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INTRODUCTION

From October 1 through December 31, 1998, KTRK-TV broadcast two half-hour weekly local public affairs programs:

VIVA HOUSTON

(SATURDAYS, 12:30 PM)

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

CROSSROADS

(SATURDAYS, 1:00 PM)

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

And broadcast one-hour long local morning program:

DEBRA DUNCAN

(MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:00 AM)

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

In addition to the programs, news reports and public service announcements described in this report, the station broadcast all programs provided by the ABC Television Network. The network's report entitled, "ABC-TV, Network Third Quarter 1998 Program Information" is filed separately.

KTRK-TV's programs, news reports and public service announcements provided significant treatment of the following issues that were important to the community in the fourth quarter of 1998.

- 1) HUNGER
- 2) LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIME
- 3) GOVERNMENT
- 4) DRUG ABUSE
- 5) CANCER AWARENESS
- 6) ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME

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ISSUE: HUNGER

With the devastation of the recent floods in Houston, the hunger problem has increased. People continue to seek emergency food assistance from social service agencies. KTRK-TV supported the ongoing efforts of the Houston Food Bank by sponsoring our 18TH ANNUAL SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS food drive. The one-day 12-hour drive contributed over 1,319,000 pounds of food to over 130 agencies in Houston, Bay City, Baytown, Conroe, Galveston, Katy, LaPorte, Pasadena, Sugar Land, Tomball, Clute/Lake Jackson/Angleton and the Richmond/Rosenberg area.

VIVA HOUSTON (11/14/98, 12:30-1:00 PM, LOCAL, 3 minutes)

Interview with Ana Colchado, Houston Food Bank about the upcoming Share Your Christmas food drive encouraging viewers to make food and cash donations to the annual food drive to help those in need.

CROSSROADS (11/14/98, 1:00-1:30 PM, LOCAL, 5 minutes)

Interview with Vernus Swisher, board president, Houston Food Bank, about hunger in Houston and how individuals can help those in need by donating to the Share Your Christmas food drive.

EYEWITNESS NEWS (12/7/98, 12/8/97, 12/9/98, 6:00-7:00 PM, LOCAL, 5 minutes)

Series of reports focusing on the issue of hunger in our city and how it effects senior citizens, children and families and what local charities are doing address this problem.

DEBRA DUNCAN (12/9/98, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 20 minutes)

Interview with a family who recently moved to Houston and lost all their possessions in a robbery and are now in need of food and shelter.

**18TH ANNUAL SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE
(12/11/98, 6 AM; 8:25 AM, 9:00-10:00 AM; CUT-INS; LOCAL, 3 hours)**

LIVE coverage throughout the day of this station wide effort to collect canned goods for those less fortunate in the greater Houston-Galveston area. The primary location was KTRK-TV studios and approximately 45 additional sites in Houston and surrounding areas. Over 1,319,000 pounds of food was collected and distributed to families.

A series of announcements were broadcast daily three weeks prior to the food drive to encourage viewers to donate food.

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ISSUE: LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Houston Police Department came under fire after five police officers accidentally shot Pedro Oregon, a 22-year-old Hispanic male, in his southwest family residence during a drug raid, where no drugs were found. The community was outraged after the Grand indicted only one officer. Local elected officials have called for federal investigations into the incident, while an internal investigation by the Houston Police Department is ongoing. KTRK-TV also broadcast several programs involving violence among teenagers and stressing the importance of educating children about the consequences of their actions.

VIVA HOUSTON (10/24/98, 12:30-1:00 PM; LOCAL, 15 minutes)

Interview with Johnny Mata, LULAC, and Assistant District Attorney Ed Porter about the controversy and community outrage, in response to the Pedro Oregon case a 22-year-old who was killed in his apartment after a Houston Police Department drug raid.

DEBRA DUNCAN (10/29/98, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 16 minutes)

The trend of child killers is alarming; a survey of some high school boys found that one-third of them owned a gun. Not all teenagers will use their guns to hurt somebody, but thousands of teenagers are charged with murder every year in this country. Child psychologist Dr. Lauren Goonan talks about this trend and gives tips to parents about the warning signs in their teens. Also, interviewed Dianne Clements, a victim's right advocate, whose son was killed by a 14 year old and Beverly Campos, who also lost a son to violence.

DEBRA DUNCAN (11/2/98, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 21 minutes)

Interview with Susan Hartnet, the mother of Derek Kaesman, and a 24-year-old who was shot by Houston Police Department officers after being involved in a car chase. His mother is looking for answers as to why more than 50 bullets were necessary following the high-speed chase. The case is now being investigated by HPD internal affairs. Also, an interview with Harris County police officer John Moritz who gives insight into the dangers of being a police officer on the street.

DEBRA DUNCAN (11/5/98, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 23 minutes)

Interview with Cheryl & Roland Sanders, parents of Roland Sanders, Jr., who was shot and paralyzed after he refused to give up his bicycle to a thief, and how their lives have changed since the shooting.

DEBRA DUNCAN (11/9/98, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)

Interview with Houston Police Department sergeant Sandy Kline and two women who have been victimized by stalkers. Segments deal with how these women live in fear for their lives and what

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Lawmakers are doing to change policies to help victims feel safer. Social security card regulations are also making it easier for stalking victims to get a new number and essentially go into hiding.

DEBRA DUNCAN (11/10/98, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)

Discussion about child abuse with Joann Dedman, who's 11 month old son was killed by a baby sitter and is on a crusade to teach others how to watch for abuse by using hidden cameras to check for violence in their homes. Also, Dr. Joan Shook, Texas Children's Hospital discusses the best way to prevent abuse is by learning how to handle children properly.

DEBRA DUNCAN (11/13/98, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 23 minutes)

Discussion Rachel Purdom, a model student in the classroom and on the basketball court and how it all fell apart after her basketball coach raped her. Now she's breaking her silence in hopes to help other teens that may have been sexually assaulted but are too afraid to come forward.

VIVA HOUSTON (11/14/98, 12:30-1:00 PM; LOCAL, 5 minutes)

Interview with Attorney Frank Alvarez, representing the Mexican American Bar Association and Alfonso Maldonado, LULAC about the community outrage after five police officers charged in the Oregon case where no-billed by a Grand Jury, and only one, was indicted. Pedro Oregon was a 22-year-old killed by Houston Police Department officers after a drug raid.

CRIMESTOPPERS (Weekly, 5:00 PM; 11:00 PM, 6:00 AM, LOCAL, 6 minutes)

A dramatic re-enactment of the "Crime of the Week" produced by KTRK-TV in conjunction with the Houston Police Department and Crime Stoppers, Inc.

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With the November elections coming up registered voters will be voting on a number of key local, state and county elections, and often time, they go to the polls with little or no information about the candidates or their positions. KTRK-TV, Channel 13 broadcast segments to help inform the voters about the issues on the ballot. Also provided extensive coverage of the elections and various races.

VIVA HOUSTON (10/10/98, 12:30-1:00 PM, LOCAL, 5 minutes)

Interview with Raul Romero, Greater Houston Hispanic Coalition about the coalition's mission to empower the Hispanic community politically and economically in order to prepare them for the new millenium.

CROSSROADS (10/10/98, 1:00-1:30 PM, LOCAL, 6 minutes)

Interview with community activist Ada Edwards about the upcoming election and the importance of voters being informed on issues of concern to them and their communities.

'98 VOTE: TEXAS GOVERNOR'S DEBATE (10/14/98, 10:35-11:35 PM, LOCAL, 1 hour)

Debate between incumbent governor George Bush and candidate Gary Mauro for the position of governor.

HISD BOND ELECTIONS (10/25/98, 11:30-12:00 PM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)

Debate between Houston Taxpayers Right's Association and Houston Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Rod Paige over the district's proposed multi-million dollar bond election.

VOTE '98 (11/3/98, EYEWITNESS NEWS, 10-11 PM, LOCAL, 1 hour)

Full coverage of state and countywide elections.

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The month of October has been designated as “Drug Abuse Awareness Month” and according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, during the 1980’s drug use among teenagers and preteens was on the decline, however, since 1991, the organization has reported an increase once again in illegal drugs. In an effort to address this problem, KTRK-TV broadcast several programs about organizations in the Houston area that are providing information on drug abuse prevention and treatment programs to help teens remain drug free.

VIVA HOUSTON (10/10/98, 12:30-1:00 PM, LOCAL, 5 minutes)

Interview with Brenda Templeton, Houston Crackdown and Ana Gonzales, Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse about the group’s efforts to help local organizations provide treatment services to those in need of help for their addictions.

CROSSROADS (10/10/98, 1:00-1:30 PM, LOCAL, 7 minutes)

A profile of the Golden Eagle Leadership Academy, an innovative program in Houston’s 5th ward that is helping teens with positive alternatives to drugs through military training. Guests include Richard Johnson, Executive Director, Golden Eagle Leadership Academy and two residents.

CROSSROADS (10/17/98, 1:00-1:30 PM, LOCAL, 5 minutes)

Interview with Victor Dan Doe, CEO with “Motherland” a therapeutic drama troupe, discusses how former and recovering drug addicts help others on the road to recovery by using dramatic interpretation, music and poetry about their own struggles with drug abuse.

CROSSROADS (10/17/98, 1:00-1:30 PM, LOCAL, 5 minutes)

Interview with Houston City Council member Carroll Robinson about an upcoming youth summit designed to address the needs of kids and provide information about drugs, crime and sexually transmitted diseases.

CROSSROADS (10/24/98, 1:00-1:30 PM, LOCAL, 9 minutes)

Houston Independent School District’s “Drug Abuse Resistance Education” program “DARE” has recently come under attack by some school board members who have questioned the validity of the program in fighting drug abuse. Some believe the program needs to be re-organized and updated in its’ effort to help teenagers.

DEBRA DUNCAN (10/28/98, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)

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“Heroin” has become the drug of choice among teenagers in this country, and the possibility of dying from this drug has not stopped them from using it. A panel of teenagers, who have abused this drug, talk about the tragedy of their heroin addiction and what organizations are doing to address this problem.

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According to the American Cancer Society, this year alone, approximately 87,000 people will be diagnosed with cancer and 35,000 will die. One in eight American women will get breast cancer and women who have breast enlargements can sometimes be at greater risk because the cancer is difficult to detect. According to experts, awareness and education about breast implants is important before making decisions on this type of plastic surgery. KTRK-TV also broadcast segments dealing with children living with cancer.

VIVA HOUSTON (10/10/98, 12:30-1:00 PM, LOCAL, 5 minutes)

Interview with JoAnn Mata about the Komen Foundation's "Race for the Cure" which helps to provide resources to combat breast cancer and raise awareness about the disease.

DEBRA DUNCAN (11/3/98, 9:00-10:00, LOCAL, 30 minutes)

Panel discussion with women who have had silicone breast implants and the problems they have experienced with them and how some women will continue to get implants regardless of the risk factors.

DEBRA DUNCAN (11/4/98, 9:00-10:00, LOCAL, 30 minutes)

Cancer is the second leading cause of death among children, the program featured inspirational stories from children living with cancer and the lesson adults learn about life from these children who sometimes must face death. Also featured information about Candlelighters and the Ronald McDonald house, two programs that provide support and shelter for families in need.

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ISSUE: ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), is a disease that touches the lives of people everyday. This year alone, AIDS has killed more than 250 million people. Once considered a gay disease, heterosexual men and women have discovered that AIDS does not discriminate. In recognition of World AIDS Day on December 1st, people from around the world are joining forces to continue the battle against this deadly disease and bring awareness and education to the public about this disease.

DEBRA DUNCAN (12/1/98, 9:00-10:00 AM, LOCAL, 30 minutes)

Interview with several men, women and children, living with AIDS and H-I-V, about their daily struggles and how support groups are helping them to cope with this disease and the importance of educating teenagers about the dangers of high risk behavior.