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INTRODUCTION

From July 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, KTRK-TV broadcast five local weekly public affairs programs listed below under the umbrella title, *ABC13 COMMUNITY CLOSE UP*. The half-hour programs addressed the issues, interests and needs of specific sectors of the community and of the community at large. The programs aired on Saturdays, at 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m., from July 1 to September 15, and on Sundays, at 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., from September 23 to September 30, with some pre-emptions. The five programs were scheduled for broadcast on a rotation basis.

ABC-13 COMMUNITY CLOSE UP Programs:

GENERAL ISSUES Editions (aired on rotation/alternating basis)
(Saturdays, 12:00 p.m., July 1-September 15; Sundays, 11:00 a.m., September 23-30)
Covering major issues of concern to the community at large.

"COUNTY LINE" (aired on rotation/alternating bases)
(Saturdays, 12:00 p.m., July 1-September 15; Sundays, 11:00 a.m., September 23-30)
Focusing on the issues, interests and needs of communities
in the eight-county viewing area.

"CROSSROADS" (aired on rotation basis)
(Saturdays, 12:30 p.m., July 1-September 15; Sundays, 11:00 a.m. September 23-30)
Spotlighting the issues, interests and needs of the African American
community.

"VISIONS" (aired on rotation/alternating basis)
(Saturdays, 12:00 p.m., July 1-September 15; Sundays, 11:30 a.m., September 23-30)
Exploring the issues, interests and needs of the Asian Pacific American
community.

"VIVA HOUSTON" (aired on rotation/alternating basis)
(Saturdays, 12:30 p.m., July 1-September 15; Sundays, 11:30 p.m., September 23-30)
Focus on the issues, interests and needs of the Hispanic community.

ABC13 broadcast a local one-hour live audience weekday program dealing with a variety of themes and topics as well as entertainment geared toward the general public. During the 2nd quarter, numerous editions were devoted to issues of general public concern, including programs on health subjects public safety, parenting, crime prevention and home repairs. [For issues program content, see ISSUES in this report.]

DEBRA DUNCAN

Monday-Friday, 9:00 –10:00 a.m., July 1-September 3:00

REPEAT Late Night: July 1 – August 12, week nights, 11:30 p.m.
REPEAT Late Night: Occasionally/various times thru August 31

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July 1 – September 30, 2001

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ABC13 broadcast its regularly scheduled local news programs and, most notable in this quarter, unprecedented “wall to wall” emergency coverage of the September 11th terrorist attack on the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon. “Wall to wall” coverage ran from September 11 to September 16. From September 17 through September 30, 13 Eyewitness News broadcast special reports on the rescue, disaster relief efforts, and all major news developments related to the attack, including live on-the-scene reports by ABC13 reporters.

The station broadcast all programs by the ABC Television Network programs, which included ABC News special reports and cut-ins and, in this quarter, unprecedented extensive coverage of the September 11th terrorist assault. The network’s report entitled, “ABC-TV Network Second Quarter 2001 Program Information,” is filed separately.

In addition, the station also broadcast public service announcements, as well public service campaign spots promoting projects by charitable nonprofit entities, sponsored by ABC13 in partnership with corporate entities.

KTRK-TV’s local programs, news reports and public service announcements provided significant treatment of the following issues of importance to the community in the third quarter of 2001.

- 1) Terrorist Attack/Terrorism
- 2) Public Safety
- 3) Health
- 4) Tropical Storms
- 5) Economic Development
- 6) Public Transportation
- 7) Illegal Drugs & Prevention
- 8) Immigration
- 9) Redistricting
- 10) Consumer Fraud
- 11) Cross-cultural Issues

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KTRK-TV NEWS PROGRAMS – Third Quarter, 2001

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 5:00 AM (5:00 – 5:30 AM) -- WEEKDAYS
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Tom Koch, Cheryl Keck, Don Nelson and meteorologist Doug Brown anchor these two hour-half and one-hour morning newscasts. These programs include the latest overnight news, weather, sports, traffic reports and “The People’s Lawyer,” a series of reports on legal issues.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 11:30 AM -- WEEKDAYS (11:30 AM – 12:00 PM) thru
September 2

Tom Koch, Melanie Lawson and meteorologist Doug Brown anchored this midday half-hour newscast covering the latest news and weather.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 11:00 AM -- WEEKDAYS (11:00 – 11:30 AM) Starting
September 3

Melanie Lawson, Minerva Perez, Don Nelson and meteorologist Doug Brown anchored this midday newscast, moved to an 11:00 AM time slot late in the quarter. The program covered the latest news and weather, as well as entertainment news.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 4:00 PM -- WEEKDAYS (4:00 – 5:00 PM) Starting
September 3

The station introduced a new one-hour weekday news program, with anchors Gina Gaston, Tom Koch, Don Nelson and meteorologist Heidi Jones. The program includes the latest news, weather, Nydia Han’s consumer complaints reports and Don Nelson’s entertainment news, plus a daily “Your Hometown” segment featuring live reports from different towns in the ABC13 viewing area.

EYEWITNESS NEWS LIVE AT FIVE -- 5 PM – WEEKDAYS (5:00-5:30 PM)

Art Rascon, Melanie Lawson, meteorologist Ed Brandon anchor this half-hour evening newscast from 5:00-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. This program includes the latest news, weather, and sports, Christi Meyers’ latest health news and Don Nelson’s “Nelson Files” report.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 6 PM -- WEEKDAYS (6:00-7:00 PM)

Shara Fryer, Dave Ward, meteorologist Ed Brandon, Sports Director Bob Allen, and Action 13’s Marvin Zinkler anchor this one-hour newscast. This program includes the latest news, weather, and sports. Anchor Marvin Zindler brings daily reports on

consumer complaints regarding matters that affect the community. Nydia Han presents “Renter’s Rights” and other reports on major consumer issues. Health reporter Christi Myers reports on current health issues and topics.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 10 PM -- WEEKDAYS (10:00-10:30 PM)

Dave Ward, Shara Fryer, meteorologist Ed Brandon, and Sports Director Bob Allen anchor this late evening half-hour newscast. This program includes the latest news, weather, and sports. The program also features Anchor Marvin Zindler’s daily report on consumer complaints that affect the community.

WEEKEND EVENING NEWSCASTS – 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM, SATURDAYS; 5:30 PM & 10:00 PM, SUNDAYS

Gina Gaston, Bob Boudreaux, meteorologist David Tillman and sportscaster Tim Melton anchored these 30-minute newscasts through September 2. Bob Boudreau anchors the programs solo as of September 3. This program includes the latest news, weather and sports.

WEEKEND MORNING NEWSCASTS – 5:30-7:00 AM, SATURDAYS; 6:00-9:00 AM, SUNDAYS

News anchor Mark Garay, meteorologist David Tillman and sportscaster Bob Slovak anchor these 1 ½- hour Saturday and 3-hour Sunday morning newscasts, reporting the latest news, weather and sports.

ISSUES – Third Quarter, 2001

ISSUE: TERRORIST ATTACK/TERRORISM

13 Eyewitness News (Sept.11 – Sept.30; Oct. 1-10 All Shows, More than 100 hours of coverage)

Wall to wall coverage by ABC Network and hourly local cut-ins following the terrorist attacks on the New York World Trade Center and Washington, DC's Pentagon. Network coverage was on the investigation of what happened, the stories of victims and survivors, the rescue efforts, and probes into terrorist groups, including the men responsible. Local stories included a Houston area family that lost a son in the Pentagon attack.

Precautionary actions are being taken here to address possible future attacks. We also sent reporters in New York and Washington, DC to tell the story. This is the biggest story in our nation since the JFK assassination in 1963.

Mayor's Candlelight Service

13 Eyewitness News Special (9/14/01, 7-8:30 p.m. 90 minutes)

City of Houston held a candlelight memorial service, in memory of the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center. Members from Houston's police and fire departments, as well as religious and political community leaders, were on hand for the observance.

Debra Duncan "Attack On America: Houston Speaks Out" (9/15/01, 5-6PM, & 9/17/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

ABC 13 talk show host Debra Duncan and ABC Eyewitness news anchor Bob Boudreaux hosted an hour-long town hall meeting focusing on the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks on America. A panel of experts was on hand to respond to questions by our studio audience on airport security, bio-chemical terrorism and other crisis management issues. Public information phone numbers and websites were issued to the public.

Muslim Backlash

13 Eyewitness News (9/17/01 10 p.m. 2 minutes)

This report was on the backlash against people who look Middle Eastern following the terrorist attacks. The importance and need for tolerance and understanding during this crisis was emphasized, and the viewers were reminded all Muslims were not part of the attack. Stories were told of Muslims experiencing fear and trepidation following the attacks that maintain they are American and denounce the attacks as well.

Bio Terrorism

13 Eyewitness News (9/20/01 6 p.m. 2 minutes)

Report on bio-terrorism threat across the nation and Houston following the terrorist attacks.

Crop Duster Threat

13 Eyewitness News (9/21/01 10 p.m. 2 minutes)

Report on fears that crop duster planes may be stolen to drop chemical weapons on citizens.

Disaster Relief & Arab Backlash

Crossroads (9-30-01, 11:00-11:30AM, 28:56)

In response to the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks, we discussed new airline security procedures being implemented at local Houston Airports. Members of the Arab and Indian Communities in Houston spoke out about the backlash they experienced after the September 11th attacks, and an American Red Cross representative discussed how the organization will spend funds donated to the New York Relief fund and other disaster sites around the U-S.

ISSUE: PUBLIC SAFETY

Burglar Bars

13 Eyewitness News (7/05/01 6 p.m. 2 minutes)

When burglar bars trapped a woman inside her home and she died in a fire. We investigated just how safe they really are. Firefighters say it is vital that you get burglar bars that have safety releases. In June, three people died in a fire in Southeast Houston where burglar bars obstructed neighbors' rescue efforts.

Drownings

13 Eyewitness News (7/5-7 All Shows; 7/11 6a.m., 7/12 6p.m., 20 minutes)

A series of drownings on Galveston's East Beach prompted the city of Galveston take action. The city began putting up signs along East Beach, warning beach goers not to swim in that area because of powerful currents. Two boys drowned earlier after going into waters next to the Houston Ship Channel at the East end of the Seawall. Two adults drowned earlier while trying to rescue a boy and a girl.

Sketching Criminals

Debra Duncan ("Sketching Criminals" (7/25/01 3:00-4:00 p.m. 1 hour)

The show focused on the amazing talents of a local woman who works with the Houston Police Department and other law enforcement agencies by providing them with sketches of criminals who are on the loose. This crime-fighter has helped police identify countless criminals wanted for crimes and who are now behind bars.

National Night Out

Crossroads (8/04/01, 12:00- 12:30 p.m., 28:56 minutes)

Houston Police Officer Sharon Richardson discussed activities scheduled in Houston in recognition of "National Night Out." The event took place in communities across America, on August 7th, from 7-9 p.m. Officer Richardson provided viewers with safety tips to protect their homes and cars. She also talked about the success of local Community Watch Programs, through which citizens have aided police.

Abandoned Baby

13 Eyewitness News (8/08/01 6:00 p.m. 2 minutes)

Following the abandonment of a child outside a hospital, we looked at how successfully recent stop-gap measures are working. They include urging mothers who are about to give up their babies to leave them at a hospital or some other "safe" haven to protect the child. In return, no legal action would be taken against such women who do this. The message has apparently gotten through to some, as in this case.

Shark Attacks

13 Eyewitness News (Aug. 13-15, Aug. 19-21 All Shows; Aug. 23, 25-28, 30 5:00 p.m., 6pm, 10pm 30 minutes)

A rash of shark attacks in Florida and along the East Coast sparked the question, "Can it happen here?" We visited Galveston and assessed the chances of shark attacks occurring off the island's coast.

Stalking

Debra Duncan "I Was Stalked" (8/30/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

A cross section of women talked about men who stalked them and threatened their personal safety as well as their families. A number of local organizations-- Houston Area Women's Center, Working to Halt Online Abuse, Anti-Stalking Consulting Service-- were on hand to discuss ways they could assist women who feel they are being stalked.

ISSUE: HEALTH

Nursing Shortage

13 Eyewitness News (July 2 , 3-5,8-10 All Shows/ July 10 & 22 6pm Show, 30 minutes)

A shortage of nurses in Houston and nation-wide is considered to be at an all-time dangerous level. It has forced public hospitals to consolidate care and even close beds. We examined the future of the business and how Houston hospitals handled the crisis.

HERPES

13 Eyewitness News (7/02/01 6p.m. Show, 2 minutes)

This medical report was on a breakthrough in the treatment of genital herpes. A Houston study has found a drug called Resiquimod, which suppresses painful outbreaks of the disease.

Natural Remedies

Debra Duncan "Homemade & Healthy" (7/02/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

Author Amilyah Antonetti discussed a line of products that she developed after her son became skin-sensitive to various chemicals. Further discussions focused on chemicals in everyday products such as insect repellants, hair shampoo and deodorant that could affect chemical-sensitive consumers.

Beauty Secrets

Debra Duncan "Secrets to Eternal Beauty" (7/03/01 3-4-p.m. 1 hour)

This program highlighted natural elements that can be used to make you look and feel younger. Surgical procedures were also discussed to help preserve a youthful appearance.

Child Obesity

Viva Houston (7/7/01, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., 6:40)

Obesity among children in the U.S. has increased at an alarming rate in the past ten years and is highest among Hispanic boys and girls. Baylor College of Medicine Children's Nutrition Center staff--researchist Dr. Nancy Butte and study coordinator Mercedes Alejandro--talked about the causes and prevention of child obesity and called for public participation on the Center's ongoing study on child obesity.

Mental Health

Viva Houston (7/7/01, 12:30-1:00 p.m., 6:30)

Members of the Houston chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill--Carolyn Hamilton and Maria de Lourdes Cruz--discussed mental illness and the need for public education about this affliction. They talked about NAMI educational workshops available in the community for persons who have family members or friends who suffer from mental illness.

Health Maintenance Organization

Debra Duncan "Battling HMOs", (7/11/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

This program focused on abuses patients have faced with insurance coverage provided by Health Maintenance Organizations . Also discussed were newly created HMO Reform Laws and how they are helping to improve the health care industry.

Post Partum Depression

Debra Duncan "Post Partum Blues", (7/18/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour & 8/24/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

When Andrea Yates was accused of murdering her five children, doctors had suggested that she might have been suffering from post-partum depression when she allegedly committed this act. Medical professionals on the show discussed the symptoms and treatments used for post-partum depression. Families also shared their tragic stories of family members who suffer from this condition and their desperate attempts to help them.

Heat Hazards

13 Eyewitness News (Jul. 19-23 All Shows; Jul. 25, 26 & 30 5,6, 10p.m.; Aug. 1-3 All Shows; Aug. 6-7 5,6,10 p.m.; 30 minutes)

Five deaths in Houston were confirmed as attributed to the summer heat exposure. These reports addressed ways to stay safe from heat. News also reported on the heat-related deaths of NFL player Corey Stringer and a Texas and Houston football players. The reports stressed the dangers of practicing and playing in heat and ways to avoid heat exhaustion.

Dermatology

Debra Duncan "Help for Adult Acne" (7/25/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

Victims of severe adult acne discussed how this medical condition has impacted their lives. A Psychotherapist and Dermatologist discussed the emotional effects of acne and explained the different types of acne, treatments and the effectiveness of over-the-counter acne drugs.

Mosquitoes

13 Eyewitness News (Jul. 25; Aug. 2,7,10,12 All Shows, 20 minutes)

Mosquitoes invaded Houston area following the recent floods of Tropical Storm Allison. These reports looked at ways to protect yourself from the pesky creatures and how to keep your home from becoming a mosquito breeding ground by removing all standing water at your home.

Viagra

13Eyewitness News (8/04/01 6p.m. 2 minutes)

This health report focussed on precaution men with congestive heart failure should take if they are on the medication Viagra. Viagra can lead to potentially lethal irregular heart rhythms, especially if combined with antibiotics, allergy medications, anti-arrhythmics or cholesterol-lowering drugs. Men should have a re-polarization heart test before they take the drug.

Rare Diseases

Debra Duncan "Strange and Rare Disease" (8/7/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

Guests of the show suffered from a variety of rare diseases such as Stiff Man Syndrome, Prader Willis Syndrome, Angelman Syndrome and Trimethylaminuria. Guests and their families discussed how the various diseases affected their lives and what medical treatments are available to them. Web sites with information about the diseases and health organizations for treatments were also provided

Toxic Mold

Debra Duncan "Hidden Dangers" (8/09/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

As a result of Tropical Storm Allison many homes in Houston were flooded and had mold and mildew damage. Health experts advised viewers about the risks of inhaling mold and what they can do if mold is prevalent in their homes. Experts also recommended various cleaning products to clean away mildew.

Chicken Pox

13 Eyewitness News (8/13/01 6 p.m. 2 minutes)

Health report. Older children and adults are 10 to 20 times more likely to have complications from chicken pox than young children. Common complications include pneumonia and swelling of the brain. A new survey revealed that many parents had no idea of these dangers.

Memory Loss

13 Eyewitness News (8/14/01 5 p.m. 30 seconds)

This health report focussed on high blood pressure and its possible negative effect on short-term memory, per Pittsburgh researchers. Blood flow changes within the brain may cause some loss of memory in certain patients.

Asthma Inhaler

13 Eyewitness News (8/15/01 5 p.m. 30 seconds)

This health report highlighted a report by Boston researchers that high doses of inhaled steroids used in asthma inhalers can cause bone loss in premenopausal women. The study recommends that patients use the lowest dose of the inhaler steroid necessary to control symptoms of an asthma attack.

Skin Cancer Pill

13 Eyewitness News (8/20/01 6 p.m. 2 minutes)

This health report was on testing being conducted by scientists on an arthritis drug to prevent skin cancer. The drug is called Celebrex. Doctors and patients are excited its prospects

Arthritis

Debra Duncan "Arthritis: The Most Crippling Condition" (8/21/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

Arthritis affects one in six people. It affects adults , children and even babies. Our guests discussed their quality of life as persons who suffer from arthritis. Doctors discussed the

need for more research for arthritis because current medicines provide only limited relief for sufferers.

Natural Remedies

Debra Duncan "People's Pharmacist's" (8/23/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

Author Joe Gradon discussed herbal remedies for a variety of afflictions, from arthritis to constipation, as well as foods that have medicinal properties.

Breast Care

Crossroads (9/23/01, 11:00-11:30PM, 28:56 minutes)

The month of October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In an effort to educate and inform viewers about breast cancer, we talked with a number of Health Experts about symptoms, early detection and treatment for breast cancer. We also talked with breast cancer survivors and identified local organizations providing educational and outreach programs targeting women and teens.

ISSUE: TROPICAL STORMS

Storm Clean Up

13 Eyewitness News (7/02/01, 6 p.m., 3 minutes)

This was an investigative report on whether 40 city inspectors paid to haul debris away from areas ravaged by Tropical Storm Allison are doing their job. The Federal government will not reimburse Houston's cleanup unless someone makes sure the trucks are really loaded with storm debris. Our hidden cameras saw as many as seven inspectors sitting idly, sometimes for more than an hour. Others went shopping and others went to the mall. Following our report, the city cracked down on the department.

Tropical Storm Allison

Debra Duncan "Ordinary People Extraordinary Things", (8/14/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

The program profiled the kind acts of individuals helping others during Tropical Storm Allison. The storm hit Houston and surrounding areas on June 5, 2001.

Galveston Storm

Debra Duncan "Storm of the Century" (8/31/01 3-4 p.m. 1 hour)

A hurricane came to shore in Galveston, Texas back in the early 1900's that caused severe damage to the infrastructure of the city and wiped out countless lives. The Duncan show chronicled the storm and its devastation in and around Galveston. Historians revealed details concerning the loss of life and how the community fought to rebuild itself after the tragedy.

Flood of a Lifetime (9/02/01 1-3 p.m. 2 hours)

ABC 13 KTRK-TV produced a 2 hour video "Flood of a Lifetime" which highlights the devastation that occurred in Houston and surrounding areas as a result of Tropical Storm Allison on June 5, 2001. The video also includes profiles of ABC 13 reporters who were assigned to numerous flooded sites and the heartwarming stories that occurred as people helped others in a time of need.

Flood of A Life Time Video

ABC 13 KTRK-TV donated \$15,000 to the American Red Cross National Relief Effort, as a result of proceeds collected from the sale of 4,000 "Flood of a Lifetime" videos that were sold to the public by ABC 13.

ISSUE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Square Controversy

13 Eyewitness News (07/06/01, 6 p.m., 2 minutes)

The city of Sugar Land starts development of what's being called its "crown jewel." The long-awaited Town Square project is set to break ground at end of the year. The report looked at the debate over how the project is expected to be good for the city's progress and the questions that are being raising about increased traffic nightmares in an area that doesn't need it.

Olympic Village Controversy

13 Eyewitness News (7/17/01 6p.m. 2 minutes)

This was a look a community issues that threatened to divide the city. Part of Houston's Olympics bid includes special plans for a neighborhood that families have called home for generations. The city's historic and predominantly black Third Ward may be the place that Olympics athletes may call home during the games. Some residents in the neighborhood fear that they will be forced out of their homes during the proposed event. The city maintains they will not displace anyone.

VISIONS (8/11/01 12:00-12:30, 5 minutes)

Several members of the South Asian Chamber of Commerce joined us to promote their upcoming Business Expo and Chairman Scholarship Banquet. The Expo featured local businesses in the fields of technology, finance, and manufacturing. The Expo also provided opportunities for local businesses to establish international business contacts. The South Asian Chamber of Commerce was established 8 years ago in Houston to promote and stimulate business development in Houston's South Asian Community.

ISSUE: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Clear Lake Rail Project

13 Eyewitness News (8/21/01 6 p.m. 2 minutes)

Clear Lake City residents are saying no to a planned rail line. They don't want toxic materials rolling through their neighborhoods. The proposed line would run from Old Galveston Road to Bayport. This is a story of industry wanting to keep its costs down and a community wanting to keep its residential lifestyle intact.

Houston Light Rail

13 Eyewitness News (Jul 10, 18, 25 Aug 24,26, Sept 5,7,20 ; 6 & 10pm Shows 15 minutes)

Ongoing debate over Houston's proposed downtown Light Rail System. Many want a referendum on the issue. In the meantime, the city has gone ahead and started construction on the 13-mile line that would run from downtown to the Reliant Stadium. We broadcast several stories on the many business that are having financial problems and the some that had to shutdown because of rail system road construction downtown

ISSUE: ILLEGAL DRUGS & PREVENTION

Viva Houston (8/4/01, 12:30 p.m., 5:00)

Carolyn Alves, with the Mayor's Anti-Drug Division, discussed "Houston Crackdown" drug-prevention efforts centered around National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month (October), as well as Treatment Month (September). The guest highlighted the Mayor's conference on these subjects and invited public participation in a 5K Run/Walk aimed at increasing awareness of substance abuse and its treatment and prevention.

13 Eyewitness News (Aug. 13-18; Aug. 20, 21; Aug. 28-30 All Shows 30 minutes)

Fifteen people died after using tainted drugs on the streets of Houston. The victims all lived within the 77093 and 77039 zip codes in NE Houston. Investigators say the deaths appear to be a chain reaction of people receiving bad drugs. The Drug Enforcement Agency suggested the bad drugs were a combination of cocaine and heroin, known on the streets as a "speedball."

Crossroads (8/18/01, 12:00-12:30pm ,28:56 minutes)

Guests discussed local anti-drug efforts, scheduled throughout the Month of September and provided details of the 2nd Annual Substance Abuse Conference – for local alcohol and drug treatment providers. Information was given about the new "Demand Treatment Initiative" in which the City of Houston and Harris County will participate as one of 15 partner communities across the U-S to increase the number of people who receive quality substance abuse treatment.

ISSUE: IMMIGRATION

Viva Houston (8/4/01, 12:30 p.m., 13:00)

Consul General Buj Flores and former INS Director immigration issues and issues pertaining to justice in the workplace for immigrants. INS spokeswoman Mariela Melero explained upcoming temporary protective status and employment authorization extension deadlines, and LIFE Act provisions.

Viva Houston (9/13/01, 12:30 p.m., 17:00)

Community leaders taking part in the "Texas Latino Summit on U.S./Mexico Relations" discussed "Seven principals on U.S. Immigration Reform" and underlying immigrant issues. Guests were Dale Wortham, president of the Harris County AFL-CIO; Adriana Fernandez, coordinator with Association for Residency & Citizenship of America; Houston City Council Member Gordon Quan; and Texas State Representative Rick Noriega.

ISSUE: REDISTRICTING

13 Eyewitness News (Jul.24, 25; Aug. 21,22 5p.m.,6p.m., &10 p.m. 10 minutes;
8/21/01 6 p.m. 2 minutes)

This report was on a controversy on redistricting. An August vote by the Harris County Commissioners over the issue may turn into a long, drawn-out debate and into a firestorm of protests. Hispanic leaders say that they are not satisfied with the outcome and that they are taking action to fight it. Our reports looked at what happened and what will happen next.

Viva Houston (9/30/01, 11:30 a.m., 19:20)

Issues surrounding Congressional, state and county redistricting were discussed by guests: Texas State Senator Mario Gallegos, Texas State Representative Fred Bosse, Texas State Representative Talmadge Heflin. Minority community redistricting issues were discussed by guests: Frumencio Reyes, Vice-chair of Texas Democratic Party; Howard Jefferson, president of NAACP Houston Chapter; Rogene Gee Calvert, Houston 80-20; and Johnny Mata, LULAC spokesman.

ISSUE: CONSUMER FRAUD

Tow Truck Controversy

13 Eyewitness News (Jul. 9,10 6p.m. & 10 p.m. 5 minutes)

Price gouging by wrecker drivers in the wake of Tropical Storm Allison.

Tow Truck Controversy

13 Eyewitness News (Jul.31; Aug.1,2,10 3 minutes)

Report on new merit system for wrecker drivers in Houston. It allows the city to revoke, suspend or just not renew a wrecker driver's permit. Come in the wake of numerous complaints against wrecker drivers for outrageous towing fees and bad service.

Tow Truck Controversy

13 Eyewitness News (Aug. 5,15,16, 28; Sept. 1, 4; 5a.m.,6 a.m,11:30a.m.,6p.m., 10p.m. 10 minutes)

Some Northside residents say tow truck drivers need policing because of the way those resident say they are being harassed. Customers of La Rosa, a women's services agency located at a strip center, say wreckers have been towing their cars away from a dirt parking lot where there aren't any "no parking" signs. Customers said some even tried to run them over when they confronted the wrecker drivers. The customers are shooting home video showing the trucks leaving when police arrived. Because of a federal ruling that de-regulated the industry last month, police can no longer suspend the license of tow truck operators who violate the law.

ISSUE: CROSS-CULTURAL/ETHNIC ISSUES

VISIONS (8/11/01 12:00- 12:30PM, 8 MINUTES)

Houston is considered one of the major Asian immigrant gateways; and for many families, adapting to American Culture isn't always easy. Host Nydia Hahn spoke with a cross-section of Asian Americans about issues of social identity, assimilation and cultural conflicts many immigrants face while living in America.