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*QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND  
NEEDS AND RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS*

*SECOND QUARTER  
APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2021*

*KPRC 2*

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**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST  
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**KPRC 2 News Today at 4:30AM, Monday through Friday, 4:30AM - 7:00AM**

Owen Conflenti, Lisa Hernandez, Britta Merwin, Anavid Reyes  
This program covers the latest overnight news, weather and traffic.

**KPRC 2 News Midday, Monday through Friday, 11:00AM - 12:00PM**

Andy Cerota, Lisa Hernandez, Britta Merwin, Justin Stapleton  
This hour-long program covers the latest news, weather, and family oriented community events.

**KPRC 2 News 12:00PM, Monday through Friday, 12:00PM – 12:30PM**

Andy Cerota, Christine Noel, Justin Stapleton  
This program covers the latest news and weather.

**KPRC 2 News 4PM, Monday through Friday, 4:00PM - 5:00PM**

Keith Garvin, Christine Noel, Frank Billingsley  
This program covers the latest news, weather and health reports.

**KPRC 2 News 5PM, Monday through Friday, 5:00PM – 5:30**

Kris Gutierrez, Lauren Freeman, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy  
This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

**KPRC 2 News 6PM, Monday through Friday, 6:00PM – 6:30PM**

Kris Gutierrez, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy  
This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

**KPRC 2 News 10PM, Monday through Friday, 10:00PM – 10:30PM**

Kris Gutierrez, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy  
This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

**KPRC 2 News Today, Saturday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 9:00AM – 10:00AM**

Sofia Ojeda, Jacob Rascon, Khambrel Marshall  
This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

**KPRC 2 News 6PM, Saturday, 6:00PM – 6:30PM and 10:00PM – 10:30PM**

Syan Rhodes, Jonathan Martinez, Justin Stapleton, Ari Alexander  
This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

**KPRC 2 News Today, Sunday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 8:00AM – 9:00AM**

Sofia Ojeda, Jacob Rascon, Khambrel Marshall  
This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

KPRC 2 News at 5PM, Sunday, 5:00PM – 5:30PM and 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Syan Rhodes, Jonathan Martinez, Justin Stapleton, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

- **Public Service Announcements and Campaigns**

*Public Service Announcements (PSA's) generally vary in length from ten seconds to thirty seconds each and, unless otherwise indicated, appear throughout KPRC2's broadcast schedule including primetime.*

In the second quarter, the station produced and broadcasted PSAs promoting Alcohol Awareness Month, World Autism Awareness, Earth Day: Restore our Earth, Summer Blood Drive and Pride Month.

### **Alcohol Awareness Month**

April

Education/ Health/ Family

Alcohol Awareness Month is a public health program organized by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) as a way of decreasing stigma and increasing understanding of the causes and treatment of the nation's #1 public health problem: alcoholism. Visit the NIAAA site for information on alcohol's effects on your health, facts and statistics on alcohol consumption, and resources to get help.

### **World Autism Awareness Day**

April 2

Education/ Health/ Family

KPRC 2 is honoring World Autism Month in April. Special coverage kicks off on World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, across KPRC 2 newscasts and Click2houston.com. The aim is to bring awareness and provide resources to families living with autism while advocating for kindness and acceptance.

### **Earth Day: Restore our Earth**

April 22

Environment/ Culture/ Community

Earth Day puts a spotlight on the planet's health, and often makes us think about what we can do to help out. Whether it's planting a tree, joining a cleanup effort or donating to a worthy cause, there are so many ways to lend a hand.

### **KPRC 2 Summer Blood Drive**

June 10 - 14

Community/ Family/ Education/ Health

KPRC 2's Summer Blood Drive is back! Join us June 10-14 to donate blood with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. There's a critical need for blood donations in our community and your donation could help save three lives! To schedule your appointment to donate blood, go to

<http://www.giveblood.org/kprc/>. Thank you for helping us save lives!

## **Pride Month**

June 1 – 30

Culture/ Environment

Pride Month is typically celebrated in June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Riots that took place at a gay bar in New York, starting off as a protest. Members of the LGBTQ community fought back against restrictions from employment discrimination to serving LGBTQ customers at retail stores, which launched a resistance that turned into celebration later on.

- **Locally Produced Programs**

### **Sports Sunday, 10:30pm – 11:00pm**

Community/ Culture

Randy McIlvoy, Ari Alexander, Vanessa Richardson

This program covers the latest in sports news.

### **Houston Life, Monday - Friday, 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

Community/ Culture/ Environment/ Health

Derrick Shore, Courtney Zavala

An hour-long lifestyle show that will showcase what makes America's fourth largest city a great place to live, work and play.

### **Houston Newsmakers, Sunday, 10:30am – 11:00am**

Politics/ City/ Health/ Education/ Minorities

Khambrel Marshall interviews guests about trending topics in Houston.

### **KPRC 2 Special: Something Good, Saturday, 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

Community/ City

News can be serious, and times can be tough, but that's when people band together and uplift in ways never thought possible. Come see that part of the story in, 'Something Good.' As we navigate these tricky times it can be easy to lose sight of the goodness in people, but it's there. 'Something Good' is a show to highlight those moments. The ones that make you smile, feel good and applaud humanity.

### **KPRC 2 Salutes May Heroes**

Community/ City

KPRC 2 kicks off its celebration of May Heroes with an afternoon of live broadcasts from the Texas Medical Center this Thursday, May 6, beginning at 11 a.m. with KPRC 2 News Midday. All shows will feature HITCH, the station's new mobile stage unit.

Nurses Week, Hospital Week, Teacher Appreciation Week and Military Appreciation Month all occur in the month of May, so KPRC 2 is honoring these heroes all month long. Future May Heroes live broadcasts will include honoring Houston-area educators on Thursday, May 13, and military heroes on Thursday, May 20, with all locations to be announced.

As part of its ongoing "Voices of Houston" initiative, KPRC 2 will kick off our May Heroes series by featuring notable members of the medical community during its Midday & Noon newscasts. Anchors

Andy Cerota and Lisa Hernandez, along with Haley Hernandez, Houston's only Health Reporter, will be live from the heart of the Texas Medical Center, the world's largest medical complex.

**KPRC 2 Special: A Celebration of Reading: A Vision of Literacy for All/ Saturday, May 8, 7:00pm – 8:00pm**

Education/ Youth/ Family

KPRC 2 proudly partnered with the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation for a second year to bring viewers "A Celebration of Reading: A Vision of Literacy For All." This year's event was hosted by KPRC 2 anchor Dominique Sachse and featured multiple renowned authors, including:

George W. Bush - The 43rd President released his most recent book "Out of Many One" which features stories and paintings he's done of immigrants.

Elin Hilderbrand - Known as the queen of beach reads, Hilderbrand's newest book "Golden Girl" is set to be released in June.

Mark Sullivan - The best-selling author spoke about his new book just released on May 4 called "The Last Green Valley".

Peter Baker & Susan Glasser - The husband and wife authors worked directly with former Secretary of State James Baker for a compelling biography titled "The Man Who Ran Washington: The Life and Times of James A. Baker III".

Matthew McConaughey - The renowned actor, college professor, and philanthropist is now a best-selling author. He sat down with Dominique to talk about his book "Greenlights."

**KPRC 2 Special: Hurricane and Flood Survival Guide, Wednesday, June 2, 7:00pm – 7:30pm**

Education/ Safety/ Environment

KPRC 2's severe weather team helps get you ready for whatever Mother Nature brings our way in the future with our Hurricane and Flood Survival Guide 2021.

**KPRC 2 Special: Power Struggle - The Texas Energy Crisis, Wednesday, June 2, 7:30pm – 8:00pm**

City/ Government/ Consumer

KPRC 2's Investigative Reporters take a look at the Texas energy crisis.

**KPRC 2 Commemorates Juneteenth Live from Emancipation Park**

Culture/ Minorities/ Environment

KPRC 2 continues its celebration of Juneteenth 2021 with a day of live broadcasts from Emancipation Park, in the heart of Houston's historic Third Ward, on Thursday, June 17th, beginning at 6AM with KPRC 2 News Today. All remotes will feature the station's new HITCH mobile stage unit. The June 17th broadcasts are part of KPRC 2's observance of June 19, 1865, now known as "Juneteenth," the date when Texas slaves were notified of their freedom, two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

- **KPRC 2 gave significant coverage to the following community issues and concerns during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021:**

### **Black Restaurant Week**

Culture/ Minorities/ City/ Consumer

Air Dates: April 6

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm

Black Restaurant Week is in full swing and you might notice something new this year. The culinary experience highlights about 100 black-owned businesses from across Houston, Galveston and Beaumont. But this year organizers expanded the event to include even more businesses.

### **ERCOT Outages Report**

Consumer/ Health/ Safety/ City

Air Dates: April 6, 7

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am / KPRC 2 News 4pm

ERCOT, the agency responsible for managing the flow of electricity in Texas is out with a new preliminary report focused on the massive grid failures back in February. Millions of people were left in the dark and the state health department says at least 125 people died as a result. ERCOT notes these outages didn't all happen at once, but rather plants were going down and coming back up over the course of five days. As we've reported, ERCOT was less than 5 minutes from a statewide grid failure. What this report does not do is spell out which specific plants went because of weather and which went down for other reasons. Lawmakers are still pushing for a lot of answers as they work on reshaping ERCOT and the public utility commission which oversees ERCOT.

### **STAAR Test Issues**

Education/ Youth/ Family

Air Dates: April 6, 7

Total Coverage: 12 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm

Thousands of students across Texas are running into technical issues during online STAAR testing. Dozens of school districts have reported issues with the online testing platform. We reached out to districts across our region to find out how they are being affected. locally, districts like Alief, La Porte, Magnolia, Van Vleck and Needville ISD's have postponed or cancelled testing for the day. We're posting all the responses on [click2houston.com](http://click2houston.com) The Texas Education Agency says it will be switching testing vendors next year and Texas should expect better than what they experienced today.

### **Pandemic Education Impact**

Community/ Youth/ Education

Air Dates: April 7, 16

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm

The coronavirus pandemic has had a major impact on students across the country. Now school districts across greater Houston area are laying out their plans to help students get back on track.

KPRC 2's Re'chelle Turner is live at Parker Elementary in Galveston with a closer look at what's being done to assist students who have struggled to keep up.

### **Derek Chauvin Trial Verdict**

Legal/ Culture/ City/ Government/ Crime

Air Dates: April 7, 8

Total Coverage: 3 hours

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

Ahead of a verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial, KPRC's Brandon Walker and Kris Gutierrez traveled to Minneapolis to cover the deliberations and the verdict as it was read. They reported live for several hours on the day of the verdict, and covered reaction to the guilty verdicts in Minneapolis. Here in Houston, KPRC reporters were poised to get community reaction in Third Ward, the Floyd family home and other key areas of the community.

### **Chipotle Helps Workers Earn Degrees**

Education/ Consumer

Air Dates: April 8

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4pm

This Mexican grill offers burritos, taco bowls, quesadillas and now degrees! Chipotle is offering employees the chance to pursue debt free degrees with zero cost. This includes agriculture, culinary arts and hospitality after 120 days of employment. Workers can choose from a number of accredited, non-profit universities, one being Paul Quinn College in Texas. The program is in partnership with Guild Education.

### **HISD 2021 – 2022 Calendar Approved**

Education/ Youth/ Family

Air Dates: April 8, 9

Total Coverage: 10 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News4 12pm

Houston ISD's Board of Trustees has approved a new academic calendar for the district next year. The new calendar adds 15 additional school days to the calendar to help shore the learning gap created by the pandemic. The calendar would consist of a one-week Thanksgiving break, two-week winter break and a one-week spring break. The school district would also have a fall holiday on September 16 and spring holiday on April 15th.

### **HPD Excessive Force Lawsuit**

Legal/ City/ Crime/ Government

Air Dates: April 12, 26

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm

A man who accuses Houston police of using excessive force during this 2019 arrest, now filing a federal civil rights lawsuit against the city and several officers. We first showed you the video of the arrest in question, late last year. Former HPD Chief Art Acevedo is also named in the suit, we have reached out to him but have not heard back.

## **Deputy Involved Shooting**

Crime/ Legal/ City/ Health

Air Dates: April 14, 15, 20, 21

Total Coverage: 14 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12p/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm

Just one day after a man was shot and killed by a Harris County Sheriff's Deputy, his family is filing a wrongful death lawsuit. Marcelo Garcia, a man who family members tell us struggled with mental health issues was shot twice along Sunflower Prairie Court in northeast Harris County. Investigators say Garcia was armed with a knife and refused to put it down when deputies approached him. His family speaking right now about the lawsuit and Garcia's last moments. They say he was \*not\* armed at the time. You can watch this press conference right now on our website click [2houston.com](http://2houston.com).

## **Migrant Center Shut Down**

Immigration/ Culture/ Minorities

Air Dates: April 17, 18

Total Coverage: 10 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am

An emergency "in-take site" for migrant girls in north Houston is now cleared out. The 450 girls housed there crossed into the U.S. alone and have been at the emergency intake center since April 1st. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says 130 of the girls have been reunited with their sponsors. The others are being transferred to other state licensed centers where beds have become available. The facility the girls just left was being run by the National Association of Christian Churches. The pastor Jose Ortega told us the girls were upset about the move.

## **Climate Change Houston**

Environment/ Education/ City

Air Dates: April 18, 19, 21, 22

Total Coverage: 12 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm

Today, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner spoke about the urgency for climate action, during an Earth Day celebration at Discovery Green. Tomorrow, Mayor Turner will be among city leaders nationwide, releasing videos talking about just what's at stake, when it comes to the planet, and climate change.

## **Record Border Crossings**

Immigration/ Legal/ Family/ Safety

Air Dates: April 21, 22

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 New 11am / KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

As new records were set for the number of undocumented immigrants coming across the southern border, KPRC's Robert Arnold returned to the Valley, twice in April to document the influx and efforts by Border Patrol to manage the growing crisis.

## **Missing Mom Erica Hernandez**

Crime/ Family/ Women/ Safety

Air Dates: April 22 - 29



Total Coverage: 45 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am

A mother of 3 disappeared in mid-April after visiting a friend's home late at night and still has not been seen since. KPRC 2 covered the initial search for Erica Hernandez and ongoing efforts by Texas Equusearch on land and water to locate her in what they call a suspicious missing person's case.

### **Heavy Rains Hit Southeast Texas**

Environment/ Safety/ City

Air Dates: April 28, 29, 30

Total Coverage: 50 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

Heavy rain, topping 10 inches piled up across portions of Ft. Bend, Brazoria, Waller and Montgomery Counties on April 28, 29 and 30 leaving some people stranded in their homes, roads cut off and some rivers out of their banks. KPRC reporters tracked the storms in our streaming vehicles, while also covering high water rescues and flooded homes. The weather team continually updated viewers and users on all platforms during the threat.

### **Cow on the Freeway**

Environment/ Safety

Air Dates: April 28, 29

Total Coverage: 10 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm

This is definitely not what you want to see during your morning commute, a cow was spotted walking along the beltway. In the video, you can see drivers trying to do what they can to keep the cow from getting on the road. Officers arrived and were able to get the cow off the highway and into a trailer. The big question where did this cow come from?

### **Turner Police Reform**

Crime/ City/ Safety/ Government

Air Dates: April 29, 30

Total Coverage: 44 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Chief Troy Finner outline major changes to policies and procedures in the first steps to reforming the Houston Police Department. This comes as the Texas senate also takes a step toward reform, voting to ban police choke holds. Senate Bill 69 - prohibits officers from applying pressure to a suspect's neck, throat, or torso in such a way as to block breathing or blood flow except if it's necessary to protect officers or bystanders from death or serious injury. This bill now heads to the state house.

### **FBI Investigation Shooting Elbert**

Crime/ Family/ Safety/ Legal

Air Dates: May 4

Total Coverage: 7 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm

There are new developments in a botched FBI raid that happened back in 2018. A court has granted immunity, to an FBI agent who shot and killed a kidnapping victim who was bound and blindfolded, when he was shot and now that man's family is calling for justice. KPRC 2's Andy Cerota is live in our newsroom with a closer look at the family's legal battle.

### **City of Houston Kiosks**

City/ Environment

Air Dates: May 4, 5, 6

Total Coverage: 15 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

The Houston city council is expected to consider a proposal, to install dozens of digital kiosks across the city. A media company would sell advertising space on the monitors and pay the city a portion of the commission. Now some critics who oppose the plan are blasting the idea and saying they could create eyesores across the area.

### **Permitless Constitutional Carry**

Legal/ Government/ Politics/ Safety

Air Dates: May 5, 6, 7, 24, 25

Total Coverage: 20 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

Carrying a gun without a permit may soon be a reality for eligible Texans. The state senate passed house bill 1927 yesterday with a vote of 18 to 13. If passed, any Texan who can legally own a gun would be able to carry it without a permit. A committee must now approve the amended bill. Governor Abbott says he will sign it into law. Supporters say this law would allow good guys to be armed.

### **Tiger Ivy**

Environment/ Safety

Air Dates: May 10 - 17

Total Coverage: 1 hour

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 8am and 10am/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

New this morning, a startling scene for residents in a west Houston neighborhood, something they never expected to see! A tiger prowling around the front yard of a home! A neighbor, named Diane tells us families spotted the animal while they were out for evening walks. Police found India Saturday and yesterday he was moved to the Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch. It's an animal sanctuary in Murchison which is in north Texas, near Tyler. Leaders of the ranch say India will now learn how to behave like a tiger and not a house pet.

### **Church Pays Medical Debt**

Family

Air Dates: May 14

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm

Imagine having your medical debt wiped clean with no strings attached. Well, that's now become a reality for families in Fort Bend County. A church has stepped up to deliver what some might call a miracle for people who faced hardships during the pandemic. Our Brandon Walker is live in Sugar Land and just spoke with the pastor about the church's huge gift.

### **Severe Weather and Local Flooding**

Environment/ Safety

Air Dates: May 17, 18, 19, 23, 28

Total Coverage: 40 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 8am and 10am/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Long periods of heavy rain drenched the region in mid-May, extending into early June, causing localized flooding. Water made it into homes, flooded streets and strong winds caused damage to apartment buildings and some homes. KPRC 2 crews responded quickly to reports of flooding and structural damage, often first on the scene. Our meteorologists deployed our rain totals and bayou/stream alert system every day, to give viewers early warning of flooding conditions.

### **Houston Forensic Science Center**

Women/ Environment/ Culture/ Minorities

Air Dates: May 19, 20

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/KPRC 2 News 5pm

Four months after a blistering letter that detailed trouble within the Houston Forensic Science Center's crime scene investigation unit, there's a new leader for that department. Carina Haynes was just appointed the new director of the crime scene unit and she's the first African American and woman to hold the position. KPRC 2's Syan Rhodes spoke with Ms. Haynes about her new role and the challenges she expects to face.

### **HISD Superintendent Search**

City

Air Dates: May 19, 20, 21

Total Coverage: 30 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 12pm/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm

New developments in the search for a new superintendent for the largest school district in the state. HISD's board naming Millard House, II as the sole-finalist today. House currently serves as director of schools for the Clarksville Montgomery school district in Tennessee, a job he's held since 2017. HISD's board will officially vote on the position at its June meeting. Pending approval, after the expiration of the 21-day period, House will begin his role as superintendent next month.

### **Deputy Constable Child Sex Abuse**

Crime/ Safety/ Youth

Air Dates: May 20, 21, 22, 24

Total Coverage: 18 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am

Now to the latest on a disturbing story about a Harris County Precinct 1 Sergeant under investigation for child sex abuse. This morning, we are hearing from the precinct's constable after that sergeant took his own life. KPRC 2 Investigates learned Sergeant Robert Johnson was the subject of a criminal investigation that started Tuesday involving the sexual abuse of children. On Wednesday, after a routine traffic stop in north Liberty County, investigators say Johnson created a standoff, made phone calls confessing to the assault allegations, and implicated other adults in the sexual abuse, he then took his own life. We spoke to a woman who had been in a previous long-term relationship with Johnson. She says she is concerned about the children of other women Johnson had relationships with.

### **Israel Rally Hermann Park**

Culture/ Environment

Air Dates: May 22, 23

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

A rally in support of Israel took place today at Hermann Park. It comes after a demonstration yesterday in the Galleria area in support of Palestine. This rally was organized by the Israeli American Council of Houston. Some people were there holding signs that read "I stand with Israel." Demonstrators say they were there to protest the brutal attacks in the middle east.

### **George Floyd Anniversary**

Community/ Culture/ Education

Air Dates: May 23 - 26

Total Coverage: 23 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

On the anniversary of George Floyd's death, KPRC 2's Syan Rhodes traveled to Washington DC, as Floyd's family met with President Biden and VP Harris to discuss new legislation aimed at police reform. Syan reported from the White House grounds and had interviews with members of the Floyd family.

### **Precinct One Sexual Allegations Lawsuit**

Legal/ City/ Women/ Crime

Air Dates: May 23, 24, 25, 26

Total Coverage: 17 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Members of the Harris County Precinct One Constable's office are named in a lawsuit alleging sexual misconduct and retaliation. Deputies and members of that department say they were victims and a human trafficking advocate says she was fired after reporting it! KPRC 2 Investigator Mario Diaz is digging into the allegations.

### **Final Day of the Legislature**

Government/ Education/ Crime/ City

Air Dates: May 27

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm

As the 2021 legislative session ended, KPRC 2 reporters kept track of key legislation, what passed and what failed. Mario Diaz traveled to Austin to report on the final days and included updates on ERCOT reform, Bond Reform, permit-less carry laws and voting reform.

### **Methodist Hospital Vaccination Lawsuit**

Legal/ Health/ Education

Air Dates: May 28, 29

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am

117 employees of Houston Methodist are now suing the hospital network over the workplace requirement that everyone receive a COVID vaccine. Two months ago, Houston Methodist announced that its employees would be required to get the jab. They're not the only hospital to mandate the vaccine KPRC legal analyst Brian Wice has said employers can require you to be vaccinated. However, in the new lawsuit, the employees claim they're being used as human guinea pigs, as a condition for continued employment. Tonight, the hospital network's president, Doctor Marc Boom, says 99-percent of the employees have gotten the vaccine and says, in part, " it is unfortunate that the few remaining employees who refuse to get vaccinated and put our patients first, are responding in this way. It is legal for health care institutions to mandate vaccines, as we have done with the flu vaccine since 2009."

### **Missing Samuel Olson**

Crime/ Youth

Air Dates: May 29, 30, 31

Total Coverage: 16 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 6am and 8am

Toward the end of May, KPRC 2 began reporting on a suspicious missing person's case involving a 5 year old boy. On May 28, Samuel Olson was reported missing and by Memorial Day, the investigation pointed to foul play. Our investigative team joined the reporting efforts and eventually confirmed his death and charges against the girlfriend of Samuel's father.

### **ERCOT Capacity Warnings**

Consumer/ Safety

Air Dates: June 3, 4, 11

Total Coverage: 10 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm

For several days in early June, ERCOT warned about electric capacity shortages. The KPRC investigative team tracked usage and kept viewers informed as ERCOT urged conservation and lawmakers called for more reliability.

### **Stronger Houston – Mental Health**

Health/ Education/ City

Air Dates: June 4

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm

Mental Health Awareness month just wrapped up in May, but the conversation is still ongoing. Law enforcement officers are faced with many situations, in tonight's Stronger Houston report Cathy Hernandez takes a look at one local department that's paving the way for crisis intervention.

### **Debt Relief Program Black Farmers**

Minorities/ Education/ Family

Air Dates: June 10

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm

A new effort by the Biden administration aims to right what civil rights advocates say is a century of mistreatment of black farmers by the federal government. As part of the American rescue plan about 5-billion dollars will go to disadvantaged farmers of color providing debt relief, grants, training and education and other forms of assistance in acquiring land. In this Stronger Houston report KPRC 2's Syan Rhodes examines how this history of discrimination has affected black farmers in our area who now have, new hope for equality.

### **Border Crisis Update**

Immigration/ Family

Air Dates: June 11, 13

Total Coverage: 7 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Robert Arnold covered visits by the Vice President to El Paso and Former President Trump and Governor Abbott to the RGV. Robert continues to cover big developments along the border, updating statistics on apprehensions and efforts to stop the flow of migrants across the southern border

### **Olympic Trials**

Culture/ Environment

Air Dates: June 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26

Total Coverage: 1 hour

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 11am/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 6pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

KPRC's Keith Garvin and Christine Noel traveled to cover the gymnastics and swimming Olympic trials – reporting on the ups and downs of Houston athletes, including the struggles of Simone Manuel, who failed to qualify for key events and impressive performances by Houston's Simone Biles.

### **AC Part Shortage**

Consumer/ Safety

Air Dates: June 15

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 5pm

As the heat ramps up, a shortage in parts is impacting the a-c repair industry.

Due to the pandemic and the fallout from the historic winter storm, manufacturers aren't keeping a healthy supply chain.

### **Freedmen's Town Heritage District**

Culture/ Environment/ Education

Air Dates: June 15, 16, 17

Total Coverage: 16 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 5pm

A vote is set for tomorrow to make Houston's oldest black neighborhood a heritage district.

Freedmen's Town just north of Montrose and west of downtown was settled by freed slaves in the late 1860's. The new ordinance helps keep historic homes in the area from being destroyed or replaced with new properties. The mayor's Houston Freeman's Town Conservancy tells us if passed their next step is to get the area marked as a world heritage site which would bring funding ensuring the community is restored and maintained.

### **HPD Chief Finner Homicide Rates**

City/ Crime/ Safety

Air Dates: June 17, 18, 23, 24, 27

Total Coverage: 12 minutes

Newscasts: KPRC 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC 2 News 4pm/ KPRC 2 News 5pm/ KPRC 2 News 10pm/ KPRC 2 News Sunday 10am

KPRC reporters continue to press for answers and solutions to our city's surge in crime, with a 40% increase in homicides – Mario Diaz took a deeper dive into clearance rates for homicides and the Chief of Police's strategy for reducing violent crime in the city.