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## MEMORANDUM

TO: KXAN Public Files

RE: Issues and Programs Report – Second Quarter 2008  
April 1 – June 30

DATE: July 1, 2008

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The top ten ascertained significant problems and needs of the Austin community are:

1. Crime
2. Family Values
3. Politics

Attached are examples of local news reports, public service efforts, local programming, and syndicated programs that have addressed these issues. Additionally, as an NBC affiliate, we broadcast network programs that discuss these problems and needs from a national perspective. These include “Dateline” and “Meet the Press.”

### CRIME

#### 4/3/08 POLYGAMIST UPDATE

DURATION :35 SECONDS

IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE OVER 400 CHILDREN WERE TAKEN IN A RAID AT THE POLYGAMIST RANCH IN ELDORADO. WE'VE LEARNED THE WARRANT ON DALE BARLOW. THE MAN NAMED IN THE RAID HAS BEEN DROPPED. HOWEVER THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WON'T SAY WHY. WELFARE WORKERS TOOK 463 CHILDREN FROM THAT COMPOUND. THOSE CHILDREN ARE ALL STILL IN STATE CUSTODY. THIS ENORMOUS CUSTODY BATTLE IS ALSO CREATING A DESPERATE DEMAND FOR MORE FOSTER PARENTS IN TEXAS.

#### 4/6/08 SUSPICIOUS DEATH

DURATION :20 SECONDS

SAN MARCOS POLICE FOUND A MAN'S BODY IN A FIELD THIS WEEKEND ON RIVER ROAD (1500). INVESTIGATORS CALL THIS A SUSPICIOUS DEATH. THEY'RE WAITING ON AUTOPSY RESULTS. THE VICTIM'S NAME HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED.

#### 5/1/08 1978 COP MURDER

RALPH ABLANEDO WAS JUST 26-YEARS-OLD... A MARRIED FATHER OF TWO YOUNG SONS... WHEN HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED DURING A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP ON MAY 18TH, 1978. DAVID LEE POWELL WAS JUST A YEAR OLDER THAN THE OFFICER, WELL-EDUCATED AND A KNOWN DRUG USER. HE OPENED FIRE ON ABLANEDO WITH A MACHINE GUN. THREE TIMES HE'S BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER, AND THREE TIMES SENTENCED TO DIE. SO AS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CRIME APPROACHES RALPH ABLANEDO'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS WANT TO KNOW WHY HE IS STILL ON DEATH ROW.

#### 6/1/08 TEXAS EXECUTIONS

DURATION :25 SECONDS

IN NEWS ACROSS TEXAS TONIGHT THE TEXAS DEATH CHAMBER RE-OPENS THIS WEEK AFTER A NINE MONTH BREAK. 40-YEAR-OLD DERRICK SONNIER IS SET TO DIE BY LETHAL INJECTION TUESDAY FOR A DOUBLE MURDER IN A HOUSTON SUBURB 17 YEARS AGO.HE'LL BE ONLY THE FOURTH PERSON PUT TO DEATH IN THE NATION AND THE FIRST IN TEXAS SINCE APRIL WHEN THE SUPREME COURT RULED LETHAL INJECTIONS ARE NOT UNCONSTITUTIONALLY CRUEL. THIS HAS BEEN THE LONGEST LULL IN THE TEXAS DEATH CHAMBER IN TWO DECADES.

#### FAMILY VALUES

##### 4/5/08 PECAN STREET FESTIVAL

DOWNTOWN AUSTIN IS ALIVE WITH MUSIC, FOOD AND ART THIS WEEKEND FOR THE 30TH ANNUAL PECAN STREET FALL FESTIVAL.THAT'S THE OLD NAME FOR SIXTH STREET. IT'S ONE OF THE STATE'S TOP OPEN AIR ARTS EVENTS WITH HUNDREDS OF ARTISTS, VENDORS, MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, AND OF COURSE, FOOD! BUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR, A CITY ORDINANCE REQUIRED FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS TO USE AUSTIN POLICE TO SECURE THE CROWD. THE TOTAL COST WAS 36 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR APD, BUT THE CITY PICKED UP HALF OF THE TAB! ORGANIZERS HOPE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CITY TO TAKE ON MORE OF THE COST TO KEEP THE PECAN FESTIVAL A FREE EVENT. THE FESTIVAL CONTINUES TOMORROW AT 11AM.

##### 4/6/08 WOMEN AND HEART ATTACKS

DURATION :25 SECONDS

IN LIVE-WELL NEWS TONIGHT, HEART ATTACKS STRIKE AT ANYTIME, OFTEN WITH NO WARNING AND ESPECIALLY IN WOMEN. RESEARCHERS AT THE YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE INTERVIEWED MORE THAN TWO DOZEN WOMEN UNDER THE AGE OF 55. THEY ALL RECENTLY SUFFERED A

HEART ATTACK. MOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE NECK AND SHOULDER PAIN, ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT AND FATIGUE WERE SIGNS OF A HEART PROBLEM. MANY OF THEM DIDN'T RECEIVE IMMEDIATE CARE BECAUSE THEY CALLED THEIR GENERAL PRACTITIONER INSTEAD OF 9-1-1.

4/6/08 BLOOD PRESSURE

DURATION :15 SECONDS

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IS OFTEN CALLED A "SILENT KILLER." IT CAN EAT AWAY AT THE BODY FOR YEARS BEFORE BEING DETECTED. A NEW STUDY SHOWS NOT ENOUGH DOCTORS ARE SCREENING FOR IT. RESEARCHERS FOUND BLOOD PRESSURE WAS MEASURED IN 56-PERCENT OF PATIENT VISITS. THAT NUMBER ROSE TO 93-PERCENT IF A PATIENT WAS DIAGNOSED WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.

5/3/08 ORGAN DONOR QUILT

DURATION 1:10 MINUTES

THERE ARE ALMOST 100 THOUSAND PEOPLE ACROSS THIS COUNTRY NEEDING AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT, 8 THOUSAND ARE IN TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE ORGAN SHARING ALLIANCE. TODAY THERE WAS A SPECIAL CEREMONY FOR ORGAN DONORS AND RECIPIENTS. DONOR FAMILIES DEDICATED HAND MADE CUSTOM QUILTS TO THEIR LOVED ONES. THERE WAS ALSO A CANDLE LIGHTING EVENT. OFFICIALS SAY 18 PEOPLE DIE EVERYDAY BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ENOUGH ORGAN DONORS TO GO AROUND.

6/4/08 SILVER ALERT

DURATION :30 SECONDS

A SILVER ALERT ISSUED FOR CENTRAL TEXAS. POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MISSING 85-YEAR OLD SOUTH AUSTIN MAN WITH DEMENTIA. HOWARD BUTLER WAS LAST SCENE LEAVING HIS SOUTH AUSTIN HOME ON TUESDAY. BUTLER IS FIVE FEET SIX, ABOUT 180 POUNDS. HE HAS GREY HAIR AND BROWN EYES. HE'S BALDING AND WEARS TRIFOCALS. BUTLER WAS LAST SEEN DRIVING A FOUR DOOR, 1999 GREEN BUICK PARK AVENUE. IT HAS DISABLED TEXAS PLATE NUMBER 7-V-R-C-C.

## **POLITICS**

4/7/08 EARLY VOTING

EARLY VOTING STARTS TOMORROW FOR THE MAY 10TH ELECTIONS. VOTERS WILL FILL THREE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL SEATS. LEE LEFFINGWELL, ALLEN DEMLING AND JASON MEEKER ARE RUNNING FOR SEAT ONE. JENNIFER KIM, RANDI SHADE AND KEN WEISS ARE RUNNING FOR SEAT THREE. FOR SEAT FOUR WE HAVE CID GALINDO, LAURA MORRISON, KEN VASSEAU, JENNIFER GALE, SAM OSEMENE AND ROBIN

CARVEY. FOR COMPLETE ELECTION COVERAGE LOG ONTO K-X-A-N DOT COM.

5/2/08 OBAMA RESIGNS CHURCH

A STUNNING DEVELOPMENT TONIGHT---

SENATOR BARACK OBAMA IS OFFICIALLY RESIGNING FROM HIS CHURCH OF TWENTY YEARS, AFTER A STRING OF BAD PRESS OVER CONTROVERSIAL REMARKS MADE BY THREE PASTORS THERE. BARACK OBAMA, DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SAID "I HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH REVEREND MOSS. WE HAD PRAYED ON IT, WE HAD CONSULTED WITH A NUMBER OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO CONNECTED TO THE CHURCH, AND SO THIS IS NOT A DECISION I CAME TO LIGHTLY."

6/1/08 DECISION 2008

DURATION :45 SECONDS

HILLARY CLINTON WINS PUERTO RICO'S PRIMARY TODAY, BUT IT'S BARACK OBAMA WHO LEADS IN DELEGATES. LAST NIGHT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY DECIDED TO SPLIT UP THE DELEGATES FROM FLORIDA AND MICHIGAN PUTTING OBAMA CLOSER TO THE NOMINATION. CLINTON WON A LARGE CHUNK OF PUERTO RICO'S 55 DELEGATES TODAY, BUT PUNDITS SAY OBAMA'S LEAD IS VIRTUALLY INSURMOUNTABLE HEADING INTO THE FINAL PRIMARIES TUESDAY IN SOUTH DAKOTA AND MONTANA. CLINTON AIDES PLAN TO HAMMER HOME THE MESSAGE THAT SHE'S WINNING THE POPULAR VOTE ALL THE WAY UP TO THE CONVENTION LATER THIS MONTH.

6/3/08 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

DURATION 2:00 MINUTES

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