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**ABC-13 – LOCAL PROGRAMS
2nd Quarter 2012**

COMMUNITY CLOSE UP PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS

ABC-13 broadcasts four locally-produced public affairs programs listed below under its *ABC-13 Community Close Up* banner. 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 and culture and entertainment. The programs are broadcasted on an alternating schedule on ABC-13's Channel 13.1 on Sunday mornings at 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.

- City View*** Issues and topics concerning the community at-large.
Regular air date - first Sunday of the month, 11:00 a.m.
Issues addressed this quarter include: a discussion on the deep divide in this country over the health care law that could force individuals to get health insurance or pay a penalty. 26 states – including Texas – are suing the government to overturn the law. There was a segment on how the recent drought and wildfires have impacted Texas State Parks – and how local citizens can help them on the road to recovery. We dedicated an entire show to Houston business leaders traveling to Brazil on a unique trade mission. The goal was to promote business and communication between the Bayou City and the world's fifth largest country. There was a discussion on the controversy surrounding the expansion of Hobby Airport to allow Southwest Airlines to begin flying to Latin America. We also took a look at summer gas prices.
- Crossroads*** Issues and topics concerning the African American community.
Regular air dates - second, third and fourth Sunday of the month, 11:00 a.m.
Issues addressed this quarter include: how the Trayvon Martin case is creating a national discussion on race and parenting; a look at a Houston program to rid neighborhoods of abandoned and neglected buildings; a profile of "Re-Pride Sunnyside," a program to clean up and beautify Houston's historic Sunnyside neighborhood; the outrage from the African American community following the "not guilty" verdict in the case of former HPD Officer Andrew Blomberg, who was on trial for allegedly beating burglary suspect, Chad Holley. We spoke to community activists Quanell X, James Dixon, KTRK political analyst Joel Androphy, and 13 Undercover's Wayne Dolcefino about the verdict and the fallout. There was also a segment on Summer Camp ideas for kids.
- Visions*** Issues and topics concerning the Asian Pacific American community.
Regular air date - first Sunday of the month, 11:30 a.m.
Issues addressed this quarter include a look at how Japan is recovering from a devastating tsunami, followed by the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl. Reporter and "Visions" host, Adela Uchida, traveled to the country one year later. We also featured a discussion on the Japanese Festival; the Persian New Year; a profile of a Houston organization called "The Citizens Foundation," that's part of a national effort to help educate children in Pakistan, one of the world's poorest nations. There was also a discussion on the escalating war of words between

North and South Korea. We featured a discussion on a Rice University study that named Houston the nation's most diverse big city. We did a story on the Asian Unit at Houston's Southwest Memorial Hermann Hospital that features Asian signage, food and translators for the huge Asian community surrounding the hospital. There was a discussion on Asian Pacific Heritage Month and Pakistani business leaders coming to Houston to strengthen trade ties, share cultures and build diplomacy. And we interviewed Sugar Land youngster, Rahul Nagvekar, who won the National Geography Bee competition in Washington DC.

Viva Houston

Issues and topics concerning the Latino community.

Regular air dates - second, third and fourth Sunday of the month, 11:30 a.m. Issues addressed this quarter include: Pope Benedict's religious pilgrimage to Mexico to strengthen members of the catholic communities, whose numbers are decreasing in the face of fast-growing evangelical and Pentecostal churches. A segment on a March of Dimes program called, "Becoming A Mom – Comenzando Bien," which provides information and social support to pregnant women to help them have a healthy baby; a segment on travel safety to Mexico following the recent drug violence south of the border; a feature on revitalization efforts in Houston's East End, including a new rail line, luxury lofts, a new soccer stadium and a new military history museum. There was also a segment on stemming the tide of Hispanic dropouts; and a look at the Houston impact of President Obama's new policy that could spare many younger undocumented immigrants from deportation – allowing them to stay in the U.S. and work.

13 EYEWITNESS NEWS PROGRAMS

The following *Eyewitness News* programs are broadcasted live on Channel 13.1.

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

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

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

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

Tom Koch, Sharron Melton, Don Nelson and meteorologist Casey Curry anchor these morning newscasts, covering the latest overnight news, weather, sports and traffic.

Eyewitness News at 11:00 AM (Weekdays 11:00 Am -12:00pm)

Melanie Lawson, Ilona Carson and meteorologist Travis Herzog anchor these midday newscasts. 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 – 5:00pm)

Eric Barajas, Ilona Carson and meteorologist Travis Herzog anchor this one-hour newscast. The program includes the latest news and weather, and health reports by Christi Myers.

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

Art Rascon, Melanie Lawson and chief meteorologist Tim Heller anchor this half-hour evening newscast covering the latest news, weather, sports and consumer reports by Jeff Ehling.

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

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

Eyewitness News at 10 PM (Weekdays 10:00 - 10:30pm)

Dave Ward, Gina Gaston, chief meteorologist Tim Heller and sports director Bob Allen anchor this late evening newscast covering the latest news, weather and sports.

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

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

Eyewitness News at 8:00 AM (Saturdays 8:00 – 9:00am)

Elissa Rivas, Katie McCall and meteorologist David Tillman anchor these Saturday morning newscasts, reporting the latest news, weather and sports.

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

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

Tom Abrahams, Adela Uchida, meteorologist David Tillman and sportscaster Tim Melton anchor these Saturday evening news programs covering the latest news, weather and sports.

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

Eyewitness News at 8 AM (Sundays 8:00 – 9:00am)

Elissa Rivas, Katie McCall and meteorologist David Tillman anchor these Sunday morning newscasts reporting the latest news, weather and sports.

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

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

Tom Abrahams, Adela Uchida, meteorologist David Tillman and sportscaster Tim Melton anchor these Sunday evening news programs covering the latest news, weather and sports.

WEATHER SPECIALS

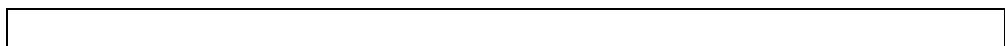
Tapping the expertise of the *13 Eyewitness News* weather anchor team, weather specials addressing hurricane preparedness and tropical storm projections air at the start of the hurricane season. The programs are broadcasted on Channels 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3. ABC-13's half-hour weather special, *Eye on the Gulf: The Calm Between Storms*, aired on June 3, 10:35 p.m., on Channel 13.1.

SPORTS PROGRAMS

The *13 Eyewitness News* sports anchor team presents several programs throughout the year highlighting the latest sports news. Other sports programs spotlight the Houston Texans, including a Texans Draft special that aired on April 30, 2012 at 10:35 on Channel 13.1. In addition, ABC-13 broadcast live the Bayou Bowl, a high school all-star football game pitting the best players from Texas against the best from Louisiana on June 16th at 7pm on Channel 13.1

ABC-13 PRESENTS

ABC-13 Presents programs cover a wide range of subjects, from medical topics, the environment, consumer concerns to health and beauty, sports, the arts and events that impact Houstonians. The programs air on Channels 13.1. Selected programs are also broadcasted on Channels 13.2 and 13.3. On May 6 at 10:35pm, we aired, “Bright Lights On Broadway” on Channel 13.1. On May 20 at 10:35pm, we aired, “TUTS: From Camelot to Spamalot – A Lot to Love” on Channel 13.1. On June 17 at 10:35pm, we aired “You Are Not Alone” on Channel 13.1. One June 24 at 10:35pm, we aired, “HMNS: Prehistoric Safari” on Channel 13.1.



**ABC TELEVISION PROGRAMS
2nd Quarter 2012**

ABC TELEVISION NETWORK NEWS

ABC-13 broadcasts all ABC Television Network news programs and special reports as well as other primetime programming. The network's report titled "ABC Television Network Second Quarter 2012 Program Information" is filed separately by the network. A copy of the report is filed in ABC-13's Public Inspection File.

**April - June
KTRK-TV**

**ABC-13 - CORE ISSUES
2nd Quarter 2012**

CORE ISSUES

ABC-13 gave significant coverage to the following local community issues arising in the second quarter of 2012:

1. Chad Holley Case
2. Roger Clemens Case
3. Hobby Airport International Flights
4. Space X Port
5. R. Allen Stanford Fraud Case

The station's coverage of these issues on news and public affairs programs is detailed in the next section of this report.

**April - June
KTRK TV**

**ABC-13 CORE ISSUES COVERAGE
2nd Quarter 2012**

CHAD HOLLEY CASE

13 Eyewitness News. Air Dates: May 2-30. June 4-8, 9, 10-17, 22. Total Coverage: 5 Hours 21 Minutes.

A former Houston Police officer accused of official oppression goes on trial in the controversial Chad Holley beating case. Former HPD officer Andrew Blomberg was one of four then-HPD officers who were caught on security cameras kicking and punching the then-15-year old during his 2010 arrest for burglary. The video, first shown on ABC 13, sparked outrage in the African American community who believed the dozen officers seen on the tape kicking and punching Holley were committing a criminal act. Police Chief Charles McClelland suspended five officers and fired seven others, including four who were indicted on misdemeanor charges in June 2010 for using excessive force. But in May 2012, an all-white jury acquitted Andrew Blomberg of official oppression charges after his attorney, Dick DeGuerin, portrayed Holley as an unrepentant gang member. The acquittal angered civil rights and African American activists, who said ineffective prosecution and the seating of an all-white jury tilted the odds against a conviction. Numerous protests and sit-in demonstrations ensured and then on June 13, 2012, Holley was arrested again on a new burglary charge. The new arrest ignited another debate over the prosecution of the other officers seen on the tape. Blomberg's attorney said prosecutors should dismiss all charges on the remaining defendants as Holley's credibility had been severely compromised. District Attorney Pat Lykos expressed concerns about the publicity surrounding the case and hoped to avoid the upcoming trials being moved out of Harris County on a change of venue motion. Meantime, Holley posted bail and was released from jail. Community Activist Quanell X maintained that Holley suffers from mental health issues and had refused to take his prescribed medication after turning 18, which made him more aggressive and sometimes confused.

ROGER CLEMENS CASE

13 Eyewitness News. Air Dates: April 25, 26, 27, 28. May 17-23, 25-31. June 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21. Total Coverage: 4 Hours 3 Minutes

Baseball superstar Roger Clemens goes on trial in Washington accused of 6 federal counts of lying to Congress about his use of performance-enhancing drugs during his baseball career. Clemens mounted a successful multi-million dollar defense to defeat the charges that carried maximum cumulative penalties of up to 30 years in prison and \$1.5 million in fines. The charges stemmed from Clemens' sworn testimony before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in 2008 where the retired veteran of four major league baseball teams, including the Houston Astros, adamantly denied receiving injections of anabolic steroids or human growth hormone from Brian McNamee, his longtime strength and conditioning coach. The committee accepted McNamee's claims, referring the case to the Justice Department for a perjury investigation. Over four years, authorities called upon 93 federal agents and

four assistant U.S. attorneys to interview 179 people. Clemens chose not to testify, leaving his case in part to the testimony of his wife and Eileen McNamee, the estranged spouse of his former trainer. The verdict of not guilty raised questions about the expenditure of taxpayer dollars on such cases. Rusty Hardin, the Houston-based lead attorney for the defense, said he hoped those who rushed to judgment concerning Clemens would re-evaluate their feelings based on the jury's finding. Clemens chose not to question the motives of the federal government in his post-verdict news conference.

HOBBY AIRPORT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

13 Eyewitness News. Air Dates: April 28, 29, 30. May 1, 2, 5, 6,, 9, 10, 12--31. June 1-12, 14, 16. Total Coverage: 3 Hours 11 Minutes.

After a contentious debate, Houston City Council approves Southwest Airlines' bid for international flights at Hobby Airport. The vote was 16-1 in favor of the idea to launch international flights from Hobby over the objections of United Airlines. Southwest has agreed to pay the \$100 million cost of adding new gates and a customs facility at the near downtown airport. Immediately after the announcement, United Airlines decided to cut 1,300 jobs and reduce flying in Houston at Bush Intercontinental Airport. United uses Bush to funnel passengers between U.S. destinations and to Latin America. United CDO Jeff Smisek said the airline will cut passenger-carrying capacity in Houston by 10% starting this fall, which would result in the 1,300 lost jobs. United also said it will scrap a planned route between Houston and Auckland, New Zealand, which was to be the airline's first using Boeing's new 787 aircraft. United said the new route won't be economically feasible now. United, the world's biggest airline, says dividing international traffic between two Houston airports will reduce connecting traffic at Bush, its biggest hub. United Airlines also warned that a project to renovate one of its Bush terminals might never be completed because traffic won't grow enough to support it. Houston was the longtime headquarters for Continental Airlines, but when it combined with United to form United Continental Holdings Inc., the new company moved its headquarters to Chicago and scrubbed the Continental name from its planes. Houston Mayor Annise Parker questioned whether United's job cuts were really related to the fight over international flights. She said that United's competition from Southwest is at least three years away, and for them to say there are going to be 1,300 people losing their jobs over the next several weeks, is "just not reasonable." She said she believes the job decisions were based on "other things." Meantime, Southwest Airlines says its first flights to Latin America and the Caribbean won't leave Hobby until 2015.

SPACE X PORT

13 Eyewitness News. Air Dates: April 11, 12, 15, 19, 20, 29, 30. May 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-18, 20-31. June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Total Coverage: 1 Hour 37 Minutes

Texas makes a major push to become the site for construction of a new spaceport. SpaceX founder, Elon Musk, visits the South Texas town of MacGregor and said his preferred site for the project is Brownsville. Texas is competing with Florida and Puerto Rico for a launch facility from which there would be as many as 12 rocket launches a year. Musk met with Texas Governor Rick Perry vowed to continue working with SpaceX to try and bring the project to the Lone Star State. Texas has bolted to the top of the list just weeks after Musk said the state had made minimal efforts to recruit his company.

Since then, the state has developed a multimillion dollar package that could include funding from the Texas Enterprise Fund, infrastructure support from the state Department of Transportation and assistance from the Texas Workforce Commission, to attract SpaceX. In May, SpaceX became the first commercial company to blast a spacecraft to the International Space Station and return it safely to Earth. Landing the contract would mean hundreds of good-paying jobs and supporting companies that would pop up around its operation, as well as the prestige – at a time when NASA is no longer flying its own rockets – of serving as home to the commercial space industry’s most successful startup. Texas Space Alliance President, Bob Lancaster, sees a spaceport as a critical opening for Texas to remain a major player in human spaceflight during the coming decades. Others see landing the project as an opportunity for Texas to gain a toehold in the launch business. During a public meeting in May in South Texas, there was overwhelming support for the project.

R. ALLEN STANFORD FRAUD CASE

13 Eyewitness News. Air Dates: April 1-30. May 1-31. June 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Total Coverage: 2 Hours 19 Minutes.

Houston financier R. Allen Stanford goes on trial for his role in a multibillion dollar fraud that affected thousands of investors who lost billions of dollars in worthless certificates of deposit. After six weeks of testimony, he is sentenced to 110 years in prison – a life term, barring a successful appeal. Hundreds of onlookers packed the federal courtroom as U.S. District Judge David Hittner’s sentence was announced. In March, a jury found that Stanford ensnared thousands of investors around the globe through a fraud centered at his Stanford International Bank on the Caribbean Island of Antigua. Stanford’s attorneys argued that Stanford made actual investments in many businesses and could have covered the CD balances if not for the heavy-handed intervention of federal regulators. They also suggested that Stanford was being unfairly punished because of the backlash of the Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme. Prosecutors countered that Madoff kept about \$250 million for himself and his family over the last 10 years of his scheme. In comparison, attorney William Stellmach said Stanford kept \$2 billion for personal use. When he was given the opportunity to speak on his own behalf, Stanford denied any wrongdoing and claimed he worked hard and honestly and repeatedly laid the blame for his company’s collapse on the U.S. government.

**ABC-13 - PUBLIC SERVICE
2nd Quarter 2012****PUBLIC SERVICE DRIVES****E-Cycling Drive**

ABC-13 held its annual *E-Cycling Drive* on Friday, April 20, 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on the station's premises. Scheduled to coincide with Earth Day, the drive was sponsored in partnership with CompuCycle, Shell Oil and Star Furniture. On the morning of the drive, the station broadcast a one-hour live show to promote the importance of recycling electronic equipment and to encourage public participation in the drive. The drive encourages the public to "go green" by dropping off their items for recycling. The drive also serves a public awareness campaign encouraging residents to drop off unwanted electronic equipments at various facilities in the region accessible year-round. This year, the drive collected 149,961 pounds of electronic equipment for recycling consisting of cell phones, printers, monitors, keyboards, PCs and TVs. Volunteer groups assisting with the drive were provided by Shell, Teekay Marine Shipping and Radio Disney.

Caring Cradles Community-Wide Baby Shower

ABC-13 held its 20th Annual *Caring Cradles Community-Wide Baby Shower* on Friday, June 8, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., benefitting March of Dimes and sponsored in partnership with Mattress Firm and News 92-FM. On the morning of the drive, the station broadcast a one-hour live show to stress the importance of pre-natal care and to encourage public participation in the drive. The main collection site was ABC-13. Other locations sites included area Mattress Firm locations, WIC Clinic in Katy and Interfaith of The Woodlands in The Woodlands. March of Dimes and Mattress Firm provided volunteers for the event. The drive collects donations of baby items for moms and babies in need. The donations serve as incentives for MOD clients to complete pre-natal education classes. The classes are designed to encourage expectant moms to get the pre-natal care they need to ensure the birth of healthy babies. This year, the drive collected \$87,302 in donated baby items.

PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGNS**Culinary Masters**

A culinary campaign designed to highlight prominent chefs in the Houston area with proceeds benefitting the Houston Food Bank. It was sponsored by Cadillac.

Mental Health Awareness Campaign

The ABC-13 and DePelchin Children's Center worked together to promote Mental Health Awareness to Houstonians. Each month a new topic is discussed via on-air promotional announcements, PSAs and online content. For example, in April, the topic was autism. In May, the topic was Mental Health and in June, the topic was the importance of structure outside of the school.

Heroes Work Here

The Walt Disney Company presented its Veterans initiative, “Heroes Work Here.” The campaign recognized the hard work, dedication and loyalty it takes to serve your country honorably, no matter what point and time in one’s life it may be. The goal was to add more volunteer opportunities and financial sponsorship to support veterans education and recruitment outreach.

Life's Better Outside

In June, ABC-13 presented an on-air campaign presented in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife designed to educate parents on ways to get their kids outdoors to encourage an active, healthy lifestyle. The campaign consists of spots and website promotions highlighting different outdoors activities that parents can enjoy with their children.

MEDIA SPONSORSHIPS

ABC-13 Community Spotlight

ABC-13 served as a media sponsor for several charity events and public service entities, providing promotions through *Community Spotlight* PSAs and website announcements. In the second quarter, the station supported the following community service efforts: The 100th anniversary of Old Guadalupe Catholic Church; Free Screenings for Hearing Loss; Recycling Efforts in City of Houston parks; and Texas wildflower appreciation.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

On Friday, April 27th, ABC-13 held a community forum in Houston East End at Merida Restaurant. ABC-13 staff members in attendance were General Manager Henry Florsheim, News Director Dave Strickland, Assistant News Director Don Kobos, Executive Producer Jerry Vasquez, Executive Producer Robin Freese, Director of Special Projects Wendy Granato, Vice President of Community Affairs Cynthia Cisneros, and Community Affairs Director Joseph Williams. Twenty community, civic and business leaders met to discuss issues and concerns of the area. Of particular concern was having Hispanic input in editorial meetings and questions about the number of Hispanic reporters on the street that are employed by ABC 13. On Friday, June 15th, ABC-13 held another community forum at St. Patrick Catholic Church at 3815 Cochran. ABC-13 staff members in attendance were General Manager Henry Florsheim, Assistant News Director Don Kobos, Executive Producer Jerry Vasquez, Vice President of National/Local Sales Win Frazier, Director of Special Projects Wendy Granato, Vice President of Community Affairs Cynthia Cisneros, and Community Affairs Director Joseph Williams. Twenty community, civic and business leaders met to discuss issues areas of concern on Houston's northside.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABC-13 regularly broadcasts PSAs from local and national nonprofit and government sources addressing a full range of public issues and concerns--from health and education to public safety and the environment.

HURRICANE GUIDE

The station published its annual *ABC-13 Hurricane Tracking Map & Guide*, designed to promote hurricane preparedness. The bilingual guide features a hurricane tracking map, information about hurricane threats, survival and evacuations and useful public safety websites and phone numbers. The free printed materials are available to the public at Kroger stores. Supplies of the guide are also distributed to community groups, schools, nursing homes and businesses on request. Corporate partners for the guide are Kroger, Batteries Plus and Texas Bay Area Credit Union.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

The station's website *abc13.com* features information, video streaming and links corresponding to its news and weather reports, programs, public service campaigns and PSAs. These resources encompass a wide range of subjects, from news issues, current events and weather to health and consumer concerns. The website streams *Eyewitness News* reports and *ABC-13 Community Close Up* programs. It provides Doppler radar weather updates and traffic information. The website also provides a calendar venue for community event listings.