

Quarterly Issue/Programs Report

KEDT-FM/KVRT-FM

January 1, 2023-March 31, 2023

The Management of South Texas Public Radio (KEDT-FM 90.7) has determined the following issues to be of significant interest with the stations service area for the period of January 1, 2023-March 31, 2023.

COVID

Disaster

Education

Energy

Health

Immigration

Infrastructure

Transportation

Vote

COVID

01/02/23

Texas Counties' Covid-19 Transmission Level Raised to High

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have put out the latest Covid-19 transmission levels for counties throughout the United States. In Texas, the transmission levels for Victoria, Calhoun, Dewitt, Lavaca, Jackson and Goliad have risen from medium to high.

01/03/23

Corpus Christi Doctor Says COVID-19 is Back

Morning Edition 6:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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Numbers of COVID-19 cases in Nueces County in the week leading up to Christmas were in the moderate range. Chair of Infectious Diseases Department at Driscoll Children's Hospital, Dr. Jaime Fergie, says that Corpus Christi is already seeing an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases.

01/06/23

CDC Raises COVID-19 Threat Level for Cameron and Hidalgo Counties

Morning Edition 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have increased the COVID-19 threat levels in Cameron and Hidalgo counties from low to medium, following a surge in new cases in both counties.

DISASTER

02/06/23

Abbott Disaster Declaration

Morning Edition 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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Governor Greg Abbott has issued a disaster declaration for several Texas counties after hundreds of thousands of Texas residents were left without power for days. Texas Public Radio's Jerry Clayton gives a report.

EDUCATION

01/23/23

TAMU-CC Family Nurse Practitioner Program Number One in U.S.

Morning Edition 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi was recognized as having the best family nurse practitioner program in the country. Academic quality, graduation rate, tuition cost, student resources and reputation are a few of the many reasons the program is the best in the U.S.

01/23/23

TAMU-CC to Take Part in \$12.7 Million in Gulf Scholars Program

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Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi is one of five institutions chosen to take part in a \$12.7 million dollar program that will prepare undergrads to address environmental issues in the Gulf of Mexico.

01/25/23

Texas Democratic House Proposal for \$15,000 Teacher Raise

Morning Edition 6:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things
Considered 4:44 pm

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Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives are introducing a bill that would give teachers an across-the-board \$15,000 raise.

01/27/23

UTRGV Awarded \$5.7 Million Grant

Morning Edition 6:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things
Considered 4:44 pm

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Millions of dollars are headed to the University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, to address the shortage of mental health professionals in schools. The \$5.7 million dollar grant was awarded by the Department of Education.

01/30/23

Robstown ISD Veterinary Program

Morning Edition 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things
Considered 4:44 pm

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Veterinarian shortages could leave 75 million animals without medical care by the year 2030. Robstown Early College High School has been proactive by providing a Veterinary Program for its students.

02/01/23

Texas Workforce Commission Awards \$870,000 to Del Mar College

Morning Edition 6:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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Texas Workforce Commission has awarded two Skills Development Fund Grants to Del Mar College in partnership with Gulf Island Services for almost \$570,000 and ArcelorMittal for just over \$300,000.

02/20/23

Gregory-Portland Begins Construction on \$54 Million Dollar Early Childhood Center

Morning Edition 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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Gregory-Portland ISD is beginning construction on a \$54 million dollar Early Childhood Center. The School will provide hands-on learning opportunities in museum-like classrooms. This will be the only campus of its kind in the entire state of Texas.

03/17/23

The Texas Education Agency Takeover of Houston ISD

Morning Edition 6:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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The Texas Education Agency announced yesterday that it will take control of public schools in Houston. Houston Public Media's Dominic Anthony Walsh reports.

ENERGY

01/10/23

Federal Appeals Court Clears Way for Port of Brownsville LNG Project to Continue

Morning Edition 6:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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NextDecade Corporation continues to work to develop at the Port of Brownsville, after winning a legal challenge on the environmental impacts of the project. The private investment will build a liquefied natural gas terminal.

01/10/23

Texas Supreme Court to Decide Whether ERCOT Should be Immune from Lawsuits

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Lawyers argued before the Texas Supreme Court on Monday over whether the state's power grid operator should be protected from lawsuits, a question that has become especially important after the deadly February 2021 freeze.

01/11/23

Port of Corpus Christi Could Become a Hydrogen Hub

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The Port of Corpus Christi has been invited by the federal government to apply to be a hydrogen hub.

ENVIRONMENT

01/02/23

Five Birds Reported Dead Due to Christmas Eve Oil Spill; Oil now found in Corpus Christi Marina

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There continues to be impacts to wildlife and the environment from a Christmas Eve oil spill near Ingleside. The City of Corpus Christi said in a news release that five dead birds have been recovered from the impacted area and oil has now been found in the Corpus Christi Marina.

01/04/23

Flint Hills: Fewer Traces of Oil are Being Found in Bay, but Cleanup Could Cost \$1 Million

Morning Edition 6:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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Cleaning up the recent 14,000-gallon light crude oil spill from Corpus Christi Bay is expected to come with a high price tag, according to Flint Hills Public

Affairs Director, Andy Saenz. Saenz estimates that it will cost over a million dollars.

01/06/23

Texas Ag Agency Says Climate Change Threatens States' Food Supply

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On the heels of a historic drought that devastated crops from the High Plains to South Texas, a new Texas Department of Agriculture report released this week, linked climate change with food insecurity and identified it as a potential threat to the states food supply.

01/06/23

Christmas Eve Oil Spill Gets Closer to Containment, Flint Hills Says

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Cleanup of the Christmas Eve oil spill continues with U.S. Coast Guard officials saying many areas have been cleared. Cleanup crews are reporting that an estimated 145 barrels-worth of oil have been collected so far.

01/10/23

Packery Channel Repair Costs Climb by \$2.6 Million Due to Additional Erosion

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Packery Channel repair costs have gone up drastically after work crews found that the waterway's banks are suffering additional erosion. Initially,

the cost for repairs was estimated at \$12.4 million dollars, but the cost has gone up by \$2.6 million dollars.

01/13/23

Valero Refinery East Plant Fire Released Chemicals

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A report on the Valero Corpus Christi Refinery East Plant fire last November reveals the release of chemicals did not stop when the fire did. The information is available in a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality report. It revealed emissions lasted almost 85 hours, releasing 32 pounds of hydrogen sulfide, breaking Valero's emission limit, which is zero pounds.

01/18/23

Port of Corpus Christi Commission Board Votesto Move Forward on 2nd Permit for Desalination Plant

Morning Edition 6:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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The Port of Corpus Christi Commission Board voted to move forward Tuesday in securing the permits needed to open up a desalination facility on Harbor Island.

01/20/23

Corpus Christi Water Officials to Lead Discussion on Future Water Resources During Statewide Conference

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Industry experts and city leaders from across the state are slated to come together in Austin next week for a water conservation conference. Leaders with the Corpus Christi Water Department will be in attendance.

HEALTH

01/26/23

TAMU-CC Researchers Developing New Dental Technology

Morning Edition 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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Exciting research is taking place out of the Island University that is expected to revamp the way we brush our teeth. The will use groundbreaking nanotechnology to create an interactive toothbrush and remote controlled toothpaste containing nanoparticles.

01/26/23

Brain Cancer Research

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A team of San Antonio researchers will work together to find treatment for an aggressive form of brain cancer. Texas Public Radio's Marion Navarro has the details.

01/30/23

OBGYN Shortage Causes Concern for Mothers

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Some pregnant women in the Coastal Bend are finding it difficult to make appointments with OBGYNs because of a shortage.

01/30/23

Ronald McDonald House to Use \$1.5 Million Donation Toward New “Home Away” from Home Facility

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The Ronald McDonald House at Driscoll Children’s Hospital just received a large donation to expand the number of families they can serve. The Dobson Family Foundation recently gave Ronald McDonald House Charities a donation in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars, which is designated for the building of a new Ronald McDonald House.

01/30/23

Outreach Medical Clinic to Expand Healthcare in Robstown

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Free healthcare will soon be more accessible in rural Nueces County. On Friday, city and county leaders gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Outreach Medical Clinic in Robstown.

02/14/23

Rural Mental Health Funding

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Texas lawmakers met Monday to discuss the state's next budget. As the Texas Newsroom's Aurora Berry reports, that included how the state might fund mental healthcare in rural areas.

02/16/23

Mental Health Task Force Report

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A report from the Texas Mental Health Task Force is telling lawmakers that hiring more school counselors should be a top priority this legislative session. News 88.7 Health Reporter, Sara Willa Ernst, says most Texas schools do not meet the recommendation of one counselor per 350 students.

02/21/23

South Texas Center of Excellence in Cancer Research Receives Funding

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Millions of dollars have been awarded for cancer research in the state of Texas. \$90 million dollars will be split between several Texas cancer research hubs in McAllen, El Paso and Dallas. Some of the money was

awarded to the South Texas Center of Excellence in Cancer Research at UTRGV.

02/23/23

Increase in Rio Grande Valley Tuberculosis Cases

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Tuberculosis cases are starting to pick up throughout the Rio Grande Valley and that's concerning a lot of local public health professionals. Seven cases of tuberculosis have been reported in Cameron County so far this year.

03/17/23

Rural Texas Hospitals Have Closed In-Patient Services

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Since January, at least three rural Texas hospitals have closed in-patient services and are only offering emergency care. Health Reporter Sara Willa Ernst has a report.

03/20/23

U.S. Department of State Issues Mexico Drug Warning

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The U.S. Department of State has issued a warning regarding the purchasing of pharmaceuticals in Mexico. Texas Public Radio's Jerry Clayton has the story.

IMMIGRATION

01/24/23

Border Wall Update

Morning Edition 6:45 and 8:45 am, KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 4:44 pm

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Governor Greg Abbott's plan for a Texas-built border wall is expected to ramp up in the coming weeks. That's according to Mike Novak, head of the Texas Facilities Commission, which is overseeing the state's border wall program.

01/25/23

Paxton Sues Biden Over Immigration Program

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Texas is one of 20 states suing the Biden administration over a program that allows migrants from other countries to come to the U.S. temporarily. KERA's Stella Chavez reports.

02/14/23

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Update

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection encounters at the border have plummeted amid new border enforcement measures. Texas Public Radio's Marian Navarro has the story.

02/23/23

Governor Greg Abbott Visits the Rio Grande Valley, Talks of End to Title 42

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Texas Governor Greg Abbott visited the Rio Grande Valley on Tuesday. After a brief meeting with state and local leaders, Abbott said the state is expecting more border crossings once Title 42 ends this summer. Texas Public Radio's Gaige Davila has more.

INFRASTRUCTURE

01/31/23

Corpus Christi Sees \$70 Million Price Tag to Replace Old Water Pipes

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Over the weekend, a massive sinkhole formed along North Tanchua Street, causing traffic delays for many drivers. Corpus Christi Director of Water Systems, Wesley Nebgen, says the city's capital improvement program to replace underground water pipes is \$70 million dollars.

02/16/23

New CCPD Police Academy to Bring Long Overdue Upgrades

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Today, the Corpus Christi Police Department will break ground on a new 34,000 square-foot training facility. They've been in their current facility off of Corona Drive since 1981. Their new, two-story training academy is located near the new Del Mar College South Campus on Yorktown Road.

02/28/23

Proposal for Second Bridge to Padre Island Makes it to the Texas House

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A bill was filed in the Texas House of Representatives calling for a second bridge to be built over the Laguna Madre. State Representative Todd Hunter filed House Bill 2894 on Monday, which calls for a plan, an environmental review and a design proposal for a bridge to provide additional access to and from Padre Island.

03/08/23

TxDOT and Flatiron Dragados Have Reached Agreement

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The Texas Department of Transportation and a spokesperson for Flatiron/Dragados LLC say the new Harbor Bridge will be open in the first half of 2025. TxDOT Corpus Christi Engineer Valente Olivarez says TxDOT has resolved 4 of the 5 major concerns with developer Flatiron/Dragados LLC.

TRANSPORTATION

01/13/23

Southwest Class Action Lawsuit

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Southwest Airlines shareholders have sued the company, arguing that the airline intentionally concealed problems with its computer systems. KERA's Toluwani Osibamowo reports the suit comes in response to the airline's meltdown last month that led to thousands of flight cancellations.

01/19/23

Southwest Suit Update

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At least two more lawsuits against Southwest Airlines were filed this week. KERA's Bill Zeeble reports they're all tied to the carrier's historic Christmastime meltdown.

03/07/23

Texas Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

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The bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed by Congress last year allocates \$7 billion dollars for electric vehicle stations across the country. The chargers will be installed along the busiest travel corridors, with the goal of one station every 50 miles.

03/10/23

UTRGV Railway Safety

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The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley received a \$10 million dollar grant to promote safety in railway transportation systems. Texas Public Radio's Marion Navarro has the story.

VOTE

01/03/23

Harris County Polling Site Problems

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Nearly two months after the general election, Harris County election officials still do not know whether ballot paper shortages and late polling site openings prevented people from voting on Election Day. The 54-page assessment says the elections office's investigation "has not yet revealed" whether, or how many of, the county's 782 polling sites had to turn voters away due to ballot paper shortages.

01/13/23

Texas Senate Redistricting Vote

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The Texas Senate voted this week to change the boundaries of the state's political districts. As KERA's Pablo Aroz Pena reports, this is the second time in less than two years that legislators will redraw the maps.