

Community Issues and Responsive Programs
2nd Quarter 1999
April 1-June 30, 1999

In an ongoing effort to serve the public interest, KJAC-TV offers a variety of programming responsive to the viewing audience. There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station KJAC-TV, Port Arthur, Texas along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period April 1 through June 30, 1999. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

Issue: Crime (C)
Program Title: News 4 Texas at 6
Air Times: 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Viewer concern in our area regarding the problem of crime prevention continues as a focus for KJAC-TV's programming.

Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
C	04/15/99	:30	A feature story covering the use of half-way houses in this area as a way of rehabilitating violent offenders and ways the residents living around half-way houses can protect themselves.
C	04/16/99	:45	A feature story on the pending possible release of a violent offender, what this means to the public at large and why the convict's family still feels he is a menace to society.
C	04/18/99	:60	A breaking story regarding a jail break to alert viewers of the escaped convicts, along with advice on what a viewer should do if they encounter one of these felons.
C	04/19/99	:60	A follow-up report on the recent jailbreak in Newton, along with reminders of what viewers should do if they encounter the violent offender.
C	04/19/99	1:45	A feature story on a program that goes to local high schools to show teens the dangers of drinking and driving.
C	04/21/99	2:00	Local police ask for viewer's help in solving a recent homicide.
C	04/21/99	:30	A feature story on the Orange County Sheriff's Department new sub station and the ways the sub station will enable them to fight crime more efficiently.
C	04/21/99	1:55	A Millennial Mark presentation showing how hi-tech will make it harder for the bad guys to find a target in the future.
C	04/22/99	2:30	A feature story on the rash of bomb threats that are occurring in the area after the violence of the Columbine High shootings, measures that local police and school officials are taking to protect students and what this means to the children attending the school (such as a longer school year to make up for days missed due to threats).
C	04/22/99	:30	A special report alerting viewers that the Port Arthur Police Department may be calling their home this week to take a random poll. This PAPD is trying to get feedback to have an idea about what they need to change to better serve the citizens.
C	04/27/99	:30	A special report detailing the possible approval of the James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Act. This bill would increase the criminal penalties for hate crimes and is a result of the dragging death of James Byrd, Jr. in a local town.
C	04/27/99	:30	Orange county police asked for help in solving a recent homicide.
C	05/03/99	1:50	A feature report on where personal protection is heading in the high-tech age. Police departments will soon be able to tract people through the use of satellites, so personal protection will be just a click away.
C	05/05/99	1:45	After a recent child disappearance, NBC-4 gives tips to parents and students about what students should do to stay safe after school.
C	05/11/99	:60	A feature report on the overcrowding in the Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center and what is being done to alleviate the situation along with community concerns that offenders are getting off "light" to ease overcrowding.
C	05/12/99	:35	A feature story on the tougher standard for drunken driving. Governor George W. Bush says he'll sign legislation to lower the

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			legal blood alcohol limit in Texas from .01 to .08 percent. This opens up the door for law enforcement to get people off the streets even more and quicker before DWI wrecks occur.
C	05/12/99	:40	A special report on state lawmakers trying to change the way a prisoner's stay is paid for and will save taxpayers money. Currently taxpayers pay for the jail stay, but if passed, this new bill would force offenders to pay \$25 per day in jail.
C	05/28/99	1:45	A feature story to alert local residents to the possibility that a serial killer is in the area. Authorities believe Rafael Resendez-Ramirez may be in the area. The report gave a physical description, announced that he considered armed and dangerous and told viewers where to call should viewers see the suspect.
C	05/28/99	:30	A feature story on what to look and listen for when someone calls on the phone to solicit donations, as well as tips on what information a legitimate caller would not need.
C	06/01/99	:30	Beaumont police asked for help in finding the perpetrator who recently robbed a local fast food franchise.
C	06/04/99	:30	Beaumont police asked for help solving a recent missing person's case.
C	06/04/99	:30	Port Arthur police asked for help finding the man who is believed to have embezzled funds from a local charity organization.
C	06/08/99	:45	A feature story on the new plane purchased by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department to transport prisoners and an explanation of how this plane will actually save taxpayers money in the long run over having to transport prisoners by car.
C	06/08/99	:30	Beaumont police asked for help in solving a recent missing person's report.
C	06/09/99	1:45	A feature report on the Beaumont Police Department's using the latest technology to help prosecute criminals.
C	06/11/99	:30	A Crimestopper's from Port Arthur police asking for help in solving a recent murder.
C	06/14/99	:45	A feature story on a new program set up by the Beaumont Police Department called "Beyond the Badge," designed to educate Beaumont residents about local law enforcement.
C	06/18/99	2:45	A feature story on changes that were recently made to federal laws governing the sale of handguns, restrictions on gun sales at gun-shows, and a 24-hour time limit for the government to complete background checks on potential buyers.
C	06/25/99	:30	A Crimestoppers report by Nederland Police asking for help in apprehending a car thief working in their city.
C	06/29/99	:30	A feature story on the ordinance that the Port Arthur City Council is considering adopting. The ordinance would increase Lieutenant positions by two and decrease the number of beat cops by two. This is at a time when the city is already short on patrol officers.
C	5/21/99	:30	Port Neches Police asked for help in identifying the perpetrator who stole a large barbeque pit from the local Lion's Club.

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Issue: Economy (EC)
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In times of economic uncertainty, KJAC-TV telecasts a variety of programs dealing with the economic situation, from those impacting on the local level to those with worldwide significance.

Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
EC	04/15/99	:30	A feature story on the expansion at the local Huntsman refinery and what this expansion could mean for permanent jobs in the area.
EC	05/05/99	1:50	A look at how online retailers are impacting local shopping malls and what those malls are doing to try to keep the business in the area.
EC	05/06/99	2:00	A look at the booming local economy and what is driving this economic engine.
EC	05/11/99	:30	A feature story on another bank merger in the area and how this will affect Southeast Texans.
EC	05/18/99	2:15	Many local residents were angry when they opened their recent property appraisals, but this report explained why the appraisals rose and that this is one result of our booming economy.
EC	06/17/99	2:30	A feature report on the new 50 million dollar entertainment complex coming to this area and what it will mean to the local economy.
EC	06/17/99	:30	A feature story on the ground breaking for a new national restaurant chain and what this addition will mean to our economy.
EC	06/17/99	:30	In more good news for the local economy, this special report announced plans by the local Goodyear plant to locate a new plant next to the one currently in this area and what this expansion will mean to our economy.
EC	06/30/99	:30	A special report on the Federal Reserve Board's decision to raise interest rates for the first time in four years and what this means to the average consumer.

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Many viewers, as well as community leaders, feel upgrading the state's educational system is vital in this era of increased computer sophistication and technological advancement. Thus, education issues remain a focus of our telecasting.

Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
ED	04/20/99	1:45	A feature story on the school board's approval of a new school in Newton and what the new building will mean for area students.
ED	04/20/99	30	A feature story on why a judge is forcing the Beaumont Independent School District to restructure its Pastors-in-Schools program and how the judge and school superintendent differ on whether the program is a violation of the separation of church and state.
ED	04/20/99	:30	A feature story on an innovative new method to teach children what it is like to learn to live in space without ever leaving the earth and how other teachers can copy the method.
ED	04/21/99	1:45	A feature story on the ways Beaumont ISD educators are helping students cope with the very real fear they are facing after the massacre at Columbine High School in Columbine, CO.
ED	04/26/99	:40	A feature story on the heightened awareness of classroom security spreading across the area after last week's rampage at Columbine High School.
ED	04/26/99	:35	A feature story on Entergy's contribution to the power of learning and how Lamar University will use the endowment.
ED	04/28/99	1:25	In an effort to stop the current rash of bomb threats in schools, this feature story showed the very real consequences for teens making these threats and the criminal charges that will be imposed on these "children."
ED	04/28/99	:30	A special report detailing the special precautions that educators in Orange County are taking to ensure student and faculty safety during this time of bomb threats following the massacre in Littleton, CO.
ED	04/29/99	2:15	A feature story on what is being done to stop the chain of bogus bomb threats at local schools in Southeast Texas.
ED	05/03/99	1:45	A feature story on why school officials chose the cancel classes for a day due to recent bomb threats. News 4 Texas showed what's being done to make schools in the Port Arthur ISD safer and what happens each time a bomb threat occurs.
ED	05/05/99	:60	A look at the Port Arthur ISD's racial unity conference sponsored by the district and the Institute for the Healing of Racism. This educational effort gave middle school students a forum to talk about racial problems at their schools and hopefully, gave them something to reflect on.
ED	05/05/99	:30	A feature story explaining how area volunteers can help local elementary school students through a program named H.O.S.T. or Helping One Student at a Time.
ED	05/10/99	1:45	A look into what the cost of higher education may be in the next millennium and the very real possibilities of getting some of this schooling online, as a college in Denver is already doing.
ED	05/19/99	:60	A feature story showing how Beaumont Independent School District's reading teachers are working toward having all students reading on their grade level by the end of third grade.
ED	05/24/99	:60	A feature story on how a local Mayor is getting children to read through a summer reading program.
ED	06/04/99	:30	A feature story on what is being done in area schools to help children whose first language is not English.
ED	06/08/99	:30	A feature story on Governor Bush's decision to raise teachers' pay in an effort to keep good teachers in the profession.
ED	06/08/99	:30	A look into the bill Governor Bush signed that will strengthen the state's high school graduation test and to limit social

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			promotion (the promotion of students from grade to grade regardless of their academic performance).
ED	06/21/99	:30	A feature story on an event hosted the Congressman Nick Lampson today to discuss school violence and the suggestions made by educators, students and law enforcement officers.
ED	5/21/99	:30	A feature story on the Port Arthur Independent School District's decision to only allow clear backpacks in their schools as a result of the Columbine shootings and in hopes of preventing a similar tragedy here.

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Issue: Environment (EN)
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In an area where industry creates great amounts of toxic waste, when oil spills are becoming more common and where our land fills are rapidly being used up, the problem of caring for our environment is of great interest to KJAC-TV viewers.

Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
EN	04/15/99	:60	A feature story on a burn warning issued by the Beaumont Fire Department to warn viewers about impending dangers due to high winds and no rain in the area.
EN	04/16/99	:30	A special report on a local refinery's pledge to reduce pollution under a new voluntary program. The report discussed the areas in which they will reduce emissions and what this means for our local air pollution.
EN	04/16/99	:30	A feature report on the Junior Water Rights Bill that is now being considered by a House Committee after passing the Texas Senate, focusing on what local residents who do not want to share their water with other Texas cities during droughts can do to defeat the bill.
EN	04/21/99	:45	A follow-up story on the group of residents who traveled to Austin to help protect the water rights of Southeast Texans and what fellow viewers can do to help.
EN	04/22/99	:35	A feature story on the Earth Day Festivities at a local school and the ways they are learning to protect the earth.
EN	05/05/99	:60	A special report explaining what Ozone Action Days is and tips on keeping emissions at a minimum on these days.
EN	05/11/99	:45	A feature story on what is being done to control the mosquito problem that area residents are now facing.
EN	05/14/99	:60	A feature report on the local environment, why Texas is on top of the Environmental Protection Agency's list of toxic producers and what this will mean for upcoming Ozone Action Days.
EN	05/17/99	:45	A feature story on what will happen if the Environmental Protection Agency decides to change Jefferson County's designation to "serious" from "moderate" and what this could mean in getting permits and approval for construction of roads, highways and other developments in our area.
EN	06/01/99	:45	A special report on the beginning of a 30-day burn ban that is in effect in Jefferson County and how they hope this ban will prevent any out of control fire.
EN	06/08/99	:30	A special look at what viewers can do to rid their homes and yard of fleas during this heavier than normal "flea season."
EN	06/09/99	:45	A feature story on the problems with aggressive killer bees brought on the recent dry weather and how these bees can be spotted.
EN	06/09/99	:30	A special report on why a burn ban remains in effect for Jefferson County until the end of June.
EN	06/21/99	:35	An update of the reconstruction of Highway 87 in South Jefferson County. Jefferson County Commissioners have hired a company to conduct an environmental impact study of the area between Port Arthur and Galveston before recommendations are made concerning the building of the highway.
EN	06/25/99	:30	A special report on what happened when lightning struck the pipeline of a local refinery and causing the line to catch on fire and releasing a small amount of crude on the ground.
EN	06/30/99	:30	A special report regarding the lifting of a recent burn ban by the county.
EN	5/24/99	:45	A feature story on why Southeast Texas is not meeting nationally set ozone standards, how this affects health in the area and what the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is doing to improve air quality in the area. The story also notified residents as to what days are designated as Ozone Action Days and how these days can help reduce or eliminate pollution.

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Issue: Healthcare (H)
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KJAC-TV chose to present a variety of health issues that are of continuing importance to our viewers. These issues cover areas of health care from infants through adults.

Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
H	04/19/99	:30	A product recall warning telling local viewers on the recall of 100,000 cans of Slim Fast as it was contaminated with cleaning liquid.
H	04/21/99	:40	A feature story on National Infant Immunization Week telling viewers where they can go to get free shots and at what age infants should be immunized.
H	04/22/99	:60	A feature story explaining why the serotonin levels in a woman's chemistry may be the key to unlocking the mystery of Pre-Menstrual Syndrome.
H	04/26/99	:60	Due to the large number of people beginning to rely on herbs to heal their illnesses, this special report focused on why certain types of herbs should not be taken before surgery.
H	04/27/99	1:45	A feature story on the newest advancements in cancer research and treatments that are available at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.
H	05/06/99	:30	A feature story on the closing of a local hospital, what it will mean to area residents and what some folks are trying to do to prevent the closing.
H	05/18/99	:45	A look at a local program that helps women prevent breast disease by getting information about early detection out and also offering free mammograms to those who qualify.
H	05/19/99	2:25	A feature story on the state of healthcare in the United States. Unfortunately, many uninsured Americans wait until they are extremely ill before seeking medical attention and then they go to the local emergency room. This report looked at the possibilities of having all Americans on insurance, or if not at least for local hospital to open "Urgent Care" facilities.
H	05/25/99	1:40	A feature story on new equipment purchased by the Red Cross to help teach CPR and gave information on how local residents can take those classes.
H	06/01/99	:45	A follow-up report on the closing of a local hospital, but also the possible reopening of the hospital by summer's end under a new owner.
H	06/04/99	2:45	A special report on the upcoming Children's Miracle Network Telethon and in what manner the funds are put to use for ill children in this area.
H	06/10/99	2:00	A special report looking at how long leftovers can last in the refrigerator without spoiling and causing botulism.
H	06/21/99	:45	A feature story on an astounding new student that claims women with silicone breast implants are no more likely than anyone else to develop serious illnesses.
H	06/21/99	1:55	A special Millennial Mark presentation showing how painless a doctor's visit will be in the future as doctors begin using light to diagnose problems rather than needles.
H	06/23/99	1:55	A feature story on new technologies that could cut the death rate from prostate cancer in half by the year 2010 or 2015.
H	06/29/99	1:45	A special report focusing on how to protect oneself from the deadly heat and extremely high temperatures this area has been recently facing.

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Issue: Miscellaneous (M)
Program Title: News 4 Texas at 6
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A multitude of issues and events of the local, state and national level attract the interests of KJAC-TV's viewing audience. The following is a list of pertinent information that KJAC-TV provided in public affairs and news programs.

Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
M	04/15/99	2:00	A feature story on how those last minute tax filers can also file a tax extension for extra time.
M	04/16/99	:45	A feature story on the Salvation Army's 2 nd Annual Spring Clothes Drive, how viewers can give article to the needy and how those in need can apply for benefits.
M	04/22/99	:30	A special report on why lawmakers are considering raising the speed limit on Texas Interstates to 80 mph.
M	04/26/99	:35	A feature story on a new computer virus sweeping the world, how to find out if your computer is infected and tips on anti-virus protection software.
M	04/27/99	:45	A feature story on Entergy Electric Company's decision to hire 55 additional employees as part of an aggressive service improvement program and a new phone system that will give better response to customers.
M	04/28/99	1:50	A special report on new, safer materials that will be available to contractors in the year 2000 to use in building safer, stronger homes that will withstand strong winds during storms.
M	05/06/99	:30	A feature story on how local residents can leave non-perishable food items for those in need this weekend.
M	05/11/99	1:55	A special look at how Southeast Texans are preparing for Y2K and the possibility of computer shutdowns at the beginning of the year. Also interviewed experts as to what they feel are the "real" possibilities of disaster.
M	05/13/99	:60	After a recent drowning death of a toddler, News 4 Texas investigated the best ways to safeguard one's home pool to prevent having a similar tragedy occur.
M	05/13/99	:60	News 4 Texas discussed what to look for when looking for a daycare or babysitter in the upcoming summer months while children are out of school.
M	05/25/99	1:40	A feature story on why the South Jefferson County United Way is giving its local Red Cross Chapter one last chance to explain why its funding shouldn't be cut in half. The report also explained what the cut in funding will mean to the residents of South Jefferson County.
M	05/26/99	:30	A follow up story involving the American Red Cross Chapter's loss of full funding for the next fiscal year and how this will impact programs in the South County area.
M	06/01/99	1:30	With the beginning of hurricane season, this special report focused on what homeowners need to do to prepare, such as what supplies would be needed to get one through a hurricane.
M	06/01/99	1:15	A special report informing area residents where they are to go should this area be evacuated due to an impending hurricane and reminding them of the evacuation route for Jefferson County.

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Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
C	04/06/99	1:45	A feature story on the opening of the "Rainbow Room," a home for victims of child abuse and what the opening of this center will mean for the children of Southeast Texas.
C	04/09/99	:45	A special report on how Beaumont City Leaders and the Beaumont Housing Authority are cleaning up drugs in some of the city's housing projects.
C	04/09/99	:30	Crimestoppers. Groves Police asked for help in finding the people responsible for ransacking the school district's food and media center building.
C	04/11/99	1:19	Crimestoppers. Groves police ask for help in solving the perpetrators who ransacked the local food center.
C	04/12/99	:45	A special report on the Hardin County jail's expansion project and how this will allow them to keep more inmates behind bars, rather than turning them back out onto the street.
C	04/23/99	:35	Crimestoppers. Port Arthur police asked for help in finding the persons responsible for a setting a playground fire in the city.
C	04/25/99	1:35	Crimestoppers. Groves police asked for help in solving a recent string of car burglaries.
C	04/26/99	1:45	A feature story on the observation of National Crime Victim Rights Week and how this vigil is helping heal the wounds caused by crime.
C	04/30/99	1:21	Crimestoppers. Port Arthur police asked for help in solving a golf course burglary in their city.
C	05/12/99	1:55	A special report on what the Jefferson County Sheriff's department is doing to provide more protection to the community at large from sex offenders.
C	05/12/99	:35	A special report on the legislation that is in front of lawmakers to lower the legal blood alcohol limit in Texas.
C	05/12/99	:45	A special report on an additional 95 million dollars that President Clinton is setting aside for hiring additional police officers in the U.S. and how this will impact the current Community policing programs that are already in place.
C	05/26/99	:30	A feature story on the Department of Human Services fight against Welfare fraud. The department will now take finger print and photo identification of the applicants so that electronic matches can be made to proven the issuance of duplicate benefits.
C	06/02/99	:35	A Crimestoppers report from Port Arthur Police asking citizens for information on vandals causing problems at Pleasure Island.
C	06/25/99	1:20	Crimestoppers. Beaumont police asked for viewers' help in finding the people who vandalized the drainage district vehicles.
C	06/25/99	:30	Crimestoppers. Nederland police asked for help in finding a car thief.

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Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
EC	04/01/99	:30	A feature story on why gas prices have risen drastically in the past two weeks, along with tips on which area stations are selling the least expensive gas.
EC	05/27/99	:45	A feature story announcing the merger of Exxon and one of the area's largest employers, Mobil Oil and how this merger could possibly effect the local Mobil facility.
EC	06/30/99	1:45	A special report on why the Federal Reserve has boosted a key interest a quarter of a point in the hopes of heading off inflation pressures from a tight job market.

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Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
ED	04/01/99	3:10	A special report on a hot topic, "How Much Homework is Too Much for Kids?" This report looked at how some schools are taking the lead in dealing with the issue and gave tips to parents who feel their children are overburdened.
ED	04/01/99	:35	A look at how some local kids are getting the chance to market themselves for summer jobs through a program put on by Lamar University called the "Green Team." This program is structured to provide students with summer work experiences that give them insight into future career opportunities.
ED	04/01/99	1:35	A feature story showing how one local teacher is preparing children for life in the next millennium.
ED	04/06/99	2:00	A special report on Lamar University's desire to purchase Woodrow Wilson Middle School and what this would mean to the children of the Port Arthur Independent School District who attend this school and what Lamar University would do with the school if purchased.
ED	04/06/99	:35	A feature report on the upset in the Newton County because the school district there wants to shut down an elementary school and what this would mean for the children who currently attend that school and what it will mean for taxpayers if a new school is built.
ED	04/07/99	:35	A feature story on some local teachers and community leaders as they take part in "Putt-ing for Education," and how this program will help students in our local public school systems.
ED	04/14/99	1:50	A Millennial Mark presentation featuring the ability to take classes over the internet and to earn college and high school diplomas using this technology.
ED	04/15/99	:30	A feature report on an unusual classroom experience that takes place at West Orange Elementary School. They have a boat that takes children out the experience nature as well as a nature classroom where the children learn "hands-on" about nature.
ED	04/20/99	:35	A feature story on why parents in the Newton School District feel building a "super school" is not in the best educational interest of the children in the district.
ED	04/23/99	:35	A special report on how the Port Arthur Independent School District is addressing and studying crisis control policies to come up with something they can follow in light of yesterday's bomb threat at a local high school.
ED	04/27/99	2:45	A feature story on what all of those papers that schools send home for parental signature really mean. Some of these papers can be considered legal contracts with one's child's public school.
ED	04/29/99	1:20	A feature story showing the techniques one local teacher uses to prepare her students for their professional careers.
ED	05/03/99	:35	A special report on new measures the Port Arthur ISD is taking to curtail bomb threats including doing away with lockers and banning backpacks from the school.
ED	05/10/99	1:50	A feature story on the projected cost of a college education in the next millennium.
ED	05/12/99	1:25	A special report on how to keep children learning over the summer.
ED	05/13/99	1:40	A feature story on how one teacher helps her students keep a positive attitude about learning in the next millennium.
ED	06/28/99	1:45	A feature story on the state of kid's programming, it's quality and whether the new guidelines really help parents judge good shows for their children to watch.

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Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
EN	04/12/99	:35	A feature story on why the Environmental Protection Agency wants to change the air quality rating of this area from moderate to series and why county officials are saying this area is being blamed for problems caused in Houston, and what this change could possibly mean to those needing permits and approval for construction of roads, highway and other developments in Jefferson County.
EN	04/21/99	:35	A feature story on Earth Day, U.S.A. and how the city of Beaumont is taking their recycling message to some of its youngest citizens.
EN	04/26/99	2:00	A breaking story about an alleged illegal trash dump in the city of Rye and how residents are trying to get the problem taken care of.
EN	05/06/99	3:15	A special report on the wonder additive, MTBE, that oil companies add to gasoline in an effort to reduce air pollution and improve our health. The only problem is, now the Environmental Protection Agency is investigating whether it is also linked to health problems including skin rashes, seizures and cancer.
EN	05/17/99	:30	A feature story on Jefferson County Commissioner's decision to ask the Environmental Protection Agency to give them until the year 2007 to clean up the air.

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Issue: Healthcare (H)
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H	04/01/99	:45	A feature story giving pertinent information on the safest ways to boil eggs for Easter, including tips on the safest ways to dye, hide and eat the eggs.
H	04/01/99	:45	A feature report on alternatives to nursing homes in this area. This report focused on the Adult Activity Centers where seniors can go during the day while their primary care givers are at work.
H	04/05/99	2:00	This report showed ways to help with stress management and discussed the positive benefits of whirlpool tubs and massaging showers for stress relief.
H	04/05/99	:30	This Four Your Health Report discussed gallstone attacks in adults and the culprits that are believed to cause these painful attacks.
H	04/05/99	:45	A special report on an experimental drug, endostatin, that is showing promise in treating both cancer and heart disease.
H	04/07/99	:35	A feature story on how technology is changing the traditional doctor/patient relationship. Doctors are now using laptop computers to keep files and some even consult with their patients through e-mail, answering questions and giving advice. Also discussed the way computers are revolutionizing the way doctors operate of their patients by providing surgeons the means to operate on patients using robotic arms and a internet system as eyes and ears.
H	04/08/99	2:00	A special look at AIDS in the workplace and the possibility of contracting the disease should one accidentally be stuck with a needle that had been used on an AIDS patient. This story looked at the growing debate about how far employers and the government should go to protect workers against such a fate.
H	04/09/99	:45	A feature story on a new bill that Congressman Lampson is sponsoring that will allow an employee to extend their insurance coverage for a longer period. The bill is called the COBRA Extension Act of 1999.
H	04/09/99	1:15	This Four Your Health Report focused on the treatment options available to men diagnosed with prostate cancer including how gene therapy is being tested to improve the success of high-risk patients.
H	04/11/99	:50	A feature story on Congressman Nick Lampson's plans to introduce a bill that will extend COBRA eligibility until Medicare kicks in at age 65.
H	04/11/99	1:59	A Four Your Health segment profiling the latest research in prostate cancer.
H	04/12/99	1:40	A Four Your Health report discussing the funding that is available to treat children with emotional problems.
H	04/12/99	:45	A new study says two-third of childcare facilities contain at least one safety hazard to the youngsters they serve. This report focused on spreading the word about day care safety issues and tips on reviewing a daycare before placing one's child there for care.
H	04/13/99	3:25	A feature story revealing foods that can help individuals "bust the fat."
H	04/14/99	2:00	A feature report on children who suffer from back pain and what can be done to help relieve the pain.
H	04/16/99	2:10	A Four Your Health report revealing the latest research in human genes and a new machine that is making removing moles easier.
H	04/19/99	:45	A Four Your Health report giving tips on how to stay in shape and exercise while on vacation.
H	04/19/99	:35	A feature story on where women in this area can go to receive free mammograms.
H	04/19/99	:35	A feature story on the recall of a popular diet drink that contains cleaning fluid in contaminated cans.
H	04/20/99	1:45	A feature report on natural remedies, their possible dangers and the ways they really do promote healthier lifestyles.

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H	04/20/99	1:45	A feature story on a new study that shows no significant link between moderate egg consumption and the risk of heart attack or stroke among healthy men and women.
H	04/21/99	1:30	A Four Your Health report that shed light on ear infections and how an old remedy might be the best remedy now that the bacteria that causes ear infections has grown increasingly resistant to antibiotics.
H	04/21/99	:35	A special report on National Infant Immunization Week and where local residents can go to have their children immunized free of charge.
H	04/22/99	1:30	A special report on why until recently, many doctors believed that kids don't feel real pain during surgeries. Groundbreaking research shows this theory to be false.
H	04/25/99	2:50	A special look at heart failure and what causes it. Also, how dental health can affect one's heart.
H	04/28/99	:30	A feature story describing signs of an emotionally disturbed individual, particularly a child who may be disturbed enough to make a threat against their school.
H	04/28/99	:30	A feature story on a study showing beta-carotene increases the incidence of cancer and mortality in heavy smokers and people who work with asbestos.
H	04/28/99	:45	A feature story on an innovative treatment that "melts" cancerous head and neck tumors with damaging nearby organs.
H	05/07/99	1:45	A feature story on how the federal government is trying to stop memory loss in patients before it turns into Alzheimer's Disease.
H	05/07/99	:30	A feature story on new research showing the benefits of flavonoids toward reducing heart attacks and cardiovascular disease.
H	05/10/99	:35	A special report on a major breakthrough in diabetes research showing that diabetes has completely disappeared in some patients after a kidney and pancreas transplant.
H	05/10/99	:40	Part 1 of a 2-part story on what diseases pet owners can get from their pets.
H	05/12/99	:45	A feature story on the dangers of using clear plastic bottles for feeding infants and children due to the possible leaching of a chemical.
H	05/17/99	:35	A feature story on a device recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration that will offer nearsighted people an alternative to glasses and contacts.
H	05/19/99	:30	A special report on new finding that show the one-a-day treatment "Adderall" is more effective for hyperactive children than Ritalin.
H	05/19/99	:40	A special report on skin cancers and the dangers they pose if left untreated.
H	05/24/99	:30	A feature story on why many HMO's are discontinuing coverage on many of the top-selling drugs for many members.
H	05/24/99	2:00	A feature story on new plastic surgery procedures that are available for this swimsuit season.
H	05/25/99	3:20	A special report on the e-coli contamination at a popular water park.
H	05/26/99	2:15	A special report on the new drug Avandia, recently approved by the FDA to fight against type two diabetes, the side effects and how it will help patients with the disease.
H	06/02/99	2:30	A Four Your Health report explaining a new vaccine that may help people from being plagued with shingles 60 to 70 years after they have caught chicken pox.
H	06/22/99	:45	A special report on legislation that lawmakers are introducing that would allow pharmacies to purchase drugs for Medicare recipients at the lowest possible price.
H	06/23/99	:45	A special report on why doctors are teaming up to possibly form a union, what this will mean to the insured and uninsured residents of our area if the union is started.
H	06/23/99	2:00	A feature story showing the new ways prostate ailments will be treated in the future.

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H	06/24/99	4:00	A feature story on the recent over-use of antibiotics, why antibiotics are not working as well as they used to and the steps doctors are taking to curtail this over-prescription.
H	06/29/99	1:50	A special report on the Medicare changes that President Clinton and Congress are discussing.

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Program Title: News 4 Texas at 10
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Issue	Date	Length	Brief Narrative
M	04/02/99	:57	A special report warning viewers of the Melissa computer virus, tips on how to recognize the virus before opening the file and suggestions on how to keep one's home computer virus free.
M	04/05/99	:30	A feature report regarding a new law that may go on the books that will make it illegal for children under the age of 18 to ride in the back of a pickup truck.
M	04/07/99	1:30	A feature report reminding viewers that April 15 th is near and some tax filing tips.
M	04/07/99	:35	A feature story on the Paycheck Fairness Act, a law President Clinton is trying to put into place that would insure equal pay for men and women.
M	04/12/99	:35	A special report on where Entergy Electrical Company stands on correcting problems associated with their computer systems and the Y2K bug.
M	04/15/99	3:15	It's popular, but this special report focused on some of the possible risks involved with online trading.
M	05/04/99	2:00	A feature report on the local chapter of the Red Cross, how they help those in need, the training courses offered through the organization and how one may contact the Red Cross to become a volunteer.
M	05/04/99	3:00	A feature story on the enormous problem of mis-billing in the U.S. on everything from repairs bills to medical bills to grocery receipts. This special report showed why all the erroneous and fraudulent charges are making their way to one's bill and how to stop the charges.
M	05/13/99	1:05	A special report on the most important things to look for when choosing a suitable daycare for one's children to attend during the summer, or anytime.
M	05/18/99	3:15	A feature story showing tricks to retiring early and the surprises that might be in store after an early retirement.
M	06/01/99	3:00	A special report on hurricane season, the approved evacuation routes, and tips on supplies needed to survive the storm.
M	06/01/99	:30	A special report alerting citizens to a burn ban that is currently in effect.
M	06/29/99	:30	A feature story giving tips on firecracker safety.