. On today's show, Oprah's experts described what to watch out for while you're traveling this holiday season. Detective Kevin Coffey told how to safeguard your belongings throughout your trip -- in the bathroom, going through the metal detector, and even in public phone booths. Victims also shared stories of some of their heartbreaking losses.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE

October 14, 1998, 5:30AM, :43 sec., Local

Prison Protest - Dozens of correctional officers held a picket outside women's prison in Chowchilla, protesting what they call "Shoddy Investigative Practices" by the Department of Corrections. According to the picketers.. there are numerous cases of sudden, baseless investigations launched against officers. Corrections officials defended their actions citing a lengthy appeal process that officers can turn to if they believe their discipline is unfair.

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ACTION NEWS

October 1, 1998, 5:30AM, :12 sec., Local

October 2, 1998, 11:30AM, :12 sec., Local

Immigration -A new law went into effect that states that any immigrant caught committing a crime could be deported by the immigration and naturalization service. Also, any immigrant convicted of certain felonies can be held without bail while their deportation case is decided.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

October 14, 1998, 11:00PM, :25 sec., Local

FBI DNA - Police departments across the country, trying to solve crimes through DNA evidence can now access a FBI data bank holding 600 thousand DNA samples. Police believe it will be the key in serial rape and assault crimes.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

October 14, 1998, 11:00PM, :17 sec., Local

October 15, 1998, 5:30 AM, :17 sec., Local

Newcops - Two dozen new officers were sworn-in today. That brings the total number of police to a record high of 653. Mayor Jim Patterson says more officers have reduced overall crime in Fresno 42 percent in the past 4 years.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

October 17, 1998, 11:00PM, 2:00 min., Local

Victims - Local members of "Citizens Against Homicide" gathered to let people know that victim's have rights too. The victim's families who are left with unanswered questions after a crime and finding support from other victims, and bringing public attention to their case, is often helpful.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT FIVE

October 19, 1998, 5:00PM, 1:20 min., Local

Predator Law - State Senators claim their proposed legislation will keep neighborhoods safer from repeat violent sexual predators. Their bill would allow the department of corrections to review 93 parole cases of convicted felons who were released last month because of an appellate court ruling.

ACTION NEWS

October 20, 1998, 5:30AM, :25 sec., Local

October 20, 1998, 11:00AM, :25 sec., Local

Truant Kids - A new program is keeping kids off the streets and in the classroom. It's called Truancy Prevention Project. Teens skipping class in southeast Fresno are now brought by police to the "House of Hope." The group counsels, evaluates and gives the students work to do until they are taken back to class. Officers say crime statistics prove the program works.

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October 23, 1998, 11:00PM, :21 sec., Local

Forensics - Fresno County deputies now have a lot more space to work on a case. This is the department's new "Steve Magarian Training and Forensic Lab" in downtown Fresno. Inside the lab is a quarter of a million dollars in high-tech equipment and more space for crime-solving work.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY

October 30, 1998, 11:30AM, :20 sec., Local

Elderly - Valley law enforcement agencies are teaming up with a new organization to help stop elder abuse. They say it's a crime that often goes unreported. If you believe someone is the victim of senior abuse call the Fresno County Adult Protection Service at 255-3383.

ACTION NEWS AT SIX

October 30, 1998, 6:00PM, 2:45 min., Local

Surplus - Law enforcement agencies are getting the upperhand on crime and the military may be partly responsible. More bases are shutting down and that means equipment is sitting idle. This is where law enforcement agencies found great deals. It's like a big shopping mall full of surplus the military either has used up or doesn't need.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

November 2, 1998, 11:00PM, :22 sec., Local

K-9 - Sometimes the best crime-fighting tool is on leash and it comes with a keen sense of smell. Canines are trained to sniff out arson fires and to keep their skills sharp the dogs must undergo re-certification every year. The dogs will under-go three days of retraining, then they'll use their sniffing powers out on the street.

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November 7, 1998, 6:00PM, :23 sec., Local

Anti-crime - Hundreds of people flooded the campus at "Calwa" elementary for an anti-crime rally today. Police, firefighters and emergency technicians came out to help take a bit out of crime. The kids were fingerprinted and photographed.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE

November 11, 1998, 5:30AM, :17 sec., Local

Bike Patrol - A different kind of police patrol is making a presence in 10 Fresno neighborhoods. As Bike patrols expand officers hope to cut down on crime.

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ACTION NEWS LIVE AT FIVE

November 13, 1998, 5:00PM, :15 sec., Local

Crime Law - President Clinton signed a law today designed to crackdown on gun-related federal crimes. That means having a gun during a crime now carries an additional 7-year sentence. Clinton also expanded a scholarship program that would help families of public safety officials killed in the line of duty.

ACTION NEWS AT SIX

December 30, 1998, 6:00PM, 1:36 min., Local

New Law - Hundreds of new laws will take effect January first across the country and most everyone will be effected by them. New laws include stiffer penalties for graffiti taggers and vandals and the use of radar jamming devices will not be allowed by California drivers. Also, persons forced to leave their jobs because of domestic violence will be eligible to collect unemployment benefits.

PARENTING

OPRAH

October 1, 1998, 4:00 PM, 60 min., Syndicated

When your children don't respect you -- Could parents actually be teaching their kids to disrespect them? Today's show featured parents seeking advice on how to handle their disobedient children, along with kids sharing their private thoughts about why they talk back. Dr. Ruth Peters shared parenting tools that can help moms and dads deal with this issue.

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October 7, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE" - When a child threatens to kill his mother, is the youngster just acting as a "little monster", or is the incident much more disturbing? In this two-part report, co-anchor Diane Sawyer examined the threat posed by children who suffer from severe anger control problems and spoke to experts on what can be done to prevent such nightmare scenarios as Jonesboro, Arkansas or Pearl, Mississippi .

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October 23, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"NO MORE PICKY EATERS" - In this segment of the news magazine show, Perri Peltz examined the plight of parents of picky eaters and offered tips on enticing reluctant kids to eat more healthful, balanced meals.

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OPRAH

October 22, 1998, 4:00 PM, 60 Min., Syndicated

"Controlling Parents" — The successful entrepreneur who reverts to feeling 12 when he's around his parents, the accomplished adult who desperately craves parental approval, the self-assured mother of two who automatically becomes self-effacing when her parents call or visit ... these are all-too-common dilemmas facing adults raised with unhealthy parental control. Family therapist Dan Neuharth said he grew up with freedom of speech in his own home, and he can't fail to note the irony. His father is Al Neuharth, who is a media mogul, founder of USA Today and the Freedom Forum, a foundation supporting free speech issues. Today they both joined Oprah to explore the differences between healthy parenting and over-controlling, and Dan gave advice on how to break free from controlling parents, make peace with them, and move on with your life.

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November 11, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"TAKE THE BABY WITH YOU" - In this segment of the news magazine program, Tom Jarriel reported the heartbreaking story of infants who have died or suffered heat stroke and brain damage after being left alone in hot cars.

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November 13, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"TOYS IN TROUBLE" - Can chemicals in the toys your baby chews be dangerous? In this segment, Chief Investigative Correspondent Brian Ross presented a report every parent should see.

SHOWCASE 30

November 15, 1998, 10:00 AM, 30 min., Local/Public Affairs

Representatives from the Family Service Center talked about National Family Week. The Family Service Center is a local psychological center which works with families who are in need of counseling services. This includes drug and alcohol addictions for family members, including children and teenagers.

OPRAH

December 2, 1998, 4:00 PM, 60 min., Syndicated

Today's show faced problems on having rules for teenagers: Conflicts concerning curfew, disputes over driving, and fights about the phone. Oprah heard from teens and parents who disagreed about some of their house rules. Guest and author Dr. Michael Riera said parents should be prepared to take a "demotion" from manager to consultant when their child reaches their teen years; experience is a great teacher, and parents should prepare their kids for the time when they eventually leave the nest by letting them make some of their own mistakes.

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December 23, 1998, 10:00 PM, 60 min., ABC Network

"SHAKEN-BABY SYNDROME" - Fifteen years ago, few people had heard of shaken-baby syndrome, but several high-profile cases have recently brought national attention to the issue. In this segment, Lynn Sherr reported on the ordeal on one mother charged with shaking her baby to death.

"TOYS" - In another segment of the magazine program, Correspondent Arnold Diaz reported on the possible dangers of noisy toys, as toy buying reached a peak over the holiday season. Some experts claim certain noisy toys may be a potential danger to children's hearing.

SHOWCASE 30

Sunday, October 11, 1998, 10:00 AM, 30 min., Local/Public Affairs

Valley Children's Hospital Department of Education: "Children Are The Future" -- Valley Children's Hospital is the only children's hospital located between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The Department of Education offers ongoing parenting and children workshops. This particular class was offered to registered nurses as a way of educating them on ways they can participate in the improvement of children's health and well being.

SAVE THE FAMILY

December 27, 1998, 10:00 AM, 30 min., Syndicated

Connie Chung of ABC News 20/20 hosted this half-hour Children First special, which offered first-hand accounts on coping with diverse family issues. Faith and the proper support network are often all it takes to persevere. Through people who share their personal accounts, we find there is hope and often even a happy ending to almost every difficult situation.

CALIFORNIA GENERAL ELECTION

ACTION NEWS '98 VOTE

November 3, 1998, 10:00 PM – 12:05 AM, 2 hours 5 minutes, Local

KFSN's ACTION NEWS provided continuous and in-depth coverage of the California General Election for 1998.