

KFSN-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
SECOND QUARTER 2002

From April 1, 2002, through and including June 30, 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 Second quarter news and public affairs program information report.

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

1. CHILDREN FIRST
2. HEALTHWATCH
3. EDUCATION
4. EMPLOYMENT
5. CONSUMER WATCH
6. YOUTH
7. FARMLAND/WATER
8. REVITALIZATION
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 year-long effort focuses on the challenges, problems, and opportunities facing children living in Central California. The program concentrates on how the average person can make a difference in a child's life and highlight local news organizations that work with children and youth. ***Children First*** includes local news produced 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 Central California partner to air these Children's First PSAs and Vignettes in rotation:

PARTNERS/HONORED SCHOLARS (16 SPOTS) (aired aprx. 75 times)

We invite Valley High School Graduating seniors who are the Valedictorians of their class to be part of a special campaign called Honored Scholars. The on-air tribute runs from June through July.

FCOE/EDUCATION PASSPORT: LENGTH :30 SEC. (aired aprx. 25 times)

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 12th 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.(aired aprx. 25 times)

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.

VCH/IMAGE: :30 SEC.(aired aprx 30 times)

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

VCH/IMAGE: :30 SEC.(aired aprx 25 times

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.

CHILDREN FIRST: TEENS AND SEX

04/07/02, 6:30 PM, :30 Min., Local

04/13/02, 5:00 PM, :30 Min., Local

"Teens and Sex", The Average American Teenager will first have sex at age 16 ½. Each year, approximately one million U.S. teenagers, age 15-19 will become pregnant. In California, over 12 of every 100 teenagers will become pregnant, and the numbers are even higher here in the Valley. Action News took a look at both sides of the controversial issue of sex education. We talked with local teenagers to learn their perspectives on the issue of teen sexuality and got some tips on how best to approach the subject with teens.

HEALTHWATCH**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CENTRAL CALIFORNIA:
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CARING FOR KIDS**

06/02/02, 1:00 PM, 1 Hour, Local

06/23/02, 4:00 PM, 1 Hour, Local

KFSN-TV produced a one-hour program for the Children's Hospital Central California. Patients and their parents were shown through different stages of recovery. Children's Hospital of Central California is the 12th largest free-standing children's hospital in the country. They serve the 45,000 square-mile heartland of California that stretches from Sacramento to Bakersfield and the Sierra Nevada to the Pacific. Children's Hospital has over 40 highly specialized programs and superior clinical outcomes, making it one of the finest pediatric hospitals in the United States.

**UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY: UNDERSTANDING ABILITIES,
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES (ENCORE)**

04/14/02, 11:00 AM, 1 Hour, Local

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.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/02/02 1:53 MIN., LOCAL

Health officials have confirmed that a 28-year-old Northern California man died from rabies. He is the third known Californian to die from the disease in seven years. Reporter Mark Hedlund reports the man caught the disease from a bat. When he first came to Glenn Medical Center, he was vomiting and had severe headaches. It seemed

like the flu. The next day it got worse, and he came back. That's when he was airlifted to the hospital. Within days, he was in a coma. Within two weeks, he was dead.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/03/02, LENGTH :31 SEC., LOCAL

Fewer teens are getting pregnant in the Golden State. California health officials announced a drop in teen birth rates today. They say recent outreach programs have contributed to the decrease in the number of teenage girls having babies. The numbers here in the valley are the highest in the state.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/04/02, LENGTH 2:02 MIN., LOCAL

There are a lot of factors contributing to Tulare County's teen pregnancy problem. But one of the biggest is poverty. It's no surprise that Tulare County is also the poorest county in the state. But despite these numbers, there is some optimism. In 1995, nearly 100 teen girls out of every thousand got pregnant. Four years later, the numbers dropped significantly. But one year later, they're back on the rise. The good news is overall, the teen pregnancy rate throughout the state of California actually dropped another four percent, a steady decrease over the past ten years.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 4/04/02, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

State health officials are warning people not to eat a popular Hispanic cheese called "Queso Fresco". The soft white cheese is actually illegal in California because it is often made with unpasteurized milk. It's usually purchased at flea markets, small neighborhood grocery stores and street vendors. There have been more than 50 cases of salmonella poisoning linked to the cheese this year

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/07/02, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

Aspirin has been credited with yet another health benefit. Often prescribed to guard against heart attacks, a new study unveiled in San Francisco today says a daily dose of baby aspirin can help reduce the risk of colon cancer. The experiment in people who previously had colon polyps removed, found that an 80 milligram dose of baby aspirin can reduce the risk of new polyps by 19 percent.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/09/02, LENGTH :32 SEC., LOCAL

A study by the National Institutes of Health shows alcohol contributes to 1,400 student deaths a year, half a million injuries, and 70,000 cases of sexual assault. But this shouldn't scare parents into saying no to college for their kids. The study also shows drinking is not necessarily a by-product of higher education. They say problem drinking exists in part because of the social climate. The report blames cheap alcohol during "happy hour" and "sex-filled advertising imagery."

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/09/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

A report card on the well-being of Fresno County children shows mixed results. Five areas were graded in this report card, prepared by the Intra-agency council. They were education, health, safety, economics, and quality of life. Fresno County garnered high marks for providing mental health services for children. But the county received poor marks when it comes to air quality and poverty.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/09/02, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

Low income parents now have a new option to help keep their little ones healthy. The "Parent Mobile" is a rolling resource center. It offers free health care, referrals and educational services to children up to five years old and their families. The idea is simple -- if parents can't go to the resources, bring the resources to them. The Proposition 10 cigarette tax helped make the Parent Mobile possible.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 4/09/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

Many students say alcohol is just another part of college life. But a new report highlights some of the serious consequences of binge drinking. It says about 1,400 students are killed every year in alcohol-related accidents. Most are highway crashes, while others are falls or drownings. Experts say it's a problem that should be seen as a major health concern, not a rite of passage for the young.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 4/09/02, LENGTH :32 SEC., LOCAL

Heavy drinking can be dangerous to a woman's health for reasons you might not have guessed. Most women know men can handle more alcohol than they can. That's because with less water in women's bodies. They concentrate the alcohol more. The concentration doesn't just make women tipsy. It also starts to damage the organs at a much lower level. Researchers found that a woman's brain and heart are the most vulnerable. According to dietary guidelines, anything more than one drink a day for a woman is considered heavy drinking.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 04/10/02, LENGTH 1:41 MIN., LOCAL

Smokers will tell you that the ritual of lighting up and inhaling smoke is as much a part of the cigarette habit as the nicotine fix. Now, there's scientific evidence to back that up.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/10/02, LENGTH 2:18 MIN., LOCAL

School districts throughout the valley are now working to improve the air teachers and children breath inside the classroom. This SchoolWatch reports what steps they're taking after finding out just what kind of health problems bad air can cause.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/11/02, LENGTH 1:41 MIN., LOCAL

It's estimated 30-percent of California students are obese. Some say soda and junk food sold on school campuses are adding to the problem. But can soda taxes help fight obesity? Not everyone swallows the new tax idea.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 4/16/02, LENGTH :41 SEC., LOCAL

A special proclamation was given to five-year-old liver recipient Lizbeth Alcala and her family. The little girl and her parents currently volunteer at health fairs and other events designed to help create awareness of the critical need for organ donation. Lizbeth is also featured on the Spanish language national brochure. City officials proclaimed this "national organ and tissue donor awareness week" in the city of Fresno.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 4/17/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/17/02, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/18/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

The nation's second largest buyer of benefits will drop coverage from two major HMO's and that could affect your health insurance. Cal-Pers, the state's public retirement employees system is dumping Health Net and PacifiCare because they had a tough time negotiating rates with the HMO's. About 150,000 state employees will have to change insurance carriers when open enrollment begins.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/21/02, LENGTH 2:19 SEC., LOCAL

The California Public Employees Retirement System, known as CALPERS, is the nation's biggest purchaser of health insurance. CALPERS accepted a 25-percent increase in HMO premiums for next year. The steep increase speaks to a serious problem facing companies and workers nationwide.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/25/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

Valley health care providers had a chance to get a little closer to their kids. It's an event that started out for the girls, but now they're letting the boys in as well. It is take your daughter to work day, and as you can see some sons came along as well. At the Kaiser Permanente Hospital of Fresno, workers had a chance to explain what they do at work, and why they love their job. Today marked the 10th year of the event that will expand next year to officially include boys as well.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/25/02, LENGTH :14 SEC., LOCAL

The one and only school in Alpaugh will be closed because of potential health problems, caused by a faulty water well. The problem is expected to be fixed tomorrow night and the Alpaugh school reopened on Monday.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 4/25/02, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

The key to a happy, healthy lifestyle may be more traditional family roles. A new study finds Mr. Mom's are paying the price for taking care of their children. In a ten-year study of "stay-at-home dads", it found 80 percent had a greater chance of dying than men who traditionally work outside the home. Researchers speculate stress may be the main cause of health problems.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/28/02, LENGTH 1:55 MIN., LOCAL

Doctors call them "breath-holding spells". As many as 27 percent of children will have minor cases, but up to more than 4 percent of children will have severe episodes. Here's more on how doctors are treating the most severe cases.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 5/04/02, LENGTH 1:42 MIN., LOCAL

Putting weight back on surgically repaired bones or joints is often a painful experience. But what if surgical patients could rehabilitate their bodies while floating on air? The rehab clinic is now about to enter the space age.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 5/05/02, LENGTH 1:50 MIN., LOCAL

Alcoholism is a major health problem for American men, and women. But there are only a few treatment programs designed specifically for women. In this segment of HealthWatch, Action News anchor Joanne Feldman described how women and men differ in not only the road to addiction, but also in the road to recovery.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/07/02, LENGTH 2:04 MIN., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 5/07/02, LENGTH :32 SEC., LOCAL

A report finds that nearly one in eight Californians has suffered from asthma. Researchers at UCLA say 3.9 million residents have been diagnosed with asthma at some point in their lives. They also found asthma rates varied greatly among California's 58 counties. Researchers say poverty, air pollution, inadequate access to health care and other factors all play a role.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 5/11/02, LENGTH 1:45 MIN., LOCAL

At this point three students, two staff members and a couple of parents have come forward with the symptoms of E-Coli. School officials are working with the health department to determine the source. The swimming pool at Sanger high school is buzzing with activity now, but that wasn't the case a couple of days ago. Two girls on the swim team were diagnosed with the E-Coli bacteria and school officials shut it down for testing.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 5/14/02, LENGTH 1:42 MIN., LOCAL

Five confirmed cases of E-Coli are raising fears of an outbreak at Sanger High School. But the school is hoping the worst is over and the contamination has been contained. County health officials still aren't sure about the source of the contamination. Testing is complete and the health department is hoping to have an answer as soon as tomorrow.

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

If you have cantaloupe, you may need to throw it out, says the State Department of Health Services. The Susie brand of cantaloupe from Mexico has been connected to 14 cases of salmonella food poisoning, including one in Fresno and another in Madera. If you have it, throw it away or return it to the store for a refund.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 5/19/02, LENGTH 2:11 MIN., LOCAL

More than one thousand people came out to the Kerman Community Center where doctors were handing out doses of tender loving care. A team of 45 doctors and nurses from the Central Valley and Northern California were volunteering at the Kerman community center, but on this day it was a full service health clinic. The lines were long, but patients were glad to wait if it meant getting needed medical attention.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/22/02, LENGTH 2:29 MIN., LOCAL

More than sixty percent of Americans are overweight and twenty-six percent are obese. Losing those extra pounds is rarely easy. The question is, can Americans shed those pounds and reduce their health risks?

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5PM, LENGTH :39 MIN., LOCAL

The president of Longs Drug store says he will consider asking its board of directors to stop selling tobacco products in its stores. Their theme, or logo, is live healthy, live happy, live Longs. A coalition of health groups kicked off a national campaign to ask Longs to get rid of things like cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/22/02, LENGTH 1:29 MIN., LOCAL

New research shows women with a high risk for breast cancer might be able to "cut" their risk. Drinking a little wine could be good for your lungs, and your personal trainer might not be as knowledgeable as you think.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/06/02, LENGTH 2:13 MIN., LOCAL

We all know calcium helps form strong bones. But did you know during adolescence, children only absorb about thirty percent of the calcium in their diet? There may be a simple solution.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 6/04/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

An exciting new project is underway in one Fresno County community. Ground was broken this morning on a new Kaiser Permanente Medical office. It's in the city of Selma. The ten-million dollar health facility will have 18 physician offices for adult and pediatric care, pharmacy, and other services. It's expected to open by the middle of next year. Kaiser will also break ground on a new facility in Clovis.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 6/06/02, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

Health officials will expand their testing for bovine tuberculosis to include more than forty herds throughout the Central Valley. Eighty-nine cows from an unidentified Tulare county dairy have already been destroyed because they tested positive for exposure to bovine TB, a deadly lung disease. The dairy has been quarantined for further testing. Health officials also plan to test nearly 200 young cows sold from that dairy and to others in the area.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 6/06/02, LENGTH 1:49 MIN., LOCAL

A Fresno county nursing home is being sued. The lawsuit says a 95-year old woman died in part because the facility was understaffed. It happened at the Wish-I-Ah home in Auberry.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 6/14/02, LENGTH :37 SEC., LOCAL

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Milk drinkers in the valley are concerned for their families' health with word of a major recall. Berkeley farms is recalling these brands because some contain penicillin. In addition to Berkeley farms, the recall includes Dairy Dawn, Ralph's, Mountain Dairy, Sysco, Smart and Final, Albertsons, Good Day and Best Yet. Milk containing penicillin can be dangerous for people who are allergic to the antibiotic.

VALLEY FOCUS, 6/02/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN, LOCAL

Segment #1 & 2: UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program: Translating research into Practice: Guests from Fresno Alzheimer's Research Center talked about their upcoming conference on Saturday, June 15th. We talked with experts who deal with Alzheimer's disease and that it is a growing epidemic as America gets older.

OPRAH, 4PM, 04/08/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Recipes for Your Heart - Oprah welcomed two of America's most popular authorities on healthy eating and cooking. Dr. Andrew Weil and Oprah's former chef, Rosie Daley, have teamed up to create a new cookbook, "The Healthy Kitchen". During the hour, they cooked up some fabulous recipes that are not only healthy for your heart, but quick, easy, and most importantly, delicious.

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

What It's Like To Be Fat - They are victims of prejudice and discrimination. They are laughed at, ridiculed, and endlessly taunted. Theirs is a life of degrading stares and constant humiliation. 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, 4PM, 4/15/02, 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 totally unaware of it. Oprah talked with Dr. Christiane Northup about what menopause is and what it isn't and helps alert women to the many signs and symptoms what are often overlooked or misdiagnosed.

OPRAH, 4PM, 5/01/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

When Should I Have A Baby? – Oprah talked to women who say they are confused by this new information and others who were devastated to learn that their time to produce children had run out. Our expert shared the facts on fertility and helped answer the question – When should I have a baby?

OPRAH, 4PM, 5/16/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Baby ER - Oprah shared amazing stories of infant survival in the emergency room. We took viewers through a day in the life of a neonatal intensive care unit doctor and inspiring stories of how some dedicated doctors and nurses care for premature babies and their parents. They also features a documentary that illustrates the contrast of how babies are born in other parts of the world, including the lack of resources, technology and doctors that women in other countries often endure.

OPRAH, 4PM, 6/11/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Dr. Phil's Weight Loss Advice, Part I – Dr. Phil McGraw joins Oprah to “Get Real” about weight problems. He focused on the emotional side of eating, and helped people get to the bottom of why they overeat so they could prepare themselves, psychologically, to change their behaviors, lose the weight and keep it off.

HISPANICS TODAY, 11 AM, 5/12/02, LENGTH :30 MIN., SYNDICATION

Segment #1- Health Care- Preventative health care is critical to ward off future disease. Yet Latinos resist visiting a doctor unless they're sick. In Atlanta, Georgia, breast cancer survivor Venue Giunes founded Dia De La Mujer Latina Incorporated to help foster greater health awareness within the Hispanic Community.

EDUCATION**NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/02/02, LENGTH :27 SEC, LOCAL**

A measure passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill now moves to the Assembly Education Committee. If passed, Valley schools like Tulare Union High and Chowchilla High could be affected, as their mascot names are the Redskins.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/04/02, LENGTH :31 SEC., LOCAL**NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/04/02, LENGTH :31 SEC., LOCAL**

California schools will see some big improvements if lawmakers have their way. The State Senate approved more than 25 billion dollars in education bonds to help fix up deteriorating schools. The issue will now go to Governor Davis to see if it can be placed before voters this November and in 2004. Money from the bonds will help low-performing and overcrowded schools, design upgrades, and expand buildings.

**ACTION NEWS SPECIAL: TEENS AND SEX: 3/06/02, LENGTH 28:56 MIN.,
LOCAL (ALSO IN CHILDREN FIRST AND HEALTH)**

Juanita Stevenson sat down with a group of young women who offered their views on the issue and explored the subject from all walks of life, including teenage mothers. The program took viewers inside sex education class to find out what children are learning and how early those classes begin in our public school. We also talked with those who advocate abstinence and who have fears about the mixed messages in the classes.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/08/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

Parents in the Clovis Unified District have been lined up all day and night to make sure their youngsters get a slot in the morning kindergarten class at Maple Creek Elementary School. Officials say they really don't need to spend all that time in line and say overcrowding is no longer a problem. Many parents say they're taking the safe route.

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NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/09/02, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

Fresno educators say they now have a better way of determining just how well many of their students are learning the English language. Preliminary results of a first-time test show that in Fresno Unified, 19 percent of the elementary students are at the beginning level, while only 11 percent are at the advanced level of English development. But in grades seven thru twelve, only six percent of the students are at the beginning level, while 44 percent are at the advanced level.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/18/02, LENGTH :44 SEC., LOCAL

Applicants for Cal Grant scholarships are up from last year. Despite beefed up outreach efforts, they're still below what state officials had expected. State officials say 10 to 12 million dollars could be unused and returned to California's coffers. Lawmakers are concerned that the deficit combined with lack of applicants could put future Cal Grant funding at risk for cuts. High school seniors and college students who have been out of high school for more than a year and a half can apply for Cal Grants.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/22/02, LENGTH :34 SEC., LOCAL

The state wants to make life easier for students who are carrying a heavy load in their backpacks. A new bill would require the state board of education to develop maximum weight standards for books. Under the proposal, suggestions to decrease back problems include building more lockers, put books on CD-rom so students can study at home or to have two sets of books, one for school and one for home use. A recent study says three thousand students between the ages of 5 and 14 sought medical treatment in emergency rooms for spinal and back injuries related to heavy backpacks.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/23/02, LENGTH :44 SEC., LOCAL

West Hills Community College serves a diverse population. Met Life has recognized the school with a community college excellence award. The school was honored for its

efforts to make education more available to underserved teens and adults through the use of multi-lingual staff. West Hills is also credited with offering programs like psychiatric technician and heavy equipment that prepare students for well paying jobs.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/24/02, LENGTH :43 SEC., LOCAL

The Assembly Education Committee will look at adjusting state laws regarding charter schools. Some of these changes come from the investigation of the Gateway Academy. Action News broke the story of several improprieties at the charter school. Evidence showed half of Gateway's employees were not given background checks as required by law. Teachers worked with expired credentials or no credentials at all. Gateway lost its charter with Fresno Unified.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 4/24/02, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

The West Fresno School District could come under State control. Fresno County schools superintendent Dr. Pete Mehas wants the department of education to take charge of the troubled district. Mehas has spent months trying to get a handle on the district's financial crisis. He says west Fresno will have a nearly two-million dollar deficit by the end of the fiscal year and will not be able to meet its financial obligations if nothing is done.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/25/02, LENGTH 2:18 MIN., LOCAL

There are twenty-six charter schools operating in Fresno county. Many of them offering rich educational experiences for their students. Now many of those schools are facing closer scrutiny because of the actions of a charter school.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/28/02, LENGTH 1:20 MIN., LOCAL

For the past several months, Fresno's mayor has been trying to sell the idea of letting him appoint school board members. The mayor wants the power to appoint all seven school board members. He believes the change could turn the district around and improve test scores. Autry says the system has been successful in both Chicago and Boston school districts. But the idea has brought mixed reaction from the community. Some believe voters should keep the right to elect board members.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/29/02, LENGTH :30 SEC. ,LOCAL

New state rules are making it tougher for high school students to get a work permit. Fresno Unified is the first local district to implement the new guidelines, and so far it seems to be working. The new rules require students to stay in school. Kids cannot miss more than 6 periods or 36 days a quarter. Students must also maintain a 2.0 grade point average and must stay out of trouble. If not, students could be put on probation and ultimately lose their permit.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 5/01/02, LENGTH 2:09 MIN., LOCAL

Fresno Mayor Alan Autry's controversial plan to take over Fresno Unified's school board is all but dead. Autry went to Sacramento, trying to convince lawmakers to pass his bold proposal. Autry made what some consider to be highly inflammatory and unnecessary comments about Fresno schools. It's unclear if Mayor Autry will continue trying to gain the power to appoint school board trustees.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 5/02/02, LENGTH 2:28 SEC., LOCAL

The mayor not only didn't get his plan approved by the Assembly Education Committee, he ended up ruffling a lot of feathers when he called Fresno Unified the worst district in the state. He is still talking tough today and vows to continue his push to appoint Fresno school board members. The mayor himself admits that changing the charter would be difficult because the boundaries of Fresno Unified overlap with other districts.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/06/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Fewer parents are paying for their children's college. A new study says about three-quarters of students work while earning a four-year degree. A quarter hold down full-time jobs. The American Council on Education says only 40 percent of college students come straight from high school and work only part-time or not at all.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 5/07/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

Sixteen Latino students from all over the valley were awarded one-thousand dollar scholarships by the Association of Mexican-American Educators. The organization helps Latino students pursue higher education and assume leadership roles. Mexico celebrates "Dia del Maestro" or Day of the Teacher, so seven valley educators were also recognized at tonight's event.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/13/02, 1:49 MIN., LOCAL

Four seats on the Fresno Unified School Districts board of trustees are up for grabs this November. A group of city leaders and lawmakers will choose four candidates to support financially and politically in the upcoming election. Today they officially hung a help wanted sign for interested people to come forward.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/12/02, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

Fresno Unified board trustee Bill Riddlestrigger wants to see school board elections held in odd numbered years. They are now held in the same year as presidential and congressional elections. Riddlestrigger believes education issues are overshadowed by the larger campaigns in election season. But others on the board say school elections held on their own would cost too much and lead to low voter turnout.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/16/02, LENGTH :27 SEC., LOCAL

Fresno Unified may be doing all it can to teach poor and minority students, but a civil rights group says the district is "not" making sure they succeed. The Fresno Bee reported the citizen's commission on civil rights has questioned the district's use of federal money to help students improve their education. Fresno Unified officials have not seen the report. They do say they evaluate students and use test scores to see where they need help most.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/29/02, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

The school board in Modesto has denied a high school teacher's request to discuss teen pregnancy in her human relations course. The board voted against the proposed round table discussion of pregnancy, birth control, and abortion in Sharon Froba's Modesto high

class. It says such talk belongs in health class where abstinence is the key message. Last year 187 babies were born to students at Modesto high.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 6/01/02, LENGTH :17 SEC., LOCAL

California could provide special help to the families of soldiers who are killed in the war on terror. State assembly member Sarah Reyes is introducing a measure to provide a free college education for the children of military personnel who are killed in the line of duty, during Operation Enduring Freedom.

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

There was more fallout from Fresno Mayor Alan Autry's State of the City address last week. During his speech, Autry continued the drumbeat for the Mayor to appoint Fresno Unified School Board members but now, one of Fresno's city councilmen says he's heard enough and he's questioning the need for a city-paid office of education for a mayor who continues to blast Fresno's largest school district.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 6/10/02, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

Some area teachers on break are getting science lessons at the Chaffee Zoo. An instructor from the Bronx Zoo in New York is in Fresno to offer local teachers some tips on teaching science to young students. The teachers say the four-day workshop offers them fresh ideas.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 6/27/02, LENGTH :35 SEC., LOCAL

A day after a federal appeals court judge declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional, he has blocked his own ruling. Judge Alfred Goodwin did an about-face and stayed the decision and putting the issue in limbo. The court had ruled the phrase "Under God" crossed the line between church and state. The decision came after a northern California atheist filed suit, claiming the pledge exposed his daughter to religion. Mayor Alan Autry will lead a rally in support of the Pledge of Allegiance. He's calling on all schoolchildren from throughout the city to join him on the steps of city hall.

VALLEY FOCUS, 10:30AM, 4/15/02, LENGTH :30 MIN, LOCAL

Segment #1 - CSU Summer Arts: Summer Student Recruitment. California State University, Fresno will host the SCU Summer Arts program. Hundreds of students will live on campus this summer participating in artistic workshops including theater, dance, music, visual arts, creative writing, media, and arts education. Segment #2 - University High School: School Accomplishments and New Plans. University High School is a public charter high school where music is a common experience for all students. To be accepted, a student must have music skills and the motivation to work hard to master a rigorous college preparatory curriculum in science, math, and the humanities. Segment #3 - University High School: Destination Imagination/Global Finals. Two students will represent California in the Global Finals of Destination Imagination.

VALLEY FOCUS, 11:30AM, 4/28/02, LENGTH :30 MIN, LOCAL

Segment #1 - Tulare County Office of Education: California Regional Recruitment Center. On this segment, guests talked about the Regional Recruitment Center's Job is to

remove obstacles and help potential teachers with their education needs, school loans, job placement, and training and certification. Segment #2- Tulare County Office of Education: Youth Employment Program. The Youth Employment Program provides career guidance, vocational, counseling, job placement, follow-up services, and educational tutoring. Segment #3- Tulare County Office of Education: Bright Start. The Tulare County Office of Education's Bright Start parent/infant program offers the county's most comprehensive array of services in the one program when a child under three is not meeting his or her developmental milestones. Segment #4- Central Valley YMCA; Family and Camping Service. Joining the show was Diane Steel, Program Director for the Central Valley YMCA's Family and Camping Services. Their goal is to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

VALLEY FOCUS, 5/12/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN, LOCAL

Segments #1 and #2 - Tour Old Administration Building/La Palma Heritage Home Tour. We talked with members of the Fresno Historical Society. One of the goals of this society is the education of children. They offer educational outreach through several events including the Civil War revisited, tour of the Kearney Mansion Museum and their Time Travelers Summer Day Camps. Segment #3- Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: Latina Women's Conference. The Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce invites the public to their annual Latina Women's Conference. This year's conference acknowledges the outstanding contributions Latinas have made to the development of our community. The Chamber will honor seven women for their "Latinas Beyond Boundaries" awards. Segment #4- Armenian Technology, Inc. Armenian Cultural Association, Hamazkayin, Inc. The William Saroyan Festival 2002 draws to an end with two concerts. This festival's last event will feature the National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia.

OPRAH, 4PM, 6/07/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Beat The Odds Graduation Stories - Oprah saluted some of the most extraordinary students to come out of the Class of 2002. It was not their perfect test scores, but their courage, determination and strong spirit that put them at the head of the class. We found out how they overcame the tremendous obstacles that faced them to become college graduates.

EMPLOYMENT

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/12/02, LENGTH 1:34 MIN., LOCAL

A downtown Fresno business contributed to those encouraging numbers. Twenty new professional jobs were recently added to a Fresno laboratory. The lab has seen explosive growth because of concerns about the safety of your drinking water. It brought a lot of opportunity for local people who might travel out of Fresno to the Bay Area or Southern California to look for jobs.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/15/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

According to a new state report, the plan will cost three-billion dollars in the next five years and taxpayers will end up picking up most of the tab. The report said the bulk of the costs will go to increase employment services and child care costs. Analysts said the reforms will create even more problems for California, which is already facing a budget crunch.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/25/02, LENGTH 1:45 MIN, LOCAL

It took three years of studies, and sparked lots of debate, but this morning it looks like the next big shopping center will be in the South Valley. It will make education available, and hopefully it will make higher paying jobs for the residents of our community. It was expected the shopping complex will create about 1000 jobs. Not high income positions, but employment nonetheless; a fact that had to have been a selling point in a community with an 8-to-9 percent unemployment rate.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 05/17/02, LENGTH :28 SEC., LOCAL

Save Mart supermarkets is hosting a job fair today for its newest location on Willow and Nees in northeast Fresno. Over 70 positions need to be filled. Job seekers must be available to work any shift. The job fair runs from nine this morning until four this afternoon at the employment services center located at the Manchester mall. The new Save Mart store is slated to open at the end of July.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/08/02, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

South valley shoppers could soon have a new place to check out bargains! Visalia's planning commission approved a proposed shopping center to be built off of Mooney Boulevard. Soon, this property could be filled with restaurants and shops. The Packwood Creek shopping center would include a Lowe's home improvement center and a Best Buy. The project could bring hundreds of jobs to the South Valley. The Visalia City Council is set to vote on the Packwood project.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/11/02, LENGTH :36 SEC., LOCAL

Thousands of high-tech jobs are going unfilled in California because the state doesn't have enough workers with college degrees in science and engineering. At the "tech challenge" in San Jose, young students show off their robots. It is rare to see kids so enthused with science. A recent report shows many students don't do well in science.

The California council of science and technology says among the reasons is an inadequate teacher workforce in math and science.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/17/02, LENGTH :30 MIN, LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 04/18/02, LENGTH :28 SEC., LOCAL

The owner of the five -Fresno Burger Kings is devastated they've been shut down, and the abrupt move leaves him unable to help his employees. Burger King is going through some challenges -- operational and also economy economic challenges. The five locations that will close include: Blackstone and Herndon, Cedar and Herndon, the Fig Garden Loop, Fashion Fair and Shaw and Villa. One hundred twenty employees are now without jobs.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 04/23/02, LENGTH :24 SEC. ,LOCAL

In a massive crackdown following September's terrorist attacks. Federal authorities rounded up nearly 100 workers at Washington-area airports on a variety of charges from illegal immigration to lying about a criminal background. The sweep is the latest in a series of arrests of airport workers who were not entitled to their jobs because they were illegal immigrants or had criminal records.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 04/24/02, LENGTH :15 SEC., LOCAL

There's a new way for farmworkers in the South Valley to get to their jobs. The Kings County area public transit agency has bought four passenger busses to take workers to and from the fields. The program is a test project set up through the state to increase safety.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 04/24/02, LENGTH :19 SEC., LOCAL

A job fair is underway at the Tulare County fairgrounds. It runs through one o'clock. Dozens of employers from across the Valley will be on hand looking to fill hundreds of jobs. Those interested should bring your resume and come ready to interview.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 5/03/02, LENGTH :19 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/3/02, LENGTH :19 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 05/03/02, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

Dozens of Cigna employees have lost their jobs in the South valley. Sixty people were laid off by the health care service in Visalia. Back in January, the nation's third largest health insurer announced it would cut two thousand jobs as part of a restructuring plan. Cigna's Visalia office currently employs about 1,400 people.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 5/06/02, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

The nation's unemployment rate surged last month to six percent. It's at the highest level in eight years. Recent college graduates are finding the job market grim. The multiple job offers of recent years have disappeared and so have the big salaries. This year's graduates inherit a job market battered by recession. They are also facing unexpected competition from laid off workers who are willing to take entry level jobs.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 05/07/02, LENGTH :19 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 5/06/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Governor Gray Davis signed legislation raising unemployment benefits for workers who lost their jobs after the attacks of September eleventh. The measure will provide higher benefits to more than one million Californians making them eligible for increases, which took effect this year. The increases raised maximum benefits from \$230 to \$330 per week.

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

Airport workers who are not American citizens are anxious about their jobs. In San Francisco, they went before the airport commission looking for help. They want the commission to propose that current employees receive priority hiring and those applying for citizenship get quick approval.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/13/02, LENGTH :34 SEC., LOCAL

A day's work for a day's pay can translate into trouble for undocumented workers who don't speak English. Victor Peredas is an I-A construction worker who speaks only Spanish. He says he was ordered by an English-speaking boss to operate a crane he was not trained to operate. The crane tipped over and crushed his arm. The Department of Labor says workplace deaths among Hispanics have shot up 53% between 1992 and 2000. Deaths for all other groups dropped 10%. Many of these cases involve undocumented immigrants who are in high risk jobs and do not speak English.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 5/22/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

A cable factory is closing in Sanger, leaving 146 people without jobs. General Cable says poor sales are forcing the plant to close in two months. The company makes data communication cable. They say their business took a hit with the dot-com disaster and the overall poor condition of the data industry. The company says it will help its laid off workers get job skills training.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/31/02, LENGTH :28 SEC., LOCAL

The shortage of nurses and other health care workers keeps getting worse. To cope with it, some hospitals are offering raises and big signing bonuses. In north Texas, most hospitals are down 12 to 13 percent in nurses and technicians, and they're recruiting heavily and working harder to get good people. Their ads promise signing bonuses, higher pay, flexible hours, and other perks. The push appears to be paying off, with dozens of new hires snapping up the nursing jobs.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE 6/04/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

A Bill headed for the State Senate would allow California workers to take paid leaves from their jobs to care for a seriously ill or injured family member or a new child. The State Labor Federation said it would make California the first state in the nation to enact a system of paid family leave. Current law allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a seriously ill family member, but many workers can't afford to stay away from work.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 6/6/02, LENGTH :18 SEC., LOCAL

All three of Fresno's Papa John's Pizza restaurants have closed and put more than 100 people out of work. The restaurants, located at Olive and Van Ness, Marks and Herndon, and North Blackstone are closed. A spokesman for Pizza Hut says laid-off Papa John's employees are welcome to apply for jobs with them.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 6/23/02, LENGTH :17 SEC., LOCAL

Some college students are getting first-hand experience fighting fires. Nearly 60 local college students will spend the summer battling forest fires across the country. It's part of a federal program to diversify the forest service work force. The students all have a passion for working.

VALLEY FOCUS, 6/02/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MINUTES, LOCAL

Investment Board: State of the Workforce/Annual Excellence Awards Luncheon. We talked about the upcoming Fresno County Workforce Investment board and their Excellence in Business award.

OPRAH, 4PM, 4/19/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

How Safe Are Your Investments? – Oprah was joined by financial expert Ric Edelman and talked about some Enron employees who lost everything. They explained how they are coping with their challenging new economic situation. We also heard from others who shared regrets about risky investments that didn't pan out. They checked with past guests who had been laid off and needed help managing funds until a new job could be found.

OPRAH, 4PM, 5/23/-2, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Making It On Minimum Wage Follow-Up – Oprah followed some past guests whose lives have changed since we first met them, as millions of Americans are working full-time, sometimes even two or three jobs, and yet are still living below the poverty level. We found out how they managed to survive in a stressful economic situation.

OPRAH, 4PM, 6/26/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

How I Work From Home - Oprah talked to women who have turned their ideas for at-home businesses into multi-million dollar companies. They are part of a growing number of people who have found a way to make a living in the comfort of their own homes. We meet a stay-at-home mom who started with a very small budget and then sold her simple idea for \$18 million. Another mom shared how her idea for an at-home business saved her son's life. And one women explained how a childhood passion for perfume is now a successful business.

HISPANICS TODAY, 11AM, 5/5/02, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1 - Expecting Models - Liza Elliot-Ramirez is founder of Expecting Models, the only modeling agency in the U.S. for pregnant women. This Puerto Rican dynamo and model created her fast-growing company after her own pregnancy resulted in less work for her.

Segment #3 - Work is tough to come by these days for day laborers in Oakland, California. A city ordinance slaps a \$1000 fine on those who hire laborers for work. Day Laborers are fighting back through an organization called "The United Fight of the Day Laborer".

CONSUMER WATCH

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/04/02, LENGTH 1:59 MIN., LOCAL

Take Your Pills - If you're taking a lot of medication, or vitamins and supplements, plenty of companies are making it their business to help you remember when to take them.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/09/02, LENGTH 1:42 MIN., LOCAL

401K Checkup - The struggling economy dealt a harsh blow to retirement investments. Then, the Enron debacle showed just how vulnerable 401K plans can be. Financial experts say it's probably a good time to do a check-up on your investments.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 04/10/02, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

Fisher-Price Swing Recall - If you have a baby, or know someone with an infant, there's something you need to know. Fisher-Price is recalling about 42,000 infant swings.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 04/18/02, LENGTH 1:50 MIN., LOCAL

Magnetic Walls - There's a new kind of paint that contains small particles of iron. It claims to transform any wall in your home or office into a magnetic bulletin board, but how well does it work?

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/19/02, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

Fuel - There is a fuel replacement product that promises to keep your car on the road in the event you run out of gas. It came with a lifetime replacement guarantee -- use it and they'll ship you a fresh bottle, but a consumer had trouble getting the guarantee honored. After two months of haggling, he contacted Consumer Watch. The company overnighted more products in less than a week.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE 4/19/02, LENGTH :30 SEC. ,LOCAL

Vacuum - A consumer had a problem with the new Dirt Devil vacuum cleaner; it kept clogging up. The problem wouldn't go away, even after being taken to the repair shop. Dirt devil customer service wasn't of any help either. When Consumer Watch got involved, Dirt Devil replaced the vacuum, and sent the consumer a free hand-vac for her inconvenience.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/21/02, LENGTH 1:54 MIN., LOCAL

SUV Choices – One in four new vehicles sold is a sport utility vehicle, despite the fact that SUV's are more prone to rollovers than passenger cars.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/25/02, LENGTH 3:37 MIN., LOCAL

Shopper - Are you a regular shopper at Wal-Mart? If so, you might be surprised to learn that prices from one Wal-Mart to another may not be the same. Competition for the low price means you might be paying more, depending on where you shop.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/30/02, LENGTH 1:47 MIN., LOCAL

Good Binoculars – Sports fans, opera lovers, birdwatchers and hunters have at least one thing in common. They all need decent binoculars.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/03/02, LENGTH 2:10 MIN., LOCAL

Rebate - We've all bought things before that came with a mail-in-rebate. Often times it's not a lot of money. But what if it was \$400? You'd probably be waiting by the mailbox.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/9/02, LENGTH :54 SEC., LOCAL

Fitness - The federal government has gone to court to try and stop manufacturers of three fitness machines from promising more than they can deliver. We're talking about those abs machines. You see them on television infomercials. They promise to help you lose the weight, flatten stomachs, and harden the muscles, all while you kick back and watch TV. The government says they don't work.

NEWSCAST: 5 PM, 5/14/02, LENGTH 2:00 MIN., LOCAL

Baby Bed Danger - Every year, up to 900 infants die from suffocation due to soft bedding. Quilts, padded bumper guards, even pillows, can be dangerous. See how to protect your baby from these dangers.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/16/02, LENGTH 2:10 MIN., LOCAL

Satellite Radio - It's the biggest revolution in radio since FM went stereo. Find out how it works and what it costs.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/23/02, LENGTH 1:50 MIN., LOCAL

Soy Nut Butter - Peanut butter is a good, inexpensive source of protein. Peanut products can be deadly for up to three million Americans who are allergic to peanuts, but there are some soy-based alternatives.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/23/02, LENGTH 1:48 MIN., LOCAL

If you've been shopping lately, you've no doubt seen lots of clothes made with stretch material. Find out how they hold up after washing.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/11/02, LENGTH 1:53 MIN., LOCAL

Wet wipes are a staple in a baby's nursery or when you're traveling with a child. Now several companies have come out with moist wipes for adults. Action News consumer reporter Craig Fiegner tells us about the problems they can cause. Consumer Reports just tested Cottonelle Fresh Roll Wipes and Charmin Fresh Mates, as well as some moist wipes from Quilted Northern and two store brands. All the products say that they're "flushable" and most say they're "sewer and septic safe". The tests checked to see how long it took for the wipes to disintegrate. That's important if you have a toilet that clogs easily or if you have a septic system. After three months, most of the wipes looked just about the same as they did when they started out. Most hadn't disintegrated at all.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/02/02, LENGTH 1:54 MIN., LOCAL

Auto - These days, everyone is looking to lower expenses anyway they can. Auto insurance is a must-have, but you might be able to save money with a simple check up. Every time you make a change in your life, it can have an impact on your car insurance. If you move to a different neighborhood, if your child leaves home and is no longer on your policy, that can drive your rates down. Another way to save, consider raising your deductibles to \$500 or \$1000. In fact, if you can do that \$1000 deductible, it can lower your insurance rate as much as 40 percent. One final cost cutting tip. If your premium is more than 10% of your car's value, consider dropping collision and comprehensive coverage. Finally, be sure to compare rates from other companies as part of your annual checkup.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 6/04/02, LENGTH 2:01 LOCAL

Gifts - June is traditionally a popular month for weddings, and couples are busily registering for gifts. Now more and more stores now offer online registries. Action News Consumer Reporter Craig Fiegner has the results of a just finished rating of a number of the most popular services.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 6/09/02, LENGTH 1:45 MIN., LOCAL

Exercise Equipment - From treadmills to rubber bands, exercise equipment trends are always changing, but one tool, the exercise ball, is becoming very popular with people working out at home. But which exercise ball is right for you? Action News consumer reporter Craig Fiegner takes a look.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 6/11/02, LENGTH 1:44 MIN., LOCAL

Consumer Watch has done stories on the value of clipping coupons. Here are some tips on other ways to save. The best place to start in the supermarket is in the center of the store. All the boxes, all the jars, all the cans, those products that we have less emotions about will actually keep us spending less. Compare that to things like the in-store bakery where the aroma whets your appetite to buy. And, don't be swayed by other "special" areas set up to catch your attention and your cash.

YOUTH

CHILDREN FIRST: TEENS AND SEX (also in "Children First")

04/07/02, 6:30 PM, :30 Min., Local

04/13/02, 5:00 PM, :30 Min., Local

"Teens and Sex" – The average American teenager will first have sex at age 16½. Each year, approximately one million U.S. teenagers, age 15-19 will become pregnant. In California, over 12 of every 100 teenagers will become pregnant, and the numbers are even higher here in the Valley. Action News took a look at both sides of the controversial issue of sex education. We talked with local teenagers to learn their perspectives on the issue of teen sexuality and got some tips on how best to approach the subject with teens.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/04/02, LENGTH :31 SEC., LOCAL

Valley young people prove they can make a difference. A representative of the Fresno County Youth Council presented Congressman George Radanovich with a check for more than ten thousand dollars. Fresno County students in grades K through 12 raised the money for the Afghan Children's Relief Fund. The kids responded to President Bush's challenge to America -- to help the starving children of Afghanistan. The congressman will deliver the check to the president when he returns to Washington.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/20/02, LENGTH :15 SEC., LOCAL

Kids in West Fresno found a fun way to beat the heat! Gateway Ice Center held its annual kids' day. There were mascots on hand to provide a little entertainment and kids who brought in a canned food item got free ice skate rentals. All proceeds went to the Craycroft Youth Center.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/15/02, LENGTH 1:52 MIN., LOCAL

The country's drug czar says the government has been making a terrible mistake in its efforts to prevent drug abuse. John Walters says that the government's billion dollar ad campaign discouraging drug abuse, may not have been effective. It's virtually impossible for teenagers who watch television 'not' to see these commercials. More than two hundred of them have been produced in English and Spanish. Still, the study concludes, "there is no evidence yet consistent with a desirable effect on youth." The commercials are said to be falling flat, there is no impact at all.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 5/17/02, LENGTH :32 SEC., LOCAL

California's youth helmet law may soon be expanded to include more than just bicycle riders. Lawmakers are considering a bill to require young scooter riders, skaters, and skateboarders to wear helmets. According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were more than 40,000 scooter-related injuries treated in US emergency rooms in the year 2000.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 6/03/02, LENGTH :23 SEC., LOCAL

A 17-year old Tulare girl is going to the California Youth Authority for trying to poison her mother. The teen was sentenced today to the maximum term possible, eight years in the CYA. She was convicted of trying to kill her mother by putting rat poison in her mother's tacos last December. Her mother became very sick but survived. The defense says the girl comes from an abusive home and should be given another chance.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 6/07/02, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

Nudist youth come from all over the country. They want to learn more about a lifestyle, how they can promote it to their friends. There are a lot of kids to hang out with who are really neat. Is this legal? The local sheriff says as long as there's parental consent and no drugs, sex or other lewd activity, it's well within the law.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 6/17/02, LENGTH :16 SEC., LOCAL

Smack Down your Vote! was started two years ago by several different nonpartisan organizations. It's a good thing, because the youth needs to get out and vote more so we can have a voice in what's going on. They come out and talk to the kids and get them to vote and make their lives better and make a positive influence for them.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/22/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

A Fresno toddler is hospitalized tonight after nearly drowning in a pool. The two-year-old was found in the bottom of a neighbor's pool. Investigators say he got into the yard through a loose board in a fence. The child is in critical condition tonight at Children's Hospital. Police believe the incident was accidental.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/23/02, LENGTH 2:05 MIN., LOCAL

At Mayfair Elementary in southeast Fresno they are counting down the days to test time. Students at this year-round school will begin taking the SAT 9 achievement test next week, and with so much riding on this one exam the principal here works to make sure everyone knows what's at stake. It is a big issue for teachers and the Fresno school district. Millions of dollars are tied to just how well students perform on the test, so it can be a stressful time for educators. Some schools do try to make it fun for the students by giving away prizes to those who come to school everyday and try their best.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/25/02, LENGTH :46 SEC., LOCAL

Merced County prosecutors say it's a case that parents could learn a lesson from: don't take your child's first job interview for granted. The store manager of a Little Caesar's Pizza Parlor in Merced was arrested for annoying or molesting underage girls.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/30/02, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

A Bill intended to beef up swimming pool safety is drawing sharp criticism from California realtors. The measure would require all homes with pools to have state approved safety devices each time they are sold or remodeled. Opponents say the measure will further delay escrow in home sales. The Bill's author says child safety should take priority.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/08/02, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

North valley investigators are looking into the shocking death of a toddler. The one-year-old boy's mother said a stranger kidnapped her son from Applegate park in Merced last night. The boy's body was later found in a nearby creek. We had team coverage on this tragic story.

NEWSCAST: MIDDAY, 5/09/02, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

As many as one in twenty children have attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD. It can be difficult on the child and the people around them. But now researchers are working to keep these kids on track. They're studying the effectiveness of a drug commonly used to treat ADHD in younger children. It's called methifenidate, but it's often sold under the brand name Ritalin. Until now, the medication has never been tested for dosage effectiveness in children younger than six.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/25/02, LENGTH 2:08 MIN., LOCAL

All smokers face a heavy burden when it comes to quitting, but of the young people who smoke, only one in four quit successfully. So what's a parent to do? If you have a teenager who lights up, a new research program wants to help you help them quit.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 6/17/02, LENGTH :38 SEC., LOCAL

Roman Catholic Bishops carried the message from their gathering in Dallas last week. Priests who are sex offenders would be removed from public contact, but not from the priesthood. The policy approved at a bishops' conference requires church officials to report allegations of abuse by a minor to authorities. One question not answered in Dallas is whether bishops should be held accountable for not revealing pedophile priests in the past.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 6/27/02, LENGTH :21 SEC., LOCAL

The State Senate Committee has approved a bill to raise the minimum smoking age in California from 18-21. Assemblyman Paul Koretz says the measure would reduce smoking among teen-agers by making it more difficult for them to buy tobacco products. If approved, it would make California the strictest state in the Nation for Tobacco purchase.

OPRAH, 4PM, 04/10/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

A Child Called It - We heard the story of a man who endured unspeakable horrors as a child. Oprah talked with Dave Pelzer who survived one of the worst child abuse cases ever recorded in the state of California. His mother, a mentally disturbed alcoholic,

tortured and abused him throughout his childhood, stabbing, starving and burning him and other heinous cruelties.

OPRAH, 4PM, 04/11/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

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

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

Child Stalkers Online - Oprah talked to parents and children who learned their lesson the hard way about online stalkers. They shared their personal stories of the shocking ways in which dangerous predators stalked them online. We heard from a little girl who was lured to a mall by a sex offender and was subsequently tortured and raped. One mother tells how her daughter was seduced by an Internet pedophile and enticed to go to Greece. This show gave important information that could help better protect children against appalling Internet crimes.

OPRAH, 4PM, 4/24/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls - Passing notes, spreading gossip, the silent treatment. Oprah talked with an expert who reveals the hidden culture of aggression in girls and what you should know if you are the parent of a teen daughter. They also explained why the restraints that society imposes to prevent girls from venting feelings of competition, jealousy, and anger are largely to blame for this type of bullying.

OPRAH, 4PM, 4/26/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

The Secret World of Child Molestation - Oprah took a very rare and disturbing look inside the secret world of child molestation. We showed you how sex offenders think, how they choose their victims, and how they lay their traps. We also heard from a young female survivor of sexual abuse who shared her painful story. We found out how to protect a child against sexual abuse.

OPRAH, 4PM, 5/09/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

People Helping Children of the World - Oprah talked to some of the people who are making children's issues a priority in their lives, including one of the world's greatest heroes, Nelson Mandela, and told us what progress had been made. The show also discussed the AIDS crisis in South Africa, the sexual exploitation of children, and the lack of education for girls around the world. We found out how people are helping children of the world and what viewers can do to lend a hand.

OPRAH, 4PM 5/07/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR SYNDICATION

Dr. Phil On Alarming Sexual Behavior Among Children - Dr. Phil joined Oprah to talk to parents who need help dealing with promiscuous young teenagers. He shared his advice on what to do about the alarming epidemic that is reportedly affecting middle schools across the country.

OPRAH, 4PM, 5/15/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Aggressive Girls, Follow-Up - Oprah talked to an expert who explained what's really behind this hidden aggression and what parents can do to help. We told viewers how to find out if their daughter is secretly struggling with teasing and bullying.

OPRAH, 4PM, 5/20/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Is The Media Your Child's Other Parent? – Oprah talked with parents who said they feel like they are in competition with an unseen parent, the media. They presented the question, who has more influence over your children -- you, or the television? We found out what can be done about this on today's Oprah.

OPRAH, 4PM, 5/22/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Headline Follow-Ups - One year later, Oprah gives us the latest information on headline stories from the Chandra Levy case to the story of Susan Smith who was convicted of murdering her two sons. We heard from a student who barely escaped the tragedy of Columbine. Also covered was Mary Kay LeTourneau, the schoolteacher embroiled in a sex scandal.

OPRAH, 4PM, 6/03/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

Adoption Stories – Oprah welcomed actress Melissa Gilbert, who is the host of a remarkable new television series called "Adoption". She shared her own story of being adopted, and reveals what it was like to finally introduce herself to her birth father after years as a successful television star. We took a candid look inside the real world of adoption, as cameras followed families on both sides of an emotional roller coaster.

OPRAH, 4PM, 6/20/02, LENGTH 1 HOUR, SYNDICATION

How To Make Strong Connections With Your Children - Oprah's guests shared the wonderful and simple rituals that keep them connected to their children. We heard from a mother who photographs her daughter every year in the same purple dress that once belonged to her mother. We gave good ideas for how divorced parents can stay close to their children.

FARMLAND/WATER

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/19/02, LENGTH :32 SEC., LOCAL

Falling crop prices have caused a decline in the value of California farmland. A report by the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers says land prices have softened especially in the central valley. Values dropped \$1,000 an acre or more for land containing almonds, prunes, and grapes.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/09/02, LENGTH 2:10 MIN., LOCAL

The senate has passed a gigantic farm bill which could cost as much as 190 billion dollars over the next decade. The bill was inspired by the plight of family farmers in the country, many of whom are struggling financially. There is no advantage to the family farmer when the corporations can use Government money to buy them out. Supporters of the farm bill say it will help all farmers by guaranteeing government support in bad years.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/05/02, LENGTH :30 SEC., LOCAL

Dozens of mayors and city officials from all over the central valley are in Fresno for a special summit. Fresno Mayor Alan Autry brought them together in an effort to increase their power and resources in Sacramento and Washington DC. The San Joaquin Valley consists of eight counties, with nearly 3 and a half million people, and the valley grows half of all US agriculture.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 4/11/02, LENGTH :33 SEC., LOCAL

The California Farm Bureau is intervening in a suit filed by environmental groups to stop a three-year air pollution exemption granted to farms. The groups sued the Environmental Protection Agency in February after it extended the agriculture exemption for another three years. Environmentalists say the exemption is illegal under the Clean Air Act, which requires all major pollution sources to seek federal permits. But the farm bureau says the exemption should continue until there's better scientific proof that agriculture pollutes.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/16/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

Those wetlands have always been the center of debate of the location of UC Merced. Now, the US Army Corps of Engineers says the review of those lands will take longer than university officials had hoped. The 10th University of California campus needs approval from the U.S. Army corps of engineers because the proposed campus includes seasonal wetlands called vernal pools. They are home to an endangered species called fairy shrimp.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/22/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

It's not enough for the Future Farmers of America to just learn their trade. FAA members this week have been polishing up their leadership skills. Some were busy campaigning for office during this week's state-wide leadership conference in Fresno. Many of these students are seeking careers in agriculture. But the FAA also wants them to learn more about the political process and become more active leaders.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/30/02, LENGTH :32 SEC, LOCAL

The 2001 crop and livestock report shows Tulare County is the number one agricultural county in the world, and it can thank dairies for the number one distinction. The huge industry helped Tulare county edge out Fresno county, which used to be number one. Tulare's top agricultural product is milk, worth 1.1 billion dollars. It's followed by oranges, valued at 530-million, next is cattle, worth 438-million. Fourth is grapes, worth 361-million and alfalfa rounds out the top five, with an annual value of 100 million dollars.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 5/08/02, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

Three hundred various crops are grown in Fresno county, but cotton growers are the big winners in the farm bill. They're relieved to see continued price supports but Democrat Cal Dooley of Hanford says the bill hurts other local growers. But the new farm bill guarantees another decade of subsidies for growers of cotton and four other crops. Cotton growers will get 60 percent more for their crop than the world market pays now.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 5/15/02, LENGTH :19 SEC., LOCAL

California farms will no longer be exempt from air pollution regulations. A settlement has been reached between community groups and the US Environmental Protection Agency. The agreement requires the state to remove an exemption to the clean air act for agriculture or face losing billions of dollars in federal highway funds.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 5/29/02, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

Red imported fire ants pose a huge threat to valley agriculture, and their stings can be fatal. The California Department of Food and Agriculture and the Merced county ag commissioner have found new fire ant infestations in Merced county near Snelling. The mounds cover 24 hundred acres, the largest infestation found in California.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 6/04/02, LENGTH 2:04 MIN., LOCAL

The city council was told the city needs to act quickly to clean up these wells, or there will be a shortage of water this summer. Much of Fresno's drinking water is filtered to remove agricultural pesticide contamination. But there's another problem: Nitrates. The chemical substances used in fertilizers are showing up in wells in neighborhoods that used to be rural areas. The city needs the water from these wells to prevent shortages this summer. So, the city council agreed to spend about a million and a half dollars to lease filtering equipment, so it can re-open four of the shut down wells.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 6/04/02, LENGTH :20 SEC., LOCAL

Some of Fresno's water wells have been shut down because of nitrate contamination. The city is working to fix the problem. The eight wells are in the northeast and southeast part of the city. The contamination comes from many sources, including agriculture, and septic systems. Nitrate filters will be installed on four wells, to prevent water shortages this summer.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/03/02, LENGTH :28 SEC., LOCAL

A new age is flowing into Orange Cove. Residents there now have a solution for their long-time water shortage. City leaders and the local irrigation district came to an agreement on a new water supply transfer. Orange Cove outgrew its water supply long ago and has very little groundwater available. The new deal makes up to 2,000 more acre-feet of water available to the community.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/26/02, LENGTH :26 SEC., LOCAL

Cooler weather lowered the demand for water making it easier for the community of Alpaugh in southern Tulare county to deal with a water shortage. The main well that supplies water to this community of 600 people stopped producing as much water as usual. When irrigation district officials turned to the back-up well, the pump broke. Workers spent the day fixing the pump system and trying to figure out what was wrong with the main water supply.

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NEWSCAST 5PM, 6/25/02, LENGTH :17 SEC., LOCAL

Valley raisin growers are getting help dealing with a surplus. The government has given them the ok to pull their crops. Rowers can prune or yank out eight thousand-acres of grapevines and receive payment. A farm expert blames the oversupply on imports from Turkey and other nations where labor costs are lower.

REVITALIZATION

GRIZZLIES BASEBALL STADIUM OPENS

05/01/02, 7:00 PM, :30 Min., Local

This half-hour special hosted by members of Action News focused on the grand opening of the Grizzlies Baseball Stadium. Their first game was played that night. The stadium has been a vital part in the revitalization efforts of the Fresno Downtown area.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 4/04/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/04/02, LENGTH :24 SEC., LOCAL

We took a look at what the downtown skyline will look like once the federal courthouse is complete. This project, among others, is expected to have a significant impact on downtown revitalization.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/30/02, LENGTH :40 SEC., LOCAL

The way the stadium is funded is a bit complicated and controversial. The Diamond Group will pay rent, and run the stadium. The 46 million dollar stadium is mostly paid for in city bonds to the tune of 3.4 million dollars per year. The Diamond Group rents the stadium for 1.5 million dollars per year. Parking revenues pay \$621,000. Special events hosted by the city, \$425,000. The Fresno Redevelopment Agency pays \$200,000 per year, and room and sales tax generates \$94,000, leaving the city \$700,000 in the red each year.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/09/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

A lot of changes are planned for downtown Fresno, but the heart of the area itself may be evolving as well. In the 1940s and 1950s, Fulton street was a thriving business district with lots of traffic. But in the '60s, city leaders turned it into a pedestrian mall in a revitalization effort. City council members heard a proposal to open up cross streets to traffic to once again stimulate business. They got mixed reactions from the public.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/30/02, LENGTH :22 SEC., LOCAL

Former Fresno Mayor Jim Patterson says the funding arrangement could end up forcing the city to cut vital services, such as public safety. A nationwide survey ranks Fresno number three in car thefts. With the focus on downtown revitalization, is enough being done to curb the rising crime rate?

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/29/02 LENGTH 2:49 MIN., LOCAL

The new Grizzlies stadium is the anchor and landmark for one end of downtown. But the vital signs of rebirth first appeared at a hospital on the opposite end of the downtown. Another landmark is rising, changing the city's skyline and re-defining the entrance to the city. A mix of taxpayer dollars, private funds, and bonds will cover the 250-million dollar price tag for the new trauma center.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 5/21/02, LENGTH :28 SEC., LOCAL

If you think Fulton Mall should remain a pedestrian mall only, you have reason to celebrate this morning. Some people want the mall opened to car traffic. After four hours of debate, the city council voted not to order an environmental impact report. Many downtown merchants and property owners wanted the city to allow cars back into the mall to boost business. The council agreed to continue to explore ideas for revitalization of the mall.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 5/30/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

Initial success of downtown revitalization was one focus of Mayor Alan Autry's State of the City address. The mayor also touched on problems plaguing the city, like the rising crime rate. But he devoted much of his speech to changing the education system.

NEWSCAST: AM LIVE, 6/10/02, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

The mayor and some council members are at odds over proposed cuts Autry wants to make for street repairs and social services. Funding for parks and housing revitalization would be cut. Autry does want to increase police funding by 10 percent and fire by 16 percent.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 4/16/02, LENGTH 1:59 MIN., LOCAL

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/16/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

It might seem hard to believe that this ball park will be ready to host a game two weeks from tomorrow. There's still tons of work to do, but the city and construction workers say they'll meet that deadline. As for the area surrounding the stadium--city leaders say the 3 million dollars in road improvements and beautification will also be ready in time for the May first game.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/26/02, LENGTH 1:49 MIN., LOCAL

City officials got word the stadium will be finished in time for opening day and with money to spare. Every dollar has been watched, every change order has been challenged. It's been run very tight and because of that, they say it probably be actually be a little under the original budget.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 5/18/02, LENGTH 1:58 SEC., LOCAL

Organizers say this year's Sudz in the City was the Fresno's biggest ever. It was the first in the new baseball stadium. Sudz in the City has found a new home in Fresno's new downtown baseball stadium and revelers and beer connoisseurs say this new home for Sudz is a big upgrade from the old Eaton park and water tower. Some estimates put about 3,500 people at today's event. Tickets were \$27 for a full day of tasting. Proceeds went to Fresno's Downtown Association, which finances the event and is always trying to promote business in the city center.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 6/10/01, LENGTH 1:19 MIN., LOCAL

Will water and garbage rates rise? Will potholes in neighborhood streets be filled? These are some of the questions as the city council tries to put the finishing touches on the changes they're proposing to the mayor's budget. Fresno's spent a lot of money in

recent years, hiring police, building a stadium and now, the budget is strapped. The council will hold its final budget hearings and they'll try to agree on what changes they want, and send it all back to the mayor.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 6/10/02, LENGTH :29 SEC., LOCAL

Efforts to revitalize downtown Fresno were chronicled in a national newspaper story over the weekend. The New York Times did a story, focusing mainly on the new downtown stadium, and hopes that it will spark real, economic growth. Noting: The city of Fresno plans to spend 30 million dollars over the next eight years to entice businesses and new jobs downtown.

NEWSCAST: 6/23/02, LENGTH :25 SEC., LOCAL

Sundays are bargain days at Fresno's downtown baseball stadium. Parking on the streets is free, because meters don't operate. It wasn't supposed to be this way. The idea at city hall was that parking would help pay for the stadium. The city hoped increased fees would raise over a million dollars a year. 600 thousand of that would pay off annual stadium debt. 300 thousand would go to pay for improvements to garages and lots. What's clear now, the present system is not working. Only about 800 cars a game are paying 5 dollars to park in downtown garages.

VALLEY FOCUS, 5/19/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN, LOCAL

Segment #1: Greater Fresno Chamber of Commerce: State of the City Luncheon. Joining the show is Stebbins Dean, the Chief Executive Officer for the Greater Fresno Chamber of Commerce and talked about the revitalization of Downtown Fresno and the opening of the Grizzlies stadium. Segment #2- Downtown Association of Fresno: Downtown Growth. About 12,000 people come to Downtown Fresno everyday to go to work; that's only about 2 percent of the population. Many who live in the Fresno area never come downtown. It's hoped that the stadium will change that, a big first stop in bringing to back to life. Segment #3- Fresno City Council/City of Fresno Redevelopment Agency: Downtown Revitalization. Joining the Show was Jerry Duncan, Council member, to talk about the revitalization of the downtown area.

MISCELLANEOUS

VALLEY FOCUS, 5/5/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1, #2, #3: Community Food Bank: Letter Carriers Food Drive

Today's show talked about families who need help with some very basic needs -- food. Many families struggle to make ends meet and putting food on the table isn't always easy. We talked about the Annual National Letter Carriers Food Drive. Food is collected and the Community Food Bank distributes to 170 centers in Fresno, Kings, and Madera Counties. They say their network is growing and they are reaching out to more people than past years. Segment #4 - Community Medical Center: Mother's Day Run/Walk. The Community Medical Center will hold their annual Mother's Day Run and Walk, a fight for HIV awareness for all walks of life on Sunday, May 12th.

VALLEY FOCUS, 6/23/02, 11:30AM, LENGTH :30 MIN., LOCAL

Segment #1 - Marjaree Mason Center - Homeless Information. The Marjaree Mason Center is the only holistic program for women and children victimized by abuse and homelessness in Fresno County. Guests from the home talked about Naomi's House, where single women who are homeless can come. Segment #2- Marjaree Mason Center - Counseling Information. Guests from the home talked about farm worker women who often feel isolated, not knowing where to go for answers and support and how they can help. Segment #3 - Marjaree Mason Center - Top Ten Business Professional Women of the Year. The Marjaree Mason Center has celebrated women for years at their annual Top Ten Business and Professional Women of the Year Awards Luncheon.

VIVA EL MARIACHI FESTIVAL 5/12/02, 5:00PM, :30 MIN., LOCAL

Highlights from this annual event held on March 17th featured top mariachi performers from the US and Mexico before an appreciative audience of about 4,000 at Selland Arena.

ABC 30 LISTENS FORUMS (NON-AIR ONLY)

ABC aired :30 Sec. Promos throughout the quarter for viewers to contact ABC-30 Listens toll-free, write to us here at the station, or go online and 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 who might want to express their concerns. A City Forum was held in Chowchilla on May 22nd at 7:00 pm.

NEWSCAST: 11PM, 4/27/02, LENGTH 1:54 MIN., LOCAL

Know More - This year, forecasters wanted to get you away from a tornado and to safety as quick as possible. Meteorologists are testing a new type of radar to warn you earlier than ever before of an approaching storm. In the next two years, a national weather radar test bed will be built at NOAA's national severe storms laboratory in Oklahoma. Forecasters will be testing the new system for a few more years before it's used across the country.

NEWSCAST: 5PM, 5/06/02, LENGTH 1:52 MIN., LOCAL

Four years ago, the effects of a devastating El Niño left six million people around the world homeless and caused 34 billion dollars in damage. Now there are signs that we're in for another El Niño. As Action News Meteorologist Joanne Feldman reports, this time meteorologists are armed with a new tool that should help with prediction and early warnings. Meteorologists say we may already be feeling weather effects caused by El Niño. It looks like the northeast and some other parts of the country are in for a record-setting drought this year. However, El Niño's impact is typically most noticeable in the winter.

NEWSCAST: 6PM, 6/22/02, LENGTH :32 SEC., LOCAL

Downtown Fresno was host to a slice of the old-world. Music, food, and crafts from all over Europe were offered to visitors downtown. The occasion was a European cultural festival on Kern, "M", and "N" streets. Visitors could sample food and music from Greece, Armenia, Scotland, and other areas of Europe. The event was the first of three ethnic festivals in Fresno this summer. They are sponsored by the city's "Human Relations Commission". The next one is an Asian festival on July 13th.

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