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ABC-13 - LOCAL PROGRAMS
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ABC-13 PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS

ABC-13 broadcasts four locally-produced programs under its public affairs banner *ABC-13 Community Close Up*. The half-hour magazine format programs address a wide range of subjects of interest to the community, from hard issues and social service topics to human interest stories, culture and entertainment. Airing on Sunday mornings at 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. on an alternating schedule, the programs are as follows:

<i>City View</i>	Issues and topics concerning the community at-large. Regular air date - first Sunday of the month, 11:00am.
<i>Crossroads</i>	Issues and topics concerning the African American community. Regular air date - second, third and fourth Sunday of the month, 11:00am.
<i>Visions</i>	Issues and topics concerning the Asian/Pacific-American community. Regular air date - first Sunday of the month, 11:30am.
<i>Viva Houston</i>	Issues and topics concerning the Latino community. Regular air date - second, third and fourth Sunday of the month, 11:30am.

ABC-13 Community Close Up Editions

In the first quarter of 2008, ABC-13 produced and aired the following public affairs programs:

***City View*. Air Date: January 6, 11:00am** [Re-broadcast of December 2, 2007 Edition]

*A special edition featuring three packages by Art Rascon, shot on location at the Mexico-Guatemala, Mexico-El Salvador and Mexico-U.S. borders, focusing of human smuggling the smuggling of Middle Easterners and Arabs and followed by discussions on related homeland security concerns. Guests: David Wallace, Homeland Security Co-Chair for America's Cities, and Capt. John Anderson with Houston Police Department Homeland Security

***Viva Houston*. Air Date: January 6, 11:30am** [Re-broadcast of July 29, 2008 Edition]

*"Shattered Dreams," a clip from a film produced by the Tejano Center for Community Concerns to raise teen awareness about the hazards of drunk driving

*Alcohol-related Traffic Accidents, public service message by Victor Trevino, Harris County Constable, Precinct 6, about the need for the community to work together to address the problem

*Teen Drinking & Driving, talk about this problem with Tejano Center for Community Concerns intervention specialist Freddie Villarreal, "Shattered Dreams" actor Jorge Herrera, and National Council of La Raza Ameri-Corps member Krystal Barnes

*Asthma & Allergies, talk with Dr. Juan Garcia with Kelsey-Seybold Clinic about these medical conditions, which afflict an estimated nine million children in the U.S.

*Breaking Employment Barriers, talk with Career & Recovery Resources, Inc. CEO Vernus Swisher about the agency's programs designed to help people overcome different kinds of barriers to employment

*"In the Limelight," spotlight on Dr. Max Castillo, President of University of Houston-Downtown, and Rosario Martinez-Castillo, District Director for Articulation & University Relations, acknowledging the couple's leadership in higher education

Crossroads. Air Date: January 13, 11:00am

*Houston Area Urban League – a changing of the guard, talk with Sylvia Brooks, outgoing president of the League, and new president Judson Robinson

*New Hampshire Primary, package recapping race for presidential nomination by ABC News correspondent Sean Callebs

*Presidential Race, talk about presidential campaigns and developments in the primaries with political analysts Dr. Richard Murray, and Sanders Anderson

*Flu prevention, package by health reporter Christi Myers about the current outbreak of the flu

*Flu prevention, talk about the "Faces of Influenza" flu prevention campaign with Dean Cain, actor and spokesperson for the American Heart Association, and Dr. Carla Davis with Texas Children's Hospital

*Singer Sammie Relford in performance

Visions. Air Date: January 13, 11:30am

*Tommy Chong, a talk with the Hollywood celebrity about his upbringing and background and the status of his acting career since his release from federal prison for selling drug paraphernalia

*Partnership for a Drug-Free America, two PSAs addressing prescription drug abuse among youth, followed by a talk about substance abuse with PDFA regional manager Becky Vance and Loanne Tran with Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center

*Museum of Fine Arts Houston exhibits, talk with curators Christine Starkman and Frances Marzio about the "Indonesian Gold" permanent collection and "Where Clouds Disperse," ink paintings by Korean modernist painter Suh Se-Ok

*"My Village at Sunset," clips from this foreign film about Indonesia's victims of land mine explosions, scheduled for screening at Rice Media Center

*Asia Society Texas Center, talk with executive director Martha Blackwelder about the Society's Tiger Ball, luncheon and conference

Crossroads. Air Date: January 20, 11:00am

*TSU's new president, package by Christi Myers featuring interview with the newly-named president of Texas Southern University highlighting his plans for the troubled institution

*Texas Southern University, talk with new president Dr. John Rudley about his plans and vision for the historically black institution

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. statue, talk about fundraising efforts underway for the commissioning of an MLK sculpture to be erected in Hermann Park's Garden Center, with guests Ada Edwards, Deputy Chief-of-Staff for Neighborhoods, and Doreen Stoller with Hermann Park Conservancy

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, highlights of an annual event commemorating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in talk with North Houston Frontiers Club president Shirley Williams and event chairperson Wilma Evans

*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, talk about the history, charitable mission and accomplishments of this sorority with guests Mattelia B. Grays, 18th International President, and Regina Carrington, Alpha Kappa Omega President

*Main Street Theatre, highlights of the company's production about the civil rights era, "Caroline or Change," in talk with executive artistic director Rebecca Udden and lead actress Tamara Siler

Viva Houston. Air Date: January 20, 11:30am

- *Staying Healthy, talk with Dr. Elena Ramirez addressing major health concerns such as diabetes, obesity and HPV as well as children's and teens' health issues and the importance of routine and timely health screenings
- *Child Obesity, "Connecting with Kids" report by Ilona Carson
- *Fast Foods and Obesity, "Health Check" report by Sharron Melton
- *Chef John Salazar, cuisine demo, wedding specialty foods with a Spanish touch
- *LULAC Council 402 Scholarship Gala, talk with Vice-President Mary Almendarez

Viva Houston. Air Date: January 27, 11am

- *MRI Breast Cancer Scans, report by Christie Myers, following by talk about breast cancer risks, screenings, early detection and treatment with guest Dr. Francisco Esteva, cancer specialist at UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
- *Healthy Foods, cuisine demo by Goya chef and nutritionist Fernando Sosa
- *Job Corps, package about this vocational and technical training school located in San Marcos, Texas, administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, followed by talk with Job Corps admissions counselor Tony Morales
- *Career & Education Day, highlights of this upcoming annual fair for students and parents sponsored by Houston Hispanic Forum in a talk with Patricia Santos, University of Houston Assistant Director of Freshman Admissions, and Edgar Quintana, Career Day Student Ambassador

City View. Air Date: February 3, 11am

- *Sister Theresa, package by Art Rascon, shot on location in Guatemala, about this Houston Dominican Sister, known as "Mother Theresa," who has devoted her life to helping and inspiring poor children their families in Guatemala striving for a better life
- *Kosovo Freedom Fighter, package by Art Rascon, shot on location in Kosovo, about Avni Spahiu, a journalist with close ties to Houston who has been a central figure in Kosovo's fight for independence
- *Reaching out to young voters, package by New England Cable News reporter Alison King about Chelsea Clinton's appeal to young voters in the presidential race and how Barack Obama's campaign is drawing the support of young and first-time voters
- *Youth vote, talk about the growing presence of this voting sector in the presidential Primary elections with guests Justin Jordan, with Houston Young Republicans and Max Cardenas, with Harris County Young Democrats
- *Presidential race, package by CNN correspondent Nicole Collins about developments in the presidential race setting the stage for Super Tuesday

Visions. Air Date: February 3, 11:30am

- *Pradee Anand, talk with this Sugar Land author about his book, *An Indian in Cowboy Country*, exploring the Indo-American immigrant experience
- *National China Opera House, package featuring scenes from the touring production, "Farewell, My Concubine," followed by a talk with Opera spokesperson Jinzhou Hua and American Intercultural Exchange Foundation representative Emily Kuo Vong
- *So Vino Bistro & Wine Bar, beverage and food show & tell with So Vino owner Elizabeth Abraham
- *"Bian Lian," performance by master dancer and acrobat Amy Cui featuring the ancient art of "face changing"
- *Chinese Community Center Lunar New Year Festival, highlights of this annual festival in talk with CCC board member Norma Benson

Crossroads. Air Date: February 10, 11:00am

- *In-Memoriam – Conrad Johnson, the legacy of this legendary jazz music instructor who devoted his life to inspiring young musicians who passed away at the age of 92
- *Houston Association of Black Journalists, talk about HABJ's annual scholarship gala with president David Ellison and gala co-chair Argentina James
- *Dr. Cornel West, package by Melanie Lawson featuring an exclusive interview with the author and scholar about the generation gap in African American community
- *Announcement: Houston Community College Black History Gala
- *Barack Obama presidential campaign, package by ABC News correspondent Deborah Roberts featuring interview with the candidate's wife Michelle Obama
- *Young voters, talk about the surge of young voters' interest in the presidential race with guests Christina Sanders, Texas Southern University graduate student, and Chzarli Cooksey, Prairie View A&M University undergraduate

Crossroads. Air Date: February 17, 11am

- *Chandra Wilson, exclusive interview with this TV actor, a native Houstonian, who plays the role of Dr. Bailey in ABC's "Grey's Anatomy"
- *High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, talk about this unique high school with assistant principal Larry Trout and theatre department co-chair Cynthia Ogden
- *"Pan Man," highlights of this event that focusing on black men that will take place at the Shrine of the Black Madonna, with guests J. Xavier, HIV/AIDS international ambassador, Vincent Alexandria, author, and Antoine Bryant, architect with Bryant Design Group
- *Metamorphosis Women's Empowerment Conference, highlights of this upcoming conference designed to empower women in talk with executive director Mia Wright
- *Houston Community College Black History Gala, highlights of the event "Remembering the Past...Committed to the Future," in a talk with HCC Trustee Bruce Austin

Viva Houston. Air Date: February 17, 11:30am

- *Presidential Campaigns, package by Elissa Rivas about local campaigns for presidential nomination candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama as the March 4 Primary election approaches
- *Immigration Law Enforcement, talk about local police agencies' role in enforcing ICE laws and policy with guests Craig Ferrell, Deputy Director of HPD Legal Services Unit, and Major Donald McWilliams, Harris County Sheriff's Office
- *"From the Other Side," clips from this film about Mexican immigrants by renowned European filmmaker Chantal Akerman on view at Blaffer Gallery
- *Border Security Task Force, a briefing on the work of this task force established by the Mexican American Legislative Caucus with State Representative Rick Noriega
- *March 4 Primary, talk about the political dynamics and unprecedented voter interest triggered by the presidential nomination race with guests Orlando Sanchez, Harris County Republican Party, and David Patronella, Harris County Democratic Party

City View: Political Debate. Air Date: February 24, 11am to 12pm

- *A one-hour special edition featuring talks with eight of nine Republican candidates for U.S. Congressional District 22 and the two Republican candidates running for Harris County Judge. Congressional Candidates: Kevin Bazy, Cynthia Dunbar, Shelly Sekula Gibbs, Dean Hrbacek, Brian Klock, John Manlove, Ryan Rowley, James Squier and Robert Talton. District 22 candidate Pete Olson declined the invitation to appear on the program. Harris County Judge Candidates: incumbent Judge Ed Emmett and Charles Bacarisse.

City View: Political Debate. Air Date: March 2, 11:00am to 11:30am

*A half-hour special edition featuring a talk with the four Republican candidates for Harris County District Attorney. Candidates: Jim Leitner, Pat Lykos, Doug Perry and Kelly Seigler

Crossroads. Air Date: March 9, 11:00am

*Presidential Race, package by ABC News correspondent Yunji De Nies about the outcome of the primaries in Texas, Ohio and Rhode Island

*Texas Primary, talk about the outcome and impact of the Texas Primary on the presidential race, with guests from Texas Southern University, Dr. Franklin Jones, Professor of Political Science, and Carroll Robinson, Associate Dean of Public Affairs

*Mental Health Disparities, talk on this topic with Dr. Napoleon B. Higgins, president-elect of the Black Psychiatrists Association, and Stephen Findley with the National Alliance of Mental Illness

*Toni “Toniwo” Womack, Erica Perry and Shanedria Ridley, talk with these local authors about their self-published books

Viva Houston. Air Date: March 9, 11am

*Houston Rodeo Go Tejano Day, package by Stephanie Guadian about issues raised by a statewide group VIVE Tejano concerning the Rodeo’s exclusion of Tejano music and other issues

*Go Tejano Day, talk about issues concerning the Houston Rodeo and Go Tejano Day with guests Leroy Shafer, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo CEO, Joe Vara, HSLR Go Tejano Committee, and Ben Mendez, VIVE Tejano

*Air Pollution, talk about the issues and efforts underway to address air pollution with Matthew Tejada, executive director of Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention, Adrian Garcia, Houston City Council member, District H, Juan Parras with Citizen’s League for Environmental Action Now, and Rebecca Rentz with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

*Announcements: Cherokee Society of Houston “Red Nations Remembering; VIVE Tejano Concert

*Little Joe y La Familia, performance by the Grammy Award winner

City View: Political Debate. Air Date: March 30, 11:00 to 11:30am

*A half-hour special edition featuring talks with Republican candidates headed for a runoff on April 8. The candidates were Pat Lykos and Kelly Seigler, in the run-off for Harris County D.A., and Shelly Sekula Gibbs and Pete Olson, in the run-off for the U.S. Congressional District 22.

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ABC-13 NEWS PROGRAM

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 5:00 AM (WEEKDAYS 5:00 – 5:30 AM)

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Tom Koch, Sharron Melton, Don Nelson and meteorologist Casey Curry anchored these two half-hour and one-hour morning newscasts. The program covers the latest overnight news, weather, sports, traffic reports. It also features “The People’s Lawyer,” a series of reports on legal issues by Richard Alderman.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 11:00 AM (WEEKDAYS 11:00 AM -12:00 PM)

Melanie Lawson, Ilona Carson and meteorologist Travis Herzog anchored this midday newscast. The program covers the latest news and weather as well as entertainment news by Don Nelson.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 4:00 PM (WEEKDAYS 4:00 – 5:00 PM)

Tom Koch, Ilona Carson and meteorologist Travis Herzog anchored this one-hour newscast. The program includes the latest news and weather, consumer reports by Jeff Ehling and health reports by Christi Myers.

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

Art Rascon, Melanie Lawson and chief meteorologist Tim Heller anchored this half-hour evening newscast covering the latest news, weather and sports.

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

Gina Gaston, Dave Ward, chief meteorologist Tim Heller and sports director Bob Allen anchored this one-hour newscast covering the latest news and weather.

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

Dave Ward, Gina Gaston, chief meteorologist Tim Heller and sports director Bob anchored this late evening half-hour newscast, covering the latest news, weather and sports.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 5:30 AM (SATURDAYS 5:30 – 6:00 AM)

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 6:00 AM (SATURDAYS 6:00 – 7:00 AM)

Mark Garay, Elissa Rivas and weatherman Doug Brown anchored these newscasts reporting the latest news, weather and sports. Weatherman Doug Brown retired on February 25 and was replaced by meteorologist David Tillman.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 6:00 PM (SATURDAYS 6:00 – 6:30 PM)

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 10 PM (SATURDAYS 10:00 – 10:30 PM)

Stephanie Guadian and Tom Abrahams along with meteorologist David Tillman and sportscaster Tim Melton anchored these news programs covering the latest news, weather and sports.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 6AM (SUNDAYS 6:00 – 7:00 AM)**EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 8AM (SUNDAYS 8:00 – 10:00 AM)**

Mark Garay, Elissa Rivas, meteorologist Doug Brown and sportscaster Bob Slovak anchored these Saturday morning newscasts reporting the latest news, weather and sports. Doug Brown retired on February 25 and was replaced by meteorologist David Tillman.

EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 5:30PM (SUNDAYS 5:30 – 6:00 PM)**EYEWITNESS NEWS AT 10PM (SUNDAYS 10:00 – 10:30 PM)**

Stephanie Guadian, Tom Abrahams, meteorologist David Tillman and sportscaster Tim Melton anchored these Sunday evening news programs covering the latest news, weather and sports.

DIGITAL CHANNEL PROGRAMMING

Eyewitness News programs aired on its two HD channels, HD 13.2 and Comcast Cable Channel 314. Also airing were children's programs and rebroadcasts of ABC-13 specials and *Community Close Up* public affairs programs. The station's 13.3 digital channel featured weather coverage 24 hours a day.

ABC TELEVISION NETWORK NEWS

The station broadcasts all ABC Television Network news programs and special reports. The network's report entitled, "ABC-TV Network First quarter 2008 Program Information," is filed separately by the Network.

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ABC-13 - PUBLIC SERVICE
1st Quarter 2008

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSA Submissions

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

Station-Produced PSAs

ABC-13 regularly produces and broadcasts 30-second public service announcements under its *Community Spotlight* banner. The announcements promote the public service programs and activities of local nonprofit organizations, community groups and governmental entities. The spots are schedule for airing in special time slots on weekdays between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., as well as on regular PSA rotation. In the first quarter, the station produced and/or broadcasted the following PSAs:

- *Latino Learning Center – Homebuyer Education Program
- *Progressive Amateur Boxing Association – Youth and Crime Prevention Programs
- *Progressive Amateur Boxing Association – Crime Prevention Youth Programs
- *City of Houston & Harris County – Child Immunizations
- *Mental Health Association – Information & Referral Line
- *Houston SPCA – Adopt a Pet
- *American Heart Association – Heart Walk
- *American Heart Association – 2008 “Go Red for Women” Campaign
- *North Houston Frontiers Club – Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast
- *Houston Bar Association – Free Legal Advice Clinics
- *Ronald McDonald House Houston – Oscar Night America
- *Methodist Hospital – Stride for Stroke
- *ABC-13 Spring Blood Drive
- *The Women's Home – Golf Tournament
- *Pin Oak Charity Horse Show
- *Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation – Run for the Rose
- *Houston, Texas Diversity Expo
- *Dress for Success Houston – S.O.S. Bring One Suit
- *ABC-13 Earth Day Houston – Recycle Drive

MEDIA SPONSORSHIPS

ABC-13 served as a media sponsor for the following charitable events, providing event promotions through Community Spotlight PSAs and/or on-air coverage:

- *Dress for Success Houston – S.O.S. Send One Suit
- *Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation – Run for the Rose
- *Pink Ribbon House – Designer Home Showcase Benefiting Breast Cancer Research

PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGNS

SuperBowl of Caring

ABC-13 served as a broadcast partner in the Super Bowl of Caring food drive. The drive took place January 14 to February 3, coinciding with Super Bowl weekend. Sponsored by several major media entities and grocers, the drive benefited End Hunger and Houston Food Bank. More than 500 groups and 26,000 volunteers participated in the effort. The drive generated \$2.6 million in donations and contributions for area charities. ABC-13 announced the drive through a schedule of promotional spots and promotions on its website. The drive was also promoted on news programs.

Connect With Kids

ABC-13 Connect with Kids campaign consisted promotional spots, an ABC-13.com website link to a localized “Connect with Kids” website, and special programs designed to educate the community about character, life skills and safe, drug-free school initiatives. Greater Houston area school districts participate in this campaign. DePelchin Children’s Center served as corporate sponsor. A total of 130 “Connect with Kids” promotional spots aired in the first quarter. The following programs aired in the first quarter as part of this campaign:

Connect with Kids: Screen Addicts. Air Date: February 17, 12:30 to 1:00pm

Sometimes it seems that our kids do is talk on their cell phones, play on their gaming systems, watch YouTube, IM and text each other, hang out online in social communities such as FaceBook, and search sites on the Internet. Has screen time taken over our children’s lives? What is the value and what are the dangers of all the hours spent in front of a screen? And how do gambling, gaming and pornography websites harm children?

Connect with Kids: Count Me Out. Air Date: March 22, 2008 - 1:30 to 2:00pm

Every day in America, nearly 4 million children are NOT in school. Some are sick, some have family emergencies, but hundreds of thousands more are skipping class unexcused. In the end, those absences often lead to kids dropping out, greatly reducing their chances of success in life. What are the key reasons kids choose to “ditch” school? How can parents and teachers help children be more engaged in school and committed to their own education? What do experts say works ... and what doesn’t?

Chevron Houston Marathon & Aramco Houston Half Marathon

ABC-13 provided live television coverage of the Chevron Houston Marathon and the Aramco Half Marathon. On-air promotional spots and programming and website promotions were sponsored by Chevron, Aramco, El Paso Corporation, Hummer, Under Armour, Sports Authority and Memorial Hermann. These “run for a reason” events benefit charities of the runners’ choosing. This year, the marathons raised over \$1 million benefiting numerous nonprofit charitable organizations. The following programs aired in support of the marathons:

Chevon Houston Marathon Special. Air Date: January 13, 7:00 to 10am

ABC-13 Spring Blood Drive

ABC-13 held its 17th Annual Spring Blood Drive on March 20, 2008, sponsored in partnership with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital Blood Center and UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Blood Bank. The main blood donation site was ABC-13, staffed by the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. Other sites were St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital Blood Donor Center and M.D.

Anderson Cancer Center Blood Bank. The drive continued through April 7 at area malls and Blood Center neighborhood donor centers. The drive collected a total of 1,701 donations. More than 900 donations are needed every day to meet the needs of patients in the Texas Gulf Coast region.

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

ABC-13 promoted the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo through trail ride reports, parade coverage, rodeo vignettes, rodeo specials, billboards and the Rodeo round-up. These promotions were sponsored by Lowe's, Miller Beer, Chevy, Devon Energy, Texas Ford Dealers, IBC Bank, Toyota and Landry's. *Eyewitness News* also featured reports on Rodeo events, performances and attractions. The Houston Rodeo raises funds for scholarships and youth programs. The following programs aired in support of the Rodeo:

2008 Rodeo Houston Pre-Parade. Air Date: March 1, 9:30 to 10:00am

2008 Rodeo Houston Parade. Air Date: March 1, 10:00 to 11:30am

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo: Tasty Temptations. Air Date: March 1, 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Stars, Guitars and Cowboys. Air Date: March 2, 10:35 to 11:05pm

Houston Livestock Show Steer Auction. Air Date: March 15, 12:00 to 12:30pm

Rodeo Houston School Art Auction. Air Date: March 16, 12:00 to 12:30pm

Breast Cancer Research

ABC-13 presented the following special program on cutting-edge medical research and innovations addressing breast cancer:

Breast Cancer Breakthroughs. Air Dates: March 16, 10:35pm to 11:05 & March 23, 11:00 to 11:30am.

Breast cancer is a disease women are living with. Space age research being done right here in Houston is resulting in life-saving treatments. ABC-13's Ilona Carson introduces us to the doctors and researchers at Baylor College of Medicine who are cracking the code of breast cancer – plus heart-warming, inspirational stories from survivors who know the future of this disease is now, right here in Houston.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

The station's website *abc13.com* features information and links corresponding to its news reports, public affairs programs, public service announcements and public service campaigns. The site includes links and informational resources covering a variety of news and weather topics, from current events to health and consumer matters. In the first quarter, the site promoted ABC-13's campaigns *Connect with Kids*, SuperBowl of Caring, Spring Blood Drive. It also provided Super Doppler radar weather updates, traffic information, *Community Spotlight* PSAs event listings and a calendar venue for community organizations.

ABC-13 - CORE ISSUES
1st Quarter 2008**CORE ISSUES**

ABC-13 gave significant coverage to the following community issues and concerns arising in the first quarter of 2008:

1. Clemens Steroids Use Investigation
2. County Officials Ethics Issues
4. D.A. Rosenthal Political Fallout
5. Ibarra Civil Rights Suit
6. Medina Arson Case Grand Jury Controversy
7. Sheriff's Department E-Mail Purge Controversy
8. Texas Primary

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

ABC-13 - CORE ISSUES COVERAGE 1st Quarter 2008

CLEMENS STERIODS USE INVESTIGATION

Eyewitness News. Jan. 1, 5am, 4pm, 5pm 6pm, 10pm. Jan. 4, 5am 6am, 11am, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Jan. 5, 5:30am, 6am, 6pm, 10pm. Jan. 6, 6am, 8am, 5:30pm, 10pm. Jan. 7-12, all shows. Jan. 13, 10pm. Jan. 14-16, all shows. Jan. 17, 6pm, 10pm. Jan. 18, all shows. Jan. 20, 10pm. Jan. 22, 4pm. Jan. 23, 6am. Jan. 24 all shows. Jan. 28, 11am, 4pm, 6pm. Jan. 30, 11am, 4pm, 6pm 10pm. Jan. 31, 6am, 5pm. Feb. 1, 5am, 11am, 4pm, 5pm. Feb. 10, 5am, 8am, 5:30 pm, 10pm. Feb. 11-14, all shows. Feb. 15, 4pm, 5pm. Feb. 17, 10pm. Feb. 18, all shows. Feb. 19, 5am, 6am, 11am. Feb. 21, 11am. Feb. 22, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 23, 5:30am, 6am, 6pm. Feb. 25, 4pm. 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 26-29, all shows. Mar. 1, 5:30am, 6am, 6pm, 10pm. Mar. 2 & 5, all shows. Mar. 6, 5pm, 10pm. Mar. 7, 5am, 11am. Mar. 21, 5pm. Mar. 25-28, all shows. **Total Coverage: 2 Hours 30 Minutes.**

Public opinion ran high with news of a federal investigation into the alleged use of steroids by baseball players. The steroids scandal involved the Astros starting pitcher Roger Clemens who is considered one of baseball's preeminent pitchers. Brian McNamee accused Clemens of using steroids. He claims that he injected Clemens several times with steroids and human growth hormones. Clemens repeatedly denied using steroids during a five-hour deposition in early February. Clemens, McNamee, former Astro Andy Pettitte and Houstonian Chuck Knoblauch testified behind closed doors at a hearing on Capitol Hill in late February. Clemens's former nanny Lillian Strain turned out to be a central figure in the February 13th Congressional testimony. Clemens and his legal team were asked to provide the contact number for the former, and they did but only after first speaking to Strain. Strain said she does not believe Clemens took steroids. In late February, news surfaced about a Congressional Committee taking steps toward launching a criminal investigation as to whether or not Clemens and McNamee committed perjury by lying to Congress in their testimony. Meantime, the Houston Astros announced that a ten-year personal services contract between the Houston Astros and Clemens will be honored by In an interview on ABC's Nightline, former major league baseball player and author Jose Canseco said Roger Clemens is not lying in his denial of steroid use. Canseco said he has never seen the Clemens use steroids or talk about using steroids. He said he believes Clemens told the truth during congressional hearings.

COUNTY OFFICIALS ETHICS ISSUES

Eyewitness News. Jan. 4, 6am, 11am, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Jan. 9, 6pm, 10pm. Jan. 10, 15, 16, 18, 22, 25, 28, 29, all shows. Feb. 13-15, 17, 19, 22, 25-28, all shows. Feb. 24, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Mar. 7, 12-14, all shows. **Total Coverage: 2 Hours 8 Minutes.**

In the fourth quarter of 2007, 13 Undercover reporter Wayne Dolcefino presented a series of reports, the result of a two-month 13 Undercover hidden camera investigation. The reports raised serious questions of ethics concerning one of the region's most powerful elected officials, Harris County Commissioner for Precinct 4 Jerry Eversole. The reports documented Eversole's questionable campaign money expenditures, including golfing and a Florida vacation and his use County staff and resources for political campaign purposes. The District Attorney's Office said that it would conduct an investigation. LULAC sent a letter District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal demanding action. Late in the fourth quarter, the District Attorney's Office said that it would conduct an investigation.

In early January, 13 Undercover reports also revealed questionable dealings surrounding the design of his 3,700 square-foot house in the Heights valued at \$639,000. The custom-built house was designed by architect Leroy Hermes, whose biggest work was for the county-owned Reliant Stadium complex. In 1998, the county also hired Hermes Architects to design a new exhibition building then known as the Astrodomain complex. Hermes was also contracted by Precinct 4 for the design of the new county jail. Three months after the design of Eversole's house, Precinct 4 contracted Hermes for a \$25,000 building assessment study of Precinct 4's regional office. In 2007, Hermes was awarded the job to design of a new minimum security facility on Atascosita Road representing millions more in government contracts. Eversole's calendar shows a quail hunting trip and games of golf in San Antonio with Hermes, arranged by county staff. The commissioner refused to answer questions from Dolcefino. He hired an Austin lobbyist Bill Miller to answer questions from the media. Eversole's campaign treasurer, who happens to be his son, is also refused to answering questions from Dolcefino.

On February 13, Dolcefino filed reports on the contracting practices of County officials. 13 Undercover's investigation revealed "buddy system" deals and contracting practices among county officials and associates. The reports focused on how some Sheriff's Department officials and Houston Community College instructors working under the county jail education program are benefiting from exclusive deals for products and services rendered by county inmates. The products and services include barbeque grills, auto and shoe repair, welding services at half-price. Reverend Robert Jefferson called it "nothing but slavery...slavery plantation mentality..." One of these individuals benefiting from the special deals is Captain Jim Albers, who until recently ran the inmate programs for the Sheriff's Office, and Charlie Bertani, one of Harris County Sheriff Thomas' biggest political contributors. Sheriff Tommy Thomas refused to answer questions from Dolcefino.

On February 14, 13 Undercover reports revealed questionable contracts and deals involving the repair and construction of a metal fence using inmate labor at Sheriff's Thomas' 80-acre ranch in Colorado County. Dolcefino interviewed two jail inmate program instructors who admitted going to the ranch to advise the sheriff on the kind of materials needed for the fence. One instructor admitted that he contracted with the sheriff to assist in building of the fence. 13 Undercover's investigation showed that inmates did 206 jobs for the instructors at the jail. It also showed that SSS, an Austin County company from which the gate opener on the sheriff's fence was bought, has had county contracts, including one with the Sheriff's Office for jail door plates.

In January, 13 Undercover investigative reports focused on real estate county contracts and questionable dealings and practices that have existed for years. Harris County officials denied any knowledge of these. The reports focused on the various big players connected to Houston developers Michael Surface and Andy Schatte, who face federal indictments for conspiracy to bribe a city official, wire fraud and lying to federal officials. 13 Undercover reports revealed the inside political workings and relationships of high-stakes players, including Leroy Hermes and county officials. Hermes denied any involvement in illegal business deals. Harris County Attorney Mike Stafford was asked to conduct an investigation regarding Eversole's son, Lance Eversole, who made money on related business deals as a legal advisor to Surface. Ethics watchdog Fred Lewis opined that Stafford should recuse himself.

In late February 13 Undercover report, County Commissioner for Precinct 1 El Franco Lee admitted that his engineering firm has on one or two occasions done business outside Harris County with Keystone, which is a company founded by Surface and Schatte. Schatte has been a Lee political supporter for many years and is still on the commissioner's campaign finance committee. When asked if he sees this as "trouble," the commissioner replied, "I see it as an issue, but it's not an issue that touched me at all." Lewis commented that Lee's attitude shows an indifference to the seriousness of the corruption allegations.

On February 19, as a result of this investigative series, Harris County Commissioners announced that they are preparing to adopt a policy calling for elected officials and department heads to file financial disclosures.

D.A. ROSENTHAL POLITICAL FALLOUT

***Eyewitness News.* Jan. 4, all shows. Jan. 5, 5:30am, 6am. Jan. 8-Feb. 1, all shows. Feb. 3, 10pm. Feb. 4, 5am, 4pm, 5pm, 10pm. Feb. 5, 6am. Feb. 8, 5am. Feb. 11, 11am, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 12-16 & 18, all shows. Feb. 19, 5pm. Feb. 20, 5am, 4pm, 5pm. Feb. 21, 5pm. Feb. 25-26, all shows. Feb. 27, 6pm, 10pm. Mar. 28, 6am, 11am, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Mar. 29, 5:30am, 6am. Total Coverage: 1 Hour 52 Minutes.**

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal was forced to resign in the face of an e-mail scandal resulted in a criminal investigation, and contempt charges associated with a civil rights case.

The contempt charges stemmed from the D.A.'s office mishandling of a civil rights violation case filed by brothers Sean and Erik Ibarra. The brothers sued in federal court for \$5 million, alleging civil rights violation and wrongful arrest. D.A. Rosenthal's e-mails were subpoenaed by the court as part of the lawsuit. Rosenthal's e-mails were made public. The e-mails revealed romantic, pornographic and racially-charged content. Subsequently, Rosenthal faced contempt charges in the Ibarra case for his deletion of 2,500 subpoenaed e-mails. He was subpoenaed for a contempt hearing.

In early January, Harris County leaders asked the State Attorney General to open a criminal investigation into the D.A.'s misconduct, stemming from the release of 700 e-mails from the D.A.'s office computer. The focus of the investigation was expected to include e-mails proving that Rosenthal had staffers working on his campaign during the work day and e-mail attachments with pornographic, racist and other offensive content. Rosenthal blamed his own stupidity and apologized for poor judgment but offered little explanation to County Judge Emmett as to why such materials were on his office computer. The D.A. faced mounting political pressure from Republicans and Houston Ministers Against Crime and other community activists called for his resignation. On January 31, community leaders staged a protest demanding Rosenthal's resignation. On February 15, ten days before a scheduled contempt hearing, Rosenthal resigned. Reports indicated that Rosenthal admitted to a federal judge that his judgment was impaired by "the particular combination of drugs" prescribed to him in the past. Rosenthal's pleadings in the federal case are sealed. Upon Rosenthal's resignation, the Attorney General's investigation ended. Legal observers raised the question of what effect Rosenthal's admission of impaired judgment will have on criminal cases in Harris County. On March 14, Governor Rick Perry named U.S. Attorney and former Harris County Assistant D.A. Kenneth Magidson to succeed Rosenthal. In early March, Rosenthal was subpoenaed to testify in the Ibarra case but never took the stand because the case was settled. Harris County Commissioners approved a \$1.7 million settlement. The case did not dismiss Rosenthal's contempt of court case stemming from his deletion of subpoenaed e-mails. On March 28, a judge ruled that Rosenthal is in contempt of court and order him to pay a \$19,000 fine. Harris County officials now need to determine whether the burden of paying the fine falls on Rosenthal or taxpayers.

IBARRA CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT

***Eyewitness News.* Jan. 30, 10pm. Jan. 31, 5am, 6am. Feb. 12, 6am, 11am, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 12, 13, 15, 11am, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 18, 10pm. Feb. 20, 25-29 & Mar. 2-4, 6, all shows. Mar. 18 4pm. Total Coverage: 1 Hour 7 Minutes.**

The lawsuit that indirectly lead to the resignation of Harris County D.A. Chuck Rosenthal was settled in early March. Harris County Commissioners approved a \$1.7 million dollar settlement in a case stemming from the arrest of brothers Sean and Erik Ibarra. They had claimed that their civil rights were violated during an undercover drug raid at their neighbors' home six years ago. The case began with the arrest of the two brothers and the confiscation of video they shot of the raid. The brothers sued in federal court for \$5 million, alleging civil rights were violated and wrongful arrest. D.A. Rosenthal's e-mails were subpoenaed by the court as part of the lawsuit. Rosenthal's e-mails were made public, and they revealed romantic, pornographic and racially-charged content. The political fallout as a result of the e-mail scandal eventually forced Rosenthal to resign from office. The Ibarra civil rights suit settlement did not dismiss Rosenthal's contempt of court case stemming from his deletion of 2,500 subpoenaed e-mails. The judge ordered Rosenthal to pay a fine. Officials said they need to determine whether the burden of paying the \$19,000 fine falls on Rosenthal or Harris County tax payers.

MEDINA ARSON CASE GRAND JURY CONTROVERSY

***Eyewitness News.* Jan. 17, 18, all shows. Jan. 19, 5:30am, 6am, 6pm, 10pm. Jan. 20-23, all shows. Jan. 24, 5am, 10pm. Jan. 25-26, all shows. Feb. 13, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 15, 5pm. Feb. 28, 11am. Mar. 2, 6pm. Mar. 3, all shows. Mar. 4, 5am. Mar. 6, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Total Coverage: 1 Hour 20 Minutes.**

Members of a Grand Jury were angry that their hard work was all for naught – all because of a paperwork mistake. The Grand jury was investigating two cases, including an arson case involving State Supreme Court Justice David Medina and his wife Francesca Medina. The Medina home was destroyed by fire last June. The fire also destroyed a neighbor's house and caused \$12,000 in damage to another home. Francesca Medina was at home on the night of the fire. On January 17, the Grand Jury's heard the case of the Medina house fire and indicted Fran Medina on arson and Judge Medina on a lesser charge of tampering. District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal's office tossed out the indictments, stating that the Grand Jury was not properly empanelled due a paperwork error. Judge Jim Wallace said the D.A.'s Office dropped the ball by not filing the proper paperwork. Some observers claimed that the judge got preferential treatment. Several members of the Grand Jury protested publicly through media interviews. Medina's lawyer Terry Yates asked a judge to hold the Grand Jurors in contempt, but the judge refused. The Grand Jurors alleged that there was a cover-up and said that politics is behind the dismissals. The case drew more public criticism of D.A. Rosenthal, already under fire for the e-mail scandal and alleged mishandling of the Ibarra civil rights case. In late January, the Medina's attorney announced that he is pursuing having all public records of the arson case against his clients erased, a process which could take months.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT E-MAIL PURGE CONTROVERSY

***Eyewitness News.* Jan. 10, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Jan. 17, 10pm. Jan. 18, 5am, 6am, 11am, 4pm. Jan. 19, 5:30am, 6am. Jan. 24, 11am, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Jan. 25, all shows. Jan. 26, 5:30am, 6am. Feb. 1, 10pm. Feb. 12, 5am, 10pm. Feb. 13, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 14, all shows. Feb. 15, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 16, 5:30am, 6am. Feb. 20, 5am. Feb. 25, 11am, 4pm 10pm. Feb. 26-27, all shows. Feb. 28, 6am, 11pm, 6pm. Feb. 29, 6am. Mar. 2, 10pm. Mar. 3, 5am, 6am, 11am, 4pm, 6pm. Mar. 5, 5am, 6am, 11am, 4pm, 5pm. Mar. 6, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Mar. 7, all shows. Mar. 13, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Total Coverage: 1 Hour 14 Minutes.**

A judge denied ABC-13's request for e-mails from the Harris County Sheriff's Department. The judge ruled that the Sheriff's Office is not in contempt of court for storing e-mails on a backup tape and that the e-mails are not subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act. The judge also ruled that ABC-13 could not amend its request to include that the e-mails be restored to Freedom of Information

status. ABC-13's attorney had argued that government records are subject to public information requests.

The dispute began in January at the heels of D.A. Chuck Rosenthal's email scandal when a team of lawyers began working on the development of an e-mail policy for Harris County and the Flood Control District. Harris County Judge Ed Emmett said he believes that county e-mails should be kept as long as possible. In January, Sheriff Tommy Thomas ordered the destruction of most e-mails after just 14 days. The order came in the Rosenthal's e-mail controversy and in the midst of a 13 Undercover investigation of the Sheriff's Office. 13 Undercover filed a suit against Sheriff Thomas to prevent the policy change. Both sides agreed to a temporary injunction. The Sheriff's Office was ordered to keep all e-mails and restore deleted ones. A court date is set for June. County Attorney Mike Stafford cited Texas law, which states that Texans "do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know."

The Sheriff's Department stopped deleting e-mails but refused to turn over all of its e-mails to Undercover 13. John Edwards, the attorney representing Eyewitness News in the case, said that the Sheriff does not want to turn over e-mails deemed personal in nature. The County Attorney sought an opinion with the Attorney General's Office in Austin. Among Sheriff's Department e-mails turned over to *Eyewitness News* was one containing a racially-charged cartoon, which Commissioner El Franco Lee described as "...denigrating..." and "...degrading."

TEXAS PRIMARY

Eyewitness News. Jan. 3, 11, 4pm, 10pm. Jan. 4, 5am, 6am. Jan. 7, 6am. Jan. 9, 6am, 4pm, 6pm. Jan. 10, 4pm. Jan. 11, 4pm, 5pm. Jan. 12, 6am. Jan. 14, 4pm, 5pm. Jan. 15, 5am. Jan. 16, 4pm. Jan. 17, 6am, 4pm. Jan. 19, 6am, 10pm, Jan. 20, 5:30pm. Jan. 21, 6am. Jan. 24, 4pm, 6pm. Jan. 26, 5am, 10pm. Jan. 28, 4pm. Jan. 30, 5pm. Feb. 1, 6am, 11am, 4pm, 5pm. Feb. 4, 5am, 6am, 4pm, 5pm. Feb. 5, 6am, 4pm, 5pm, 10pm. Feb. 6, all shows. Feb. 7, 6am. Feb. 8, 5am, 6am, 11am, 4pm. Feb. 9, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 10, 6am, 8am, 5:30pm, 10pm. Feb. 11, all shows. Feb. 12, 5am, 6am, 5pm. Feb. 13, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 14, all shows. Feb. 16, 6am, 6pm, 10pm. Feb. 17, 6am, 8am, 5:30pm, 10pm. Feb. 18-23 & 25-29, all shows. Mar. 24, 6am, 8am. Mar. 1, 6am, 6pm, 10pm. Mar. 2-6, all shows. Mar. 7, 5am. Mar. 8, 5:30am. Mar. 10-11, 5am, 10pm. Mar. 12, 6am. Mar. 24, 5pm. Mar. 28, 11am. Mar. 29, 10pm. Mar. 31, 4pm, 5pm. Total Coverage: 2 Hours 49 Minutes.

Eyewitness News: Vote '08 Texas Primary. March 4, 8:30 to 10pm. Total Coverage: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

In the weeks leading up to the March 4 Texas Primary, *Eyewitness News* closely followed major local races and the race for the presidential nomination. Coverage featured local and live national reports on the Republican and Democratic presidential nomination campaigns, including coast to coast coverage on Super Tuesday developments and results and coverage of the primaries and caucuses in numerous states. *Eyewitness News* provided state-wide intensive coverage of the presidential campaigns as the candidates brought their campaigns to Texas. Reports included coverage of presidential candidates' visit to various Texas cities, including Houston. Presidential candidates John McCain, Mike Huckabee, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama made campaign appearances in Houston. Former president Bill Clinton and daughter Chelsea Clinton also came to town to rally for Hillary Clinton. Michelle Obama also visited Houston to campaign for Barack Obama.

On March 4, *Eyewitness News* provided complete coverage of the Texas Primary vote, providing reports and live coverage in all of its newscasts. ABC-13 also presented *Eyewitness News: Vote '08 Texas Primary*, special live and continuing coverage and updates on the vote. On the day after the Primary, *Eyewitness News* provided full reports on election results.

Hillary Clinton won the Texas Primary and was also victorious in Ohio and Rhode Island. Barack Obama won Vermont. According to ABC News, Obama's delegate count is 1,566 and Clinton's is 1,457—with 2,025 delegates needed for the nomination. It was a narrow Texas victory for Clinton, and some votes may have come from Republican voters. There were reports that many Republicans were asked to vote for Clinton. Political analyst Dr. Richard Murray assessed this as a political strategy carried out in response to surveys indicating that Senator Obama would win votes from self-described independents and Republicans.

On the date of the Texas Primary, there were reports of confusion on the part of many voters as to where to vote. Some voted under the wrong party. There were reports of voting irregularities. There was also confusion surrounding the caucus process. The evening proved long for many caucus participants, who came out record numbers. Thousands of Democrats spent hours in crowded facilities, waiting for precinct conventions to start. The caucus sessions continued late into the night at numerous voting sites. State Representative Sylvester Turner commented that it's time to do away with the Texas' two-step process.

Headed for a runoff on April 8 are the Republican races for district attorney and U.S. Congressional District 22.

City View – Political Debate. Special Series. Air Dates: February 24, 11:00am to 12:00pm.; March 2, 11:00-11:30am; March 30, 11:00 to 11:30pm. Total Coverage: 1 Hour 35 Minutes.

A series ABC-13's Community Close Up programs focused on the most contentious local races in the Texas Primary. A one-hour special edition of *City View* aired on February 24, featuring talks with eight of nine Republican candidates for U.S. Congressional District 22 and the two Republican candidates running for Harris County Judge. A March 2 half-hour edition of *City View* featured a talk with the four Republican candidates running for Harris County District Attorney. A March 30 edition of the program featured talks with Republican candidates in the April 8 run-off races for District Attorney and U.S. Congressional District 22.