

KFSN-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
FOURTH QUARTER 2003

From October 1, through and including December 31, 2003, KFSN-TV presented 19-1/2 hours of regularly scheduled local news programs a week, in addition to public affairs programs and syndicated programs. KFSN also broadcast programs and public service announcements provided by the ABC Television Network. Attached is the ABC-TV Network Second quarter news and public affairs program information report.

KFSN, through its programming, addressed the following issues of concern for communities that make up the six-county area served by ABC-30:

1. BUDGET CRISIS
2. ELECTION-CALIFORNIA RECALL
3. AIR POLLUTION
4. EDUCATION
5. HEALTHWATCH
6. CRIME
7. CONNECTING WITH KIDS
8. CONSUMER REPORTS

Programs, program segments, and local newscasts broadcast by KFSN that provided significant treatment to the issues are the following.

ACTION NEWS

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE

Monday through Friday, 5:00-7:00AM, 2 hours, Local

This morning news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national, and international news, sports, weather, medical, financial, and Consumer Reports.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY

Monday through Friday, 11:00AM-11:30AM, 30 min., Local

Up-to-date local news coverage is offered, as well as national and international news. Also included are medical, consumer, and financial reports.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT FIVE

Monday through Friday, 5:00-5:30PM, 30 min., Local

This half-hour news program reviews the day's news events, local, national, and international. Also covered are sports and weather. Included are medical, education, and Consumer Reports.

ACTION NEWS AT SIX

Monday through Sunday, 6:00-6:30PM, 30 min., Local

This half-hour news program reviews the day's news events, local, national, and international. Also covered are weather and sports. Friday's newscast features the Action News Person of the Week.

ACTION NEWS LIVE AT ELEVEN

Monday through Sunday, 11:00-11:35PM, 35 min., Local

This half-hour news program reviews the day's news events, local, national, and international. Also covered are sports and weather; Consumer Reports are included.

VALLEY FOCUS

Sunday, 10:30AM – 11:00AM, 30 min., Local/Public Affairs

Half-hour weekly local talk/interview program dealing exclusively with issues and local affairs.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR :30 SECOND PSA

TUESDAY – FRIDAYS

DURING ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, MIDDAY, 6PM NEWS

Thirty-second PSA featuring an Action News anchor delivering information about upcoming non-profit events in our community.

CHILDREN FIRST

Children First is in its fifth year of production. This year-long effort focuses on the challenges, problems, and opportunities facing children living in Central California. The program concentrates on how the average person can make a difference in a child's life and highlight local news organizations that work with children and youth. *Children First* includes local news produced half-hour programs, :30 vignettes, public service announcements, and special stories on Action News.

CHILDREN FIRST VIGNETTES/PSAs AIRED

Gottschalks, Fresno County Office of Education and Children's Hospital Central California partner to air these Children's First PSAs and Vignettes in rotation:

CHILDREN FIRST: KIDS AND CASH

10/19/03, 6:30PM LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

11/16/03, 9:30AM LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Action News produced this program and anchors Warren Armstrong and Gracelia Moreno. In this half-hour, we saw what cash-carrying kids are after. How they are getting their money and what they were willing to do to earn it. Plus, if schools are teaching kids to be better consumers. We learned common spending mistakes students make and see how others got a jump-start in the business world.

PARTNERS/CHILDREN FIRST: TOYS FOR TOTS :30 (AIRED APX. 50)

The U.S. Marines in partnership with ABC30 encouraged people to donate toys to less fortunate children in the central valley.

PARTNERS/ CHILDREN FIRST: LOCAL LIBRARY :30 SEC., (AIRED APRX. 50)

Action News Anchor Warren Armstrong tells viewers to visit their local library where the price of admission hasn't changed. It promotes reading in the youth.

PARTNERS/CHILDREN FIRST: AGE OF INNOCENCE :30 (AIRED APRX. 19)

This spot encourages view to go to the ABC30.Com website and get additional information from the half-hour broadcast of the Children First: Age of Innocence

PARTNERS/CHILDREN FIRST: KIDS AND CASH :30 (AIRED APRX. 21)

This spot encourages viewers to go to ABC30.Com and get additional information from the half hour broadcast of the Children First: Kids and Cash.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA: TESTINOMIAL 2/HEART :30 (AIRED APRX. 8)

This spot shares a patient of Children's Hospitals about their stay and the people involved in the patients care.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA: PICU :30 (APRX. 14)

This spot gives information on the kind of care available at the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital of Central California

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA: NURSES :30 (APRX. 15)

This spot talks about the nurses involved in the care given at Children's Hospital of Central California.

FCOE: CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY: 30 (AIRED APRX. 10)

This spot by Superintendent of Schools Pete Mehas that encourages viewers to be good citizens by exercising their right to vote, by volunteering and helping others to do the same.

FCOE: YOUTH AND THE PAST :30 (AIRED APRX. 10)

This spot talks about Lessons given by Central Valley Stories of Service Program that links World War II vets with Students

FCOE: HOLIDAY SPOT :30 (AIRED APRX. 10)

This spot encourages families to spend time with their children through words and actions.

COUNTY/ STATE BUDGET CRISIS

ACTION NEWS 5AM 10/01/03, LENGTH :21 SEC. LOCAL

Uncertainty over those vehicle-licensing fees has dimmed Fresno County's financial outlook. New budget numbers from the state had supervisors trying to dig the county out of an eight million dollar hole. A countywide one percent budget cut was made in order to balance the books. The state may reimburse the county for those losses in ninety days with revenue from the vehicle license fees.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 10/09/03, LENGTH 1:30 MIN., LOCAL

Arnold schwarzenegger is a republican, looking for diversity. In assembling a pool of advisors to help him select members of his administration, Schwarzenegger hasn't forgotten the central valley. One of the 65 members of the transition team is Carol Chandler. The Selma farm owner and former educator has been active in republican politics. She told Action News she's excited about helping Schwarzenegger and wants to help him help the states businesses.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 10/21/03, LENGTH :17 SEC., LOCAL

Sacramento is eagerly waiting for schwarzenegger to take office. Schwarzenegger is currently discussing plans with his transition team. The governor-elect needs to fill 120 positions on his personal staff and name as many as 150 managers. Schwarzenegger also needs to put together a budget proposal that will close a projected eight-billion-dollar gap.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 10/21/03, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

A new study is showing that tuition for public and private colleges is on the rise. According to the College Board, the cost of attending a four-year college is 40 percent higher than a decade ago. According to the same study, tuition for public schools is up fourteen percent since 2002, and up six percent at private schools. The main culprit: state budget cuts. As states slash funding for higher education, colleges are being forced to raise tuition.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 10/22/03, LENGTH :16 SEC., LOCAL

Repealing the car tax may not be so easy. State treasurer Phil Angelides says schwarzenegger needs a backup plan. Angelides says repealing the car tax will create an even bigger budget deficit. It could reach 20 billion dollars by next year. He believes Schwarzenegger should consider higher taxes.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 10/28/03, LENGTH 2:00 MIN., LOCAL

Some say anyone who decides to live out in the foothills or wildland areas assumes a higher degree of fire danger. Now with budget cuts threaten fire protection. The state wants many homeowners to cover the costs or chopper flying over fire wildfire like this is no stranger to people who live on the edge of the valley. Fresno county homeowner troy burgess says a new fee for fighting the flames caught him off guard.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/18/03, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 11/18/03, LENGTH :47 SEC., LOCAL

Schwarzenegger also wants lawmakers to repeal a new law allowing illegal immigrants to get drivers' licenses. The special session is actually three. One to address the drivers' license law, one on worker's comp and the other on the state budget. Pamela Tom is live in Sacramento with a look ahead at the governor's plan.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/18/03, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

While car dealerships and motorists across the state praised the move to repeal the car tax increase, local governments did not embrace the move. Visalia police chief Jerry Barker is already trying to determine how to fill the five-point five million dollar gap in funding that would have come from the tax increase. Many safety officials feel that same concern across the state.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 11/18/03, LENGTH :42 SEC., LOCAL

Terminating "SB60" is also on governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's agenda, among other bold plans for his first one- hundred days in office. The new governor outlined his recovery plan today, to solve the budget crisis. He's already started with the repeal of the car tax hike. The governor also wants to freeze spending, audit the budget, and get more money from Indian gaming casinos. Some of his other plans include passing what he calls a "real" worker's compensation package and ultimately proposing a new budget.

ACTION NEWS 11PM 11/24/03, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

In news from our south valley bureau, Visalia voters may soon consider increasing their sales tax by a quarter-cent. The tax would raise four- and a half million dollars a year for eight years -- to pay for two police precincts, two fire stations, a fire training center, and a new 9-1-1 dispatch system. The city has lost millions of dollars in funding after state budget cuts.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 11/27/03, LENGTH 1:32 MIN., LOCAL

Action News went live at the Poverello house where many people came out to help feed the hungry. But the state budget crunch.. Along with a drop off in giving are challenges for those who put on today's feast as well as those who received it. John Hernandez and his family were among six hundred people who came to the Poverello house for a hot meal. The 600 meals served today were far less than Thanksgivings past at the Poverello house. Organizers say that's because more and more churches are helping out with Thanksgiving meals of their own.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 11/30/03, LENGTH 1:41 MIN, LOCAL

From kindergarten to community college, California schools are guaranteed 40-percent of all state money and with a spending cap, schools would sometimes get less. As he was sworn in as governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger said California needed a state-spending cap to fight runaway deficits and build a rainy day fund to cushion the hard times. But educators now say a spending cap will limit money to schools, which the governor has also promised to fully

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/12/03, LENGTH :12 SEC., LOCAL

The state senate will begin discussion on a plan to begin solving California's budget problem. The assembly voted for governor Schwarzenegger's reform plan last night, which allows the state to borrow fifteen billion dollars this year.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/16/03, LENGTH 2:00 MIN., LOCAL

Just last week Fresno county supervisors heard from the sheriff's department and district attorney's office on how the loss of money from vehicle license fees would cause massive lay-offs in their departments. Today officials from health and social services laid out their worse case scenarios and it was just as bad. Programs to help the counties littlest clients, the poorest and sickest would loose a total of 24 million dollars if the legislature doesn't come up with a way to replace the money lost when the car tax was rolled back
Fresno co. Mental health

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/18/03, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

Governor arnold schwarzenegger is on the verge of declaring a financial emergency in California aides say the governor will use new powers to free up at least 40 million dollars for local governments to make up for money lost when he cut the car tax. The governor was granted the new powers in the current budget agreement that was reached in July.

ELECTION/CALIFORNIA RECALL

ACTION NEWS SPECIAL: THE CALIFORNIA RECALL, 10/03/03, 7:00PM, :30 MIN., LOCAL

Gubernatorial candidate Cruz Bustamante came home to the central valley to answer questions, live on TV, on an action news special hosted by Gracelia Moreno. Selected questions from viewers appeared on the program along with several viewers who came to the set on air and ask their questions. If the recall is successful, It. Governor Cruz Bustamante and Arnold Schwarzenegger lead the race to replace governor Gray Davis.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 10/1/03, LENGTH :15 SEC.,LOCAL

We'll have special coverage of the recall election next Tuesday including live reports from key headquarters, immediate ballot results, and instant analysis as those numbers come in. Join action news on election night for complete coverage of the recall election and the key propositions.

ACTION NEWS IS LIVE, 10/1/03, LENGTH 1:36 MIN.,LOCAL

Another high-profile candidate dropped out of the race for governor of California. Independent candidate Marianna Huffington has called it quits. ABC's Eric Horng reports there's still a question about who will benefit the most. Republican state senator Tom McClintock received an endorsement from university professor Bruce Herschenson an influential conservative in the state. McClintock vowed to stay in the race... Despite mounting pressure to drop out. Faced pressure to leave the race. Though now, with Huffington dropping out Bustamante stands to benefit the most.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 10/03/03, LENGTH 2:14 MIN., LOCAL

Lieutenant governor Cruz Bustamante saw tonight's forum at abc30 as a sort of homecoming. It's a way to reconnect with valley voters in the last days before the recall election. These voters also felt Bustamante needed

a reminder of some of the issues at stake with the governorship including worker's comp and education. One of the first and toughest questions came from Karen Baker of Fresno who questioned the lieutenant governor about his effectiveness if he were to be elected governor.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 10/08/03, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

Merced County was among the counties named in one of the lawsuits aimed at derailing the recall election. But elections officials yesterday reported no problems in the voting process. The lawsuit had to do with concerns that minority voters might be disenfranchised if the number of polling places was consolidated, but that was not the case in Merced County. With 114 polling places throughout the county, voters had access to plenty of locations.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 10/08/03, LENGTH :16 SEC., LOCAL

Governor Gray Davis became the first California governor to be recalled from office and only the second in u-s history. He says he accepts the judgment of the voters. Davis also says he's calling on everyone "to put the chaos and division of the recall behind" them.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 10/08/03, LENGTH :50 SEC., LOCAL

100 percent of California's precincts have now reported their results to the secretary of state's office. Here's a look at the final totals. Leader plus race #1 governor question 55-percent of voters chose to remove governor Gray Davis from office, compared to 45 percent who voted no on question one.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 10/09/03, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

Here's a look at valley voters cast their ballots on the recall. On the question of whether governor Davis should be recalled, 72-percent of voters in kings, Tulare, and Madera counties said yes. And Arnold Schwarzenegger received strong support from the valley, with 57-percent in kings county choosing him as the new governor. Schwarzenegger also received 55-percent of the vote in Madera and Tulare counties.

ACTION NEWS AT 6PM, 10/22/03, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

A legislative plan to borrow nearly 13 billion dollars to balance the state's books has met legal challenges. Lawmakers had planned to sell bonds to pay the state's debts including two billion dollars for the state's retirement fund. A judge has already ruled those bonds illegal...since they required voter approval. The fate of nearly 11-billion more dollars in bonds to finance the state's remaining deficit is also tied up in court. There is some interest on the Schwarzenegger team to place a bond measure before the voters to balance the budget.

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HISPANICS TODAY, 11/30/03, 5:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., SYNDICATION

Segment #1: seeking the Hispanic vote in the Midwest: it's been nearly thirty years since a Latino has occupied a seat in the U.S. senate. First time candidate Gery Chico is seeking to change that, as he campaigns in Illinois.

HISPANICS TODAY, 12/21/03, 5:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., SYNDICATION

Segment #1: election 2004: the candidates and the constituency: Hispanics represent six percent of all registered voters in the United States. "Hispanics Today" traverse the country, from Iowa where we talked to candidates like Carol Mosley Braun and frontrunner Howard dean about Latino issues.

Segment #2: election 2004: the money trail: from a look at the issues through voters eyes to the hard-edged topic of campaign finance, this week's in-studio interview gives viewers a Washington insider's look at how money shapes the elections.

POLLUTION

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 10/21/03, LENGTH :26 SEC.,LOCAL

Despite some concerns over traffic and possible water pollution... The casino plans to move ahead. Tulare County will hold a public hearing today and will then make it's decision on whether to approve the relocation.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 10/22/03, LENGTH :28 SEC. LOCAL

It will be up the state to decide if a south valley casino can re-locate and map-eagle mountain casino tribal leaders are hoping to move the eagle mountain casino closer to highway 19. In Visalia, both sides met with the Tulare county board of supervisors. Casino officials say the move will result in more jobs. But critics from nearby Springville say it will only mean more traffic and pollution. The county will write up its recommendation sometime after October 31st. Governor elect Arnold Schwarzenegger will make the final decision.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 10/31/03, LENGTH 1:53 MIN., LOCAL

You won't need to seal off your fireplace and you can still burn wood on certain days, the new wood-burning rules are designed to keep the air clear of smoke on those dirty, foggy valley days and nights. There will probably be anywhere from ten to twenty days between now and the end of February when folks will have to keep warm by something other than a fireplace. On those days the valley's air pollution control district will be watching and warning people to spare the air. The air pollution control district says it will have patrols out

ACTION NEWS 11/01/03, 11PM, LENGTH :39 SEC., LOCAL

New restrictions went into effect today, meant to help reduce air pollution in the valley. For the first time in the San Joaquin valley -- people will be prohibited from using their fireplaces when air quality is forecast to be unhealthy. The restrictions will be issued county-by-county depending on local air quality conditions. But there are exceptions to the new rule:

- Gas or propane devices or wood-burning cooking stoves.
 - Homes, which wood burning, are the only source of heat.
 - When the devices are used above 3-thousand feet in elevation.
 - and in areas where natural gas service is not available.
- to find out the daily wood-burning status:
you can call 1-800-smog-info or log onto valley-air dot org.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 11/09/03, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

With cooler temperatures more people are turning to their fireplaces to keep warm and last week valley residents came close to a pollution crisis. Valley air quality officials almost ordered restrictions on wood burning. The limit on wood burning would have been the first this season. Air quality officials hope the plan will limit particles in the air released through chimneys. Such pollution could create health problems for valley residents.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/18/03, LENGTH :15 SEC., LOCAL

San Joaquin valley air regulators say they will enforce a mandatory ban today on lighting fireplaces and wood-burning stoves. Regulators enacted the burn ban to control particle pollution in a region with the nation's second-worst air quality. Violators can be fined 50 to one-thousand dollars.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/19/03, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

The valley's first mandatory ban on wood burning fireplaces ended at midnight. Nearly 60 inspectors with the San Joaquin valley air pollution control district patrolled neighborhoods yesterday looking for smoking

chimneys or any other telltale signs. But some residents broke the rules, saying it's a freedom they're not ready to give up without a fight.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 11/19/03, LENGTH :08 SEC., LOCAL

Valley residents say it's a top concern. Farmers' contribution to the air pollution problem and what they're doing to clean up their act.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/04/03, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

A valley panel is playing a guessing game on the cost and timing of potential federal pollution penalties. Madera county supervisors consider plans for a 16- hundred home development near the San Joaquin River. And a little girl's letter helps trigger more than 5 thousand dollars in donations to Fresno's Chaffee zoo.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/18/03, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

The San Joaquin valley pollution control district will look at how to avoid federal penalties for not cleaning up the air. One way is to volunteer for the worst-polluter category. Right now, Los Angeles is the only city in that category. It would change the valley's clean-up deadline to 20-10. It's still not clear if the valley would still be penalized next year for missing the first deadline.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/18/03, LENGTH 1:57 MIN., LOCAL

It's really confusing. The valleys air is currently in the "severe" category for ozone pollution. Air pollution regulators say they can't maintain even those low standards. The solution, drop down to the "extreme" designation...that's as low as you can go, buying themselves more time to clean up the air. The San Joaquin valley air pollution control district says they've done all they can to clean the air. But they believe their control is limited to some 8 thousand businesses in the valley. So called static sources of pollution. They can't control the main polluters: cars. By moving from severe to extreme non-attainment they get 5 more years to improve. And they figure by then state and federal control on cars and trucks will make the air cleaner.

EDUCATION

ANIMAL ADVENTURES: INSIDE THE CHAFFEE ZOO, 11/2/03, 4:30PM, :30 MIN., LOCAL

Abc30 produced this half hour special and went behind the scenes at the Chaffee zoo. This informative program highlighted the progress the zoo has made over the years and the new animals they have added.

This program also encourages viewers to come a witness this for themselves by visiting the Chaffee zoo.

VALLEY FOCUS, 10/19/03: 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #4: Roosevelt school of the arts: 20th anniversary gala performance. Roosevelt school of arts, Fresno's area-wide magnet program for young artists, kicks off its 20th anniversary with a spectacular reprise of the hit Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes."

VALLEY FOCUS, 11/2/03: 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1, #2 & #3: Fresno county office of education: educator of the year. In a partnership between the Fresno county office of education, the educational employees credit union, and abc-30, this special event is designed to honor the best teachers, best administrators and best classified employees throughout Fresno county and to spotlight excellence in education. Joining the show were all three winners for the 2003 award.

VALLEY FOCUS, 11/02/03, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #4: Connecting with Kids: homework under load: kids today have too much homework. But a new survey shows most kids only have an hour of homework or less per night.

Segment #4: Apolitical Kids: more kids than before are giving politics the cold shoulder. How bad is it some may ask. A lot of teenagers can't even name their congressperson or the political party of their state's governor.

VALLEY FOCUS, 11/30/03, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #2: Fresno historical society: a centennial Christmas: xmas at Kearney mansion. The historical society's Christmas at Kearney at the Kearney mansion and museum completes a year of centennial celebrations; their holiday season festivities will highlight American tradition.

Segment #4: the Fresno ballet: presents: Tchalkovsky's nutcracker. The Fresno ballet, Christopher Doyle, artistic director, presents Tchalkovsky's Nutcracker and features the Central California Children's Choir and guest performances from "Break the Barriers."

VALLEY FOCUS, 12/7/03, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1 & 2: the Ruth & Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese art & culture: Japan and beyond: the Yoshida family legacy in Japanese woodblock prints. The Lee institute of Japanese art is pleased to announce the opening of the institute's first exhibition dedicated to Japanese woodblock prints. Over seventy prints by Yoshida family members including Hiroshi, Toshi, Fuji, Hodaka, Chizuko and Ayomi will be installed in to rotations to view.

VALLEY FOCUS, 12/7/03, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #4: Fresno metropolitan museum: becoming a nation. An American tribute Christmas at the met showcasing Americana from the diplomatic reception rooms, to the U.S. department of state.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 10/04/03, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

It was a hip-hop fashion show at the Fresno fair. Girls from the Fresno police activities league showed off a little, modeling kids fashions. The police activities league, or PAL, provides fun activities like this and education programs for hundreds of kids in the Fresno area.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 10/06/03, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Valley educators and Fresno's mayor are holding meetings that could impact your child's education. Alan Autry and school superintendents from Fresno County came together to discuss how to improve our schools. A leading expert on education and mayoral involvement in school administration headed ups the meeting. Fresno county school superintendent, Pete Mehas says educators are looking at ways the mayor's office can realistically help local school districts.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 10/09/03, LENGTH :33 SEC., LOCAL

Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger will announce his transition team that will help him move into the governor's office. He has tapped at least one valley republican to help carry out his vision for California. Former secretary of state Bill Jones was part of the new governor's economic advisory team, and will now be part of the transition team. Fresno county school superintendent Pete Mehas has been a key advisor for Schwarzenegger on education issues, and says he will continue to help if asked. Fresno mayor Alan Autry has also been a big supporter of the new governor.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 10/20/03, LENGTH 1:49 SEC., LOCAL

Fresno state conducted a study earlier this year and found out that more than half of its students had not consumed any alcohol in a thirty-day period. That sort of goes against the stereotype of the partying college student and that's a message they want to get out. This is the image so many people have of college life...young people drinking way too much. Nationwide it is a huge problem. Student leaders at Fresno state say they are not immune. Two years ago the university adopted an anti alcohol policy which included a crackdown on alcohol advertising and enforcement of drinking laws on and off campus along with education programs.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 10/21/03, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

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ACTION NEWS 6PM, 10/24/03, LENGTH :54 SEC., LOCAL

Your kids took the tests, and tonight -- the scores are out. State test scores are up for schools around the central valley. Scores for Madera unified schools are up 41 points over last year. The Hanford elementary district also up 41 points. Scores for Merced city schools are up 32 points. The valley's largest district, Fresno unified, up 31 points. Visalia scores are up 27 points. Fresno's central unified district is up 21 points. Clovis unified is already one of the highest performing districts. It's scores went up 13 points. The state schools chief says he's pleased with the improved scores went up at 90 percent of the state's schools. For a complete look at how your child's school did, log on to ABC30.com

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/03/03, LENGTH 1:47 MIN., LOCAL

With school back in session, the number of sports injuries is likely to be on the rise in coming months. Female athletes seem to be at especially high risk for knee injuries. This morning, we find out why the anterior cruciate ligament supports the knee. Researchers like Scott Lephart have seen an increasing number of ACL tears in women. Now, he's trying to understand, first, why they happen.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/03/03, LENGTH :33 SEC., LOCAL

A new study finds that for teenagers a TV show like "Friends" can provide more than just laughs. It's also an effective sex education tool. Researchers interviewed about 500 teenagers shortly after an episode of "Friends" that dealt with a pregnancy caused by condom failure. During the episode, characters say that condoms are "only 97 percent effective." Most of the teenagers surveyed remembered that the episode mentioned condom effectiveness. The study also found that teenagers who watched with an adult or talked about the episode with one were about twice as likely to remember the information correctly.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 11/7/03, LENGTH 1:49 MIN., LOCAL

Getting kids to take civics courses will also help spark an interest in politics. Only 39 states require a course in civics or government education, for high school graduation.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 11/25/03, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

A celebration of strings today, in southeast Fresno. Students from Fresno unified middle and high schools performed a variety of musical selections at Roosevelt high. One Hundred- thirty- five middle school kids played, the most ever. Organizers say it's encouraging that despite budget cuts; students' interest in music remains high. One conductor encouraged the young people to continue their education in the arts.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 11/27/03, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

Fresno is trying to get a UC medical school built in the area. Supporters say one reason it's needed here because there's a shortage of doctors. Action news anchor Gene Haagenson shows us what's being done to lure a campus to the valley. Nearly two hundred doctors, like Michael Cawdery are getting their residency training in Fresno through the university of California San Francisco medical school. About a third of the doctors who train in Fresno stay and practice in the area. But most leave. Having a full-fledged medical school here could more than double the number of doctors training here and make a big difference.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 11/30/03, LENGTH 2:10 MIN., LOCAL

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ACTION NEWS 5PM, 12/5/03, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

Educators here in California are worried about funding cuts. After governor Schwarzenegger says he is considering suspending proposition 98, the landmark school-funding guarantee. The proposition was passed in 19-88 . It mandates that public schools, kindergarten through 12th grade and community colleges receive about 40 percent of the state's revenues. To suspend the money Schwarzenegger would need the support of two-thirds majority of the legislature. A spokesperson for the governor says it would be part of next year's budget which hasn't been negotiated.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/11/03, LENGTH 2:25 MIN., LOCAL

This is the second stop on what the mayor is calling his "truth on the table" tour. If last night's meeting is any indication...one thing mayor Autry plans to put on the table is his take on the quality of education in Fresno. The one thing mayor Alan Autry says he's not afraid to talk about is the state of education in Fresno.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/19/03, LENGTH 1:56 MIN., LOCAL

Shardae Martinez has been studying hard for the SAT's, a requirement for admission into Fresno state. But this high school sophomore is still worried about getting in and it's about to get even harder. The CSU system has announced it will cut down enrollment growth to only 3.3%, which means 4-thousand students statewide will be turned away this spring, and nearly 19-thousand over the course of next year.

OPRAH 10/10/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Secrets of women who rule: for the first time, Oprah gets unprecedented access to the most powerful woman in Washington. A revealing interview with the fascinating Condoleezza Rice. Find out what life is like inside the White House and beyond. Then we meet the most powerful women in the business world, the unstoppable boss of e-bay. How she balances being a wife, a mom and one of the internet's biggest success stories.

HISPANICS TODAY, 10/12/03, 5:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., SYNDICATION

Segment #3: the national Hispania leadership institute: a report in 1987 revealed that, for many professional women, there exists a glass ceiling; a barrier that prevents them from moving to the next level in their career. The national Hispania leadership institute was formed 15 years ago to break through the ceiling and forever remove the barriers that prevent women, Latinas, from accomplishing their goals.

HISPANICS TODAY, 11/2/03, 5:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., SYNDICATION

Segment #1: white house educational initiatives: while many young Latinos excel in secondary school and beyond, a number of studies have shown that there is a gap in academic achievement between Latino students and their white classmates. President Bush is trying to close that gap, in part, with the white house initiative on educational excellence.

HEALTH WATCH

VALLEY FOCUS, 11/09/03, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #4: Association of Fundraising Professionals: National Philanthropy day. The association of fundraising professionals is a non-profit organization that knows first hand what it takes to raise money for a special project or event. Joined by Melisha Ford, the director of UCP and a member of the association of fundraising professionals as we here what it takes to raise money for special organizations.

VALLEY FOCUS, 11/09/03, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1: Poverello house: thanksgiving/Christmas giving. As the holiday approaches, we like to think of ways we can help those less fortunate who deserve help with food, clothing and toys. The Poverello house is on example of a way we try and fight hunger in our community.

Segment #2 & #3: community food bank and foodlink Tulare county have been feeding families for years. Collecting food and getting it to the families is a year round effort. During the holidays, we encourage you to get evolved.

HEALTHY LIVING: MYSTERIES OF THE MIND, 12/28/03, 5PM, 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

This special will also share important information about lifestyle causes: drug & alcohol abuse, depression, heredity and head injuries that can all lead to seizures. We found out what should be done if someone around you has a seizure. New cases are most common among young children and infants, or elderly stroke victims. This program examined epilepsy and seizure disorders, promoting understanding and acceptance, while debunking myths and destigmatizing this common yet often misunderstood condition.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 10/21/03, LENGTH :33 SEC., LOCAL

A surprising lawsuit from the Fresno state women's swim team.

They're suing the university, saying the pool water in the north gym was excessively treated with chlorine and other chemicals. The athletes say they suffered hair loss, severe skin rashes; nasal burns and experienced difficulty breathing. The environmental health and safety department tested the water, and found chlorine levels four -times higher than normal. The lawsuit claims the women were assured by the university and sports trainers their illnesses were not caused by the water.

Fresno state officials are reviewing the lawsuit but are not commenting at this time.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 10/21/03, LENGTH :23 SEC. ,LOCAL

After eight years of fighting, pro-life activists have won what's being called a major victory. The senate joined the house in approving a bill, banning so-called "partial birth abortions. President bush has already said he'll sign the measure into law. Polls show 60 per cent of Americans want to ban the procedure, except where the mother's health is at stake. But the new law makes no exception for the mother's health.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 10/24/03, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

Thousands of valley residents are getting ready to roll up their sleeves and fight the flu. About six -hundred people got their vaccinations today, at the Mosqueda center in southeast Fresno. Seniors paid five dollars for a shot. Valley health officials say those over 65 are at high risk, as well as children between six and 23 months. Officials say there is no shortage of the flu vaccine. For information about flu shot clinics in your area, log onto ABC30.com 30 dot com.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 10/28/03, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

The fires have caused southern California to be blanketed with a cloud of ash and smoke. It's prompting a major health warning. Health officials say all the smoke now hangs in the air from San Bernardino to the Pacific Ocean. It's creating a soup of oxygen and particle ash pollution. Schools have been urged to restrict physical activity.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/20/03, LENGTH :20 SEC. LOCAL

A Fresno student has been hospitalized with bacterial meningitis. The teenager is a student at Hoover high school. He has been hospitalized since last week. Students who he may have come in contact with have been given preventive treatments by the county health department. Bacterial meningitis is contagious and can be deadly symptoms include fever, headache, stiff neck, and bleeding under the skin.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/20/03, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

A new report card on children's health in California spells serious trouble for some counties in the valley. The report found Fresno county ranked 24th in kids' health overall. Kings Madera and Tulare counties finished in the bottom ten. A health advocacy group that did the survey says one in seven children are uninsured statewide.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 11/24/03, LENGTH ;27 SEC., LOCAL

Congress is debating a bill that promises to make sweeping changes to Medicare. If it passes, as republicans expect, it will affect health benefits for millions of older and disabled Americans. The bill would establish a Medicare prescription drug benefit. It provides more leeway for insurance companies and it reduces a plan for Medicare and private plans to compete, set to begin in 2010.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 11/25/03, LENGTH :47 SEC., LOCAL

Parents in the foothill community of tollhouse received a frightening letter from their local high school this week. The notice said a parent had died from possible bacterial meningitis. The woman's children attend sierra high school in tollhouse. According to the principal, the woman died Sunday, after a sudden illness. The Fresno county health department is following the case and today, said the information the school received was not accurate.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/11/03, LENGTH 1:34 MIN., LOCAL

Tulare County had planned eight more flu shot clinics. This is the remaining batch of their flu shots. 200 state supplied doses saved for seniors and at-risk patients. Health officials say most seniors in the county have already gotten their shots. But since this may be the last clinic, many are breaking old habits and doing whatever they can to get to this clinic.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 12/11/03, LENGTH 2:00 MIN., LOCAL

Reports that this flu season may be especially nasty are evidently having an effect on the public. People came out in large numbers today here in Fresno, standing in long lines to receive vaccinations courtesy of the county. During the county's 25 flu shot clinics this fall. Almost five thousand people rolled up their sleeves to get the vaccine...

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/12/03, LENGTH 2:09 MIN., LOCAL

Authorities have confirmed two more California's have died from flu-related illness. The virus has now hit all fifty states. The question is whether it's really worse this year than in the past, and what we can do about it.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 12/16/03, LENGTH :18 SEC. LOCAL

Valley counties are getting more flu shot doses tonight. Fresno County will be getting an additional 400 doses of the vaccine. Several other local counties will also get more vaccines. The state recently purchased nearly 14-thousand more vaccines. Call your local county health department for information on where you can get the vaccine.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 12/17/03, LENGTH 2:00 MIN., LOCAL

The king's county coroner says the Hanford baby was diagnosed with the flu December second at children's hospital. Little Reymundo Delarocha died at home nine days later from the virus that's hitting children

especially hard this year. Two flu-related deaths in the san Joaquin valley one in Hanford and the other in Bakersfield have valley parents like the Vecchiarelli's concerned.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/18/03, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

Public health authorities have moved down the age in which immunization for the flu is being recommend for children 6 months or above are being recommended to get the flu shot. If your child is having trouble breathing, not eating or drinking, or has a fever above 102. You need to call your doctor and if you've gone to the doctor and your child shows no sign of improvement, don't hesitate to call back.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/23/03, LENGTH 1:37 SEC. LOCAL

Parents and health officials are losing ground in the fight against teen smoking. Elliott Lewis explains the teen smoking rate had been dropping significantly until this year. According to government statistics, 400-thousand people die every year from smoking, and 90- percent of all smokers begin their habit in their teens. With centers for disease control data showing that smoking caused illness costs the u-s more than \$75-billion per year, even teens are joining the fight.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/24/03, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

We have breaking news that contains fallout from the discovery of an apparent case of mad cow disease in Washington State A Mexican agriculture official says Mexico is banning imports of u-s beef. The cow that tested positive was from the hidden valley dairy farm in Mabton, Washington.

It was sent to a slaughterhouse earlier this month. The Washington state agriculture department and the department of health both emphasized the impact of mad cow on human beings is very small and that people should not be overly concerned.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/24/03, LENGTH :16 SEC., LOCAL

This morning a federal appeals court blocked new bush administration changes to the clean air act from going into effect. The challenge came from state attorneys general and cities that argued the changes would harm the environment and public health. The changes were set to go into effect tomorrow.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/25/03, LENGTH 1:50 MIN., LOCAL

At least a dozen countries have stopped selling u-s beef and further tests will be done today on samples from the cow suspected of having mad cow disease. But as heather Cabot reports -- the department of agriculture says the risk to human health is extremely low.

OPRAH 11/13/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Inside extreme makeovers and what you don't see. The latest treatments, beyond facelifts and nose jobs. We heard from a women who lost 200 pounds and her body looked awful. Pounds of excess skin. We saw what plastic surgery was able to do for her. And they asked the questions. Was it worth it?

OPRAH, 12/03/03, 4PM. LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Outrageous medical mistakes: medical mistakes; the statistics are startling. Lab errors, prescription mix-ups, lives ruined by doctor's mistakes. Oprah talked to a man who lost the one thing no man wants to live without. And women told how she endured chemo; a hysterectomy and she didn't even have cancer. We looked at how you can prevent this from happening to you. We found out how a second opinion can save your life and what you need to know before your next hospital visit.

HISPANICS TODAY, 10/26/03, 5:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., SYNDICATION

Segment #3: breast cancer awareness: Hispanic women are diagnosed with breast cancer at the same rate as Caucasian women, but their chances of dying from the disease are greater. Minority women often detect breast cancer at a later stage.

HISPANICS TODAY, 12/21/03, 5:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., SYNDICATION

Segment #3: a disease seldom talked about and a women helping Latino's cope: liver disease may not seem life threaten to some, but Debbie Delgado nearly faced death with a rare condition that ended in an organ transplant. Now she and a small staff are making a big difference and they are literally changed the lives of thousands.

Crime

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 10/09/03, LENGTH :41 SEC., LOCAL

Inmates released from the Fresno county jail will now get a "Community Handshake". Sheriff Pierce announced a new partnership today with local organizations. These various groups will work with male and female inmates helping them make positive changes in their lives before they're released. But they must be willing to do it. The goal is to break the cycle of crime. An inmate trust fund not taxpayer dollars will pay for the services.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 10/16/03, LENGTH 2:02 MIN., LOCAL

A car-jacking happened at about 7 this morning a woman was walking to a pick-up truck parked here when she was confronted this parking lot which is first this lot's been the scene of a violent crime it happened at the "merit manor" in Clovis at 7 this morning a woman walked outside her apartment heading for her pick-up truck when a man ambushed her with a gun. The gunman then made the woman drive to an a-t-m to withdraw cash. They then drove 20 miles west to this Fresno County farming area. Police say the gunman tried to sexually assault the woman before letting her go. She called police from a pay phone 2-hours after her abduction began.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 10/16/03, LENGTH 2:22 MIN., LOCAL

Darrell Cramer's family says he's in extremely poor health and needs to be at home to receive care, but that wasn't enough to persuade a superior court judge to let the accused child molester go free.

A strong show of support in court this morning for Darrell Cramer. The 75 year old's wife, daughter, two sons and grandson were hoping he would be allowed to come home with them.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 10/23/03, LENGTH :15 SEC., LOCAL

Fresno police have resumed their search of a Fresno county landfill a day after a discovery they hope will solve a murder mystery. Investigators found a child's sleeping bag, which has now been turned over to the crime lab for analysis. Police are looking for the remains of ten year old Tirana Martin. They believe her aunt, Tamara Robinson, murdered the girl and put her body in the garbage, which ended up at the landfill.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 10/28/03, LENGTH 2:00 MIN., LOCAL

Fresno police say there are a number of reasons car thefts are down.

The big one, officers are not only arresting more felons...but there's a new jail to hold them. During the 1990's cars in Fresno were being stolen in record numbers. Police had to set up a special task force to handle what was an escalating problem. How bad was it? Take a look at these numbers. In 1994, 13-thousand five hundred and eighty cars were stolen...compare that to 5-thousand seven hundred and thirty-three, the total number police are projecting for all of this year.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 10/28/03, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

A new pocket sized tool that helps law enforcement see bad guys in the dark, could soon be available. This thermal imaging camera is being tested by a Texas police department, for possible use by police around the country. It picks up heat from a suspect's body, or the engine of a vehicle. But the big plus is that it's small enough to be carried by officers.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/05/03, LENGTH 1:50 MIN., LOCAL

Two more law enforcement investigators will take the stand today. The first police officer inside the Peterson home after Laci went missing testified that he did not smell bleach, or see any sign of freshly mopped floors. The defense is trying to counter suggestions that Scott cleaned up the crime scene after killing his wife. The associated press reports that other officers on scene smelled bleach in the kitchen.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/11/03, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

Experts say cockfighting is thriving in California, because the crime is only a misdemeanor here. It's a felony in surrounding states. Some counties are taking steps to fight it, but few are having much success. On action news live at eleven, hear why authorities say the problem goes beyond the birds. An insider explains why he and others are hard to catch.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 11/13/03, LENGTH 1:45 SEC. LOCAL

Last night around this time the owner of Castillo's restaurant locked up like every other night - but what happened outside his door in this parking lot nearly cost him his life. With his face bruised and battered - Higinio Castillo recounts his terrifying night kidnapped, beaten and robbed - for \$700. After getting what they wanted - the suspects kicked out the Castillo's at central and cherry where they were able to flag down help. Fresno police say this crime appears to be random - and the suspects are still on the loose possibly driving the Castillo's white Buick century - license 4-f-t-c-4-3-1.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 11/26/03, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

It's a crime which shocked the valley when the partial remains of a man found stuffed in a barrel filled with acid. The prime suspect is Larissa Schuster, the estranged wife of the victim, timothy Schuster. Her attorney is leveling some charges of his own. Action news court reporter Deanna McQueen is live in the newsroom with which the defense believes murdered Tim Schuster and why they claim Fresno police have botched the case.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/27/03, LENGTH :27 SEC. ,LOCAL

For shoppers who chose to make their selections off-line, authorities will be watching their backs at Fresno's Fashion Fair mall. It's called "operation Christmas presence." The extra officers will patrol fashion fair mall as well as most major shopping centers in Fresno to make sure criminals don't ruin the holiday spirit.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 11/30/03, LENGTH 2:36 MIN., LOCAL

Open any newspaper's want ad section and you'll see hundreds of used cars for sale. Many are advertised as "low mileage". But, how do you know the true mileage of that car? Michael Finney has more on a new way some people are cheating car buyers. Bill Stenger thought he was getting a good deal when he purchased this used BMW. But, after buying the car, he quickly noticed something was very wrong.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/04/03, LENGTH :50 SEC., LOCAL

In court, Scott Peterson waived his right to formally hear the charges against him and when the judge asked him if he was pleading not guilty and we went one step further in telling the court "yes your honor, I am innocent". Trial is set for last week of January; more until then there are more hearings. On January sixth, a change of venue hearing is scheduled. The defense wants the trial moved to another county. Many legal experts believe the January trial date is ambitious and the hearings and legal maneuvering will push it back. The defense did score a financial victory, the judge ruled.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/10/03, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

The Fresno police department is opening the doors tonight, to its newest sub-station. The substation moved from an area known for high crime near Fresno state, to cedar and Teague. Concerns about crime around the bulldog lane location, caused the department to assign traffic officers to the old building.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/16/03, LENGTH :15 SEC., LOCAL

William Lopez came home to find his father Guillermo dead. The victim had been handcuffed and beaten. The crime has left the neighborhood, and the Lopez family, in shock.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/17/03, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

Larissa Schuster and James Fagone are charged with the crime. Police arrested them after detectives say Fagone confessed. Kristin Schuster says quote without James Fagone I wouldn't have known what happened to my father.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/18/03, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

In news from our south valley bureau, just nine days after a deadly workplace shooting, Visalia city leaders are taking steps to prevent any similar incidents from happening. The chamber of commerce held a meeting on workplace violence today in response to last week's shooting at "print excel." John Gardner shot and killed Jose Manriquez before turning the gun on himself last Wednesday. The shooting reportedly stemmed from an old dispute. A Visalia police detective and violent crime expert talked to local business people about ways to protect their employees.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/23/03, LENGTH :20 SEC. ,LOCAL

Some good news from the Fresno police. Fresno crime stats-violent crime. According to the latest crime statistics, violent crime is down almost 7-percent from this time last year. Homicides are down 20 percent. Rapes are the only violent crime that increased. Auto thefts are down nearly 20-percent from last year, when Fresno was second in the nation in car thefts.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 12/23/03, LENGTH 1:47 MIN., LOCAL

The suspect, 21-year-old David Damore, was actually being questioned by the Madera county sheriff's department for an unrelated crime when he let slip some information about the devastating fire at these apartments and that bit of information, led to his arrest today. Last may flames consumed the 100-thousand square foot university village apartment complex. It took fire crews six hours to contain the fire and only after it caused 14 million dollars in damage. Two firefighters were hurt while fighting the blaze.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 12/25/03, LENGTH :20 SEC. ,LOCAL

Another shooting left one man dead. Fresno police are looking for suspects in the shooting of the 40 year old man. The crime apparently occurred near the intersection of Remington and Alluvial. The victim's body was on the sidewalk. He'd apparently been shot in the head. Police are following several leads. They don't know when the shooting took place but the body was discovered by a passer by at about eleven this morning.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/26/03, LENGTH :20 SEC. ,LOCAL

Visalia police say a bizarre crime ended with a suspected thief shooting another suspected thief to death. Investigators say three people tried to steal a pickup truck. When the owners tried to stop it, a suspect fired a shot, killing the other suspect, Sabas Rodriguez. The remaining two suspects were later captured, and will both face murder charges.

OPRAH, 10/07/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Notaries trials: the inside story: the Menendez brothers, O.J. Simpson, Andrea Yates. We've got the inside the story on notorious trials, first caught on tape. A 13 year old boy guns down his teacher. His father speaks out for the first time. Wrongly convicted on 100 counts of child sex abuse, an innocent women spent eight years in prison. She never faced her jurors until now. And what's the beef? Oprah gets the inside story from the jurors on her trial.

OPRAH 10/08/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Reactions that could save your life: illicit nude photos of you appear on a pornographic website. A vicious dog going in for the kill attacks you. You're at the pump and your car goes up in flames. Oprah asked viewers if they would know what to do. Real-life cases and the reactions that could save your life.

OPRAH 10/16/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Investigative report: why men kill their wives: an upstanding police chief, a successful chiropractor and NFL star, picture perfect lives, hiding deep, dark secrets. The shocking truth about domestic homicide and raw confessions from an abuser. Oprah asks the questions whom will do you know the man you married and is he a loving husband or a potential killer.

OPRAH 10/23/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Real life CSI stories: twists and turns, sex, violence, murder, crimes all solved by forensics. These are real life CSI stories. A ten-year murder mystery solved! How a chicken bone hidden for years cracked one case. The high-tech forensic gadgets that make it all possible. Witness an autopsy and ride along with a real death investigator on today Oprah.

OPRAH 10/27/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Oprah goes to Elizabeth Smart's home: an exclusive one time only as cameras go inside Elizabeth Smart's home. A chilling, in-depth tour. What you haven't seen or heard. Elizabeth smart and her family sit down with Oprah for a riveting interview in their home.

OPRAH 11/14/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Should Terry Schiavo live or die? Thirteen years in a persistent vegetative state. Her husband versus her family. Should Terry Schiavo live or die? Also, her life was a fairy tale along with her prince charming. She had it all, then the unthinkable happened. The former miss America accidentally kills a mother of four, an exclusive. Plus, her 12 year old hung himself. The bizarre twist that let a jury to convict her.

OPRAH 11/25/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Burned alive by a drunk driver: she was young and beautiful. Then a horrible accident disfigured her. Burned alive and how she survived. The young man responsible went to prison. Now, his mother comes forward. Then, a father accidentally left his baby locked in the car. His only son dead.

OPRAH 11/19/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Suburban moms addicted to drugs: we watched as a mother of two, addicted to prescription pills quits cold turkey. Also, one of the most powerful moments of this season as we discussed suburban moms addicted to drugs.

OPRAH, 12/05/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Real people who solved high profile crimes: Oprah talked with eyewitnesses who helped out dangerous criminals behind bars. Also, how did two ordinary people find Elizabeth smart's abductor? The incredible story of an 11 year old who identified the madman who slashed her through. Because of her testimony, he is on death row today.

OPRAH, 12/08/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Air force academy rape scandal: one hundred forty-two reports of assault. Inside the air force academies rape scandal. What the head of the academy said to our cameras. Six brave women blow the whistle on today's Oprah.

OPRAH, 12/10/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Addicted: backstreet boy AJ Mclean: for the first time, addicted to drugs, backstreet boy AJ Mclean goes public and it's an emotional reunion with his band mates. Then, a wall street tycoon who blew millions on crack.

OPRAH, 12/12/03, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Inside prison, why women murder: we went inside a rarely seen world. A maximum-security prison for women. The notorious murder plot involving Pam Smart as we discuss violent women and violent girls.

HISPANICS TODAY, 11/23/03, 5:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., SYNDICATION

Segment #4: personal safety lesson for children: new headlines about everything from terrorist threats, to child kidnappings, to sexual abuse cases can make us wonder if our kids are ever 100% safe. Experts say it doesn't help to let fear grip the imagination, so a program based in Maryland has found a way to use imagination as part of the answer.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS

TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE

12/05/03 LENGTH :30 SEC., SPOTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND THAT WKEND.

Sponsored by united way, the U.S. Marine Corp and abc30: encourages viewers to drop off toys to the "Toys for Tots" drive throughout the marathon weekend.

CHILDREN FIRST: KIDS AND CASH

10/19/03, 6:30PM LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

11/16/03, 9:30AM LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Abc30 produced this program and anchors warren Armstrong and Gracelia Moreno. In this half-hour, we saw what cash-carrying kids are after. How they are getting their money and what they were willing to do to earn it. Plus, if schools are teaching kids to be better consumers. We learned common spending mistakes students make and see how others got a jump-start in the business world.

VALLEY FOCUS, 10/19/03: 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #4: Roosevelt school of the arts: 20th anniversary gala performance. Roosevelt school of arts, Fresno's area-wide magnet program for young artists, kicks off its 20th anniversary with a spectacular reprise of the hit Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes."

VALLEY FOCUS, 11/02/03, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #4: connecting with kids: homework under load: kids today have too much homework. But a new survey shows most kids only have an hour of homework or less per night.

Segment #4: apolitical kids: more kids than before are giving politics the cold shoulder. How bad is it? A lot of teenagers can't even name their congressperson or the political party of their state's governor

CONNECT WITH KIDS: THE RISK WITHIN: 10/26/03, 5PM, :30 MIN., LOCAL

The risk within news special is part of the overall connecting with kids initiative, a community based partnership sponsored in our area by local schools, abc30 and CWK network, INC. These special covers risk factors kids undertake in their lives. Current research shows the top health risk for kids isn't disease or illness-it's accidental injury. More than ever before, children's health and life expectancy is in their own hands. A child's health and well-being is determined by the choices they make regarding nutrition, exercise, sex, alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

CONNECT WITH KIDS: THE MYTH OF SELF-ESTEEM:12/13/03, 5PM, :30 MIN., LOCAL

The myth of self-esteem news special is part of the overall connecting with kids initiative, a community based partnership sponsored in our area by local schools, abc30 and CWK network, INC.

There's a movement in this country to make every child love his or herself. Proponents say that if only we could raise their self-esteem, we could reduce violence, drug abuse, suicide, eating disorders and poverty all at once. But it hasn't worked yet, and critics say the reason is because many programs are just plain silly. The "Myth of Self-esteem" is that one argument must be right and the other wrong

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 10/03/03, LENGTH 1:49 SEC., LOCAL

A study from the national center on addiction and substance abuse found that four out of ten parents believed teens are 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to try drugs. The survey found that parents who said experimentation was 'very likely' had children who were three times more likely to become substance abusers.

But blaze and Reid's parents explain the risks.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 10/10/03, LENGTH 1:44 MIN., LOCAL

Researchers in Great Britain tested 30 teens for reaction time and memory before eating a sugary breakfast, and then two hours later. In the later test, their performance had dropped in half of about the level of a typical 70-year-old. Any 'simple carbohydrate food high in sugar...will have that effect. Susan little says she used to begin the day with a candy bar and a soft drink. That's why experts recommend teen's get their energy from complex carbohydrates. She says complex carbs deliver energy more slowly and steadily... and they also make you feel full longer, so you eat less.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 10/20/03, LENGTH 1:37 MIN., LOCAL

Knows Internet drug buyers beware. Researchers at the university of Pennsylvania found that on 53 of the first 100 web sites they searched a child could buy codeine without a prescription without age verification without ever having seen a doctor. Experts say a parent's first defense is to know that these websites are out there. Make sure your computer is in a family area, so you can supervise and then search some of these sites without your kids...and then pick the ones you want to show your children.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 10/24/03, LENGTH 1:43 MIN., LOCAL

According to the study, if your child has a drinking roommate during freshman year...and changes that roommate to a non-drinker in the sophomore year, his grades will continue to drop. On average almost half a point. It seems a pattern has been set. Experts say the problem of a drinking roommate needs to be solved long before college. In high school, parents need to allow kids just enough room to make small mistakes followed by consequences.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 11/03/03, LENGTH 1:50 MIN., LOCAL

But according to a study published by the American heart association, vitamins may also help. Researchers studied 15-year-old adults with inherited high cholesterol after six weeks of taking vitamin e and vitamin c. The vitamins didn't lower cholesterol but they greatly improved blood flow in the arteries which may reduce the risk of a heart attack or a stroke. More research is needed and experts aren't yet recommending kids take vitamin e and c supplements.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 11/05/03, LENGTH 1:39 MIN., LOCAL

According to study from the Brookings institution, most American students have less than an hour of homework per night. And an upcoming study by RAND-, a national research group confirms that 75 percent of high schoolers study less than two hours a night. Experts say it's important for parents to look carefully at the homework their kids are doing. Are they struggling because the work is too difficult?

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 11/10/03, LENGTH 1:54 MIN., LOCAL

A new survey by Tulane University suggests many people with STD's, including teens...are not cautious. More than three-quarters of teens with HIV or aids said they don't tell casual sex partners they're infected. Experts say parents need to talk and listen to their children and in those conversations remind them of the numbers: one quarter of sexually active teens have an STD.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 11/19/03, LENGTH 1:52 MIN., LOCAL

Whether it's lack of interest or lack of funds. the U.S. now ranks number 13 in the world when it comes to the percentage of our kids that are in college. The U.S. used to be number one in the world. The average cost for a four-year private college is almost 100-thousand dollars. In 2002 alone, the price rose almost 8 percent, compared to 3 percent inflation.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 11/24/03, LENGTH 1:54 MIN., LOCAL

Organized sports teams for home-schooled children have been steadily growing since the early 1990's. Today, all told there are an estimated 3-thousand home school sports teams. Experts say it's a significant trend. The stereotype has been the kids stay at home with their parents. They don't interact with other children. They don't learn the give and take of relationships other than with their siblings. And I think that's changing."

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 12/1/03, LENGTH 1:54 MIN., LOCAL

But often, experts say, parent-teacher conferences don't go well because either the parent or the teacher feels defensive. When the meeting is the result of a problem of a poor grade, that can happen and it can undermine the relationship and what could be a cooperative relationship becomes quickly an adversarial one. Experts say it's a good idea to follow up with your child's teacher a few weeks after their conference to make sure everything is going well and of course if there are any major concerns, don't wait for a formal conference to address them.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 12/10/03, LENGTH 1:38 MIN., LOCAL

Bringing a weapon to school, that's easy. When the issue is a story a dream what a school ought to do becomes more difficult. In the age of columbine, of the perception of violence in American schools, experts say parents may want to advise their kids not to give up their freedom of expression, but to be prudent about what they say or write in school.

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 12/12/03, LENGTH 1:54 MIN., LOCAL

If your child's school isn't labeled dangerous, does that mean it's safe? Sometimes, the most common kinds of violence never get reported. So how can parents find out how safe their child's school really is? Experts say walk the halls, visit the classrooms, talk to teachers, talk to kids and he says if safety is an issue, parents can be part of the solution

ACTION NEWS MIDDAY, 12/26/03, LENGTH 1:28 MIN., LOCAL

Drug testing for many kids, has become an expected part of the school experience. Researchers from the university of Michigan studied more than 700 middle and high schools across the country. They found virtually identical rates of drug use in schools that test and those that don't. Some experts say there a few reasons drug testing doesn't stop all kids.

CONSUMER REPORTS

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 10/09/03, LENGTH 2:57 MIN., LOCAL

These days most things are paid for with plastic. Unfortunately for our nation's college students there are learning about credit the hard way. College students face a barrage of pressures on campus. They juggle classes, part time jobs, and a social life. For many of these young adults their college years are even more stressful because of thousands of dollars in credit card debt. Fresno state junior Javier Perez currently has five credit cards and owes a total balance of more than five thousand dollars. He got his first credit card when he was 18; an age he says was too young to understand the responsibility.

ACTION NEWS 6PM, 10/16/03, LENGTH 1:26 MIN., LOCAL

This new mom is thrilled with how easy her child's infant safety seat is to use. It's a snap to get the base into position. Consumer reports' Jennifer Stockburger says latch seats for toddlers have another safety feature. In addition to the hooks at the base, they have a tether strap to hold the top of your baby's seat back. That keeps it from pitching forward in an accident. Having a child seat in properly is essential so your baby has the best protection in case of an accident.

ACTION NEWS 11PM, 10/19/03, LENGTH :14 SEC., LOCAL

If you've ever wanted to make the pile of junk mail that fills your mailbox disappear, there is a way to "stamp" out that mound of mail right now. Consumer-watch reporter Chad Pradelli has more on how you can help empty your mailbox.

ACTION NEWS 5PM, 10/21/03, LENGTH 1:41 MIN., LOCAL

Jane Doherty is in her 50s and has no major medical problems. But she knows that could change, as she gets older. Jane doesn't want her daughter to have to pay if she ends up needing long-term-care. Worried about long-term care the ideal would be if I got sick in the future that it would provide the financial means to take care of myself without becoming a burden to my children.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/19/03, LENGTH 1:54 MIN., LOCAL

Managing diabetes is a challenging task every day for millions of Americans. Besides monitoring and controlling blood sugar levels, nutrition, skin, foot and oral care can take a lot of work. Christiane Arbesu shows us an expanded line of products specifically designed for diabetics. For years, Anthony butler has battled diabetes and its symptoms. He's among the 17-million Americans who struggle every day to control their blood sugar and deal with health issues associated with the disease.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/21/03, LENGTH 1:48 MIN., LOCAL

These helmets have become essential for safety. Especially for young children...and some are better than others. This is a home video of Sara Quinn when she first started skiing ten years ago. Back then few people on the slopes wore a helmet. These days Sara always does. She was in an accident and thinks her old helmet may have saved her from serious injury.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 11/28/03, LENGTH 2:04 SEC., LOCAL

More and more of us are buying teeth whitening kits. Crest makes white strips as well as crest night effects. And Colgate has simply white and simply white night. There's also Rembrandt 2-hour white. Consumer reports tested all five kits. Some are gels you paint on. This one is a strip you apply to your teeth. This Rembrandt comes with a mouth guard you fill with gel. You use the products anywhere from two hours to two weeks. Consumer reports checked teeth color before and after the treatment. Testers used a rack of standard tooth shades and noted how much whiter the panelists' teeth got. Nearly all of the 78 test participants showed at least a little improvement.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/11/03, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

People may have a little more assurance when driving a used car off the lot. Consumer groups are drafting what they call the car buyers bill of rights. Define what a certified used car is. Used car buyers would have a 3-day window to back out of the sale. The initiative is hoped to be on the November ballot.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/11/03, LENGTH 1:48 MIN., LOCAL

Transportation secretary Norm Mineta wants Americans to buckle up. Julie vallese reports, Mineta wants states to pass stronger seat-belt laws with stiffer fines. 43,000 people were killed on America's roads last year. That disturbs secretary of transportation Norm Mineta. He's calling on states to help reduce the number by getting people to buckle up. A new transportation bill on Capitol Hill offers states financial incentives to pass stronger laws. But if that's not enough:

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/17/03, LENGTH 1:43 MIN., LOCAL

DVD recorders are going for about 500 dollars this holiday season. That's half what they cost two years ago. Retailers are hoping dvd recorders are on lots of people's wish list. Consumer reports Bernie Dietrich tested seven of the newest DVD recorders, including ones from Phillips and panasonic. He found, while these machines offer a lot, they also have drawbacks. On the plus side, the quality they can deliver is outstanding.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/17/03, LENGTH :54 SEC., LOCAL

Some people will go to great lengths to make sure their families are taken care of for Christmas. Millions are lured by offers of fast cash from payday loan centers. A five-hundred-dollar loan at 33-percent interest would cost you 665 dollars to repay it, and that's only if you pay it back in the first month.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/25/03, LENGTH 1:50 MIN., LOCAL

At least a dozen countries have stopped selling u-s beef and further tests will be done today on samples from the cow suspected of having mad cow disease. But as heather Cabot reports -- the department of agriculture says the risk to human health is extremely low. U.S.D.A. investigators believe the infected cow came from a ranch in Washington State. But they are racing to find out where it was born and when it may have eaten contaminated feed. They are following the Holstein's path to slaughter and meat processing plants.

ACTION NEWS AM LIVE, 12/26/03, LENGTH 1:55 MIN., LOCAL

It's likely you'll put on a pound or two this holiday season. But can you work it off by using a home exercise machine? In consumer watch reporter who shows you which ones live up to the hype. The tread climber promises a great aerobic workout and machines like the bowflex claim to pack a whole gym into one machine. Consumer reports' Tom Matcher just evaluated 12 of these "as seen-on-TV" exercise machines. This test was designed to see how thorough a workout you get from ones that promise aerobic conditioning.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

10/7-10/10/3

UCP of central California: jazz & pop festival

Tulare County Library: used book sale

Madera courthouse: fundraiser Madera county's homeless pets

10/14-10/17/03

Annual Springville Apple Run: pre-registration

Miramonte Elementary School: pancake breakfast

United way of Fresno County: aircraft pull

10/21-10/24/03

German-Russian food: Fresno October fest

Fresno County Library: Harry potter party

Agri Center in Tulare: harvest party- safe Halloween alternative

10/28-10/31/03

Pioneer Village: Halloween night event
Woodward park: 6th annual Shinzen cultural fair
Dinuba senior citizens: holiday craft show & sale

11/4-11/7/03

Kearney Park: renaissance festival
Tower Theatre: international festival of night
Visalia Comedy Club: O'Brien and Valdez

11/11-11/14/03

Cab School Theatre Fresno State: "two rooms" experimental theatre company
Roosevelt High wrestling & girls basketball: evening of dinner and music
Fresno High gym: alumni game: Fresno city council vs. Warrior alumni

11/18-11/21/03

San Joaquin High School: 26th annual auction
Central California Children's Choir: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
Us marines: United States Marine Corps birthday ball

11/25-11/28/03

Santa's Village Shaver Lake
American Lung Association: celebrity waiter's luncheon
League of Mexican American Women: Fashion Show

12/2-12/5/03

Mt. Whitney High choir: Annual Christmas show
Elmer wood elementary: "The Emperor's New Clothes"
Valley Oak SPCA Animal Shelter: "Cookies and carol's for the critters"

12/9-12/12/03

Benefit for the Valley Soccer Foundation: Christmas Extravaganza
Saint Mary's Church: Holiday Craft Sale
Fresno Ballet: Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker

12/16-12/19/03

First Congregational Church: Holiday Season Bach Boy Choir/Xmas concert
Kings Art Center: Christmas Home Tour
Sanger Branch Library: Jolly Tradesmen w/caroling and tea/season music

FOURTH QUARTER 2003 PSA

:30 Fresno PD gun #1
:30 Fresno PD gun #2
:30 Fresno PD gun #3
:30 Fresno PD gun #4
:30 Tree Fresno: breeze
:30 Children's TV Report

:30 Red Cross
:30 Chaffee Zoo/elephants
:30 Chaffee Zoo/kangaroo
:30 Red Cross
:30 Make a Wish
:20 Make a Wish
:30 CASA Volunteers
:30 Met Museum: Becoming a Nation
:30 Xmas at Kearney Mansion
:30 Nutcracker Ballet
:30 Toys for Tots Marathon
:30 World Children's Day: Ronald McDonald House
:15 Toys for Tots Volunteers
:15 Top Ten Professional Women
:15 United Way/Aircraft Pulls
:20 Hispanic Heritage Month: George Lopez
:15 Hispanic Heritage Month: Morales
:30 Civil War Revisited
:30 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society/Corn Field Maze