

## Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX

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### (1) Issues involving Texas A&M University and the A&M System

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/11/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:22	Texas A&M president addresses faculty members on a variety of topics.
4/14/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	Texas A&M system regents propose allowing concealed carry of firearms in classrooms and residence halls as part of a new state law.
4/21/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:25	Texas A&M president addresses staff members on a variety of topics.
4/25/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:40	Texas A&M system board of regents consider \$79 million dollars of new athletics facilities, including a new outdoor track and field stadium and a new softball stadium, and \$148 million in new academic buildings.
4/28/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:09	Texas A&M system board of regents approve policies for concealed carry of firearms to comply with a new state law.
5/2/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	Texas A&M announces a new chief operating officer at its Qatar campus and an interim vice president at its Galveston campus.
5/3/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	Texas A&M system chancellor announces a \$150 million conversion of the Riverside campus into the RELLIS research and development center.
5/9/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	A Texas A&M professor convicted of choking his wife loses his endowed professor position and reports to jail to start a 30 day sentence.
5/9/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:17	Texas A&M system board of regents member Tony Buzbee is arrested for misdemeanor DWI in Houston.
5/16/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:17	Texas A&M researchers announce a partnership with the private sector to develop a new anthrax vaccine.
5/25/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:39	Texas A&M system chancellor announces participating in a joint bid to operate the Scandia nuclear laboratory in New Mexico.
5/27/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Texas A&M system board of regents name a new dean of the Bush school of government and new vice-presidents at Texas A&M of human resources and marketing and communications.
6/14/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:04	Texas A&M athletics institutes a new policy beginning in August, restricting what fans can bring into home ticketed events.

## **(2) Issues involving Blinn College Brazos County campuses**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/20/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:29	Blinn College trustees modify tuition schedule where Brazos County students will be paying more while 14,000 others will pay less.
4/25/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	The Blinn College faculty senate calls on the board of trustees to institute a "shared governance" practice and reacts to administrators last minute decision to drop spring semester classes.
5/9/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	Blinn College settles a federal lawsuit with a Brenham campus student over free speech that includes conditions applying to Brazos County locations.
5/20/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:20	Blinn College administrators tells the board of trustees they are meeting guidelines from the school's accrediting agency in the area of "shared governance", something pursued by the faculty senate.
6/1/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:55	Blinn College trustees vote to stop construction of its new campus in west Bryan and enters an agreement to build on the Texas A&M system's new RELLIS research and development center.
6/24/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	For the fourth time, Blinn is awarded grant money to give two years of free classes to qualifying students taking STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) classes.
6/30/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:34	Blinn College trustees receive a proposed 2016-17 school year budget that for the second straight year does not break down revenue and expenses by campus, meaning it's unknown how much money generated in Bryan is going to subsidize operations in Brenham.

## **(3) Business and Economic Development news in Bryan and College Station**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/6/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:14	Texas A&M Real Estate Center director says the worst may be over of the economic collapse caused by falling oil prices.
4/13/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	Rattlers convenience stores is being sold to the fuel provider for Stripes convenience stores.
4/19/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:19	The Research Valley Partnership economic development agency announces Princess Astrid of Belgium will be visiting the twin cities in December during a trade mission.
4/27/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:32	Preview of annual Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce job fair.

5/2/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:22	Baylor Scott and White renames its College Station hospital Baylor Scott and White Medical-College Station.
5/6/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:25	The College Station city council updates its master use land plan to include a future municipal utility district, which may lead to the future annexation, of the billion dollar Millican Reserve community south of the city.
5/9/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	Dedication of CHI-St. Joseph Health new trauma center and emergency room.
5/10/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:17	Bryan/College Station realtor's association says home sales are down in the first quarter because of the lack of inventory due to high demand.
5/17/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Review of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce annual legislative trip to Washington, D.C.
5/19/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:31	Bryan mayor reacts to the Texas A&M decision to withdraw its membership of the Research Valley Partnership economic development agency.
6/1/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	Bryan city council receives annual report of economic development agreements that are monitored by the Research Valley Partnership economic development agency.
6/13/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:00	Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce reports to the Brazos County commission a record number of volunteers gathered a record number of responses for the annual Chamber Day business survey.
6/13/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	College Station city council gives conditional approval to strategic agreements that could lead to future annexation of the billion dollar Millican Reserve residential development in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction area.
6/22/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:15	Atlas master planned community in the biocorridor announces a global technology company, ViaSat, has purchased eight acres to build its Texas corporate campus.
6/23/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Winners are announced of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Bryan Rotary 10 small business performance awards, along with the annual lifetime business achievement award and rising star award.
6/30/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:19	Brazos County Commissioners approve an economic development agreement with west Bryan chemicals manufacturer Lubrizol, involving a \$25 million dollar expansion that will create at least 24 jobs with a payroll addition of at least \$1,150,000 dollars.

#### **(4) Capital Improvement Projects in the Bryan School District**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
5/27/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	Bryan school board awards bids for expansions and remodeling at Johnson, Henderson, Jones, and Crockett elementary schools as part of the November 2014 bond issue.

#### **(5) Redrawing new school boundaries in the Bryan and College Station School Districts**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/5/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	College Station school board members discuss but take no action whether changing school boundaries should also include the high schools.
4/19/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:19	The College Station school board decides to let a community committee recommend whether boundaries should change for the district's high schools.
4/20/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:08	Bryan school board is asked to tweak proposed changes in elementary school boundaries that start in the fall of 2017.
5/16/2016	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:48	Bryan school board considers final action on new school boundaries that start in the fall of 2017.

#### **(6) Recruiting Houston YMCA to build in Bryan/College Station**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/18/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	Recap of two field trips to regional YMCA facilities and notice of an upcoming reception with Houston YMCA leaders as a local delegation continues to recruit the Houston YMCA to operate facilities in Bryan and College Station.
6/20/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	Telephone survey starts next week asking Bryan/College Station residents what services they want in proposed YMCA branches.

#### **(7) Severe Weather in Bryan/College Station**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/13/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:17	The Bryan city council considers two eastside neighborhoods with historic flooding issues being the first areas for improvements and/or buyouts.
5/26/2016	WTAW News	Continuous coverage from 3 until 9 p.m.		of a tornado touchdown in Bryan followed by flooding that closed numerous streets and highways in Brazos and surrounding counties.

5/27/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	2:38	No deaths or injuries following a tornado and floods in Bryan, resulting in a local disaster declaration and a request for a state disaster declaration
5/31/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Damage update from the Bryan tornado and floods.
6/1/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:21	Street closures end in the Wheeler Ridge neighborhood by city crews picking up debris from a tornado.
6/2/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	The city of Bryan reports more than one million pounds of debris from a tornado and flooding has been removed and the city is waiving building permit and related fees for storm victims.
6/2/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:13	A state disaster declaration has been issued for Brazos County and a local disaster declaration was extended in Bryan and Brazos County.
6/8/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:43	The Brazos County emergency management director updates county commissioners on storm damage and announces FEMA will be doing an initial assessment in Bryan and unincorporated areas of the county.
6/10/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:32	Governor Abbott asks the president to issue a federal disaster declaration that includes the Bryan tornado and flooding in Brazos and other counties.
6/13/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	25	President issues a federal disaster declaration that includes Bryan and Brazos County from severe weather on May 26 and 27, 2016.
6/15/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:17	FEMA urges victims of severe weather May 26 and 27, 2016 are urged to apply for federal assistance.
6/16/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	The city of Bryan announces a FEMA disaster recovery center will open at Bryan High School on June 18 for victims covered in the federal disaster declaration from severe weather on May 26 and 27, 2016.
6/22/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:17	Brazos County Commission applies for grant to install road flooding warning system on Elmo Weedon Road over Wickson Creek.
6/22/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	FEMA spokeswoman asks storm victims for insurance information when apply for federal storm disaster assistance.

## **(8) Public Safety**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/1/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Director of Brazos County 9-1-1 discourages use of 9-1-1 smartphone apps, and instead call 9-1-1 directly.
4/12/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:24	Bryan police chief Eric Buske announces he is no longer pursuing a move closer to his family in Omaha, Nebraska.
4/13/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	The Brazos County Commission votes to fight the Texas Attorney General's order to open the courthouse to concealed carry of guns.
5/19/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:19	Annual law enforcement memorial service program includes remarks from the police chiefs in Bryan and College Station.
5/25/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:14	College Station fire chief Eric Hurt announces his retirement.
4/14, 4/18, and 6/23/2016	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Bryan deputy fire marshal William Bouse updating cases and sharing fire safety information.
4/13, 5/24, and 6/28/2016	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Bryan police officer Kelley McKethan covering department events and public safety events.

## **(9) Investigations of Bryan City Councilman Rafael Pena**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
5/4/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:41	Discovery of Bryan police responding to a domestic violence report at the new home of councilman Rafael Pena, which is located outside the boundaries of his district.
5/5/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:30	Bryan mayor reaction to discovery of councilman Rafael Pena living outside his district and police being called to a report of domestic violence made by Pena's wife.
5/6/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	Brazos County Attorney says he will not file a class 'A' or 'B' misdemeanor assault charge against councilman Rafael Pena. The Bryan city prosecutor does not respond to requests if he will file a class 'C' misdemeanor assault charge.
5/11/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	2:40	Bryan city council approves releasing police reports and dashcam video and 9-1-1 audio of councilman Rafael Pena's wife report she was assaulted and approves asking the attorney general's office or the Brazos County District Attorney's office or the Brazos County Attorney's office to investigate whether Pena is violating the city charter by living at his mother's home that located outside the councilman's district.

## (10) Local political activity

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/7/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:54	Bryan mayor Jason Bienski, who is term-limited from seeking a third term, says he has visited with possible candidates in this fall's elections; and Bryan councilman Greg Owens says he is leaving open his future political options.
4/12/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:49	Brazos County election board, made up of county officials and the county political parties, discuss how to fill the new position of elections administrator.
6/8/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Brazos County commissioners hire a first ever elections administrator, who will oversee employees transferred from the elections divisions of the voter registrar and county clerk's offices.

## (11) National political updates from Congressman Bill Flores (R-Bryan)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/20, 5/25, 6/9, 6/15, and 6/23/2016	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews with the latest information on issues from Capitol Hill.

## (12) College Station city updates from elected officials

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/13, 4/27, 5/25, 6/8, and 6/22/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	~5:00	Interviews with Mayor Nancy Berry.
4/15/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	19:04	Interview with Councilman James Benham.
5/20/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	15:08	Interview with Councilman John Nichols.

## (13) Bryan city updates from elected officials

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
4/6, 4/20, and 5/18/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Jason Bienski.
5/5/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	17:24	Interview with Councilman Mike Southerland.
5/26/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	19:46	Interview with Councilman Al Saenz.
6/15/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	10:00	Interview with Councilman Greg Owens.

#### **(14) Activities of United Way of the Brazos Valley**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
5/4/2016	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	7:30	Totals released of the United Way of the Brazos Valley Community campaign and Youth Leadership Cabinet campaign.
5/23/2016	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	4:01	Preview of "Thank You Week", where United Way of the Brazos Valley board members and employees go to businesses to say thank you for conducting campaign drives.
6/14/2016	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 p.m.	2:34	United Way of the Brazos Valley announces first ever fundraiser where those who collect at least \$1,000 dollars can rappel 110 feet down the side of the College Station Hilton hotel.