

**ISSUE/PROGRAM REPORTS**

**FOR THIRD QUARTER 2000**

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## INTRODUCTION

From July 1 through September 30, 2000, KTRK-TV broadcast three half-hour weekly local public affairs programs:

**ABC/13 COMMUNITY CLOSE UP (SATURDAYS 12 NOON-1:00 PM)**  
**The umbrella title of a series of programs geared toward the needs, interests and concerns of our community at large. The ISSUE FORUMS; VISIONS; COUNTY LINE, VIVA HOUSTON and CROSSROADS programs rotate throughout the year.**

**ISSUE FORUMS (Rotates throughout the year)**

**(12:00 NOON)**

Program geared toward issues and political concerns of the community.

**COUNTY LINE (Rotates throughout the year)**

**(12:00 NOON)**

Program geared toward the needs, interests and concerns of the various counties in our community.

**VISIONS (Rotates throughout the year)**

**(12:00 NOON)**

Program geared toward the needs, interests and concerns of the Asian-American community.

**VIVA HOUSTON (Rotates throughout the year)**

**(12:30 PM)**

Program geared toward the needs, interests and concerns of the Hispanic community.

**CROSSROADS (Rotates throughout the year)**

**12:30 PM)**

Program geared toward the needs, interests and concerns of the African-American community.

And broadcast a one-hour long local morning program, quarterly topics are include in this report:

**DEBRA DUNCAN**

**(MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:00 AM)**

**(REPEATED: WEEKDAYS, 11:30 PM & SUNDAYS, 11:00 AM )**

Program geared toward the general public dealing with issues & entertainment.

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The station also broadcast several local programs dealing with community issues, and more than 2,000 public service announcements. In addition to the programs, news reports and public service announcements described in this report, the station broadcast all programs provided by the ABC Television Network. The network's report entitled, "ABC-TV, Network Third Quarter 2000 Program Information" is filed separately.

KTRK-TV's programs, news reports and public service announcements provided significant treatment of the following issues that were important to the community in the third quarter of 2000.

- 1) HIV/AIDS
- 2) Criminal Justice System
- 3) Domestic Violence
- 4) Back To School
- 5) Native American Heritage
- 6) At-Risk Youth
- 7) Asian American Heritage

**KTRK-TV NEWS PROGRAMS – Third Quarter, 2000**

**EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 5:00 AM and 6 AM**

Tom Koch, Cheryl Keck, Doug Brown and Don Nelson anchor these morning newscast from 5:00-7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. This program includes the latest overnight news, weather, sports, and traffic reports. Also, includes a number of weekly series including “Common Sense”, a series on financial reports about economic trends and investment opportunities; as well as “The People’s Lawyer”, a series of reports on legal issues.

**EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 11:30 AM**

Tom Koch and Melanie Lawson anchor this half-hour morning newscast from 11:30-12:00 noon, Monday-Friday. This program includes the latest news, weather, and sports.

**EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 5 PM**

Art Rascon and Melanie Lawson anchor this half-hour evening newscast from 5:00-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. This program includes the latest news, weather, and sports. Three days a week medical reporter Christi Meyers anchors a “Healthcheck” segment of approximately 2 minutes on the latest medical news and advances and Nydia Han gives the latest information on consumer issues on her “Consumer Report”.

**EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 6 PM**

Dave Ward, Shara Fryer, Ed Brandon and Bob Allen anchor this hour evening newscast from 6:00-7:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. This program includes the latest news, weather, and sports. Anchor Marvin Zindler brings daily reports on consumer issues that affect the community.

**EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 10 PM**

Dave Ward, Shara Fryer, Ed Brandon and Bob Allen anchor this half-hour evening newscast from 10:00-10:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. This program includes the latest news, weather, and sports.

**WEEKEND EVENING NEWSCASTS**

Bob Boudreaux, Minvera Perez, Heidi Jones and Tim Melton anchor 30-minute newscasts at 5:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturdays and 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Sundays. This program includes the latest news, weather, and sports.

**WEEKEND MORNING NEWSCASTS**

Mark Garay, Theresa Rodriguez, Heidi Jones and Tim Melton anchor 90-minute newscasts at 6-9 a.m. on Sundays. This program includes the latest news, weather, and sports.

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<b>13 EYEWITNESS NEWS SPECIALS/KTRK-TV SPECIAL PROGRAMS – Third Quarter, 2000</b>
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**THE DRAGON AWAKENS: CHINA'S RENAISSANCE:**  
**(7/9/00, 10:00-10:30 PM, 1:53 minutes; 7/10/00-7/17/00, LOCAL, 18 minutes)**  
**(Repeated: 7/29/00, 6:30-7:00 PM, 30 minutes)**

Eyewitness News reporter Don Kobos” traveled to China along with 60 students from the High School for Performing and Visual Arts, who were invited by the Chinese government to participate in a unique cultural exchange program with this country. In his special he profiles these talented students as they interact with Chinese students and this nation that was recently approved by the U.S. House of Representative to have permanent trade relations with the United States.

**THE STORM OF THE CENTURY (8/26/00, 12:00-12:30 PM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)**

As the hurricane season approaches in Texas, the Eyewitness News weather team gives reports on hurricane preparedness tips.

**13 EYEWITNESS NEWS & ABC NEWS - SPECIAL REPORTS – Third Quarter, 2000**

July 1	936:05-9:50:15 PM	Aired numerous local crawls for breaking weather reports
July 3	1054:10-1057:00 PM	Aired local special news report: Katy High School fire
July 5	720:00-721:00 PM	Aired local special news report: Chemical plant explosion
July 16	326:45-327:38 PM 403:00-404:15 PM	Aired local special news report: Amoco Company fire
July 19	939:30-940:45 AM	Aired local special news report: Gas leak in the River Oaks community
July 23	3:00-7:00 PM	Aired numerous crawls: Thunderstorm warnings
July 24	922:41-924:00 AM  414:45-415:45 PM	Aired local special news report: Apartment fire  ABC News special report: Governor George Bush announces Dick Cheney as his running mate
July 25	1014:40-1017:10 AM 1036:30-1042:00 AM 1050:50-1058:00 AM 1205:00-1211:26 PM  200:45-219:57 PM	ABC News special report: Concorde airplane crash in Paris    ABC News special report: George Bush/Dick Cheney press conference
July 31	130:46-133:46 PM 158:56-203:02 PM 231:39-236:20 PM 302:29-303:34 PM	Aired local cut-in: Thunderstorm warnings
August 2	1041:25-1042:56 AM  351:50-352:52 PM 402:55-405:56 PM	ABC News special report: Gerald Ford Stroke  Aired numerous crawls: Thunderstorm warnings Aired local cut-in: Thunderstorm warnings
August 8	12:15:40-104:15 PM	ABC News special report: Vice President Al Gore announces Joe Liebermann as his running mate for the presidency at press conference
August 18	200:00-200:52 PM	Aired local news special report: Plant Incident
August 22	1121:00-1125:00 AM 208:55-211:30 PM	Aired weather crawl: Thunderstorm Warning
August 28	151:32-152:50 PM	Aired local news special report: Capture of escaped convicts
September 1	413:40-414:44 PM 442:28-444:06 PM	Aired several weather crawls: Thunderstorms Aired local news special report: House Fire
September 4	341:00-342:42 PM 252:10-254:00 AM	Aired local news special report: Grass Fires & Extreme Heat Aired local cut-in: Hot weather advisory
September 19	717:28-724:30 PM	Aired local news special report: Hostage situation

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Monday, July 3, 2000	Burn Victims
Tuesday, July 4, 2000	Hidden Dangers-Allergies
Wednesday, July 5, 2000	Turning to Stone-Scleroderma Disorder
Thursday, July 6, 2000	Riches To Rags
Friday, July 7, 2000	Chic, Cheap, Summer Fun
Monday, July 10, 2000	ALS: The Silent Killer
Tuesday, July 11, 2000	Temper Tantrums
Wednesday, July 12, 2000	Kid Concoctions
Thursday, July 13, 2000	Sibling Rivalries
Friday, July 14, 2000	Marvin Zindler Tribute
Monday, July 17, 2000	Baby Boomer Blues
Tuesday, July 18, 2000	Pushing Kids Too Far Too Fast
Wednesday, July 19, 2000	Disneyworld Millennium
Thursday, July 20, 2000	Houston's Most Eligible Bachelors
Friday, July 21, 2000	Gift of Life
Monday, July 24, 2000	Angels Among Us
Tuesday, July 25, 2000	Family Makeovers
Wednesday, July 26, 2000	People's Pharmacist
Thursday, July 27, 2000	Cheapskates
Friday, July 28, 2000	More Money, More Sex
Monday, July 31, 2000	I Survived A Disaster

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Tuesday, August 1	You've Got Mail
Wednesday, August 2	Female Sex Addicts
Thursday, August 3	HMO Horror
Friday, August 4	Ladies of the View
Monday, August 7	Back From The Brink of Disaster
Tuesday, August 8	Female Millionaires
Wednesday, August 9	Pick's Disease
Thursday, August 10	Amazing Audrey
Friday, August 11	On the Set of "All My Children"
Monday, August 14	Anniversary Show
Tuesday, August 15	Dramatic Life Changes
Wednesday, August 16	Instant Millionaires
Thursday, August 17	Make Me Over For The Fall
Friday, August 18	Real Survivors
Monday, August 21	My Child, My Business
Tuesday, August 22	Diagnosis On Demand
Wednesday, August 23	Missing Children
Thursday, August 24	Sex In The City
Friday, August 25	Dying To Be Thin
Monday, August 28	HIV: State of Emergency
Tuesday, August 29	I Hate My Hair
Wednesday, August 30	Sports Parents Gone Mad
Thursday, August 31	More Than An Apple A Day



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Friday, September 1	Weird Inventions
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Monday, September 4	Kid Star Search
Tuesday, September 5	The Perfect Storm
Wednesday, September 6	Can't Wake Up
Thursday, September 7	You Said I Couldn't Make It
Friday, September 8	American's Biggest Fear

Monday, September 11	Do I Look Fat
Tuesday, September 12	Shocking Seizures
Wednesday, September 13	Unlikely Heroes
Thursday, September 14	Saving Faces
Friday, September 15	Domestic Violence

Monday, September 18	Gossip Gone Bad
Tuesday, September 19	Power of Prayer
Wednesday, September 20	Large and Loving It
Thursday, September 21	Empty Cradle
Friday, September 22	Angels: Do You Believe

Monday, September 25	Know Your Spouse?
Tuesday, September 26	Soulmate or Inmate
Wednesday, September 27	Alzheimer's: The Long Goodbye
Thursday, September 28	I Did The Time, Not The Crime
Friday, September 29	Path To Health

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**ISSUE: HIV/AIDS**

While the overall AIDS death rate has declined in this country; the rate of new HIV infections has not slowed down. The HIV epidemic is still increasing among women, minorities and teens. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 200,000 Americans are living with HIV/AIDS and don't know it. CDC also reports that AIDS is the leading cause of death for Black men and women aged 25 to 44. Furthermore, although African Americans account for only 13% of the U-S population, in 1998, they accounted for 45% of new AIDS cases and 49% of AIDS deaths.

**COMMUNITY CLOSE: HIV/AIDS: A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**  
**(8/12/00, 12:00-12:30 PM, LOCAL, 30 MINUTES)**

Houston has the 7<sup>th</sup> highest number of AIDS cases nationally, in wake of this statistic a local pharmaceutical company Glaxco Wellcome has teamed up with Harris County health and social service agencies to heighten the awareness about the need for HIV and AIDS testing in our community. Steven Walker, Houston Health Department HIV Prevention Program Manager and Carl Pelzel, Vice President of the HIV Division, Glaxco Wellcome were participants in our discussion. Representatives of three local agencies that provide AIDS/HIV related medical services; outreach and public education were apart of the program. The representatives were Todd Foster, Montrose Clinic, Francisco Sanchez, A.V.E.S/ Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services and William Russell, Project S.O.U.L./ Serving Out of Unselfish Love). And lastly, National Gospel Recording Artist, Yolanda Adams joined us to discuss her role as a spokeswoman for Glaxco Wellcome's HIV/AIDS Awareness Programs.

**DEBRA DUNCAN** (8/28/00, 12:00-12:30 PM, LOCAL, 60 MINUTES)

With the incident of HIV/AIDS on the rise, this program provided viewers with information regarding this disease and the importance of individuals getting tested and protecting themselves against high-risk behavior.

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**ISSUE: HIV/AIDS**

**ABC/13 PRESENTS: YOLANDA & FRIENDS AIDS BENEFIT CONCERT:**  
**(9/2/00; 10:35-12:35 AM, LOCAL, 2 hours)**

National Gospel Recording Artist, Yolanda Adams, spokeswoman for Glaxco Wellcome's HIV/AIDS Awareness Programs, joined other recording artist for a concert to benefit victims of HIV/AIDS and to provide awareness about this deadly disease. KTRK-TV Channel 13 broadcast this special concert.

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**ISSUE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Earlier this year the state of Illinois imposed a moratorium on executions after 13 death row inmates were exonerated and freed. A number of death row inmates have been found innocent now that DNA testing has become available. But there is still much concern around the disproportionate number of minorities on death row and the competency of attorneys representing death row inmates. A number of reforms are being discussed to address some of the concerns surrounding the death penalty.

**COMMUNITY CLOSE UP: EQUALITY IN JUSTICE: ISSUES AND REFORMS**  
**(7/8/00; 12:30-1:00 PM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)**

Reforms of our Criminal Justice System have become top issues on national and local political agendas. The first segment of our show, explored Criminal Justice Reforms from a victim's perspective, as well as that of the accused with Diane Clemments, President of Justice For All, a grass roots victim's rights organization and Rocket Rosen, a renown Defense Attorney. The second segment of the show consisted of a discussion of some of the criminal justice reforms being proposed by national and state lawmakers. Participants in this discussion were Ms. Shelby Moore, South Texas Law Professor, Ron Wilson, a Democratic Texas State Representative, and Joe Nixon, a Republican Texas State Representative.

**DEBRA DUNCAN (9/28/00; 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 60 minutes)**

Program examined the criminal justice system and talked to several former inmates who were convicted of crimes that they did not commit and were later exonerated from all charges. Also the issue of the death penalty was discussed and how there seems to be a disproportionate number of minorities on death row.

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**ISSUE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Every day nearly nine thousand women in Houston alone with be a victim of domestic violence. Statistics also show that in America, every 9 seconds a woman is battered by someone she knows, and several of these women might even die. In an effort to educate the community about domestic abuse KTRK-TV presented a special program dealing with this issue.

**DEBRA DUNCAN (9/15/00, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 60 minutes)**

A hour discussion with formerly battered women about how each of them have overcome obstacles in their lives as a result of domestic violence, and how their problems have inspired them to help other women who are living in abusive relationships. The discussion offered advice, crisis counseling and referral resources.

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**ISSUE: BACK TO SCHOOL 2000**

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and it is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest school district in the nation. HISD, with over 200,000 students, represents a broad spectrum of ethnic, socioeconomic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds. With the school year in full swing KTRK-TV broadcast a program outlining how the district will utilize additional funding, being generated from increased property taxes to help with teachers pay increases, news schools and renovations taking place at various educational facilities. Also, information about the various programs at the University of Houston Mexican American studies program.

**ABC COMMUNITY CLOSE-UP: BACK TO SCHOOL 2000**  
**(8/23/00, 12:00-12:30PM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)**

Program focused on the upcoming school year and programs through the Houston Independent School District. Also, gave tips about the importance of parent/teacher involvement and providing children with good nutritional meals. Guest included Jaime De La Isla, HISD Assistant Superintendent of Student Retention Initiatives, Janice Baranowski, a Registered Dietitian and Professor at Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine, Rowena Palladina, President of Houston Parents for Public Schools and Sylvia Aviles, President of Austin High School's PTA and the first Vice-President of "Houston Parents for Public Schools".

**VIVA HOUSTON: (8/26/00; 12:30-1:00 PM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)**

A special feature highlighting the efforts of the University of Houston Center for Mexican American studies college recruitment and retention efforts targeting Hispanics and other minorities. Also, an interview Dr. Tatcho Mindiola, executive director of the Center, discussed statistics related to the educational levels of attainment of Hispanic compared to other population sectors. He also highlighted the barrier that many Hispanics face in attaining a higher education and commented on the challenges that universities face in enrolling and retaining students.

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**ISSUE: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE**

The Native American population in this country is now estimated at 2.3 million and most of the 550 tribes live mostly in remote locations across the country, half of the population is in the west, another 30 percent in the south mostly concentrated in Arizona, California and Oklahoma. Texas has the 8<sup>th</sup> highest American Indian population and many that live on Indian reservations face high unemployment, poor education, crime, teen suicide and alcoholism. KTRK-TV broadcast a program with Native American Indian representatives to discuss these issues and how many are working successfully to upgrade their standard of living.

**ABC-13 COMMUNITY CLOSE UP: NATIVE AMERICANS – STRONG NATIONS**  
**(9/9/00; 12:00-12:30 PM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)**

This special edition focused on the social and economic issues and the culture of Native American peoples. In a special feature, New Mexico artist Stan Natchez discussed the history, social issues and philosophy of Native American peoples reflected in his artwork. Guest Jacqueline Batisse, a member of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe talked about specific social, cultural and economic issues faces by Native Americans. Armando Rodriguez, member of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, and Dr. Dorothy Lippert, education coordinator with the Houston Museum of Natural Science talked about the cultural contributions of Native American and highlighted special events celebrating the indigenous cultures. A community calendar listing Native American cultural events was presented.

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**ISSUE: AT-RISK YOUTH**

There are many problems facing teenagers in today's world and there is aggressive effort to help teenagers handle daily situations. For many teenagers, drugs, crime and suicide are the only options they feel they have. KTRK-TV provided segments about programs designed to help.

**VIVA HOUSTON: (7/1/00; 12:30-1:00 PM, LOCAL, 5 minutes)**

Guest Lupe Contreras, with Crisis Intervention of Houston, discussed the counseling and referral services offered through the organization's Spanish language and teen hotlines, as well as the need for community volunteers.

**VIVA HOUSTON: (8/12/00; 12:30-1:00 PM, LOCAL, 6 minutes)**

Guest Mary Closner, Harris County Juvenile Probation officer, discussed social and family issues and problems related to youth truancy, crime and violence. Social services agencies addressing youth issues and needs were highlighted in the interview. In a separate interview, popular Houston rapper Carlos Coy, known as "South Park Mexican," offered his insights of these issues and offered positive advice to youth.



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**ISSUE: ASIAN ISSUES**

Houston has a very diverse Asian Community, which includes a large number of Koreans. This summer, leaders of North and South Korea took several steps towards unification of the two Koreas. After a half-century, both sides have now promised to work towards reconciliation. This was exciting news to many North and South Koreans now living here together in Houston.

**COMMUNITY CLOSE-UP: VISIONS (9/2/00; 12:00-12:30 PM, LOCAL, 10 minutes)**

This in-depth discussion explored the advantages and disadvantages of the two Koreas reuniting. Professor Suchan Chae, an economic professor at Rice University and an economic adviser to the current President of South Korea spoke about the economic advantages that could be created under a United Korea. Dr. David Chang, a physician who provided medical supplies to a North Korean Hospital this summer and Dr. Alex Suh, a Korean-American currently residing in Houston, gave input from a social perspective.