

KUT Issues and Programs List

1st Quarter 2019

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II. Responsive Programming

Energy/Environment

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 1/11/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :52 |
| Austin is selected to receive up to two and half million dollars in resources as part of the Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge. Former New York City mayor, Michael Bloomberg, was in Austin today to make the announcement. | | | |
| 1/17/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 1:03 |
| If the oil and gas boom continues as projected, it could spell disaster for the planet. That was the stark warning from a coalition of environmental groups today. As KUT's Mose Buchele reports the groups say continued growth in Texas fossil fuel extraction would derail any hope of avoiding catastrophic climate change. | | | |
| 3/5/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :52 |
| Houston-based energy giant Conoco-Phillips has released a climate change action plan for the first time. But as Houston Public Media's Florian Martin reports, some environmentalists say it's not enough. | | | |
| 3/22/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :39 |
| Natural gas prices in parts of West Texas have been hitting historic lows, even dipping into negative price territory. As KUT's Mose Buchele reports, the reason is connected to a lack of connection to Central Texas. | | | |

Health/Healthcare

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| 1/4/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 2:42 |

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It's been more than a year since national researchers who were looking into maternal mortality rates in the U.S. released a bombshell report that found the rate in Texas had doubled in a two-year period. Usually that's the kind of statistical jump you see following wars or natural disasters. As a result of that study, those researchers looked specifically into Texas.

1/22/2019 Morning Edition 6am-10am :44

Central Health is setting aside 15 thousand dollars for a pilot program offering free Lyft rides to and from its Southeast Health and Wellness Center. KUT's Ashley Lopez reports the program has already started and will run through at least April.

1/25/2019 Morning Edition 6am-10am :50

Children's health advocates say Texas needs to spend more money and expand access to healthcare for children. In the past year, the state's uninsured rate among children has started to climb for the first time several years. KUT's Ashley Lopez reports advocates say that means state lawmakers need to start investing in health programs.

2/7/2019 All Things Considered 4pm-6pm :41

All high schools serving Austin residents may soon provide training for students to stop bleeding in emergency situations. KUT's DaLyah Jones tells us about this effort to save lives.

2/22/2019 All Things Considered 4pm-6pm 1:05

The Trump administration issued a final rule today for the Title X family planning program. The rule prevents clinics from providing abortions or referring patients to abortion clinics. Family planning providers call the change a "gag rule" that could affect how medical providers do their job.

3/21/2019 All Things Considered 4pm-6pm :44

Texas and 21 other states get a failing grade when it comes to getting lead out of drinking water in schools. That's according to a new report from public health groups, but as KUT's Mose Buchele reports, Austin schools were credited for their efforts.

Voting/Elections

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 1/3/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :37 |
| Central Texas sent one new member of Congress to Washington as lawmakers start work today. Republican Chip Roy is among one hundred congressional freshman elected this past November. | | | |
| 2/1/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :56 |
| Travis County election officials have removed another several hundred names from the state's list of alleged non-citizens. KUT's Ashley Lopez reports officials are still investigating more than three thousand names on the state's list. | | | |
| 2/5/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :40 |
| The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments today in a challenge to how Texas officials respond to federal motor voter laws. Voting Rights groups say the state is treating voters who change their driver's license information online in a way that's different from those who change it in person. | | | |

Politics/Legislation/Courts

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| 1/8/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :20 |
| State lawmakers are back in Austin today convening the 86th regular session of the Texas Legislature. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick did not attend. His office says Patrick was called to Washington by the White House for a meeting on border security and will be back in Texas tomorrow. Governor Greg Abbott addressed the state senate today, calling on lawmakers to change the school finance system in ways that rely less on property taxes. | | | |
| 1/23/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :37 |
| Democrats will chair more than a-third of the committees in the Texas House this legislative session. That's closer to Democratic makeup of the House than the Senate Committee assignments, in which Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick favored his Republican colleagues for the jobs. KUT's Ben Philpott says it's an indication that House Speaker Dennis Bonnen has a different leadership style. | | | |
| 1/30/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :45 |
| State lawmakers could soon change when you can buy liquor in Texas. KUT's Andrew Weber has more on a bill at the Legislature filed last week. | | | |
| 2/6/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :37 |
| The full bench of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed to hear a challenge to Texas' effort to kick Planned Parenthood out of its Medicaid program. KUT's Ashley Lopez reports state officials want to remove Planned Parenthood from the program immediately. (0:37) | | | |
| 3/4/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 1:05 |
| Health care advocates are rallying at the Texas Capitol today. They're asking lawmakers to let voters decide whether the state should expand Medicaid to more low income people. | | | |
| 3/6/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :49 |
| State lawmakers have revealed a long-awaited plan that many hope will improve school finance in Texas. | | | |
| 3/25/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | 1:03 |
| A legislative hearing on a controversial abortion bill was delayed several hours today because not enough lawmakers were there. KUT's Ben Philpott reports on the issue that kept some away. | | | |

Education

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 1/2/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :48 |
| The Austin Independent School District is facing a budget problem. It's been spending its reserves to balance the budget. But is projected to run out of savings by 2022. KUT's Claire McInerny reports on what the district and board plan to do in 2019 to avoid this. | | | |
| 1/15/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :54 |
| It's the second day of the Los Angeles teachers strike, the second largest school district in the country. High profile strikes, like this one, often encourage teachers in other cities to walk out of their classrooms, but KUT's Claire McInerny reports this will not happen in Texas. | | | |
| 2/18/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :44 |
| Austin ISD is revising its human sexuality curriculum for grade levels three through eight. KUT's Claire McInerny says tonight, the school board will hold a public meeting to discuss some of the specific lessons proposed for next school year. | | | |
| 2/26/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :53 |

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The Austin Independent School District is moving forward with a plan to close some schools. KUT's Claire McInerny reports the school board unanimously approved the plan Monday night.

Housing and Development (local)

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| 1/16/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :41 |
| Now that the City of Austin has agreed with Major League Soccer and Precourt Sports Ventures on a lease for a stadium in North Austin, you might be wondering why such a large tract of land, very close to an otherwise booming part of the city, was empty and available. KUT's Jimmy Maas takes us back in time for the explosive tale of the future home of Major League Soccer in Austin. | | | |
| 2/21/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :54 |
| Austin City Council members will vote today on waiving some city rules for developers building low-income housing. As KUT's Audrey McGlinchy reports, affordable housing advocates say it'll make it easier to build what they want in the city. | | | |
| 2/27/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :46 |
| The city of Austin had hoped to learn about a new process to rewrite its land development code this month. But the Austin City Manager says he needs a little more time before explaining the new plan. As KUT's Audrey McGlinchy explains, you might remember the first effort to change how the city regulates development - It was called CodeNEXT. | | | |
| 3/14/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :39 |
| In San Marcos the median-value for a home has almost doubled in the last two decades. KUT's DaLyah Jones tells us about the city's efforts to address housing challenges in the area. | | | |

Business/labor

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 1/21/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :54 |
| The partial government shutdown has hit day 31. And some federal workers who've been furloughed have started to file for unemployment benefits. | | | |
| 2/19/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :27 |
| Austin is enjoying a robust economy. The city monthly boasts job numbers at or near what economists consider full-employment. That is, almost everyone who can work - is working. But, as KUT's Jimmy Maas reports, the tighter job market is putting the squeeze on your favorite restaurants. | | | |
| 3/27/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :54 |
| Workers' rights advocates are calling on the Texas Workforce Commission to abandon a statewide rule that would exempt gig economy contractors from unemployment benefits. | | | |

Crime/Emergency Services/Public Safety

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| 1/10/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :46 |

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A border patrol agent accused of killing four people in Laredo will have his first day in court this afternoon. TPR's Joey Palacios reports the agent faces multiple charges including capital murder.

1/24/2019 Morning Edition 6am-10am 7:32

Young adults placed on probation for felony offenses are more likely to reoffend than those who are older. Williamson County is one of two Texas areas aiming to reduce those numbers, as well as launch a first-of-a-kind study.

3/1/2019 All Things Considered 4pm-6pm :55

People who live in the Comanche Trail Community on Lake Travis will participate tomorrow morning in a wildfire drill that includes an emergency evacuation.

3/18/2019 All Things Considered 4pm-6pm :47

A fire at a Houston-area petrochemical storage facility could take two days to burn out. As Travis Bubenik explains, fighting chemical fires is a lot more complicated than a typical house fire.

3/19/2019 Morning Edition 6am-10am :44

An officer involved shooting near one part of the South by Southwest music festivities early Sunday morning was the final of five shootings that took place in Austin over the weekend. KUT's Jerry Quijano reports on how police want to increase patrols in light of these incidents.

Transportation

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 1/1/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :40 |
| Capital Metro is moving forward with a plan to reshape the region's public transit system, as we hear from KUT's Syeda Hasan. | | | |
| 1/7/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 4:15 |
| City of Austin officials are looking for ways to make those dockless electric scooters safer. Along with health researchers, the city's doing a study on incidents where riders were injured on a scooter. | | | |
| 2/11/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :58 |
| The Pedestrian Advisory Council has voted unanimously to get rid of parking space minimum requirements in the City of Austin. KUT's DaLyah Jones has more about the recommendation recently sent to the City Council. | | | |
| 2/15/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :51 |
| Capital MetroRail could be coming to Eastern parts of Travis County. KUT's DaLyah Jones tells about about a step in that direction that happened this week. | | | |
| 3/28/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :58 |
| A new Austin group pushing efforts to reduce congestion and improve safety on Austin's roadways is kicking off its campaign today. | | | |

Immigration

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 1/18/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :59 |
| The undocumented population has decreased nationwide, but not in Texas. As national debate over building the wall continues, Houston Public Media's Elizabeth Trovall has more on recent immigration trends. | | | |
| 2/12/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :48 |

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A group of around two-thousand Central American migrants seeking asylum in the U.S. are still in Piedras Negras, across the border from Eagle Pass. They arrived last week, and as Norma Martinez reports, their presence is straining local resources.

2/25/2019 Morning Edition 6am-10am :49

Immigration courts are recovering from the month-long government shutdown that caused 10,000 cancelled hearings in Texas. Houston Public Radio's Elizabeth Trovall has more on how backlogged courts are getting back on their feet.

3/15/2019 Morning Edition 6am-10am :50

The share of children with an immigrant parent is slowly increasing in Texas and nationwide. Houston Public Media's Elizabeth Trovall has details on a new report about this growing population.

3/21/2019 Morning Edition 6am-10am :47

U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced this week they are beginning to release migrant families detained in Texas' Rio Grande Valley. CBP says they don't have enough space to house everyone. Texas Public Radio's Reynaldo Leanos Jr. reports from a bus station in McAllen, where some of those migrants have been dropped off.

Diversity and Gender Issues

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 2/12/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 5:27 |
| Austin likes to think of itself as a progressive city. For many, that label is a point of pride and they would never doubt it. But for some, it doesn't ring true. Lakeya Omogun (la-KEY-ah oh-MUH-gun) is a doctoral student at UT Austin's College of Education. She recently wrote about what it's like to experience this city as a black woman. In her essay "The Truth About Being a Black Woman in a Liberal City," she asks readers to think about what it means to call Austin "progressive." KUT's Nadia Hamdan talked with Omogun about what her life's been like since she moved to Austin from Harlem in 2016. | | | |
| 2/13/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 1:10 |
| Kids who identify as LGBTQ are overrepresented in foster care systems. That's according to new research from UT-Austin published in Pediatrics journal. | | | |
| 2/28/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 4:38 |
| Development and rising home prices have driven much of Austin's African American population from neighborhoods such as East Austin to points North, including Pflugerville. To make sure the history of those neighborhoods is still shared, the Austin History Center's African American Community Archives is hosting a "pop-up" African American Archives tonight [Thursday] at the Pflugerville Branch Library in Pflugerville. | | | |
| 3/8/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 6:10 |
| South By Southwest gets going in earnest today. The focus of the first half of the festival leans heavy on tech and startups. New companies flood Austin hoping to bend the ear of investors and influencers. More of those new companies are founded by women and people of color. KUT's Jimmy Maas takes a look at some of the companies trying to accelerate that change. | | | |

Arts and Community

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| 1/28/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | 1:02 |
| Over more than 60 years, Cisco's became a frequent stop for customers like former president Lyndon B. Johnson. Now the East Austin restaurant may be designated as a historic landmark. KUT's DaLyah Jones has more on the decision, as well as the history of Cisco's, which has continued to withstand rapid redevelopment in the area. | | | |
| 3/11/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 5:42 |
| South by Southwest is in full swing, which means parts of downtown Austin look and feel a lot different than usual. KUT's Claire McInerny ventured downtown to explore one aspect of how the festival transforms the city. | | | |
| 3/13/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :47 |
| South by Southwest film festival includes about 130 feature films and many touch on uniquely Texas topics. One is a documentary about a late Austinite – known to most as just “Leslie.” | | | |
| 3/20/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :49 |
| 750 thousand dollars will be available to arts venues in Austin as part of the city's Creative Space Assistance Program. As KUT's Jerry Quijano reports, there's still time to apply. | | | |

City Council, City Management

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 1/7/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :46 |
| The Austin city council welcomes two new members tonight. The two won election in November. KUT's Audrey McGlinchy reports. | | | |
| 1/31/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | 5:34 |
| The Austin City Council will hold their first meeting of the year today. If you've ever watched a city council meeting, you might be familiar with the practice of public comment. Citizens have the chance to weigh in on things before their elected officials vote. Sometimes issues are so popular or controversial — public comment can stretch for hours — late into the night. That led KUT's Audrey McGlinchy to wonder: Does it make a difference? | | | |
| 2/10/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :48 |
| The City of Austin is wondering what it can do to discourage the use of single-use plastic bags now that a court says the city can't ban them. | | | |
| 3/7/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :46 |
| The City of Austin announced today a 750-thousand-dollar grant to save and grow the city's creative spaces. KUT's Jerry Quijano reports the money will be available for rent, acquiring property, and other facility improvements. | | | |

Science and Innovation

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 1/9/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :56 |
| Evolution may have been making species monogamous by activating a specific set of genes in the brain. That's according to a new study by researchers at UT Austin. KUT's Sangita Menon has more on their findings. | | | |
| 2/4/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :1:01 |

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Climate change is increasing the temperature and acidity of the ocean - and that's harming the coral reefs. To get an idea of how the reefs could react to the change, UT Austin researchers looked for what kinds of corals survived Earth's climate change millions of years ago.

3/26/2019 All Things Considered 4pm-6pm :49

A team of researchers led by an undergraduate at UT-Austin has discovered two more planets hundreds of light years from Earth. And as KUT's Trey Shaar reports, the team did it by using artificial intelligence to identify planets that had been missed.

Poverty and Homelessness

| Date | Program Name | Air Time | Duration |
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| 1/14/2019 | All Things Considered | 4pm-6pm | :37 |
| People in Austin who receive federal subsidies for low income housing may start to feel the effects of the partial government shutdown. | | | |
| 1/29/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | :42 |
| A new report out from the United Way suggests just over a third of households in Travis County are struggling to make ends meet. | | | |
| 3/12/2019 | Morning Edition | 6am-10am | 1:02 |
| A new report found the lion's share of driver's license suspensions in Texas were because drivers hadn't paid fees from traffic tickets. KUT's Andrew Weber has more on the system that the study suggests locks low-income Texans in debt. | | | |