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MEMORANDUM

TO: KXAN Public Files

RE: Issues and Programs Report – ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ Quarter 2011
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The major significant problems and needs of the Austin community are:

1. Crime
2. Government
3. Education
4. Health

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.”

PROGRAMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

NAME OF PROGRAM	DAYS AIRED	TIME AIRED
Austin News Today	Monday-Sunday	(M-F) 5:00-7:00 a.m. (Sat) 7:00-9:00 a.m. (Sun) 7 & 9 a.m.
Austin News Today Show Cut-ins	Monday-Friday	7:26-7:30 a.m. 7:56-8:00 a.m. 8:26-8:30 a.m. 8:56-9:00 a.m.
Austin News @ noon	Monday-Friday	12-1:00 p.m.
Austin News @ 5	Monday-Friday + Sunday	5:00-5:30 p.m.
Austin News @ 6	Monday - Saturday	6-6:30 p.m.
Austin News @ 10	Monday-Friday	10:00-10:35 p.m.

	Saturday-Sunday	10:00-10:30 p.m.
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All of these programs are produced locally and are a mix of news, weather and sports.

KXAN also airs NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, Monday – Friday at 5:30 – 6:00 p.m., and NBC Nightly News on Saturday and Sunday at 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

NBC Nightly News has two ongoing reports that are relevant to the community we serve.

NBC Nightly News – Making a Difference synopsis:

”Making a Difference” stories air every Friday on “NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams.” The series was conceived in response to viewers who complain that the broadcast features only "bad" news. Viewers can also read and watch the stories on the NBC Nightly News website and use the mailbag to tell NBC about someone they know who is making a difference.

NBC Nightly News – What Works synopsis:

“What Works” is a continuing series on "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams." These are "reports which spotlight ideas or innovations that are solving various problems in communities across the country." Viewers can read and watch all the stories from the series on NBC Nightly News website.

CRIME

4/2/11 Truck Smuggling

12:00pm News Duration :20 seconds

Pick up truck thefts are on the rise in Austin. Police tell us there have been 91 trucks stolen since the beginning of the year. Targets include large Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge pickups. Police say they've become a favorite among smugglers, who take out the back seat to make room for drugs and human cargo.

4/3/11 Kidnapping Search

5:00am News Duration :40 seconds

We have some new developments tonight in a kidnapping investigation that started earlier this week. Around 1 a-m Tuesday a woman was walking near Oltorf Street in southeast Austin. She told police two men pulled her into their honda civic, but she was able to jump out of the car while it was still moving. Here's the descriptions police are putting out to the public: The first man was in his early 30's with a muscular build and dark complexion, he spoke Spanish. The second suspect was in his late 20's to early 30's, 6-foot tall with a thin build. He has a medium complexion and shaggy black hair, with at least one silver tooth. They drove a gray or blue honda civic with a thin black accent stripe, 18-inch racing rims, and no window tint.

5/2/11 Bin Laden’s Death

6:00pm News Duration: 1:30 minutes

President Barack Obama addressed the Nation to announce that Osama Bin Laden is dead. President Obama gave the Go Order. U.S. Intelligence had learned of this mansion

in Pakistan, near the capitol of Islamabad. Video finally revealed the tall, slim, gray-haired terrorist was there. Navy Seals held in one chopper landing hard and was damaged. Bin Laden was shot in the firefight, say the seals, as the White House followed the action in real time. John Brennan, White House Counterterrorism Adviser said "The minutes passed like days and the president was very concerned about security of our personnel." No Seals were hurt. They blew up their bad chopper and left with the body. Aboard a U.S. Warship they had DNA samples, Photos, a Positive I.D. The Navy says that the al Qaeda Founder got a proper Muslim Burial at sea. President Barack Obama "The death of bin Laden marks the most significant achievement to date in our nation's effort to defeat al Qaeda." Rep Peter King / (R) New York "This is a key moment because al Qaeda has to avenge." And Osama Bin Laden's organization is not dead.

5/2/11 Next Terrorist Threat

10:00pm News Duration 1:00 minute

The U.S. has closed its embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan and a number of consulates because of possible revenge attacks. And other world leaders urged caution, even as they welcomed the news of bin Laden's death. Shimon Peres/ Israeli President said "This man was a mega murderer. The world will become a better world without him. It doesn't mean this is the end of all terrorism." There will be others that move to fill Osama Bin Laden's shoes. This is a clear and present danger of the United States. Analysts say the man most likely to succeed bin Laden as head of Al Qaeda is Ayman al-Zawahri. He served as bin Laden's second in command. But retired navy admiral Bobby Ray Inman told KXAN today he suspects the biggest danger lies outside of bin Laden's organization. Inman says, "I'm as concerned about the Pakistan Taliban as I am Al-Qaeda. The guy who failed to pull off the bombing on Times Square, he was put up to his activities by the Pakistan Taliban."

6/1/11 Ms. Nestande Follow-up

5:00pm News Duration :45 seconds

New information tonight about a deadly hit and run in Tarrytown. Police now say alcohol is suspected in the crash that killed 30 year old Courtney Griffin and landed 23 year old Gabrielle Nestande in jail on charges of not stopping to help. The crash happened sometime in the early morning hours on Friday on Exposition. Police got a call shortly after five am from a neighbor who found Griffin's body. About four hours later they got an anonymous call about a BMW on Windsor Road with windshield damage. Investigators traced it to Nestande, a capitol aide, who they say had parked the car at a friend's apartment and gotten a ride to work.

6/3 Charity Theft

5:00am News Duration 1:45 minutes

In baseball, you get 3 chances. In life sometimes it takes that many to learn a lesson. Gary Griffin: I said, she didn't learn her lesson, man. That was Gary Griffin's first thought when he saw Lisa Dorhauer's picture on his television this week. She's charged with stealing from a non-profit she worked for in Austin-called Lutheran Social Services. But back in 1998, Griffin and Dorhauer worked together on the Little League board of directors in Round Rock. Gary says: When I first met her I thought she was a struggling

mom just trying to do the best she could and make a living. But Griffin says it soon became clear Dorhauer was stealing from the organization. Gary says the money wasn't adding up and so there were suspicions. She was in charge of the money for the Challenger program at Round Rock Little League. Gary says it's a fabulous program, very dear to my heart. I spent a lot of time with the Challenger kids myself; they're in wheelchairs and have head injuries. At the time, Griffin was a Williamson County constable. He arrested Dorhauer himself after she avoided Round Rock authorities. In 1999, she pled no contest to misdemeanor theft in that case. She served 2 years probation and wasn't allowed to have any contact with any non-profits during that time. And in 1994, she got probation for passing 60 bad checks. Both sentences were adjudicated when she successfully completed probation- meaning there are no convictions on Dorhauer's record. That doesn't mean much to Gary Griffin. Gary says the same type thing theft, theft, and more theft I mean, even in baseball, you only get three strikes and then you're out. Her record is clean until 2010 an indictment accuses Dorhauer of stealing 48 thousand dollars from Lutheran Social Services while working as an administrative assistant and paralegal. Travis County authorities haven't been able to find her to serve an arrest warrant.

EDUCATION

4/1/11 Hutto Cuts

6:00pm News Duration :45 seconds

The Hutto school district is going through another round of spending cuts. The district trimmed back \$4-million in February and closed an elementary school, but they still have a shortfall of \$469-thousand. Here's the new plan: Fees of ten to forty dollars once a year on all extra curriculars, reducing healthcare insurance matches, charging tuition for Pre-k and afterschool care, and selling off some district land. The priority is saving jobs. "Well we had to do some additional cuts. In the end we only had to release three probationary teachers, because of the good work of our principals. They were able to place some people because of early resignation stipends." So far 70 Hutto teachers have taken early retirement incentives.

4/3/11 Teacher Study

10:00pm News Duration 1:30 minutes

Many teachers say they are drawn to the profession because they can make a difference. Amber Welsh "I enjoy having that direct impact on students so it's really exciting for me to progress throughout the year - maybe not as confident with their math skills and then progress throughout the year and become successful by the end of the year. Amber Welsh took a break from teaching to have a baby, but she is looking forward to returning to school. She's also hopeful there could be a state-wide metric to evaluate her performance by the time she enters the classroom. Amber Welsh "I think that myself and my colleagues really want to have the most information we can have to make our students successful." The director of the project says the metric will judge teachers' performance by looking at standardized tests, the development of students evaluating the teacher's instructions, including the principal's assessment and looking at their contribution to the

school's overall growth. Cynthia Osborne "We want it to be a useful tool, that's very clear about how it's measuring, in how it's being measured and that they have a say in all of that. One stakeholder in the project says this tool will help school districts which are cutting back because of budget shortfalls. Jerel Booker "if you're reducing teachers and increasing class sizes you'll want your best teachers in the classroom and I think this metric will show who the best teachers are and that way they can actually get additional help." Those involved in the project say there are limits to the metric, but they hope to get a full picture of the way a teacher actually teaches. And while some may have reservations, Amber says she is eager to get her hands on the information Amber Welsh "I'm really excited about the potential and can't wait to get more information about my own teaching so I can make it better."

5/2/11 Afgan Farmers

5:00am News Duration 2:00 minutes

For the last four years, Texas soldiers have been part of an unusual mission in Ghazni, an eastern province of Afghanistan. The fourth team of National Guardsmen is there right now helping farmers build a more sustainable agriculture system by testing different types of crops and improving irrigation. Ranchers are building feed mills and slaughter houses. Lt. Col. Brian Stevens is part of the team who's traveled back to Texas for two weeks. Lt. Col Stevens, Texas Army National Guard says, "It's a lot easier to show somebody something than it is to just explain it to them." For the first time, Ghazni's director of Agriculture, Sultan Hossein is on Texas soil along with the governor of their most populated district and a college student studying agriculture to tour farms and ranches. They learned of Osama Bin Laden's death along with the rest of the state Sunday night at their Austin hotel. Abdul Fatah/Ghazni University Student says, "Hopefully the peace will come to Afghanistan and the area will get more secure. My feeling is I get a chance to continue my education." Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said this starts a new chapter. Texas and Gazni are similar in size, climate and soil. While wheat is their staple crop they have a large grape and apple harvest. Soldiers are teaching storage techniques that will allow crops to keep longer, bring in more money and create more jobs. Staples said, "It's about creating opportunities for stable economic growth and alternatives for violence." The goal is to eventually get the Afghanistan agriculture team running their own programs, so the Afghan people will turn from the insurgency to their own government.

5/3/11 Talking to Kids

5:00pm News Duration :40 seconds

The images of Americans celebrating the death of bin Laden present a challenge for those trying to help children understand what's going on - especially those too young to remember 9/11. Many educators are using this as a "teachable" moment in history, but it's tough when many students had never even heard of Osama Bin Laden. And among their questions: "Is killing someone ever okay? One person said" I think it's good that he's gone and he's out, but I feel sort of guilty for celebrating his death." Another said "I felt that justice has been served. Finally, the killer of thousands has been caught." As these students search for meaning in the week's events, perhaps the most important lesson is that not every question has a simple answer.

6/3/11 Graduation Prayer

10:00pm News Duration 1:50 minutes

Texas Attorney General led the fight against a ban on public prayer at a Texas high school graduation. The controversy began when an agnostic family filed a lawsuit. Christa and Danny Schultz have a son who's graduating Saturday from Medina Valley High in Castroville, but say traditions at the school and at graduations exclude their beliefs and violate their son's constitutional rights. "He was required...required to stand during the prayer and he chose not to be part of the band for his junior and senior years in order to avoid having to participate as a condition of beginning a public school band." A lower court agreed and banned prayer at the school's graduation. "I had never seen what was called a prior restraint on First Amendment Speech like this where a judge tells people what they cannot say as well as tell school administrators they need to monitor what students say and remove them from the stage if they start making certain comments." Abbott filed briefs, his appeal backed by Governor Rick Perry and Lt. Governor David Dewhurst. Late Friday the 5th US Circuit Court of appeals ruled in favor the school district reversing the decision of the lower court that sided with the family. Abbott: "There's a strong united message across the State of Texas one that respects the more than century long tradition of students being able to say a prayer, recognize God for just making it through high school, just making it through finals and helping them in the next step in their lives." Many grads in Austin agree saying prayer doesn't intrude on pomp and circumstance.

6/3/11 AISD Graduation Budget

10:00pm News Duration :50 seconds

Cuts at the state capitol could have an impact on the locations of high school graduations next year. Last Saturday Round Rock ISD knocked out four graduations in one day at the Cedar Park Center. It cost nearly 71 thousand dollars. Austin I-S-D is spending 110 thousand dollars to have all twelve high school graduations at the Frank Erwin Center this week. With the heat outside and ease of handicap access parents think it's a wise move. Marti Ruby a parent says, "Making it uncomfortable for them would hardly be the moment that we want it to be for the family it's not just the kid that we're celebrating, but it's the whole family." Before the state funding scenario improved, Round Rock ISD cut the "Cedar Park Center" out of their budget and tossed around the idea of moving the ceremonies to football stadiums. The Round Rock school board is expected to reassess the graduation location at one of their next meetings.

6/5/11 ACC Highland Mall

5:00pm News Duration :30 seconds

Austin Community College is on track to take over the last piece of available land at Highland Mall. The school agreed to buy the J.C. Penny building and the surrounding parking lot for \$16-million dollars. Tomorrow night, the ACC board is expected to approve the financing for the deal. The community college has already bought the Dillard's and Macy's buildings to house its rapid expansion. ACC says the property will allow for growth of around 4-thousand students a year.

GOVERNMENT

4/1/11 Budget Battle

6:00pm News Duration: 1:20 minutes

House Bill 1 is more than 850 pages long and has more than 370 amendments.

Today some of the most vulnerable to the cuts came to the capitol so lawmakers could see who they are voting on. The proposed budget would cut nearly eight billion dollars to public schools and short state health and human services by four billion dollars. As state House members engage in a grueling debate over the massive state budget cuts, Texans affected by the cuts held a daylong vigil and protest at the Capitol. Protesters say they can't believe that lawmakers have allowed a floor vote for a budget they say hurts so many Texans. Governor Rick Perry and other Republicans however have vowed to balance the budget without increasing taxes. "You increase taxes you're going to increase the burdens on people. They're going to start cutting back on areas where they can't afford to cut back, homes, cars, it all adds up and we're not going to increase taxes so we don't increase the burdens on people." "You've got a Republican Governor who's determined to appease one wing of the political spectrum, the Tea Party, perhaps run for president and he has essentially offered to veto anything that raises revenue."

4/2/11 Budget

10:00pm News Duration 2:00 minutes

William Ehrle is not your typical nursing home resident. "I'm a little younger than most folks but I'm here for those folks who can't speak." After breaking his hip he ended up in a nursing home. Friday the former lobbyist was back in the capitol again - in a wheelchair - to convince lawmakers to think of the sick and elderly during the budget process. "If it wasn't for this nursing home the only avenue I had to take, I wouldn't get the care I need." The Texas House began debate on House Bill 1, the proposed budget for the state in 2012 and 2013. It's 23-billion less than the current budget... The bill would cut Medicaid funding by 4-billion dollars...money that goes toward the health care people who are poor and disabled. It would also cut money to public schools by nearly eight billion - and result in the loss of more than 80 thousand teaching and other school related jobs. "To pass house bill one is an irresponsible act when you think about the children in this state that must be educated." Many Democrats say cutting money for neighborhood schools, making college more expensive and eliminating services for children, seniors and people who are disabled... would be detrimental to Texas. "The fact is people in every single corner of Texas will be dramatically hurt by the budget Republicans are passing today." Nearly 400 amendments were made to the 850 page budget - Critics of the budget have pleaded for other ways to raise revenue and spare some of the drastic cuts. But Republicans in firm control of the legislature vow to balance the budget without raising taxes. "If you increase the burden on me and my constituents, the people are going to lose their jobs, their going to lose their cars, their going to lose their homes." Lawmakers did give final approval to spend three point one billion of the state's Rainy Day Fund to close a gap in the current two year budget cycle. But the debate over the next fiscal year budget will go into the weekend.

4/3/11 Budget Debate

6:00pm News Duration 1:05 minutes

There they are, house lawmakers working into the night to finish off HB1, the bill that will fund state government in 2012 and 2013. The house gaveled in for the rare Sunday work session at four this afternoon. They're going through pages and pages of amendments to finalize and pass the plan. Earlier this week, Republicans signed off on using "rainy day fund" money for this year's budget. But they say it won't happen for next year, the budget they're working on right now. Their proposal for 2012-and-13 is 164-point-5 billion dollars, about 23 billion dollars short of what Texas needs to maintain current services. Democrats say they'll keep pushing to cover that gap. "The debate still continues on how we should protect education and keep nursing homes open by using some of the rainy day fund, and making big biz pay their share, in the form of closing tax loopholes. That is a conversation that will continue." Lawmakers say they expect to pass HB1 sometime before midnight tonight, then state Senators can start working on their own version tomorrow.

5/2/11 Public Safety Budget

5:am News Duration :35 seconds

Austin's fire department is asking for more, while the city asks AFD to do with less. Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr told the public safety commission tonight, with a major wildfire risk; far west Austin could really use two more fire stations. The recent Pinnacle fire in Oak Hill took 40-percent of Austin's firefighting resources. And the conditions aren't getting much better, even with today's rain. She said "When I look out the window today and I see windshield wipers going, I'm going, 'Oh, thank God!' you know." City budget officers are asking police to chop out 3-point-2 million dollars - one million from the fire department - and \$450-thousand dollars from EMS.

5/3/11 Muslim Word Reacts

5:00pm News Duration :45 seconds

Bin Laden's death is raising hopes in the Arab world, for improved US-Muslim relations. In Cairo today, there's hope the US military will stop occupying Muslim countries, now that bin Laden is dead. One said "Part of me was relieved, I don't know why I was relieved but maybe I thought that would soon lead to the end of the war in Afghanistan and Iraq which would bring a little more stability to the region." Another person remarked "I think this can mean a new start for a good relation built on dual respect, common values, common interests." After the invasion of Afghanistan, and especially the unpopular war in Iraq, bin's Laden's message appealed to many in this region. But al-Qaeda's followers turned their bombs on Muslim civilians too, and many accused bin Laden of "hijacking Islam".

6/2/11 TABC Charges Man

6:00pm News Duration :25 seconds

A man in San Saba decided to buy beer for his underage buddies, and now "Carlos James Anderson" is charged in the death of an 8 year old boy. Anderson admitted to buying the alcohol for three of his friends driving around. The driver of the car, 18-year-old "James Gilger" crashed the car killing the young boy in another car. Anderson is charged with

furnishing an alcoholic beverage to a minor. The teenage driver, Gilger, is charged with intoxication manslaughter.

6/3/11 Political Vandalism

6:pm News Duration 1:00 minute

12 city of Austin vehicles had their tires slashed and the person who did it left a cryptic message behind. Police have charged Dowin Gardner with criminal mischief, thanks in part to some odd evidence left at the scene. The vehicles were parked in front of the Austin Water Utility building on 10th street downtown. A security guard said he saw Gardner near the cars, and when officers questioned him they say he began to rant about the fluoride in Austin's water supply. The word "orgonite" was etched into the sides of the vehicles and a block stone was left on some of the hoods. Police say Gardner was very attached to some precious stones found in his pocket, and rock experts say the vandalism may have been his way of making an environmental statement. Joan Lockhart/Nature's Treasures: There are stone energies by nature of formed within earth have capacity to offset that type of frequency or vibration, to correct atmosphere in which they reside. The total cost for the city to fix all the tires was just under three thousand dollars.

6/4/11 Cancer Faker

5:00pm News Duration 1:00 minute

An Austin man is wanted for allegedly faking a terminal cancer diagnosis, lying about losing family members, and accepting thousands of dollars in donations. Police say Brian Jeffrey Bonniwell, also known as Brian Fisher, fooled dozens in the Killeen community to raise funds for him. They say he claimed to be a marine who lost his fiance and daughter in a car wreck, battling cancer to stay alive for his two-year-old-son. Killeen residents held a Charity Car Show in March, raising over fifteen-hundred-dollars in cash for treatments and thousands of dollars in parts and labor for his car. 15 people also got tattoos of his name with a cancer ribbon. A few weeks later, a Killeen Crime Stoppers tip revealed Bonniwell didn't have cancer. And he hasn't been seen since mid-April. Cody Bennett helped lead the fundraising efforts. Now he hopes police will track down Bonniwell. "I don't want anybody else to be taken advantage of like we were." Travis County has also issued a warrant for Bonniwell failing to report to his probation officer. He's on probation for a 2005 burglary.

HEALTH

4/1/11 Mexico Smoke

5:00am News Duration :20 seconds

We have warmer than normal weather in the weekend forecast, high pollen counts, and something else in the air that may bother you. Mexican farmers have started their annual agricultural burning... Strong winds can carry that smoke into Central Texas. By Sunday, you may notice the skyline looking kind-of hazy. There's also a chance you'll feel it in your lungs and your eyes. There's more information about it in the weather blog on kxan.com tonight.

4/3/11 What's Going Around

6:00pm News Duration 2:05 minutes

Dr. Pooja Varshney reports that Aaron Little is back at the doctor's office. For about five years, the 16 year old has had trouble with allergies and asthma making the simplest of things seem difficult. Aaron Little says, "Just cutting the grass I get really itchy. I come home and have to go right to the tub or take Benadryl. So, it's pretty hard." Allergic disorders make up the number one chronic disease in children. The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology says allergies effect as many as 40-percent of kids. But Austin allergist Dr. Pooja Varshney reminds us children are not little adults, so their symptoms and treatment may be different. Aside from congestion, runny nose and headache, parents should watch for children scratching the roof of their mouths with their tongues, scratching their ears and having trouble sleeping that may make them seem hyperactive in the day. Dr. Varshney says, "Because children have thinner skin, you can sometimes see that swelling underneath their eyes more prominently or the dark circles that a lot of parents describe." The best way to diagnose allergies in children, Dr. Varshney says, is still skin testing, and remember that treatment for adults and children is not the same. Dr. Varshney says, "Certainly dosing is different whether it's the actual dose given or the interval at which we give the medication. Certain medications aren't approved for young children such as decongestants." The best homeopathic allergy treatment for children is a nasal saline wash, says Varshney, and even though researchers are testing several herbal remedies right now, she advises parents to take any herbal supplements to the pediatrician to make sure a child can handle what's in them. Doctors often see asthma from allergies show up in infants and toddlers, so even if a child can't tell you what's wrong, watch for wheezing and fast breathing. We have more of what area doctors tell us is going around with this story under the health tab of our website

5/2/11 Hospital Billboard

10:00pm News Duration :20 seconds

Nine North Texas hospitals are using new technology that tells patients the emergency room wait times, before they arrive! The patients can get the information via a website, an iphone app, or a digital billboard on the highway. The "wait times" update every 30 minutes. Of course, those times are just an average. The ER's will see patients with life-threatening problems faster.

5/4/11 Drought Rabies

5:00pm News Duration :30 seconds

A rabies alert is on for Central Texans. There has been a spike in cases some even record-setting. So far this year, Williamson County has 48 confirmed cases with Travis County having 25. Burnet County already has 19 cases which is up from 9 last year and eight cases in Llano. The reasons for the spike are more skunks and raccoons combined with dry conditions. With fewer places to drink water, animals are sharing watering holes and rabies spreads through saliva. Anyone who encounters an aggressive animal is urged to call 9-1-1. To learn rabies symptoms and numbers to call for help, visit our web site at www.kxan.com

6/2/11 Food Pyramid Plate

12:00pm News Duration 1:25

Leah Guerrero says, "At first I didn't really like them because I didn't think they were that good," Leah Guerrero and her fellow students at UT Elementary are harvesting vegetables from a garden they grew over the school year. Now she eats more veggies and enjoys them. Guerrero says, "then when I got into this they told us, like, how nutritious they were and how good they were for you. And then I started eating them, and then the more I ate them, the more I liked them." The students got a special visit from a few of the nation's top cooks including White House Pastry Chef Bill Yosses. Yosses says, "These kids are harvesting what they've tended all year long. They're learning about the respect for food, respect for the earth, and how to eat and treat themselves in a healthy way." Yosses is one of several famous chefs visiting schools around the country in the Chefs Move to Schools program. It's part of First Lady Michelle Obama's effort to fight child obesity. The chefs show kids that healthy food can actually taste good. "We don't really even go into the schools and talk to the kids about 'you should eat broccoli you should eat Brussels sprouts.' Let them decide what they like." "It's helped a lot. She's always telling us what she learned and what we can try." Like other parents, Leah's mom is seeing the healthy changes at home that her daughter has learned from the garden at school. "At the beginning of it she didn't eat salad at all. And now she eats salad. She likes salad." Chef says, "What we want them to do is to see it, touch it, taste it, and then make their own choices."

6/5/11 Water Rescue

10:00pm News Duration 1:00 minute

When Jennifer Rodriguez and her family head to the park or anywhere else there's water near her two year old is buckled up in a life jacket. It's important because he's a very active two year old. I turn this way and he is already on this side. Or, he's over there and I'm trying to get to him, I don't know if there is water there or an edge going down or not. Rodriguez's 11 year old daughter Vanessa although not a strong swimmer says she knows what to do if she falls in. It's like a doggie paddle that I usually do because it helps me not go down and I swim faster like that, so that's what I really usually do. Earlier Sunday, apparently one little girl did not know what to do. According to Austin/Travis County E-M-S a ten year old girl nearly drowned at the park. E-M-S says that by the time they found the girl and pulled her from the water she had been submerged for 10-15 minutes. Dr. Pat Crocker with the Dell Children's Medical Center told KXAN news last week that when someone is drowning you might not even know it. Dr. Pat Crocker/Dell Children's Medical Center says, "There's a misconception that when there's a drowning, there's a lot of splashing, yells for help and that sort of thing. In reality that's not the case. Children simply slip under the water, take a breath underwater and down unnoticed."

6/5/11 Shingles

10:00pm News Duration 2:03 minutes

Larry Dollgener has been suffering with shingles for a year, never ending pain and discomfort that won't go away. "Sores went away but the pain stayed. I've had it since then, and it really affects my lifestyle. I experience everything from numbness to a

burning sensation, mostly a burning sensation. Just like a real bad burn." So Larry decided to try the new Qutenza patch. He has one wish... That the pain goes away, and that it's effective." Most shingles sufferers had chicken pox years before. That virus remained dormant in the spine, until one day it invades some part of the body, causing neurons or nerve endings to flare up. Treatments have been disappointing, but now there is Qutenza, whose active ingredient is the compound found in chili peppers. It is 8% of the patch's solution, a potent amount. "This is toxic, if you were to breath it in, or get it on your eyes it would be devastating in terms of burning, so a lot of caution has to be used." In fact, Larry has to be anesthetized before the patch can be applied. Qutenza will burn through the skin and reach the inflamed neurons, shutting them down and relieving the pain. There is an hour's treatment for three months of relief. "For the next three to four days he's going to have some discomfort, and he will have some pain but he should start seeing some benefit after day four or day five. And these nerves grow back." Qutenza is not a permanent solution but it shows short and long term benefits. "You can apply the patch every three months per FDA recommendation but what we're seeing is on subsequent applications patients go further and further out so we're especially encouraged." Larry finds it ironic that his burning pain could be solved by chili peppers. He just hopes it works. If not.... "I guess just put some tortillas on me and I'll go in as a tortilla." "I should have saved a couple bucks and went out and picked some peppers."