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ABC-13 - LOCAL PROGRAMS
2nd Quarter 2021

ABC-13 PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS

ABC-13 NEWS PROGRAMS

13 Eyewitness News

The following *Eyewitness News* programs aired live on Channel 13.1 in the second quarter.

Eyewitness News at 4:30 AM (Weekdays 4:30 – 5:00am)

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Eyewitness News at 6:00 AM (Weekdays 6:00 – 7:00am)

Tom Koch, Samica Knight and meteorologist Elita Loresca anchor these three half-hour and one one-hour morning newscasts. The programs cover the latest overnight news, weather, sports, traffic reports and money-saving and consumer tips.

Eyewitness News at 11:00 AM (Weekdays 11:00 – 11:30am)

Melanie Lawson, Art Rascon and meteorologist David Tillman anchor this midday newscast. The program covers the latest news and weather, as well as entertainment news.

Eyewitness News at 3:00 PM (Weekdays 3:00 – 3:30pm)

Chauncy Glover, Mayra Moreno and meteorologist David Tillman anchor this half-hour newscast. The program includes the latest news and weather and local interest stories.

Eyewitness News at 4:00 PM (Weekdays 4:00 – 5:00pm)

Eric Barajas, Ilona Carson and meteorologist David Tillman anchor this one-hour newscast. The program includes the latest news and weather and local interest stories.

Eyewitness News Live at Five (Weekdays 5:00 - 5:30pm)

Art Rascon, Melanie Lawson and chief meteorologist Travis Herzog anchor this half-hour evening newscast covering the latest news, weather and sports.

Eyewitness News at 6 PM (Weekdays 6:00-6:30pm)

Gina Gaston, Art Rascon, chief meteorologist Travis Herzog and sports director Greg Bailey anchor this half-hour newscast covering the latest news, sports and weather.

Eyewitness News at 6:30 PM (Weekdays 6:30-7:00pm)

Ilona Carson, Erik Barajas, chief meteorologist Travis Herzog and sports director Greg Bailey anchor this half-hour newscast covering the latest news, sports and weather.

Eyewitness News at 10 PM (Weekdays 10:00 - 10:35pm)

Ilona Carson, Gina Gaston, Erik Barajas, chief meteorologist Travis Herzog and sports director Greg Bailey anchor this late evening half-hour newscast, covering the latest news, weather and sports.

Eyewitness News at 5:30 AM (Saturdays 5:30 – 6:00am)

Eyewitness News at 6:00 AM (Saturdays 6:00 – 7:00am)

Steven Romo, Erica Simon, David Nuno and meteorologist Kevin Roth anchor these newscasts reporting the latest news, weather and sports.

Eyewitness News at 6:00 PM (Saturdays 6:00 – 6:30pm)

Eyewitness News at 10 PM (Saturdays 10:00 – 10:30pm)

Tom Abrahams and meteorologist Rachel Briers anchor these news programs covering the latest news, weather and sports.

Eyewitness News at 6 AM (Sundays 6:00 – 7:00am)

Eyewitness News at 8 AM (Sundays 8:00 – 10:00am)

Steven Romo, Erica Simon, David Nuno and meteorologist Kevin Roth anchor these Sunday morning newscasts reporting the latest news, weather and sports.

Eyewitness News at 5:30 PM (Sundays 5:30 – 6:00pm)

Eyewitness News at 10 PM (Sundays 10:00 – 10:30pm)

Tom Abrahams and meteorologist Rachel Briers anchor these Sunday evening news programs covering the latest news, weather and sports.

The following *Eyewitness News* program aired live on Channel 39.1 (KIAH) in the second quarter.

Eyewitness News on CW39 (Weekdays 9:00 – 10:00pm)

Tom Abrahams, Elisa Rivas and meteorologist David Tillman anchor this one-hour evening newscast covering the latest news, weather and sports.

OTHER LOCALLY PRODUCED PROGRAMS

Channel 13.1 Programming

ABC-13 Presents

ABC-13 Presents productions are locally produced specials covering a full range of subjects, including medical topics, the environment, consumer reports, health and beauty, sports, the arts and events that impact Houstonians. *ABC-13 Presents* programs regularly air on Channel 13.1. On May 1st at 7:00 PM we aired the 2021 Houston Sports Awards.

Eye on the Gulf: It Could Happen Here (aired Saturday, June 5th at 6:30 PM)

In this program, the ABC13 Eyewitness Weather Team explored what could happen to the Upper Gulf Coast if a major hurricane hit in the one spot that would cause the most destruction. It provided this year's hurricane forecast and helped viewers plan and prepare for any potential hurricanes this year.

The Lawson Legacy (aired Saturday, June 19th at 6:30 PM)

This program profiled Houston Reverend Bill Lawson, who was a pioneer in the Civil Rights Movement and helped lead the battle to end segregation in the city. Rev. Lawson and his family shared candid, never-heard-before stories of his life's journey, including peacefully integrating Houston and empowering it to become the most diverse city in America, his tireless community outreach, and how a letter written on a dare led to the love of his life.

LOCALish Houston: Pride (aired Saturday, June 25th at 6:30 PM)

This program explored the people and places making a difference in Houston's LGBTQ+ community, including Pride Portraits Founder Eden Torres, artist Wes Holloway, world-champion MMA fighter Jessica Aguilar, Pearl Bar and George Country Sports Bar.

Positive Content Feature Stories

Eyewitness News aired daily *Positive Content Feature Stories*, which are locally produced segments covering a full range of subjects, including communities, arts and entertainment, food and local eateries, diversity and inclusion, local businesses, health and beauty, sports, and events that impact Houstonians. These stories air daily as packages within our newscasts, as well as on the ABC 13 app, abc13.com website and various social media platforms. A sample of some of our daily stories are listed below:

Dawn Burrell - A James Beard nominated chef and Top Chef contender, Dawn Burrell represented the U.S. in the Sydney Olympics back in 2000 in the long jump. After a serious injury ended her career as an athlete, she switched gears and turned to her other love of cooking. She became a chef and now works with well-known Chef Chris Williams (of Lucille's) to start the Lucille's Hospitality Group, which includes several new dining concepts focused on 'Black food under a different lens'. (This story was part of ABC's Diversity & Inclusion initiative.)

Elijah's Light- Elijah Knight died in 2018 at the age of 14 when a tree fell on his tent during a storm at Boy Scout camp. Elijah's father founded Kindness to Action with the mission to spread kindness around the world and help find good in a tragedy that no parent wants to even imagine.. (This story was part of ABC's Next Generation and Choose Kindness initiative.)

Little Piece of Mexico - Two sisters moved to Brenham for the American dream. They spent years trying to find their passion, and finally opened their own store to sell Talavera pottery that their family makes by hand. (This story was part of ABC's Diversity & Inclusion initiative.)

Mattress Mack: 40 Years of Saving You Money – Jim McIngvale, nicknamed “Mattress Mack,” opened Gallery Furniture on April 15, 1981. He talked about his drive to give back, building up the community with a trade school, high school and free day care, and his hope for the next 40 years. (This story was part of ABC’s Community Engagement, Choose Kindness and Next Generation initiative.)

Custodian to Teacher - Wanda Smith started out in the Brenham ISD district as a custodian and bus monitor, and went back to school at 37 to become a teacher. She shared what motivated her to follow her dream, the heartbreak she overcame to get her diploma, and the lessons she’s teaching the kids in the same classrooms she once cleaned. (This story was part of ABC’s Diversity & Inclusion and Next Generation initiatives.)

DAA Dance Academy– The DAA (Dance of Asian America) Dance Academy is an Asiatown school run by a mother and daughter, who are keeping history and tradition alive with the dances from multiple cultures and countries. (This story was part of ABC’s Diversity & Inclusion initiative and celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.)

GRIND Basketball - Thomas Fields came up with the idea of GRIND after an injury sidelined him at Reagan High School. He’s now 25 and has created the only portable basketball shooting machine that can fit in a duffel bag. Thomas and GRIND pitched their invention on Shark Tank and secured investment to expand his business (This story was part of ABC’s Next Generation and Diversity & Inclusion initiatives.)

Blood Brothers BBQ – Three childhood friends have built a huge following of foodies for combining classic Texas BBQ ingredients with their Chinese and Vietnamese upbringings. Quy Hoang is Houston’s first Vietnamese-American pitmaster and he and Robin and Terry Wong have become famous for their smoked turkey bahn mi, brisket fried rice and beef-belly burnt ends flavored with Korean gochujang sauce. (This story is part of ABC’s Diversity & Inclusion initiative and celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.)

Harris County Attorney - Christian Menefee is the youngest person to ever be elected as Harris County Attorney, and the first African American to hold the position. He grew up in Alief and shared how growing up there, his parents being veterans, and seeing the diversity in the area made him want to become a lawyer and fight for people who couldn’t defend themselves. (This story was part of ABC’s Diversity & Inclusion initiative.)

Wazobia African Market –Houston is home to the largest Nigerian population in the United States, and Wazobia African Market celebrates the culture with food and community. The owner started the market as a place for African families to find ingredients so they could make their family dishes at home. It has now grown to include a restaurant with West African food like fufu, goat stew and jollof rice. The owner is also dedicated to helping the community. He has given away more than \$100,000 to help families get through disasters like Hurricane Harvey. The owner has also set up a scholarship fund to help students go to their dream college. (This story is part of ABC’s Diversity & Inclusion initiative.)

Judge K.P. George - Fort Bend County Judge K.P. George is one of the highest-ranking Indian-Americans in U.S. government. He shared his journey from India to Houston, how he got into politics, the racism he has experienced (especially over the last year), and why it’s so important to have diversity in government. (This story was part of ABC’s Diversity & Inclusion initiative and celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.)

Sock Out Poverty - Princess Jackson is a high school senior who is running a non-profit to address poverty across the country. She first started her non-profit, called Sock Out Poverty, when she was ten years old and began volunteering with her family at homeless shelters. Since then, she has traveled to dozens of homeless shelters across the country, distributing 15,000 new pairs of socks to the less fortunate (socks are one of the most sought-after personal items among the homeless). She's received major donations from Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, and former pro boxer Floyd Mayweather. (This story was part of ABC's Next Generation, Choose Kindness and Diversity & Inclusion initiatives.)

Next Generation Project - The Next Generation Project distributes mental health and self-care resources to the Black and Brown transgender community. It was started by a group of friends during the pandemic last year. In the months since, they have received shout-outs from stars like Lin-Manuel Miranda, set up a relief fund, and established their own scholarship to help young transgender people go to college. (This story was part of ABC's Diversity & Inclusion initiative and celebration of Pride Month.)

Al Edwards - State Representative Al Edwards fought for years to make Juneteenth a holiday in Texas. He passed away just a few weeks before Juneteenth last year, and now his family is determined to carry on his legacy and keep his memory alive. (This story was part of ABC's Diversity & Inclusion initiative.)

Eden Torres Pride Portraits - Eden Torres created Pride Portraits, the largest LGBTQ+ visibility campaign in the country. Eden shared her journey about coming out as a transgender woman, when she first started to identify as female, her experience since coming out as transgender, and how she's become an activist for transgender rights. (This story was part of ABC's Diversity & Inclusion initiative and celebration of Pride Month.)

Legacy Community Health - Legacy Community Health started as the Montrose Clinic in the 1980s as an HIV/AIDS and STD testing center, and primarily served the gay community. Now, it's a \$200 million community health system with a staff of over 1,200 serving 200,000 clients. Legacy's CEO Katy Caldwell led Legacy's expansion from a small neighborhood clinic into a not-for-profit health organization which has services available to underserved communities, regardless of ability to pay. The flagship facility is still in Montrose, and Legacy is still a nationally recognized leader in HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention and still runs outreach programs for the LGBTQ+ community. (This story was part of ABC's Diversity & Inclusion initiative and celebration of Pride Month.)

Channel 13.2 Programming

ABC-13's Channel 13.2 features programs from the *LOCALish Network*. Channel 13.2 also features E/I children's programs.

LOCALish Network

Launched by the 8 ABC-owned television stations, the LOCALish Network connects communities across the country with good people, good news and good stories. The network airs on Channel 13.2. The network consists of numerous half-hour programs covering a variety of topics, including:

More in Common – featuring common interest stories from across the country

Bite Size – great local eateries and food

Secretly Awesome – local hotspots and must see places many people don't know about

All Good – positive stories of inspiration

Glam Lab – fashion created by everyday people for everyday people

Best of LOCALish – the best stories from across the country

Channel 13.3 Programming

The station's HDTV Channel 13.3 broadcasts Laff TV, featuring vintage television comedy reruns.

ABC TELEVISION NETWORK NEWS

ABC-13 broadcasts all ABC Television Network news programs and special reports. The network's report entitled, "ABC-TV Network Second Quarter 2021 Program Information," is filed separately. A copy of the report is filed in ABC-13's Public Inspection File.

ABC-13 - CORE ISSUES
2nd Quarter 2021**CORE ISSUES**

ABC-13 gave significant coverage to the following community issues and concerns arising in the second quarter of 2021:

1. COVID-19 Pandemic
2. Continuing Rise in Crime and Murders in Houston
3. 2021 Hurricane Season
4. Disappearance and Death of Erica Hernandez
5. One year Anniversary of the Murder of Vanessa Guillen

The station's coverage of these core issues is detailed in the next section of this report.

ABC-13 - CORE ISSUES COVERAGE
2nd Quarter 2021

COVID-19 Pandemic

***Eyewitness News.* Air Dates: April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.**

Total Coverage: 13 Hours 54 Minutes

13 Eyewitness News aired extensive coverage of the continued effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. *Eyewitness News* provided the latest information and orders regarding the infection rates, the vaccination rate and how businesses were readjusting to a more normal post COVID-19 existence. Examples of the continuing coverage provided during this time include stories on distribution of the vaccine, local vaccination rates and exploring the causes of vaccination hesitation, and reporting the infection rates across the state, country and world and what the future impacts will be, the rise of new strains including the Delta variant which is becoming more prevalent, the impact financially and mental health-wise the pandemic is still having on people and the ways businesses and people are coming back a year after the state shutdown.

Continuing Rise in Crime and Murders in Houston

***Eyewitness News.* Air Dates: April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.**

Total Coverage: 13 Hours 19 Minutes

13 Eyewitness News reported on the continuing rise in crime and the murder rate that has kept increasing through the second quarter of 2021. *Eyewitness News* had extensive coverage of numerous crime events and murders during this time, as well as actions and initiatives taken by new Police Chief Troy Finner. Examples of continuing coverage during this period include the continued rise in homicides across the city, road rage incidents that end in violence, the rise in burglary, robbery and assaults in the city, the efforts and plans the City of Houston, Police Chief Troy Finner, Harris County Sherriff's Department and the Houston Police Department have underway to address the increase in crime, and the causes for this increase and rising gun violence throughout the city.

2021 Hurricane Season

***Eyewitness News.* Air Dates: May 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.**

Total Coverage: 9 Hours 31 Minutes

13 Eyewitness News has had continuous coverage of the beginning of the 2021 hurricane season and the potential impacts on the gulf coast, as well as monitoring early tropical developments. The Eyewitness Weather team also created a 30 minute special titled “Eye on the Gulf: It Could Happen Here” that went over the predictions for this hurricane season and preparations people need to do now in the event of a storm. Examples of continuing coverage during this period include storm predictions from such agencies as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Colorado State University and National Weather Service, constant updates on developing systems such as Tropical Storm Bill, Tropical Storm Claudette, and other tropical waves that had potential to develop into named storms, how to prepare for potential storms, creating a storm “prep kit” and what the potential impact would be on the gulf coast, as well as storm surge and flood control measures in place.

Disappearance and Death of Erica Hernandez

***Eyewitness News.* Air Dates: April 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26.**

Total Coverage: 4 Hours 44 Minutes

13 Eyewitness News had extensive coverage of the disappearance, search and eventual discovery of Erica Hernandez. Examples of the continuing coverage provided during this time include the details of Hernandez’s disappearance, constant updates during the three week search for her across the city and Pearland, as well as the progress of the search along the way, the eventual recovery of her vehicle and body from a local pond, the reaction of the family and community after the discovery, the ongoing investigation on what happened to Hernandez and the numerous memorials and flood of support across the city for her family.

One Year Anniversary of the Murder of Vanessa Guillen

***Eyewitness News.* Air Dates: April 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26. June 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 30.**

Total Coverage: 3 Hours 54 Minutes

13 Eyewitness News covered the one year anniversary of the disappearance and murder of U.S Army Specialist Vanessa Guillen. Examples of the continuing coverage provided during this time include a series of stories titled “Vanessa Guillen: Remember Her Name” which chronicled the events last year, vigils and memorials all across the city commemorating Guillen’s life, interviews with the family, the ongoing case against one of the persons accused of assisting in the disposal of her body, and efforts by local, state and national leaders to address the issues at Fort Hood and within the U.S. Army to prevent sexual harassment and abuse, as well as a bill named after Guillen, the #IAmVanessaGuillen Act, introduced into Congress to reform the way the military handles sexual harassment and abuse cases in the future.

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 April – June
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**ABC-13 - PUBLIC SERVICE
 2nd Quarter 2021**

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSA Submissions

The station airs selected PSAs submitted by local, regional and national nonprofit entities. Broadcasted on regular PSA rotation, the spots cover a wide range of subjects and interests -- from health, education and issues addressing children's concerns to drug abuse prevention, public safety and the environment.

Community Spotlight PSAs

ABC13 regularly produces and broadcasts 10, 15 and 30-second public service announcements under its *Community Spotlight* banner. The announcements promote the public service programs and activities of local nonprofit organizations, community groups and government entities. The spots are broadcast on a regular PSA rotation schedule. In the second quarter, the station produced and broadcasted PSAs promoting the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, COVID-19 vaccine distribution with The Muppets' Gonzo and Pepe, and Stomp Out Bullying's "Culture Shock."

ABC13 PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGNS

Chevron Houston Marathon

On-air and digital campaign designed to push people to register for the race in January 2022 as well as on-air promo encouraging people to run for their favorite Non-profit. In addition, Chevron Houston Marathon was included in the June 5th "Check This Out" show promoting the non-profits they support. The sponsors were Chevron and Aramco.

Hurricane Tracking Map

ABC13 creates a map with sponsor logos featuring forecast tracking capabilities and safety/supply list. Promotional spots air educating viewers about hurricane season and advising that they visit Kroger stores to pick up a map. A special aired on June 5th at 6:30pm highlighting important topics viewers need to know to stay safe during hurricane season. The sponsors were Kroger, Airteam, American Risk Insurance, and GOYA Foods.

Freedom Over Texas

ABC13 carries Houston's official 4th of July celebration, with fireworks and a local broadcast from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. The event benefits Central Houston Civic Improvements and the Houston Food Bank. ABC13 promoted the event with public service announcements pushing people to watch the broadcast live on July 4th. The sponsors were Shell, Walmart, Silver Eagle, Dr. Pepper, and Reliant.

CCA Star Fishing Tournament

ABC13 and the Star Fishing tournament have partnered together to promote an annual fishing tournament designed to raise money for CCA Texas conservation efforts, as well as scholarship money for participating youth. The campaign ran April-June. The sponsor was CCA Texas.

CITGO Distinguished Scholars Program

ABC13 ran an on-air and digital campaign promoting CITGO's Distinguished Scholars Program, including a local Houston recipient who earned a \$5,000 scholarship from CITGO. The campaign ran April-June. The sponsor was CITGO.

Goodwill of Houston

ABC13 aired PSA messages promoting why you should support, and donate to, Goodwill of Houston. The sponsor was Goodwill of Houston Foundation.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

ABC13 regularly hosts community meetings to support the ABC13+ positive story series. Every other week, ABC13 highlights a different community in Houston's surrounding area. The multi-platform event features local good works, deeds and hometown pride for an entire week. As a supplement, ABC13 hosts community meetings to meet local leaders, neighbors and inspirational people. Our goal is to hear firsthand the positive and inspirational contributions happening in our neighboring communities. In the second quarter, we have hosted meetings for the communities of Alief, Galveston, Lake Conroe and Montrose.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

The station's website *ABC13.com* features information, video streaming and links corresponding to its news reports, programs, PSAs and public service campaigns. These informational resources cover a wide range of subjects, from news issues, current events and weather topics to health and consumer concerns. The website also features all segments of ABC13+ positive story series. It also provides Doppler radar weather updates and traffic information. In addition, ABC13.com provides a calendar venue for community event postings. In the second quarter, the website featured content regarding COVID-19 vaccine distribution, environmental conservation, Earth Month, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, LGBTQ+ Pride Month and Juneteenth.

VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS

ABC13 regularly produces and streams a series of one-hour virtual town halls under its *Action 13* banner. These town hall conversations promote the activities of local nonprofit organizations, community groups and government entities. The virtual town halls streamed exclusively on *ABC13.com*, ABC13's app, and ABC13's connected TV apps on Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, Google TV and Roku. In the second quarter, the town halls featured content on the issues of COVID-19 and our mental health, climate change, violence against the Asian Pacific American community, crime prevention, COVID-19's impact on the Houston restaurant industry, hurricane preparedness, and barriers to health and safety for our LGBTQ+ youth.