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## *Activity 1:1 Media Functions*

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For each item which might be found in the newspaper, on the television news, or on Internet news sites, indicate if the media function performed is:

- a. political watchdog
- b. entertainment
- c. social
- d. economic
- e. record-keeping

Some may fulfill more than one function.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A total of 14 babies were born yesterday in the city's hospitals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A series of open air concerts has been planned for City Park during the summer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Stock prices were up slightly today.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The Astros beat the Blue Jays 5-2.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. National security adviser Condoleeza Rice had planned to deliver a speech Sept. 11, 2001, about national security that did not mention Osama bin Laden, al Qaeda or Islamic fundamentalist groups.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Lefthander Andy Pettitte, one of the top free agent signings in Astros history, was sent back to Houston and placed on the disabled list today, retroactive to April 7, because of a strained left elbow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Texas Southern and Rice universities are joining the parade of schools that will charge significantly more to attend classes this fall.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Matthew Perry says he had to fight back the tears when it came time to say goodbye to wisecracking Chandler Bing. "I didn't cry, but I felt like I was about to for like seven hours," the 34-year-old *Friends* star said in an interview.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. ARIES (March 21-April 19). People seem to fit into two neat categories -- the ones who make things happen and the ones who wait for something to happen. If you're not in the mood to initiate, that doesn't mean your actions aren't useful. Be gentle with yourself.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Washington Avenue Coalition (WAC) meets the second Monday of the Month at Leo's on Washington at 6 p.m. It is open to all residents and businesses along the corridor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Democrat presidential candidate John Kerry accused President Bush of slashing \$1 billion from job-training programs

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\_\_\_\_\_12. Ad 2 Houston, a non-profit professional organization for people 18-31 in the communications industry, is seeking new members. For more information, please contact...

\_\_\_\_\_13. When medical detectives track the source of a new outbreak, increasingly they look no further than the animal world. That's because about 75 percent of all new infectious diseases -- including high-profile ones such as SARS, bird flu, monkey pox and West Nile virus -- originate from animals.

\_\_\_\_\_14. Galveston County Gem & Mineral Club meets each first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Texas City Nessler Civic Center (2010 5th Ave. No.) for rockhounds of all ages to share their common love of gems and minerals.

\_\_\_\_\_15. An experimental drug can dramatically boost levels of HDL, the good cholesterol, potentially offering an entirely new way to prevent heart attacks.

\_\_\_\_\_16. The state's health care programs for low-income Texans will run a \$582 million deficit by the end of the current budget, state officials told the press on Friday. State officials say it is because of a higher than expected caseload, but the shortfall is close to the amount legislators shifted out of the Medicaid budget last spring while trying to balance a tight budget.

\_\_\_\_\_17. **Houston: 64°**

Light Rain  
Wind: **North 17 mph**  
Dew point: **61°**  
Pressure: **29.88 in.**  
Humidity: **90%**  
Visibility: **10 miles**  
Pollen: High

\_\_\_\_\_18. A federal judge in Denver has ruled there is evidence that the United States' biggest radio broadcaster and concert promoter abused its clout by threatening to keep artists off the air unless they performed at its shows.

\_\_\_\_\_19. Holding out a can of soda, a customer said to dollar-store owner Joe Smith: "Here's 21 cents. OK if I give you the rest on Sunday?" Smith agreed to the down payment on a 50-cent drink. He certainly doesn't want to alienate any of his customers at his shop, not with business the way it is at the Sharpstown store.

\_\_\_\_\_20. President Bush's August 2001 briefing on terrorism threats, soon to be declassified by the White House, included information from three months earlier that al-Qaida was trying to send operatives into the United States for an explosives attack, according to several people who have seen the memo.

Some examples from the Houston Chronicle online edition, April 10, 2004