

**KFSN-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT**  
**FIRST QUARTER 2002**

From January 1, through and including March 31, 2002, 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 First 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. CHILDREN FIRST
2. VOTE 2002
3. HEALTH ISSUES
4. EDUCATION
5. CRIME
6. EMPLOYMENT
7. CONSUMER WATCH
8. PARENTING
9. MISCELLANEOUS

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, 11:30AM-12 noon, 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, 11:30AM – 12:00 noon, 30 min., Local/Public Affairs

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

## **CHILDREN FIRST**

*Children First* is in its fifth year of production. This yearlong 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 and/or network 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 of Central California partner to air these Children's First PSAs and Vignettes in rotation:

#### **PARTNERS/SCARE TACTICS: LENGTH :30 SEC.**

This PSA tells viewers how they can help to keep kids off drugs. Whether you are a good storyteller or just a good listener, giving your time helps to keep kids off drugs.

#### **PARTNERS/I CAN HELP: LENGTH :30 SEC.**

Keeping kids busy or giving them something to do, helps to keep kids off drugs. Whether you cook, paint, dance, or draw, your time helps to keep kids off drugs.

#### **PARTNERS/STAY IN SCHOOL: LENGTH :30 SEC.**

There are many reasons to stay in school and get an education. Give yourself a chance and stay in school.

#### **FCOE/ EDUCATION PASSPORT: LENGTH :30 SEC.**

Fresno County Office of Education, in partnership with 14 local cultural centers, invites viewers to begin a journey of learning through the Passport to Knowledge program. Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> graders can pick up a passport and travel with a paid adult or parent to any of the 14 organizations. After seven stops, children can receive a certificate of completion.

#### **FCOE/MISSION: LENGTH :30 SEC.**

Fresno County Office of Education's mission states that nothing is more important than our children. They provide the tools a child needs to learn and teachers from whom children can learn.

FCOE/GIFT TO GIVE: LENGTH :30 SEC.

Pete Mehas, Director of FCOE, tells us that the young people of the Valley have made a difference since the 9-11 attacks for the victims of families and in our schools and community.

VCH/IMAGE :30 SEC.

Innovations of modern medicine have been a tradition of caring for kids at Children's Hospital of Central California. The healing and practice of helping children is at the heart of what they do. Children's Hospital of Central California has the largest pediatric facility in the country, protecting children's future with a commitment of caring.

VCH/IMAGE :30 SEC.

Helicopter "Air George" is a state-of-the-art helicopter that brings Children's Hospital of Central California closer to kids across the Valley and beyond -- combining the future of medicine and the commitment of care that comes from the heart.

VCH/COLD AND FLU :30 SEC.

Thousands of children in the Valley become infected with a respiratory illness called RSV. It can infect infants and children under two years of age and can lead to death. Following a few simple tips can keep your baby safe.

## VOTE 2002

KFSN-TV produced and broadcast four local political forums for viewers of the Central Valley region of California and also carried the gubernatorial candidates debate.

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FORUM, 1/25/02, :30 MIN., 7:00- 7:30PM, LOCAL.

Candidates: Gary Condit and Ralph White

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FORUM, 1/26/02, :30 MIN., 7:00- 7:30PM, LOCAL

Candidates: Park Yonker and Bill Conrad

### 21<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FORUM, 3/1/02, :30 MIN., 7:00- 7:30PM, LOCAL

Candidates: Jim Patterson, Devin Nunes and Mike Briggs

### 29<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY FORUM, 3/2/02, :30 MIN., 7:00-7:30PM, LOCAL

Candidates: Steve Samuelian and Larry Willey

### GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES DEBATE, 2/13/02, 12:36-1:36AM, SYNDICATED

Candidates: Former L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, businessman Bill Simon and California Secretary of State Bill Jones.

### ACTION NEWS SPECIAL 2002 VOTE., 3/5/02, 10PM 1 HR. LOCAL

One-hour special program which provided viewers the latest returns of the gubernatorial primary and California general election, with special emphasis on Central California political races.

### ACTION NEWS AT 11PM, 3/5/02, 35 MIN., LOCAL

Action News at 11PM newscast devoted its broadcast to Election Coverage.

### NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/07/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

The first woman ever elected California Secretary of State is making another bid for the office. March Fong Eu took time to talk with voters tonight at the Peking restaurant in northeast Fresno. She served as California's secretary of state from 1975 to 1994. If elected again, she says some of her goals will be to eliminate punch card voting and develop a secure way to vote on-line.

### NEWSCAST: 6PM. 1/14/02, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

Safer roads and traffic relief are what some county leaders say you will get if you vote yes on Proposition 42. Proposition 42 requires the gasoline sales tax, a tax we already pay, to be used entirely for highway and public transportation improvements. Right now, that tax is allocated to different state projects. Mayor Alan Autry and county

transportation leaders say voting yes on 42 will benefit all of us right here in the Central Valley, as well as the entire state.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/16/02, LENGTH :31 SEC., LOCAL

A new poll shows Governor Gray Davis and potential Republican rival Richard Riordan locked in a virtual tie in a hypothetical match-up. The survey, by the Public Policy Institute of California, has Riordan leading Davis 41 percent to 37 percent. The survey also shows Riordan with a firm statewide lead over his opponents for the Republican nomination except here in the Central Valley, where Fresno native Bill Jones is ahead. Republicans will decide in the March 5<sup>th</sup> primary whom they want to put up against Governor Davis.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/22/02, LENGTH: 29 SEC., LOCAL

The campaign season got off to a civilized start tonight, as the Republicans running for governor went face to face in debate. The leading GOP contenders are Secretary of State Bill Jones, millionaire businessman Bill Simon, and former L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/26/02, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

Republican candidate Bill Jones came to Fresno, saying he is the best man for governor. Jones lashed out at both Dick Riordan, his Republican challenger in the March primary, and at Governor Gray Davis. Jones said both men are part of the same cozy club that accepts money from energy companies, including Enron.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/26/02, LENGTH 1:40 MIN., LOCAL

If you have ever imagined what it would be like to spend a million dollars a week, watch TV. Richard Riordan, one of the Republican candidates for governor is spending a million a week on TV ads. Governor Gray Davis, who faces no primary challenge, is spending a million and a half to head off Riordan, even before he is declared the challenger.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/28/02, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

One Republican candidate for Governor said he is making water a big priority. Bill Simon made a campaign stop in Fresno to talk to local growers about how he would stem a potential water crisis. Simon wants to build off stream storage facilities to trap water. He wants to raise the height of Shasta dam and the Friant dam and create new reservoirs, including one at Millerton Lake. Simon says California must act now in case we see another drought like the one a decade ago.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/31/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

The race for governor is on the air. You have probably seen the back and forth attack ads from former L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan and Governor Gray Davis. The other Republicans running for governor say the fight has just begun. Millionaire businessman Bill Simon launched his TV ads featuring former New York mayor, Rudy Giuliani. The ads appear to be working. Polls show Simon pushing ahead of Secretary of State and Fresno native Bill Jones.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/28/02, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

ABC-30 will have another in our series of candidates' forums. GOP candidates Devin Nunes, Jim Patterson and Mike Briggs, all running for the 21st District seat, will answer questions on Valley issues and concerns.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 2/4/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

If you want to vote in the March election and you are not registered, time is running out. Fresno County is having a midnight madness voter registration drive. It will be from six until midnight in front of the election office on Kern Street, in downtown Fresno. You can drive through, so you don't even have to get out of your car -- just pull up, park, and fill out the form. Anyone who has moved, changed names, or wants to change their political party affiliation needs to register. The deadline is February 19th.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/10/02, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

Republican delegates to the state convention named an underdog as their choice for governor. Bill Simon won a straw poll at the state convention. Bill Jones of Fresno came in second, and the apparent front-runner, Richard Riordan, finished third. The three will face off in the March 5th primary, where the voters will decide who will face Democrat Gray Davis in the November election.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/11/02, LENGTH 2:43 MIN., LOCAL

Two candidates for governor are "battling it out" in political ads and Valley voters are noticing the negativity. The March primary is three weeks away and candidates for governor are at war on the airwaves. Riordan and the other Republican candidates have been blasting Davis for months, from the energy crisis to taxes. The Republicans running for governor will face off in the final debate of the primaries on Wednesday, which will be aired on tape delay on ABC-30.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 2/13/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

The three men fighting it out for the Republican nomination for governor will get one last chance to talk about the issues. The third and final GOP debate will be held tonight in Long Beach. Former Los Angeles Mayor and GOP frontrunner Richard Riordan has challenged his opponents to embrace a more moderate stance on such issues as abortion. Secretary of State and Fresno native Bill Jones, along with businessman Bill Simon, believe they can win without compromising their core principals.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 2/15/02, LENGTH 2:36 MIN., LOCAL

The candidates for Fresno County District Attorney took part in a forum, and all agree on one thing: it's time for change. After 20 years, District Attorney Ed Hunt is stepping down. His drunk driving conviction and scandals involving workers in his office have candidates for his seat pledging to return teamwork and integrity to the office. There are five candidates. Dennis Cooper has been a prosecutor for over 21 years. He says he is the most experienced death penalty prosecutor in Fresno County history, with over 100 murder convictions.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 2/19/02, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

If you want to vote in the March primary election, today is your last chance to register, and people across the Valley are making sure their vote counts. If you still need to register, you can do so at any business that displays the "Vote America" poster, or you can get the form online at our website at ABC30.com. Just drop off the voter registration card at the elections office in downtown Fresno by midnight tonight.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/19/02, LENGTH :29 SEC. , LOCAL

A new poll shows a "slight tightening" in the race for governor of California. The poll, by Survey USA, still has former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan leading with 44 percent, but millionaire businessman Bill Simon has closed the gap by five points since last week. Secretary of State and Fresno native Bill Jones has 16 percent. Six percent are still undecided. Jones is the only Republican to hold statewide office, but he hasn't been able to raise the money needed to battle his wealthy competitors.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 2/18/02, LENGTH 2:49 MIN., LOCAL

Some California voters will be using a new high-tech gadget to cast their votes in next month's primary. It's the beginning of the end of the old paper- punch card ballots that caused so much controversy in the last presidential election. A hearing next week before California Secretary of State Bill Jones will determine whether this device can be used in California. Jones, whose office oversees the state's elections, has ordered counties to get rid of paper punch ballots. Fresno County purchased its system in 1999. It doesn't eliminate all problems. For example, if a voter fills in circles for more than one candidate in the same race, the vote will not be counted. However, it's a big improvement over the punch card system. The new technology isn't cheap and nine California counties, with 8.5 million voters, will still be using punch card voting systems for the March 5th election. One measure we will all be voting on is Proposition 41, which would authorize the state to spend 300 million dollars to help all counties upgrade their systems.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/20/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

The question of whether or not California's legal smoking age should be raised from 18 to 21 will be brought before lawmakers. Members of the California Medical Association will vote whether to urge state lawmakers to consider raising the legal age. Top doctors say it would discourage young people from smoking or at the least make it more difficult to purchase tobacco products. The AMA resolution would only be a recommendation to lawmakers. There are currently no bills in the legislature to raise the legal smoking age.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/23/02, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

The clock is ticking for Larry Willey and Steve Samuelian. Both candidates plan to campaign aggressively until Election Day. Both are vying for a seat in the 29th District State Assembly, since Mike Briggs is stepping down to run for Congress. Both are talking about the issues, but earlier this month Samuelian supporters were accusing Willey of running a negative campaign, after Willey supporters sent out mailers mentioning Samuelian's 1998 citation for loitering for the purpose of soliciting a prostitute. Despite the attack on his character, Samuelian and wife want to prove he can do the job. Both candidates will be pushing for votes now through the March 5th primary.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 2/26/02, LENGTH :20 SEC. LOCAL

The race for the Republican nomination for governor just keeps getting closer. According to a Los Angeles Times poll released, Candidates Bill Simon and Richard Riordan appear to be running neck-and-neck. He and Bill Simon will both be making Valley visits today. We will have complete coverage of their campaign stops on Action News at Six.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 2/27/02, LENGTH :17 SEC., LOCAL

You may have noticed a big horse in Clovis. The 12-foot-high Trojan horse was put up by those who want you to vote no on Proposition 45. Proposition 45 would do away with term limits. Opponents say the Trojan horse exposes Proposition 45 as a sneaky scheme by career politicians to destroy term limits.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/28/02, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

ABC 30 will have another in our series of candidates' forums. GOP candidates Devin Nunes, Jim Patterson and Mike Briggs, all running for the 21st District Seat, will answer questions on Valley issues and concerns. Action news anchor Nancy Osborne hosts the event airing tomorrow night at 7:00 on ABC-30.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/03/02, LENGTH :15 SEC. LOCAL

The long days of campaigning for the primary are coming to a close. Candidates vying for a position have less than 48 hours before the election and most aren't holding back; they are out spreading their message.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 3/04/02, LENGTH :20 SEC. LOCAL

Tomorrow night, we will have late-breaking election results right here on ABC-30. We will have special live updates beginning at eight o'clock and then at ten, we'll have a special hour-long edition of the 2002 vote, which will continue with Action News Live at Eleven.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 3/04/02, LENGTH :15 SEC. , LOCAL

With the primary election just a day away, the White House is watching the race for California's governor. Last year, President Bush's advisers recruited Richard Riordan into the race because of his liberal stance. But he appears to be losing the conservative vote, with Bill Simon now leading in the polls.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/04/02, LENGTH 2:14 SEC., LOCAL

The eyes of the world are watching this Congressional District race. Who will emerge as the winner will soon be in the hands of the voters. The polls have Dennis Cardoza leading his former boss, incumbent Gary Condit. But Cardoza isn't leaving anything to chance. While the Cardoza camp rallied, Condit's campaign kept quiet about his activities today. The sixth term congressman has struggled to earn financial and political support during the last ten months since intern Chandra Levy vanished.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/04/02, LENGTH 2:13 MIN., LOCAL

The polls open at seven o'clock tomorrow morning, but when they do, Fresno County will be short on people to work at the precincts. Fresno County is asking for anyone who wants to work a polling station to come to the elections office in downtown Fresno tomorrow morning at six. They'll train you and get you to a precinct. The only requirements are: You must be at least 18 years old, have your own transportation, be available from 6:00 AM to about 9:00 PM, and be willing to be placed anywhere in the county. The elections office is located in downtown Fresno at 2221 Kern Street. They're going to need all the help they can get. The job pays \$85 to \$110.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/04/02, LENGTH :45 SEC., LOCAL

Today's election is expected to have one of the lowest voter turnouts in state history. The Secretary of State estimates only about 35 percent of registered voters will participate in the primary, and many Californians may still be undecided about how they're going to vote. Several non-partisan groups have websites intended to inform voters about the issues on the ballot.

NEWSCAST: NEWSBRIEF 10:30PM, 3/05/02, LENGTH 1:30 MIN., LOCAL

With polls across the state closed, candidates are anxiously awaiting results from this primary. None more so than Gary Condit. Deanna McQueen joined us live from Condit's home in Ceres.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 3/06/02, LENGTH :33 SEC., LOCAL

Two votes are all that separates one local candidate from claiming a seat on the Fresno City Council. The numbers show Mike Dages leading Silvia Salcido by more than 300 votes. That puts Dages within a tiny fraction of 50 percent of the vote. He needs 50 percent plus one to win the race outright. With thousands of absentee ballots still being counted at the county elections office, those numbers will be changing.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/06/02, LENGTH :17 SEC., LOCAL

There will be a run-off between two candidates for Fresno County District Attorney. The winner in November will be the first new DA in Fresno in 20 years. Elizabeth Egan topped the list of five candidates yesterday with 45 percent of the vote.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/06/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

One local contest from yesterday's primary is still way too close to call. Mike Dages leads Silvia Salcido by more than three hundred votes. That puts him within a tiny fraction of fifty percent of the vote. He needs fifty percent plus one to win the race outright. Right now, that means just two votes. With thousands of absentee ballots still being counted at the county elections office, those numbers will be changing.

VALLEY FOCUS, 2/17/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1 -- Merced Hispanics Network/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce- Merced County Campaign Fair. Representatives from the Merced County Hispanic Network and the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce talked about voting and what they

will offer Merced residents at their upcoming non-partisan Merced County Campaign Fair.

## HEALTH

### NEWSCAST: AM LIVE: 2/19/02, LENGTH 1:56 MIN., LOCAL

In the early 1900s, tuberculosis was as common as cancer is today. The use of antibiotics has brought the deadly disease under control. Now a multi-drug-resistant form of the disease is popping up and has doctors concerned. Following through with treatment could mean the difference between life and death. Standard TB requires six months of medication; drug-resistant TB, one and a half to two years. Doctor David Ashkin says that's the problem. Many people have trouble taking one drug once a day for short periods of time. At this TB hospital, nurses ensure patients take their drugs. A recent study shows their success.

### NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/4/02, LENGTH 2:01 MIN., LOCAL

Massages help people relax. Now it shows signs of having another benefit as a fertility treatment. It is estimated two million women in the US can't get pregnant because of blocked fallopian tubes. In this edition of Healthwatch, Action News anchor Joanne Feldman shows us how a simple massage technique may make a big difference for infertile women.

### NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/05/02, LENGTH 2:08 MIN., LOCAL

In a recent survey, 30 percent of those questioned said they were very happy, 60 percent said they were pretty happy, and only one percent said they were unhappy. In this edition of Healthwatch, Action News anchor Joanne Feldman explains why a positive attitude can go a long way when it comes to your health. Research shows no matter how happiness is achieved, it can improve physical health. A recent study shows a positive emotional state of mind may help fight Alzheimer's disease and prolong life.

### NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 1/08/02, LENGTH 2:10 MIN., LOCAL

Vitamin D affects more than just bones, a growing group of scientific studies suggest it has a powerful effect on our health. It may actually have a role in preventing diseases. What's more, Vitamin D is increasingly being connected to cancer. What no one knows for sure is whether taking much more Vitamin D will really prevent any of these diseases.

### NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 1/09/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

The Central Valley's air problems could cost us more than just our health. The price tag could be as much as 36-million dollars if local air quality officials put the Valley in a more severe category and that would mean we would move from the "severe no attainment" category to the "extreme no attainment" category.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 1/15/02, LENGTH :32 SEC., LOCAL

The move is on in our State Capitol to try to warn young athletes about the dangers of using performance enhancing herbal stimulants. Ephedrine-based products have been linked to a number of different ailments, including heart attacks and strokes. But makers of the ephedra products say they are perfectly safe when used properly. There is a Senate bill that would require warning labels on nutritional supplements and ban their sale to minors. That legislation failed to pass last year, but it is expected to come up for another committee vote later this month.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/11/02, LENGTH :45 SEC., LOCAL

Nearly sixteen million Americans have diabetes. Coping with the disease can often lead to depression. Now, a new study shows how important it is to turn that negative outlook around. A study of nearly fifty diabetics shows there is a direct connection between a positive attitude and better physical health. Those with a negative outlook had more disease complications.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/12/02, LENGTH 1:43 SEC. LOCAL

Fourteen-year-old Jemad Nichols died from meningococcal meningitis, a rare and contagious bacterial disease. The virus is spread through saliva and not by casual contact. Still, dozens of concerned students wanted to make sure they were safe. A steady flow of traffic came in and out of the nurse's office at Roosevelt High School. A team from the health department set up inside to address students and parents concerns about a rare bacterial disease known as meningococcal meningitis, the same virus that killed Jemad Nichols on Thursday. Symptoms of the bacteria include fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting and sleepiness. If a Roosevelt student experiences these, they should seek medical attention.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/15/02, LENGTH :35 SEC., LOCAL

When children adopted in the US grow up, they often search for their birth parents in order to learn more about their family health. However, the search can often lead to a dead end, so lawmakers here in California are considering a measure that would allow adult adoptees access to their birth certificates. Dozens of birth and adoptive parents gathered in Sacramento today in support of the measure. They say it is important to learn about possible genetic health concerns. Critics, on the other hand, argue the measure will violate privacy rights for birth parents. The measure may be on the November ballot.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/15/02, LENGTH 2:09 MIN., LOCAL

In the recent anthrax cases, those affected didn't know they had been exposed until they got sick. That's the way it is with most biological agents. The agent slowly attacks the body, causing changes internally that take a while to appear on the outside. In this segment of Healthwatch, Action News Anchor Joanne Feldman showed us why experts believe detecting infections almost immediately could stop a bio-terrorist attack in its tracks. Detecting biochemical agents isn't the only benefit. Experts hope biosignatures could also be used to diagnose other health problems, like heart disease and cancer.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 1/22/02, LENGTH :35 SEC., LOCAL

It just may be a step toward better hospital care. California is now the first state in the nation to set a patient-to-nurse ratio. Nurses from Kaiser Permanente in Fresno approved of the move. Governor Gray Davis says hospitals need a minimum number of nurses to manage effective patient care. Within a year, all areas of California hospitals will be required to maintain the new ratios. In some areas, like operating rooms, the ratio will be one nurse for every two patients. State health officials estimate hospitals will have to hire about 5,000 more nurses to meet the proposed ratios.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/24/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

Hundreds of local residents near a proposed sewer plant will once again have a chance to voice their opinion. Many people packed the Reagan Education Center in Clovis last night; some were turned away at the door. Clovis needs to build a new sewer plant, but they want to locate it in Fresno County. Folks there are worried about sinking property values and rising exposure to potential health problems.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/15/02, LENGTH :45 SEC. LOCAL

It's called Sam-e a dietary supplement used to treat everything from depression to arthritis. But can this naturally occurring compound also slow the effects of liver disease? Sam-e is both generated by, and essential to, the liver. So when the liver becomes diseased, Sam-e production declines, and a vicious cycle is started.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/27/02, LENGTH 1:23 MIN., LOCAL

An insurance program designed to help children in poor families has been expanded to help their parents. The Healthy Start Program is also moving beyond those in poverty, to help middle-income families as well. The Healthy Families Program was originally set up to help kids in low income families get insurance for just a few dollars a month. But the state and federal governments have just changed the program, to include parents, for from 10 to 20 dollars a month each and raised the income ceiling For more information on Healthy Families coverage, call 1-888-747-1222 Monday through Friday from 8 in the morning until 8 at night, or check their web site at [www.healthyfamilies.org](http://www.healthyfamilies.org).

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/15/02, LENGTH :45 SEC., LOCAL

In medical news, the disorder known as Bell's palsy affects about forty thousand Americans each year. It's a form of facial paralysis often treated with steroids and other medications. Now, there is an alternative to drugs and it gives these patients something to smile about. The exact cause of Bell's palsy is unknown. Candidates for the biofeedback method are patients who have an injured facial nerve. If the nerve is severed, this treatment will not work.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/16/02, LENGTH 1:20 MIN., LOCAL

Millions of Americans have damaging eye conditions that can result in blindness. While pills or drops are available, these come with their own share of complications. Action News Anchor Joanne Feldman reports on a tiny implant that may one day save the sight of millions. Doctors are taking a closer look at a new treatment, an implant called Envision TD. Doctors at 81 centers worldwide are studying the implant for uveitis, an

inflammation in the eye. Images taken throughout the treatment are sent here, where they're evaluated for changes. In the future, the treatment may be used for more than uveitis.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/04/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

Farm workers face a higher risk of cancer than the Hispanic population as a whole. A study by the United Farm Workers Union found farm workers have a 59 percent higher risk of leukemia, and a 69 percent higher risk of stomach cancer. Brain and skin cancer were also more prevalent. The study looked at 149,000 Hispanic farm workers over an 11-year period. Many farm workers blame their illnesses on exposure to pesticides. But critics say safety measures for farm workers in California are among the most stringent in the nation.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/06/02, LENGTH :33 SEC., LOCAL

The sound of the drill and the pain makes people dread the dentist. Now, with the help of new technology, patients will not have to worry about all that noise and discomfort. It's estimated that the health care cost of Alzheimer's disease in the United States is more than 150 billion dollars a year. Now a pioneering new study is underway to try to prevent or delay the onset of the deadly disease. Researchers at the University of Wisconsin Medical School are creating an Alzheimer's registry. Recent evidence shows Alzheimer's has a strong genetic component. That has scientists working to enroll children of Alzheimer patients in the registry. They're hoping the link could help them find a cure or a way to control the disease.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/16/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

A new discovery could lead to new ways to diagnose and treat breast cancer. Researchers in Portland found a protein in breast cancer that can indicate if the disease is likely to spread. In women with the protein, the cancer is three times more likely to spread, but researchers say the discovery means they can treat women with the protein more aggressively and, with more research, they believe they may be able to target breast cancer cells.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 2/07/02, LENGTH 1:56 MIN., LOCAL

Researchers from Wisconsin say there's a way to shorten labor, use less pain medication and have more spontaneous deliveries. The method has its share of believers and cynics. Different things work for different people and if anybody would suggest that it would be the answer for everybody, but there would be a group of people that it would be helpful for.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 2/25/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

A radical hysterectomy used to be the only solution for women with cervical cancer. The operation often saved their lives, but left them unable to have children. But a new cancer treatment promises to change that. Doctors say the ideal patient has early cervical cancer and is in her childbearing years. So far, 22 young women have undergone the procedure.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 2/26/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

A health plan created by Sunkist growers incorporated has left farm workers facing unpaid medical bills and a Fresno insurance company out of business. SGP Benefit Plan Incorporated filed for bankruptcy. The president of the now-defunct Glacier Insurance, which managed the plan, says high health care costs and declining enrollment were partially to blame. He adds no one was left uninsured, but a number of farm workers with claims not yet settled may be stuck until the mess is cleared up.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/02/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Kids usually kick and scream when you take them to the doctor. So today, the doctors and nurses came to them. Along with free t-shirts, hundreds of kids got a free health screening at Parlier High. Doctors and dentists looked them over carefully. The annual event is put on by Valley Children's Hospital, the school district and United Health Centers.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/03/02, LENGTH :25 SEC. LOCAL

People with bone cancer say the pain they feel is worse than any other they have ever experienced. When these patients simply move a body part, they are hit with a piercing pain. Now, a new drug may mean the difference between spending the rest of their lives on heavy pain medication or spending the time awake and alert with loved ones. OPG is still in clinical studies and not yet available to the general public.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 3/04/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Predicting a stroke is nearly impossible for doctors. But what if doctors could look in your eyes and tell you with near certainty that one day you might have a stroke? The computer program that measures the vessels is available only at the University of Wisconsin, and the retinal camera is available in most eye clinics. The study itself is taking place around the US, but all of the images are sent to Doctor Wong's lab for review.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/06/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

According to a recent survey, more than thirty percent of Latinos living in Fresno County have a serious mental disorder. The most common mental disorder in the Latino population is major depression in women and alcohol abuse dependence in men. A one million dollar project is taking place at Fresno State with the help of the California endowment. The project is aimed at increasing access to mental health services for Fresno County's rapidly growing 43 percent Latino population. The project will include future community forums.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/07/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Most Americans depend on their employers for health insurance. But some small businesses cannot afford traditional insurance, so they go with special insurers. But that comes with risks. In the 1990's, they failed to pay medical bills for more than half a million employees. State government is not watching and the Department of Labor really isn't set up to watch where the money goes.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/10/02, LENGTH 2:16 MIN., LOCAL

Nearly one out of twelve adults in the United States has a problem with alcohol dependency and alcohol abuse. Experts say the impact of alcohol abuse reaches far and wide and, like most habits, quitting isn't easy. In this segment of Healthwatch, Action News anchor Joanne Feldman explained how putting down the bottle could be as easy as picking up the phone. Current recommendations are that men have no more than fourteen drinks in a week or no more than four drinks at any single occasion. It's recommended women drink no more than seven to eleven drinks a week and no more than three or four drinks at a time. The intervention study is funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 3/13/02, LENGTH 2:03 MIN., LOCAL

Nearly every child in America receives a series of vaccinations to protect against diseases like diphtheria, measles and mumps. The shot is routine and harmless for most kids. But for others, there can be problems. Most health care professionals will tell you that the benefits of vaccines far outweigh the risks. In fact, it's not the vaccines, but the lack of information. If you feel your child has been negatively impacted by a vaccine, call 1-800-338-2382, for more information on filing a complaint. Parents are urged to talk to their doctors to get all the information they can about vaccinations.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/14/02, LENGTH 1:55 MIN., LOCAL

Premature babies are not as frail as they look. They have strengths and abilities that can help them survive. Researchers say learning to respond to those strengths can be critical. New research shows that developmentally supported care can speed a premature baby's progress. Babies grow faster, have fewer days on IV fluids, and go home from the hospital faster than babies who don't have the advantage of that care.

VALLEY FOCUS, 1/20/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1- United Way - Children County Report Card. The United Way of Fresno County and The Fresno Interagency Council introduced plans for its "Children Count" report card. Leaders said it would help them set health and education goals and put the county's 256,000 kids on the right track.

Segment #2-#4- Central California Public Health Partnership - Multicultural Competence in Community Health. Public Directors from the Central Valley's six largest counties joined forces for a first time event: A multicultural public health conference. They reported that the vast majority of health care professionals in the Valley are not reflective of the majority of customers in our community health settings and what can be done to improve this area of our community.

VALLEY FOCUS, 2/17, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1- American Cancer Society. On this segment, we talked with the American Cancer Society about their mission and programs; also about a new drug that may double the life of the close to 18,000 Americans diagnosed with a primary brain tumor.

Segment #2- Daffodil Days. On this segment, Janean Wolfe from the American Cancer Society to tell us a special way in which the community can help support the Cancer Society by buying fresh daffodils for spring.

Segment #3- Look Good Feel Better. The American Cancer Society offers two exceptional programs that help people deal with cancer. They are the Look Good Feel Better program and the Reach to Recovery program.

VALLEY FOCUS, 2/17/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #3- Children's Hospital of Central California representatives were here to tell us about an unconventional approach to therapy called "Pet Therapy".

Segment #4- CHCC – Dan Kimball from Children's Hospital was here to talk about their annual fundraiser, "Kids Day."

OPRAH, 01/02/02, 3PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Emotional Eating- Oprah welcomed exercise physiologist and fitness trainer, Bob Greene, who shared his best advice on how to eliminate emotional eating from your life. We heard from viewers who want help, including a 37-year-old bride to be who refuses to walk down the aisle until she loses 35 pounds, a working mother who is embarrassed about her weight. Also, weight loss success stories that prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the fight against food can be won.

OPRAH, 01/17/02, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

What It's Like to Be Fat – Oprah talked with several overweight women about what it's like to be fat and how their obesity affects their lives, including how they are treated by others, how their families have contributed to their size, and what habits, beliefs and self-esteem issues they are passing on to their children.

OPRAH, 02/06/02, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Are You Menopausal and Don't Know It?- Most women think they know the signs and symptoms of menopause, but most would be surprised to find they might be in menopause and be totally unaware of it. Oprah talked with Dr. Christiana Northrup about what menopause is and what it isn't and helps alert women to the many signs and symptoms that are often overlooked or misdiagnosed.

OPRAH, 02/13/02, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

De-Stressing Your Life - Oprah talked with Dr. Martha Beck about women with a blueprint to stress-free living. She shared her advice for busy people who want help getting a handle on their everyday stress-filled schedules, and she teaches them how to better organize their time and really simplify their lives.

OPRAH, 03/13/02, 4PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

What to Feed Your Heart – The statistics are shocking. Experts predict that one out of two women will die of heart disease. Oprah talked with the doctor whose program has healed thousands of hearts. He asserts you can feel the result in just ten days and you'll have more energy, less pain, less stress, and lose weight. What foods should we limit and what foods can you fill up on. We learned how to take care of our heart before it's too late.

OPRAH 3/15/02, 4:00 PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Emotional Eating Follow-Up – Oprah welcomed exercise physiologist and fitness trainer Bob Greene who returned to the show to share his expert advice on how to eliminate emotional eating from your life. We followed up on previous guests to see how they're doing.

IYANLA 1/1/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Detoxify Your Life- Author Beverly Donofrio discusses her toxic upbringing, and how she looks steps to turn her life around. Iyanla focused on toxic friendships that drain energy and time, and natural home products that can help detox stressed-out bodies.

IYANLA 01/10/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Alternative Health - Iyanla was joined by the country's leading experts on alternative health, including the renowned Deepak Chopra. Discussion included the importance of the mind-body connection, amazing life-saving alternative treatments, and prayers and healing.

IYANLA 02/07/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Alcoholism- Iyanla and her support team delve into the insidious disease of alcoholism, including the warning signs, its particular dangers for women and treatment options, what to do if someone you love has a drinking problem, and how to repair relationships damaged by alcoholism.

IYANLA 02/11/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Illnesses That Affect Women - Iyanla invited a support team of five top medical specialists to focus on health, and four major illnesses that affect women. They are heart disease, diabetes, ovarian cancer and lupus. We learned the warning signs and treatment options for each disease. Women shared their inspiring stories of overcoming these illnesses. Also, how you build a trusting relationship with your doctor.

IYANLA, 02/15/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Emotional Eating - Iyanla reunited two women who were matched up on September's Pound Pals show and explored the love affair that people have with food. A woman shares her amazing story of losing more than 150 pounds. Emotional eating and how to avoid it.

IYANLA, 02/18/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Women and Depression – Iyanla and her support team tackled the topic of women and depression, with important information on dealing with this widespread condition. Women shared their stories of dealing with various forms of depression and the pros and cons of therapy.

IYANLA, 03/04/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Get Smarter – Iyanla showcased products and techniques to help us get smarter. Gadgets that can simplify your life. Eating to improve your brainpower, and exercise to help sharpen your memory.

IYANLA, 03/11/01, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Effects of Anger- Iyanla and her support team looked at the debilitating effects of anger, particularly of women: How to identify causes of anger; how you can make anger work for you, and how your anger may be producing anger in your children.

IYANLA, 03/25/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

How Women Age – Dr. Nancy Snyderman joined Iyanla to take a look at how women age, decade-by-decade, inside and out.

**EDUCATION**

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/07/02, LENGTH :42 SEC., LOCAL

Two future college campuses are a step closer to reality. Assemblyman Mike Briggs introduced legislation to establish a new CSU campus in Tulare County. Education officials in the South Valley have been pushing for the campus because the nearest four-year institution is an hour away. In the North Valley, UC Merced issued its final environmental impact report. It says thousands of acres of vernal pool habitat will be preserved as the campus is created. Thousands of endangered ferry shrimp will survive in the area next to the new campus thanks to the creation of a conservation and mitigation program. Controversy over the issue threatened to slow construction, which is now set to begin in the spring.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/08/02, LENGTH :19 SEC., LOCAL

President Bush made his education bill into law today. He signed the legislation at an Ohio high school known as the "leave no child behind" law; the President says it will give students across America a better chance at a high-quality education. It calls for new funding and new annual testing in math and reading.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5AM, 01/08/02, LENGTH 1:43 MIN., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 11:30AM, 1/08/02, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

Most families are well aware of the rising cost of higher education, but where they live affects how much they have to pay. A recent study says there aren't enough affordable colleges to go around. Study found that the majority of America's 2,900 public and private Colleges are unaffordable for even moderate-income students, unless they borrow heavily. It's been found that in most states financial aid has not kept pace with rising tuition costs.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5AM, 1/08/02, LENGTH 12:SEC., LOCAL

The 2002 opening session of the state legislature was largely ceremonial but soon lawmakers will confront a 12-billion dollar budget deficit. Almost all state programs are vulnerable to cuts, including health care and education.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/08/02, LENGTH :36 SEC., LOCAL

The state is facing some tough times and the governor outlined how he planned to tackle California's money problems, beef up security, and protect the gains made in education, all without raising taxes. The governor's State of the State address comes at a difficult time. California is facing a 12 billion dollar deficit and we are in the middle of a recession. Davis said the economic woes are made worse by the terrorist attacks. But taking action in the aftermath of those attacks was a major part of the governor's new plans for the coming year. He vowed to beef up the state's security to protect citizens.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/09/02, LENGTH 1:50 MIN., LOCAL

This area of California has the lowest number of people going on to higher education than anywhere else in the state. The hope is, that a new college will help change that. For more than 20 years since the school was established in 1981, West Hills College of Lemoore has been operating out of temporary buildings. But now, they finally have a permanent home. Construction is still being done on the 31 million dollar campus. With the first day of class only a few days away for an expected 3,000 students, the pressure is on. This is only the first out of four phases of construction at the new West Hills campus. When it's complete, the college will cover 107 acres.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/10/02, LENGTH :28 SEC., LOCAL

State education leaders in Sacramento heard accusations today that a Fresno based charter school is violating its charter, and state law. The Fresno Unified School District says the Gateway Academy is spending millions of your taxpayer dollars, but can't account for much of the money. The academy has nearly a dozen campuses statewide, including one inside the Muslim village of Baladullah near Fresno.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/10/02, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

Tough cuts are contained in the budget plan unveiled today by Governor Davis. The spending plan includes cuts of two-point seven billion dollars to the state's 100 billion the "no-tax increase" budget spares education. Low performing schools will continue to receive extra money.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 11:30AM, 1/11/02, LENGTH :35 SEC., LOCAL

Fresno Unified officials are threatening to pull the Gateway Academy's charter. District officials met with the State Board of Education in Sacramento and they handed over their findings about the school. They said some of Gateway's teachers don't have criminal clearance. They also said there are questionable attendance records. The state board agreed Gateway may have broken the law, but is letting Fresno handle the situation. Gateway refuses to comment. The school's attorney says it's unreasonable to respond to the allegations with less than 24 hours' notice.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/16/02, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

One Fresno school made the top ten statewide, for the third year in a row, but other schools still have a lot of room for improvement. Teachers at Manchester Gate Elementary School have a formula for success. For three years now, students have scored high marks in state performance tests, which this year included language arts. The

state's budget is expected to shrink but for now, the Governor has said funding for K-through-12 education will be a top priority.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 11:30AM, 1/17/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

The UC Board of Regents is taking on another hot button issue. They will decide whether to adopt a measure that would allow illegal immigrants to pay lower "in-state" tuition fees at University of California campuses. Under the proposal, immigrants must have graduated from a California high school. Critics say taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize the education of people living here illegally.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 1/17/02, LENGTH 2:04 MIN., LOCAL

Six hundred Gateway Academy students do not have a school to go to this morning. As had been expected, Fresno Unified revoked the charter last night. It had the effect of immediately cutting off state funding to 11 campuses. They had been at the center of a growing number of questions about mismanagement that weren't being answered. It took four hours for the district to spell out its problems with the Gateway Academy. It was a laundry list of issues including problems with teachers and staff, half of which had never had background checks. The revocation means all 11 Gateway Schools are closed, beginning this morning. If you are a former Gateway student and you have questions about where to send your child, you can call Fresno Unified at 457-3343.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/23/02, LENGTH :31 SEC., LOCAL

Top state education officials, along with private corporations in Sacramento, unveiled a new program today to recruit teachers. Part of the recruitment will be hands-on motivation of potential teachers, as well as new incentives and better benefits. Teachers in mathematics, science, bilingual and special education will be the main focus. Officials say California needs to hire about 300,000 teachers in the next ten years.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/23/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

There is good news for some South Valley schools, much needed federal money is on the way. The 'leave no child behind act' which President Bush signed into law this month will greatly increase the funding available for local schools over the next six years. The funds will target economically disadvantaged children at all school levels. That means tens of thousands of dollars more for schools like Tulare Western High School.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/25/02, LENGTH 1:49 MIN., LOCAL

From now on, farm labor contractors in the Valley will have to complete an 8-hour class to keep their license. This requirement will make them more accountable for their workers in the fields. For the first time in California, history farm labor contractors like Jose will have to complete a class on labor laws to safety issues, in order to keep their job. Farm labor contractors will also have to take a tougher test to renew their license. The new law is designed to protect workers and provide safer working conditions. The new education program will kick off this weekend at Fresno City College. More than one hundred farm labor contractors are expected to attend. Those behind the law hope it will be a model for the rest of California and eventually the country.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5AM, 1/30/02, LENGTH 1:26 MIN., LOCAL

Parents of students attending the Gateway Academy have criticized the Fresno Unified school board for revoking the school's charter. A handful of angry parents told board members last night how upset they are over the way the Gateway situation was handled. They say the allegations that Gateway violated both its charter and the education code is not true. They are especially angry at how the Justice Department raided school campuses searching for evidence.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/28/02, LENGTH 1:41 MIN., LOCAL

Parents of a newborn can count on spending about \$100,000 for a four-year college education and more than double that for a private university. Thanks to some federal tax law changes saving for college is a little bit easier. Among the many savings options that families have education IRAs. As of January 1st, parents can set aside more money each year -- up to \$2000 per child. It used to be just \$500. The Coverdell accounts are personal savings plans where the money you set aside grows tax-free. Instead of a retirement nest egg, the money is earmarked for education.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/12/02, LENGTH 1:19 SEC., LOCAL

Plans to start a gay-straight alliance club at Clovis high is getting reaction tonight, all the way from Sacramento. An organization there has taken out an ad in the Clovis paper urging parents to oppose the proposed gay student club.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 2/21/02, LENGTH 1:38 MIN., LOCAL

Valley students from farm worker families drop out of school at an alarming rate. A program to motivate them to stay in school and to pursue a college education took place at Fresno State. The annual migrant youth day brings students from farm worker families to campus and gives them the information to prepare for college. Students got a chance to learn about financial aide, admissions and support services. Migrant youth day has been taking place at Fresno State since 1981.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/22/02, LENGTH :33 SEC., LOCAL

The cost of going to college here in California may soon go up. Closing the state's multi-billion dollar budget gap could mean tuition hikes at California universities. The state legislative analyst today proposed raising university fees as a way of offsetting the deficit. Fees at California State Universities and University of California campuses have not been raised in almost eight years. Under one proposal, raising UC tuition for non-resident students would save the state 6 million dollars a year. The chair of the Assembly Higher Education committee opposes any fee hikes.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5AM, 2/26/02, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

President Bush is expected to unveil some welfare proposals today at a church in Washington DC. Bush wants more welfare recipients placed in education and training programs. He also wants more money to encourage single welfare mothers to get better education and training. Dozens of central Fresno students got a unique education.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 3/06/02, LENGTH :12 SEC., LOCAL

Hundreds of protestors greeted the governor as he arrived. They're upset over his plan to consolidate statewide adult education programs.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/06/02, LENGTH : 27 SEC., LOCAL

A coalition of Valley business and community leaders honored our Children First program and our very own Juanita Stevenson. The Fresno Compact initiates local education reform. The board includes school superintendents, college presidents, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, and many others. ABC-30 today was honored for our Educator of the Year features and our half-hour Children First specials.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/06/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

About three hundred local protesters had a message for Governor Davis. They're opposed to the governor's plan to consolidate adult education centers into the community college system. The protesters say the move would give people who dropped out of high school no chance to finish their education and would force the layoff of thousands of teachers. Governor Davis apparently saw the protesters, but did not acknowledge them.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/07/02, LENGTH :16 SEC., LOCAL

Republican nominee for Governor, Bill Simon, will be in Fresno. Simon campaigned in Sacramento, saying education will be a cornerstone of his campaign. He takes issue with Governor Davis' claim that test scores have gone up each year since he's taken office.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/07/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5AM, 3/08/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Members of Fresno's Adult Education community are outraged over the Governor's proposed budget cuts. It would mean adult education centers would be merged into the community college system. Students have launched a massive letter writing campaign out of fear of losing their only education option.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/11/02, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

Mayor Alan Autry is speaking directly to the public about his proposal to gain control of the Fresno Unified school board. The mayor wants the power to appoint all seven trustees. He believes the move could turn the school district around and improve test scores, but some local educators are fighting back against the plan.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 3/12/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

A local school district has the attention of top educators from around the world. Nearly 100 educators from as far away as Australia and Curacao, are visiting the Clovis Unified School District to learn how to incorporate technology into education. Clovis Unified is considered a technology leader, with more than 6,000 students using laptop computers in the classroom.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/12/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

City leaders and community members gathered to talk with Action News managers and Midday anchor Juanita Stevenson. We heard many things, including how education is very important in Selma. It has the highest beginning teacher salaries in the county -- \$53,000 a year. Selma is the 12th local city visited by ABC-30 Listens so far. The community forums are a good way for us to hear what's happening in your neighborhoods.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/18/02, LENGTH 2:07 MIN., LOCAL

Nearly 90 percent of California public schools teach sex education in some form. Action News Reporter Christine Park showed us how some schools are approaching this controversial topic. Sex education at Tulare Tech Prep is a subject that can be a little embarrassing at times. However, these teachers are high school students themselves and are trained to be peer educators at schools all around Tulare County.

VALLEY FOCUS, 2/17/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #2 – University of California. This segment focused on free workshops being offered throughout the University of California on admissions and financial aid.

OPRAH, 01/10/02, 4:00PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Salute To Great Teachers - Oprah paid tribute to some incredible teachers who are making a difference for students across the country. Every year Disney scours the country for the nation's best teachers. This year, they have chosen to honor 33 out of 70,000 nominees. These are dynamic, innovative and creative individuals who have worked against tremendous odds to inspire and motivate children of all ages and all circumstances.

## CRIME

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5AM, 1/02/02, LENGTH :56 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/01/02, LENGTH :56 SEC., LOCAL

Firing off a gun is a dangerously and irresponsible way to celebrate, and it seems every year someone is hit by stray gunfire. This year it was a young girl in Madera. The victim was standing on a porch at an apartment complex when out of nowhere, she was hit with a bullet. The crime is a felony, which is punishable by up to seven years in a state prison.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/03/02, LENGTH 1:38 MIN., LOCAL

A Fresno judge ordered two men to stand trial for an execution-style murder inside a busy Valley restaurant. Police testified that the murder was the result of a gang rivalry and that witnesses saw Delariva shoot Silva as he stood in the middle of the restaurant. The defendants could face stiff punishment if convicted at trial. If found guilty of all charges they could receive as much as 60 years to life in prison.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/04/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Visalia police are looking for a man who may be responsible for two separate sexual assaults in the downtown area. A 40-year-old woman was waiting at a bus stop in the 900 block of west Murray when she was sexually assaulted by a man with a gun. Police say this may not be the first time the suspect has committed this type of crime.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/08/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

The worker who killed a man at a Fresno County fruit company is going to prison. Jose Saldana was sentenced today to seven years in custody. He pleaded guilty last year to a charge of voluntary manslaughter in the death of Ricardo Melendez. The victim was shot at Simone packing last October. Saldana was tried for the crime, but the case resulted in a hung jury.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/09/02, LENGTH :32 SEC., LOCAL

Fresno police made two arrests today, for a fatal shooting on the busy Fulton Mall. Top law enforcement leaders gathered to talk about the recent flurry of killings. Reporter Juanita Stevenson had reaction from neighbors on the Fulton Mall, along with developments from police headquarters with Action News reporter Richard Montano.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/09/02, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 1/10/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

Last night's murder is exactly what's fueling a new combined effort by Fresno County law enforcement officials to crack down on the surge in violent crime. Three murders already this year and local leaders are saying enough. Fresno County's Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium, or MAGEC, team is on the streets every night. The special unit combines law enforcement efforts to target gang activity. The chief says officers will be deployed to the MAGEC team gradually. The idea is for all the officers to work under one command to be more efficient in crime fighting.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/15/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

California's Three Strikes law is the toughest in the nation. But now several groups are trying to weaken it. Crime victims groups are trying to put an initiative on the November ballot to make the third strike apply only to violent felonies. The grandfather of murder victim Polly Klaas says the current law is too tough, but Three Strikes supporters say it's a deterrent to crime.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/18/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

It's been a week and a half since all law enforcement agencies in Fresno county started working together to decrease recent gang violence, and so far they say it's working. The team has been working with Fresno's anti-gang unit called MAGEC for over a week. Officers say cold nights slow down the gangs, but they expect more trouble when the weather warms up.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/21/02, LENGTH :15 SEC., LOCAL

This is the second killing at a Reedley convenience store in the past five months. Abdo Ali Ahmed supported a family of eight. The convenience store owner was killed last

September in what his family believes was a hate crime. Police have yet to make an arrest in the case.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/24/02, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

A murder suspect connected to the Muslim village of Baladullah displayed more strange behavior in court. Ramadan Abdullah began singing as he left court. In a prior court appearance the suspect started yelling obscenities. Abdullah is accused of killing Sheriff's deputy Erik Telen last summer. Abdullah had lived briefly at the local Muslim village before that crime.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/31/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

We saw a bigger police presence in a part of Fresno that is trying to overcome an image problem. We showed viewers live pictures of downtown Fresno, which police say has one of the lowest crime rates in the city. But two murders in the area this month feed the image that the area is not safe. First the killing of a jewelry store owner on the 8th, then the shooting death of a Reedley College student at a parking lot on C Street last weekend.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/28/02, LENGTH 1:20 MIN., LOCAL

Fresno police are cracking down on convenience stores that sell tobacco to minors. In fact, they're spending thousands of dollars on a special unit designed to enforce the law that makes selling cigarettes to kids illegal. It is a misdemeanor to sell tobacco to minors. Police recently received a \$300,000 grant to help fight that crime dedicating one full-time officer to the task.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5AM, 2/04/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

There's been more violence in downtown Fresno, just as police prepare to triple their presence in the area. A woman is dead after an attack at a Tulare Street convenience store. Someone found her lying inside behind the counter. Police are very concerned and they've increased patrols in an attempt to deal with the crime.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/13/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

A heavily traveled road on the Fresno State campus is closed. As part of the construction of the new state crime lab, Barstow Avenue between Price and Woodrow avenues will be closed to traffic through Friday. East and westbound traffic will be detoured to the north around O'Neil Park. Workers are completing the last stage of the crime lab project. Traffic will be back to normal on Monday.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 2/20/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

Two men are in custody in the South Valley, accused in the attack of a prominent doctor. Police believe Dr. Ashok Behl is the victim of a hate crime. The cardiologist was injured by broken glass after shots were fired into his Porterville home Monday morning. Police arrested Clifton Koonce and Joe Keel in connection with the attack. Investigators are trying to find out if the men are responsible for similar shootings in the South Valley.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE: 2/21/02, LENGTH :31 SEC., LOCAL

Web-surfers were shocked to discover a new game being sold that promotes hate crime. It's called "ethnic cleansing". The object of the game is to prowl the streets and subways killing people. The game is being sold on a website that also promotes bands that sing racist messages. In addition to the hateful and harmful message, the anti-defamation league says the game also perpetuates stereotypes.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/24/02, LENGTH 1:30 MIN., LOCAL

The folks you're about to meet clean up crime scenes. When you see a crime scene on TV, the pictures don't usually tell the story. If there's a body, it's covered. But murder and suicide scenes can be horrible. But cleaning up after death is Jerry Raindrop's job. His company, Raindrop's Bio Clean, is the first in the state to be licensed for this kind of cleanup work. His crew is responsible for everything from cleaning up after somebody who gets sick, or goes to the bathroom in the back of a police car, to gory murder and suicide scenes in homes. Before this service was available, the cleanup was often left to police officers, or relatives of the victims. If these cleanups occur on public property, then it's paid for by the government. Cleanups in private homes and businesses are usually covered by insurance.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/25/02, LENGTH 1:45 MIN., LOCAL

Crime is creeping up. Police say they responded to 14 percent more calls for help last year than the year before. What's more, they say the numbers show more violence and theft almost all across the board. Police report almost 67 percent more murders and nearly 24 percent more rapes. Property crime increased over 5 percent. But the numbers don't look bad compared to other cities. A Fresno police department poll revealed violent crimes shot up nearly 66 percent in Los Angeles last year. Modesto jumped nearly 40 percent. Police blame the crime increase on the ailing economy, drug use, and parolees recently released to the Valley after being convicted in the early 90's.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/25/02, LENGTH :43 SEC., LOCAL

Voters in Kings County are being asked to shell out more sales tax money to solve severe jail overcrowding. Since May of last year, 230 inmates have been released early from the Kings County jail. Kings County voters will be asked on March 5<sup>th</sup> to approve Measure "J", a half-cent sales tax increase over eight years. If approved, the increased tax dollars will be used to build a badly needed new jail.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/28/02, LENGTH 2:21 MIN., LOCAL

All school districts will tell you they're getting a better picture of crimes on campus because they have better reporting techniques, and the one area that's seen an increase statewide is crimes against persons. But there are some districts in the Valley that have seen their numbers go down. Fresno Unified is concerned about its situation and says if the city goes ahead with plans to not help fund police officers on campus, that will hurt. What really seems to cut down on crimes is how the students feel about their school -- if there's a lot of pride, there is less violence.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/28/02, LENGTH :16 SEC., LOCAL

Cary Stayner was arrested in July of 1999. The motel handyman confessed in detail to the Yosemite killings of Carole Sund, her daughter Juli and their friend Silvina Pelosso. Stayner's defense attorney not only wants that taped confession thrown out, but also statements they say are even more damaging. In his confession, Stayner talked about his killing fantasies and claimed to be impotent. There's something more explosive though, the defense doesn't want us to hear. The arguments surrounding the issue could even be closed to the public, the media and the victims' families.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 3/11/02, LENGTH 1:48 MIN., LOCAL

Police say an informant's tip led them to their biggest meth bust ever. They say it's a significant seizure that will damage drug trafficking from the Central Valley. Police say there was so much meth inside a cooler that the lid wouldn't close. It contained 28 pounds of freshly made, high-grade speed and once cut, its street value is estimated at well over a million dollars. Chief Jerry Dyer says the seizure will make a major impact on drug trafficking. If this case is prosecuted as a federal crime, the penalties become much more serious. Some could face life in prison if convicted.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE: 3/12/02, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

FBI agents and nearly two dozen sheriffs divers searched a reservoir near Modesto for bodies. It is part of an investigation into organized crime. No bodies were found in yesterday's search. Authorities also want to know if a body found last fall in a lake in Calaveras County is related to the case. A man was found floating with his hands bound and a plastic bag over his head.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/12/02, LENGTH 2:26 MIN., LOCAL

News of a priest being arrested for a "sex" crime is sending shockwaves through the Valley's Catholic community. Father Miguel Flores is on a "leave of absence" from his Hanford parish and no one knows when he'll be coming back. Parishioners knew something was wrong when they showed up for class and were told it had been cancelled. This was the first many had heard of Father Miguel Flores' arrest. The 34-year-old worked at Hanford's Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church for only a month. Police say a teenage girl who worked part-time for the priest claims he raped her three weeks ago in his living quarters. The Fresno Diocese has scheduled mandatory classes on sexual abuse and moral obligations for all church employees.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5AM, 3/15/02, LENGTH :14 SEC., LOCAL

People in the South Valley held a candlelight vigil to show support for the apparent victim of a hate crime. Last month, Doctor Ashok Behl was wounded after someone shot into his house in Porterville. Clifton Koonce and Joe Keel were arrested for the attack.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/17/02, LENGTH 1:50 MIN., LOCAL

The allegations against Father Miguel Flores didn't stop parishioners from attending Sunday mass and most remained tightlipped about the alleged "sex" crime. A visiting priest filled in for Father Miguel Flores. Earlier this week police arrested the 34-year-old. He had been with the church for about a month. Police say a teenage girl who worked

part-time for the priest claims he raped her three weeks ago in his living quarters. Last week the Fresno diocese released a statement on the arrest saying that Father Flores denies any wrongdoing. Most people expressed a wait and see attitude. Father Flores will remain on a leave of absence from the parish until the investigation is complete.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5AM, 3/20/02, LENGTH :34 SEC., LOCAL

A fifth body has been recovered from a Sierra Foothill lake, the fourth body recovered since Sunday. The bodies were found in the New Melones reservoir in Calaveras County. An FBI spokesman says the body is apparently that of woman. Authorities believe they were all the victims of an LA-area Russian mafia group. The FBI came here when it received word that an organized crime group had dumped one or more bodies off bridges. Searchers found the first two under the Highway 49 bridge -- the other two under the Parrots Ferry bridge. The daily discoveries are troubling for people who live nearby.

### EMPLOYMENT

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/06/02, LENGTH 2:23 MIN., LOCAL

2001 was a tough year for thousands of people who were laid off in our area. Fifty percent of the Pirelli workforce decided to go back to school to learn a new trade, but the transition hasn't been an easy one. According to the data from the California Employment Development Department, unemployment for Kings County was at 14.2 percent in December 2000. In January of last year, when Pirelli shut down, it went up to 16.1 percent and then ended the year down at 13.8 percent. But these numbers may be misleading, because so many people who have been laid off are still without work. But councilwoman Gallegos says the city is working on attracting more businesses that will bring jobs.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/11/02, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/11/02, LENGTH 3:31MIN., LOCAL

There's more proof the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> have impacted employment in the Valley. A total of 1.6 million people lost their jobs since September 11<sup>th</sup>, and nearly 3,000 of those jobs are here in Fresno. Fresno ranked 107 for lost jobs in the nation. In Merced, nearly 1,000 jobs were lost, and 850 jobs were lost in the South Valley. The loss of these jobs isn't necessarily reflected in the latest unemployment numbers. Fresno and Kings County actually saw a decrease in unemployment last month.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/27/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Kraft Job Fair: The way things are set up for this recruitment has been very user friendly. Folks have been able to come in, relax, fill out their applications and take off. It's not an all-day process and there are plenty of good opportunities here for employment, so hopefully everyone will come out and take advantage.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 3/08/02, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/08/02, LENGTH :23 SEC. LOCAL

Three stores will close here in Fresno, putting approximately 300 people out of a job some as early as May. Kmart is closing 284 of their under-performing stores as the company goes through reorganization efforts. 2,200 employees nationwide will be out of work and locally, there's help at Fresno County's Workforce Connection. The workforce center has a resource room with computers that access all available job listings and staff to walk people through each step so employees don't have to feel alone during these tough times.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 1/09/02, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/09/02, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

Governor Davis will release his budget plan tomorrow, and he's warning it will include deep cuts. Davis outlined an economic stimulus plan he said would keep Californians working. The governor wants to sell 600 million dollars in bonds to speed up construction projects around the state. He's also backing a plan to help workers who have been laid off since September 11th. They could retroactively collect higher unemployment benefits, which took effect this year.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/25/02, LENGTH 1:49 MIN., LOCAL

From now on, farm labor contractors in the Valley will have to complete an 8-hour class to keep their license. This requirement will make them more accountable for their workers in the fields. For the first time in California history, farm labor contractors like Jose will have to complete a class on labor laws to safety issues, in order to keep their job. Farm labor contractors will also have to take a tougher test to renew their license. The new law is designed to protect workers and provide safer working conditions.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/22/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

The latest unemployment figures for the valley are mixed. Here in Fresno County, the unemployment rate is at 16 percent, that's down half-a-point from last year. In Tulare County, it's at 18.3 percent, up about half a point. And in Madera County, the rate shot up more than one percent to 15.5. The jobless situation usually improves in April when farm workers go back to the fields.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/7/02, LENGTH :31 SEC., LOCAL

Environmentalists are raising more questions tonight about the impact of the new UC Merced on Mother Nature. It will be located on more than 900 acres of land in eastern Merced County. The university will bring 25,000 students, pushing the population to more than 200,000, and it will add thousands of jobs.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/09/02, LENGTH 1:54 MIN., LOCAL

When the Atwater prison was set to open last year, it had everything it needed. Now, with 80 percent of the positions filled, the federal penitentiary is ready, and residents say it's about time. Business owners hope the new federal prison will help the economy. But when the prison opens next week, it will only have about 300 of the 400 employees needed to operate at full strength. They want to hire more. Officials at the federal prison

are still encouraging people to apply, and while they admit that the state may pay more, they note the federal government has good benefits, and room for growth.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/10/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL  
NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/10/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

One of the nation's largest insurance companies has announced it will cut 2,000 jobs. Philadelphia-based Cigna says the layoffs will save the company \$45 million a year. A spokesman says all 1,500 jobs at its local call center in Visalia will be spared. It will be one of nine service centers nationwide that will handle customer service needs. Cigna is Visalia's largest private employer.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/12/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

A new Target store means new jobs but not nearly enough for the crowd that turned out to apply. The Workforce Connection office at Manchester Center hosted a job fair for Fresno's newest Target store. About 2,000 prospective employees showed up and went through initial interviews. The new store, located on Blackstone at Bullard, will provide over 150 jobs and is scheduled to open in early March.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/24/02, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

The Gateway Computer Company is planning a massive round of lay-offs. Gateway is the nation's fourth largest computer maker. Officials today announced plans to eliminate 2,200 jobs and close 19 under-performing stores across the country. There's no word tonight whether the Gateway store in Fresno will be affected.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 1/24/02, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

Eighty factory workers in the South Valley will be out of their jobs. The Stanley Bostitch plant in Visalia will begin to shut down this morning. The company makes nails and staples. It's reporting slow sales since the attacks of September 11th. Nationwide, the firm laid off 475 employees last year. The transition and job elimination will take place over the next two months.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 2/05/02, LENGTH

This is a great time to be a student, but perhaps not the best time to be a new graduate. A survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers finds that graduates might have a tough time finding jobs. Companies are expected to hire 20 percent "fewer" college graduates this year. According to the survey communications companies, manufacturers, and financial firms will have the fewest jobs available.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/22/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

There are many jobs to fill with the opening of the new baseball stadium in downtown Fresno. The Grizzlies are holding the first in a series of job fairs at the satellite student union at Fresno State.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 2/25/02, LENGTH :19 SEC., LOCAL

If you're looking for a new job, the spring job outlook is looking a little brighter. The staffing firm "Manpower Incorporated" says 21 percent of the companies it surveyed plan

to add jobs to their payrolls this coming April through June. That's up from 16 percent over the winter months and it's the survey's first increase in more than a year

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 2/27/02, LENGTH :17 SEC., LOCAL

Hundreds of people turned out today hoping to get a job with one of the Valley's biggest employers. Workforce Connection held a hiring fair for Kraft Foods at Manchester Mall. Organizers say about 2,500 people in all will apply for jobs, and those who were looking for a job found it very easy to apply.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 2/28/02, LENGTH :15 SEC., LOCAL

The Fresno County elections office has a severe shortage of poll workers. Residents can earn between \$85 and \$110.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 3/08/02, LENGTH :38 SEC., LOCAL

One economist says the national unemployment report is the final nail in the recession's coffin. The February jobless rate fell for the second month in a row to 5.5 percent, as companies added jobs for the first time in seven months. The number of unemployed Americans hit a "seven-year" high in December, with a jobless rate of 5.8 percent. The new numbers come as Kmart announces it's closing 284 stores and eliminating thousands of jobs. Few areas will be harder hit than Fresno and the Central Valley.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/10/02, LENGTH 2:10 MIN., LOCAL

The mayor of Orange Cove has teamed up with a Hollywood star to pump some money into the city's struggling economy, an economy that's long depended on seasonal workers. The city also has plans to build a senior village, upscale housing, a clinic and a skate park on 56 acres across from the proposed shopping center. And a recently approved bond measure will bring the area's first high school. But the buzz of the town seems to be the big shopping center. The mayor expects to break ground on construction of the shopping center sometime next month. The shopping center is expected to create 300 jobs. The city is also working on attracting other businesses to Orange Cove. The mayor says Wal-Mart has shown an interest.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 3/20/02, LENGTH 2:14 MIN., LOCAL

Some high school students are getting to check out some career choices, jobs they think look cool but that they haven't known much about until now. It's part of a union-sponsored apprentice program designed to spark interest in teenagers who aren't totally sure what they want to do after high school. Students who are interested can apply to enter a state-funded apprentice program, after high school, of course. And because of days like this, they'll already know exactly what they're in for. They will be building brick walls, fixing engines and wiring the homes of the future. Across central and northern California, more than 1,000 students enter these programs after they graduate high school.

OPRAH, 2/22/02, 4:00PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

How Safe Are Your Investments – Financial expert Rick Edema joined Oprah to talk to some Enron employees who lost everything. They'll explain how they're coping with

their challenging new economic situation. They also checked in with a past guest who had been laid off and needed help managing his funds until he could find a new job. We found out how he was able to turn things around for himself and his family.

IYANLA, 01/16/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Financial Tips – Iyanla and her support team offered essential financial advice for the New Year: Tips for surviving a layoff, dealing with the practical and emotional fallout from losing your job, getting out of debt, and investing to beat the recession

**CONSUMER WATCH**

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/14/02, LENGTH 1:36 MIN., LOCAL

Thousands of babies and toddlers are injured in their homes every year. Since baby proofing isn't easy, we have some reminders about some easy things you can do to make your home safer for the youngsters in your life. Hot food poses danger. If you have to use your stove's front burner, make sure pot handles are turned in. Another burn danger, food or baby bottles heated in a microwave. Instead, heat your baby's bottle under hot water. You can heat baby food in a bowl of hot water. Another area of concern under the sink or anywhere cleaning products are stored.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/15/02, LENGTH 1:30 MIN., LOCAL

Pizza is a multibillion-dollar industry, and frozen pizza is getting a growing piece of that pie. Action News Consumer Reporter Craig Fiegenger finds out which of the frozen brands rival the big chains.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 01/17/02, LENGTH 1:20 MIN., LOCAL

Action News Consumer Reporter Craig Fiegenger shows us why some ads are not quite what they appear. Unfortunately, the problems with fine print in this commercial are typical. The fine print in this commercial for this loan ad goes by so fast, it's tough to read. And even up close, the fine print is still way too small. The FTC says if you find you're confused by an ad's fine print, you may want to consider doing business with another company.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 01/26/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

Fine print seems to be everywhere you look. In ads, contracts, and promotional offers. What's in that tiny type can do you damage. Consumer Reporter Craig Fiegenger has some important tips. Your best protection is to read the fine print and make sure you understand it. If you don't understand it, don't sign it.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/10/02, LENGTH 1:24 MIN., LOCAL

Safety concerns have prompted dozens of states to consider banning drivers from using hand-held cell phones and headsets allow drivers to talk hands-free. Consumer Reporter Craig Fiegenger showed us which devices work best.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/28/02, LENGTH 1:48 MIN., LOCAL

Parents of a newborn can count on spending about \$100,000 for a four-year college education and more than double that for a private university. But thanks to some federal tax law changes, saving for college is a little bit easier. For the first time, employers can contribute to a Coverdell account. So, it's worth asking if your company is offering this benefit.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/02/02, LENGTH 1:20 MIN., LOCAL

Mor Furniture is a high profile store here in town, and perhaps you thought it was new to the Valley when its doors opened last summer. But it has ties to another store that's probably familiar to you. Today we learned why some customers aren't happy, and why the Better Business Bureau has given the store an unsatisfactory record. Mor Furniture appears to be aware of past problems. The company says it recently replaced three top managers in an effort to reduce and better respond to customer complaints. Only after Consumer Watch got involved did the store promise refunds to unhappy customers.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/05/02, LENGTH 1:50 MIN. LOCAL

We're hearing a lot about a television technology known as high definition, or HDTV. Consumer Reporter Craig Fiegenger tells us what it is, and why it's different. Rather than broadcasting analog, the digital picture is bits. You're transmitting a series of numbers through the air; those numbers are translated by a decoder and displayed on your television. The result is more realistic and sharper pictures. You can also decode surround sound. As for your current analog TV signal, all HDTV sets being sold today will receive that format and play it back.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/12/02, LENGTH 2:14 MIN. LOCAL

Some Internet services are actually selling private information from phone bills, including every long-distance number you call. So how can consumers protect themselves? The best way is by telling your phone company only to release your file to you. You could then implement a password of any kind and protect it even further. It's one way to protect yourself from an invasion of privacy that can be ordered by anyone with a credit card and a computer.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 2/12/02, LENGTH 1:20 MIN., LOCAL

When a product hit the market claiming to dramatically improve the way your cell phone operates, Consumer Reporter Craig Fiegenger figured this was something that Consumer Watch needed to check out. Something to think about if you buy the \$20 gadget, and later decide you're not communicating more clearly. So what's this little sticker made of? Looks like we'll never know. We did try to contact the company that makes the device, but their phone numbers were disconnected -- something else to consider. There's no money back guarantee.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5PM, 2/22/02, LENGTH 1:22 MIN., LOCAL

Have you ever been charged for something you didn't have, or had returned? If so, then you'll understand the frustration of two AM Live viewers. Two billing problems are history, thanks to Consumer Watch. Remember, Consumer Watch is your last resort. If

you have a problem try working it out yourself, if that fails, go on line and fill out our consumer complaint form.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 1/28/02, LENGTH 1:36 MIN., LOCAL

This so-called, new wool is a big deal to anyone who likes wool, but doesn't like hefty dry cleaning bills. So when different companies began touting wool that could be tossed in the washing machine, Consumer Reports wanted to see how they held up. Before washing, the seams are fine. But after washing, the seams frayed badly, the ones from Lands End and L.L. Bean survived the washer in good shape. And these sweaters promise even more. Their labels say "tumble dry." However, the L.L. Bean sweater didn't do well in the dryer. The wool itself was okay, but one of the seams ripped. The third sweater, the Lands' End, did fine. So, Consumer Reports says the new washable wool is worth trying. But you may want to skip the dryer. And check to be sure you can return the garment if there's a problem.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 1/10/02, LENGTH 1:20 MIN., LOCAL

The air you breathe inside your home could be worse than what is outside, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Consumer Reports just tested more than a dozen. In the end, the very best room air cleaner was the Friedrich Model C-90A. It costs \$475. In fact, it's been the top performer over the last ten years! On its low setting, it does a fine job cleaning without making a lot of annoying noise.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 01/28/02, LENGTH 1:55 MIN., LOCAL

There's something new if you like bottled water. Some supermarkets are now selling bottled water with fluoride, and a number of small companies are marketing fluoridated water. Consumer Reporter Craig Fiegenger takes a look at whether this new bottled water should be on your shopping list. Most bottled water you see on store shelves does not contain fluoride. However, Dannon has just come out with fluoride to go, which is being targeted to kids. And other companies sell fluoridated water in sizes ranging from small bottles all the way up to 5-gallon jugs for your home.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 3/11/02, LENGTH 1:51 MIN., LOCAL

The deadline for filing your tax returns is fast approaching and many companies are advertising speedy refunds. But there are some things you should watch out for in preparing your taxes. This commercial from H and R Block promises to give you the amount of your tax refund the same day you file -- the world's first way to walk in with your taxes and walk out with a loan check. There are many companies out there that are offering speedy refunds, companies that have nothing to do with taxes. And remember in most cases, those refund checks are actually loans against your expected tax check. The IRS has sent you a telefile form; you can file absolutely free by phone. Or, you can file on line. The IRS web site at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) has special programs to help speed up refunds. You can find those by clicking on "e-file." If you're low income, there are "free internet filing opportunities" listed.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 03/18/02, LENGTH 1:30 MIN. LOCAL

Food researchers originally developed "energy bars" to give athletes a boost during a heavy workout. But now you see them in lots of places; even airlines are serving them. Consumer Reporter Craig Fiegenger checks out these bars, which can cost three times that of a candy bar. Energy bars are being promoted as a healthy snack. Some are high in protein. And many have added vitamins and minerals. People eat them as a quick pick-me-up or in place of a meal. For someone on the go, energy bars can be a good snack, but they're no substitute for a well-rounded diet.

PARENTING

VALLEY FOCUS, 3/24/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1 & #2- Madera County Child Abuse Prevention Council  
Joining the show was Sandra Knudson. Sandra is the pediatric child advocacy coordinator with Children's Hospital Central California, and Cynthia Callaghan, a licensed social worker. The council's objectives are to increase public awareness of child abuse and neglect through family focus activities, education and professional training.

VALLEY FOCUS, 3/24/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #3 & #4- Fresno County Child Abuse Council  
Last year, incidences of Shaken Baby syndrome were on the rise in the Valley, prompting child abuse prevention experts to try to raise awareness about the problem. The Child Abuse Prevention Council has begun a public awareness campaign urging parents to take time out, and not take their anger out on their babies. They also talk about a program that teaches new mothers all they need to know about bringing up healthy babies in the hopes of preventing future health and social problems.

OPRAH, 01/28/02, 4:00PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Children's Emotions During Divorce - Oprah talked to divorce expert, Gary Neuman, about the devastating, life-long effects that bad-mouthing and blame can have on children of divorced parents. Neuman gave advice to a family who is struggling with the aftermath of a difficult divorce and shares the parents can do to eliminate tensions and turn things around for their boys.

OPRAH, 02/07/02, 4:00PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Child Stalkers Online – The internet can be an amazing tool, but if you're not careful it can also pose a considerable threat to your child. Oprah talked to parents and children who learned this lesson the hard way. Also, Oprah revealed some important information that can help you better protect your children against appalling internet crime.

OPRAH, 02/12/02, 4:00PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Help for Bad Mothers - Dr. Phil joined Oprah to talk with mothers who regret the shameful and sometimes vindictive manner in which they have treated their children. Dr.

Phil shared advice on how to begin to reconnect in their adult lives and try to build better mother-daughter relationships.

OPRAH, 02/18/02, 4:00PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Inside Your Child's Social Life – Oprah took a hard look inside the hidden world of your children's social lives at school. Our experts revealed important new information about the lasting, deep emotional impact that early relationships have on our children's lives.

OPRAH, 02/28/02, 4:00PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Teen Dating Abuse – Oprah talked to teens that allow their boyfriends to abuse and control them. Experts explained the warning signs and offered advice on how to give daughters the tools to deal with an abusive relationship.

OPRAH, 03/27/02, 4:00PM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

How Children Learn - Different minds learn differently and that's a problem for many children, because most schools still cling to a one-size-fits all education philosophy. Oprah talked with Dr. Mel Levine who reveals a radical new approach to helping children learn.

IYANLA, 01/09/02, 12:36 AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Real Parents – Iyanla and leading child psychologist Dr. Kevin Lehman devoted this hour to parents who feel they have lost control of their kids, and offered helpful advice on how to take the power back.

IYANLA, 01/11/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

New Moms – Iyanla spent the hour with new mother Kelly Ripa and audience full of moms and babies. Leading experts offered practical advice on dealing with this most exciting and challenging time of life.

IYANLA, 02/05/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Key Relationships - Iyanla examined one of the key relationships that shape a woman: her relationship with her father -- how the father/daughter connection can affect a woman's relationships and the absent father syndrome. Strategies for divorced fathers to make the most of shared custody and tips for fathers to deal with the crucial teenage years.

IYANLA, 02/12/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Teaching Responsibility – Iyanla explored the toughest and most important job in the world -- parenting. Discussion included teaching kids responsibility, dealing with out-of-control children, and support for parents dealing with their kids' behavioral problems. Also, strategies for dealing with the outside influences that affect kids today.

IYANLA, 02/19/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Mothers and Daughters -- Mothers and daughters joined Iyanla and her support team to a frank discussion regarding teenage girls and sex -- how to talk to your daughter about the

difficult subject, teenagers and pregnancy, and up-to-date information on sexually transmitted diseases that threaten today's teens.

IYANLA, 02/26/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Blended Families – Iyanla and her support team explored the changing face of the American family, the challenge faced by blended stepfamilies, and advice for single fathers and gay couples who shared their adoption experiences. The unique hurdles that multi-racial families must overcome.

IYANLA, 02/28/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Teenage Boys -- Iyanla and her support team spent a revealing hour looking at the daily risks and challenges that face today's teenage boys, from teen violence and anger to sex and teen parenthood.

IYANLA, 03/08/02, 12:36AM, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Teenage Girls -- Iyanla and her support team spent a revealing hour looking at the daily pressures and challenges that face today's teenage girls, as they make their journey to womanhood.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY: UNDERSTANDING ABILITIES, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES, 3/17/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR., LOCAL (CHANGE)

This one-hour special focused on five students living with various abilities and how the programs and services offered at UCP has helped to advance their independence and productivity. Opportunities were made available for the public to offer their support to UCP for all that they do for individuals and disabilities and their families.

ABC 30 LISTENS FORUMS: (PROMOTIONAL - AIR)

ABC 30 aired :30 promos throughout the quarter for viewers to contact ABC-30 Listens toll free, write to us here at the station, or go online for viewers to get a chance to share ideas on how Action News can focus on the issues that are important to the community. Channel 30 then hosted a Forum (non-broadcast) and invited anyone in the community that might want to express their concerns. Forums were held in the City of Dinuba on February 19, 2002 at 7PM and in the City of Selma on March 12, 2002 at 7PM.

VALLEY FOCUS, 2/24/02, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1 and #2 – Big Brothers, Big Sisters/Bowl For Kids Sake. Today's show talked about the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. It is the largest provider of one-to-one youth mentoring services in the United States. They are here to talk about their upcoming fund-raiser. Bowl for Kids Sake is this organization's most important fund-raising event. You can participate as a sponsor, bowler or both.

VALLEY FOCUS, 2/24/02, 10:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #4 - Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

In this segment, we were joined by Gregory Williams, President of the Board for the Central Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He talked about upcoming programs and has been a vehicle for providing unique opportunities for policy advocacy, network marketing and technical training in entrepreneurship and business expansion to Spanish speaking, immigrant, rural and minority populations throughout the County.

VALLEY FOCUS, 3/10/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1 and #2- Junior League of Fresno. In these segments, Mary Strachan from the Junior League of Fresno joined us to talk about their organization and their annual fund raising events. The League's focus area is "Children In Need." They were able to donate the bloodmobile to the Central California Blood Center and a shotmobile went to the Fresno's Health Services Agency. They've helped with the Marjaree Mason Center and Exceptional Parents Unlimited.

VALLEY FOCUS, 3/10/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #3 - Viva el Mariachi Festival. Joining this segment is Guadalupe Carrasco, the program director for Radio Bilingüe to tell us about the Annual Viva el Mariachi Festival. The Festival will celebrate the culture and artistic heritage from some renowned Mariachi troupes from Mexico and the United States.

AND THE CHILDREN SHALL LEAD, 2/10/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

In 1964, segregation is a reality in Catesville, Mississippi, but 12-year-old Rachel doesn't notice it because she has many white friends. When a group of civil rights activist comes to town, tension between black and white citizens escalates. It's now up to Rachel and her friends to persuade the adults to overcome the racial barriers that divide them.

HISPANICS TODAY, 1/13/02, 11:00AM, :30 MIN., LOCAL

Hispanics Today talked about the significant amount of Latinos who serve in the US Armed Forces, but less than one percent serve as Military personnel. The show also took us to the Mission District in San Francisco where murals cover Balmy Alley and illustrates a range of imagery, including Mexican cinema, the politics of El Salvador and religion.

HISPANICS TODAY, 1/20/02, 11:00AM, :30 MIN., LOCAL

Hispanics Today spoke with renowned artist Fernando Botero, who may well be the best-known Latino artist working in today's art world. Hispanics Today also visited with the Hispanic Society of America and also Isabel Allende, a Chilean turned US novelist.

HISPANICS TODAY, 1/27/02, 5:30AM, :30 MIN., LOCAL

Hispanics Today brought one story about "digital divide" (a gap between Latinos and the digital revolution). The gap is narrowing thanks to the growth of savvy Latino youth, cultural assimilation and economic advancement by Hispanics. They also visited El Pueblo Historical Monument, which includes world-famous Olvera Street.

HISPANICS TODAY, 2/22/02, 11:00 AM LENGTH 30 MIN., LOCAL

Hispanics Today reported that almost 14% of the total U.S. population, yet less than 2 percent of all corporate board members representing Fortune 1000 companies, are Latino. Also, one of the U.S. Government's most powerful money managers is U.S. Treasurer Marin, who oversees the printing of \$142 billion dollars.

HISPANICS TODAY, 3/3/02, 9:30 AM LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Hispanics Today tackles the issues around how Latino senior citizens survive in a brave new world as they face poverty and hardships.

HISPANICS TODAY, 3/8/02, 11:00AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Hispanics Today report that the cost of obtaining a college degree has skyrocketed in the last 10 years. And many capable Latinos who are committed to obtaining an education are struggling to pay for school. Also, Latino Magazine has grown from monthly circulation of 100,000 readers to over one million, thanks to the magazine's bilingual emphasis on reaching the educated Latinos.

**SEASONAL PSA LIST FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2002**

Two (2) :15 PSA's for "Kids Day": Special edition of the Fresno Bee, with the proceeds going to Children's Hospital of Central California. This event sold 200,000 thousand papers in the Central Valley.

- :30 RED LIGHT RUNNERS
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- :30 HISPANIC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP
- :30 GIRL SCOUTS: LAW
- :30 GIRL SCOUTS: MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- :30 TREE FRESNO: BREEZE
- :30 TREE: LEMONADE
- :30 ABC30/ CLOVIS DRUG NO SMOKING
- :30 TEEN PREGNANCY
- :30 CHILDREN'S TV REPORT
- :30 RED CROSS (GRACE)
- :30 LEUKEMIA/LYMPHOMA
- :30 AD FED/DO THE ZOO/ELEPHANTS
- :30 AD FED/DO THE ZOO/KANGAROO
- :30 MET/SUE EXHIBIT
- :30 DISNEY'S TEACHER'S AWARDS
- :30 MAKE A WISH
- :30 DANCE THEATER OF HARLEM
- :30 MARIACHI FESTIVAL
- :20 MAKE A WISH
- :20 DISNEY'S TEACHER'S AWARDS

:20 BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS BOWLATHON  
:15 DAFFODIL DAYS FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
:15 RED CROSS (GRACE)  
:15 AD FED/DO THE ZOO  
:15 LATINO LEGENDS  
:10 TREE: JOIN  
:10 AD FED/DO THE ZOO  
:60 COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL/TEEN DRINKING