

## **KEDT-FM/KVRT-FM**

### **Quarterly Issue/Programs Report**

**April 1, 2023-June 30, 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 April 1, 2023-June 30, 2023.

Education

Energy

Environment

Health

Immigration

Infrastructure

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### **EDUCATION**

04/04/23

Texas A&M University—Kingsville Donation from Lopez Foundation

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Texas A&M University—Kingsville will receive a major grant donation from the Hector and Gloria Lopez Foundation that will establish the Lopez Scholarship Program at the university.

04/04/23

Coastal Bend College Increasing Tuition

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Coastal Bend College President Dr. Justin Hoggard says it has been over a decade since they've raised tuition. He says starting the 2023-2024 school year; they're increasing tuition to help with student resources.

04/05/23

### Changes Coming to the STAAR Test

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The S.T.A.A.R. test for Texas students will have a new design this year, as tests will be taken 100% online. It will also not be fully multiple choice anymore.

04/06/23

### Texas Workforce Commission Presents Del Mar College with \$900K in Grants

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The Texas Workforce Commission presented almost \$900,000 in skill development fund grants to Del mar College and two industry partners. The scholarship cuts tuition in half for students in the industrial trade sector.

04/12/23

### Texas University Fund Update

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A bill that will create a new funding stream for some Texas universities passed the Senate yesterday. Texas Tech Public Media's Sarah Self-Walbrick tells us which schools that money would go to.

04/19/23

STAAR Testing Begins This Week

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STAAR Testing is underway this week across the state. As Houston Public Media's Gail Delaughter reports, students will notice some changes to the test this year.

04/19/23

Flour Bluff ISD Discussing 4-Day School Week

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The Flour Bluff Independent School District is the latest in a series of districts that have made, or are making, the decision to switch to a 4-day school week.

04/26/23

CCISD Requires Clear Backpacks

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The Corpus Christi Independent School District will be requiring students to have clear backpacks for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

04/27/23

School Corporal Punishment Ban Fails Again

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Texas lawmakers on Wednesday voted against a bill that would prohibit school employees from using corporal punishment on students. House Bill 772 received a 58 to 86 vote.

04/27/23

TAMU-CC to Expand Airspace Research with CCIA

Morning Edition 6:45 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 could potentially get an additional base for their Lone Star Unmanned Aircraft System Program on Corpus Christi International Airport grounds.

04/27/23

Teacher Pay/Funding House Bill 100

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Yesterday, the Texas House gave preliminary approval to legislation that would provide money for K through 12 schools across the state. House Bill 100 increases funding for the Texas Education System.

05/03/23

Teacher Retirement COLA Passing the Texas House

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SB 10, a bill that would give retired teachers their first cost-of-living adjustment in a decade, has passed both chambers of the Texas Legislature. Texas Public Radio's Education Reporter, Camille Phillips, has more.

05/09/23

University Professor Tenure Bill

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Lawmakers in the Texas House are trying to walk back a Senate bill that would eliminate tenure at public universities. KUT's Becky Fogel reports that professors are urging the legislature to drop the bill altogether.

05/18/23

\$7.7 Million in Career Training Grants for Coastal Bend

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A multi-million dollar grant effort is being used for the education of trade school students in the Coastal Bend. Governor Greg Abbott announced in a release that \$7.7 million dollars-worth of Jobs and Education for Texans (or JET) Grants were awarded to 12 Coastal Bend educational institutions by the Texas Workforce Commission (or TWC) on Tuesday.

05/23/23

House Passes Bill to Terminate Professor Tenure

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The state of Texas would codify tenure for public university professors under a measure preliminarily approved by the House of Representatives. The

Texas Newsroom's Sergio Martinez-Beltran reports the legislation would reject the will of the Senate.

05/24/23

### Senate Passes House Bill Voucher Amendment

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One of the last chances for an increase in school funding this legislative session has passed the Texas Senate with a voucher-like program attached. In addition to giving families who opt out of public education \$8,000 to spend on private school tuition, the Senate version of HB100 raises per pupil spending \$50 and increases the minimum salary schedule for teachers.

05/26/23

### CCISD Teacher Pay Increases

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Yesterday morning it was announced that CCISD educators may be getting a pay increase. Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, Karen Griffith, says there have been several conversations with the school board on adopting a budget by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The district is looking at pay increase ranging between \$600 to \$900, depending on experience.

06/02/23

### State of Texas Takes Over Houston Schools

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The Texas Education Agency is taking over the public school system in Houston, the largest in the state, and replacing the superintendent and elected school board members with hand-picked leaders.

06/12/23

#### UTRGV Awarded Two USDA Grants

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More than \$300,000 in grant money is headed to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley to boost local agricultural production. Those grants given by the USDA are for the university's partnership with "One Up Mushroom," a Valley-based company.

06/19/23

#### CCISD Summer Initiatives Program

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Corpus Christi Independent School District has fun and educational activities this summer for kids Pre-K all the way up to High School age. Cathy Edwards has the story.

06/26/23

## USDA Awards \$20 Million Grant to TAMUK

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Texas A&M University—Kingsville was awarded a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture in an effort to guide Hispanic students into agricultural-related fields. The \$20 million dollar grant will establish a collaborative, 5-year program towards helping Hispanic students learn the skills need in an agricultural-related career.

## **ENERGY**

05/04/23

### Demand for Electricity Will Exceed Supply in Summer

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Texans were told to prepare for a “new reality” Wednesday after energy experts announced demand for power this summer will likely outweigh the supply.

05/09/23

### Robstown Tesla Lithium Refinery Running by 2025

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Tesla founder, Elon Musk, says the lithium refinery in Robstown aims to be built in a year, and hopes to be at full production in 2025, during the site’s groundbreaking ceremony yesterday.

## **ENVIRONMENT**



04/25/23

December Oil Spill Caused by Freezing Water

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Freezing temperatures and worker oversight at Flint Hills Resources led to December's oil spill, according to the results of an independent investigation that Flint Hills released on Monday.

05/31/23

Climate Jobs/UT Report

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A new report from the UT Austin Ray Marshall Center and the Texas Climate Jobs Project, found that Texas would create up to 35,000 jobs by reducing methane emissions. Texas Public Radio's Josh Peck has more.

06/27/23

Energy Companies Reassure Strength of Texas Power Grid this Summer

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The Electric Reliability Council of Texas issued another Weather Watch for Texas, which came only a few days after one watch ended. Despite the watch, ERCOT says the state has plenty of power to ride out the recent heatwave.

**HEALTH**

04/03/23

### SNAP Benefits are Ending

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Some Coastal Bend residents are seeing an end to a couple of pandemic-era protections that involve supplemental food benefits and health coverage. Angela Gonzalez is the Social Services Lead for the Coastal Bend Food Bank. She explains how SNAP benefits are being reduced.

04/05/23

### Basic Cognitive Focuses on Brain Health

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A study that began nearly 30 years ago has expanded its program studying strokes in elderly Coastal Bend residents, to focusing on brain health in older residents. Lon Gonzalez has the story.

04/06/23

### Medicaid Renewal

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Medicaid recipients need to submit renewal applications now that pandemic-era rules have ended. KERA's Christopher Connelly reports that advocates are concerned.

04/07/23

### Governor Greg Abbott Providing Narcan to All Counties

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The state of Texas is sending the fentanyl overdose medication, Narcan, to every single county in the state. Governor Abbott announced the distribution plan on Thursday as the latest move in his "One Pill Kills" initiative.

04/07/23

### Medicaid Eligibility

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Health officials are starting to determine whether Texans on Medicaid are still eligible for those health benefits. Health reporter Sara Willa Ernst says they're beginning the process for the first time in three years.

04/13/23

### Psychotropic Drugs and Foster Kids

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A federal judge called Texas' use of psychotropic drugs on foster children "appalling" and in violation of the state's own standards. Texas Public Radio's Paul Flahive has the details.

04/19/23

### Historical Forum Focuses on Post Storm Illness

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A University of Houston history professor looks at disasters and the aftermath that affects people medically. Long Gonzalez has more on the 2023 Historical Forum happening this Thursday evening.

04/21/23

House Advances 12-Month Postpartum Medicaid Bill

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The Texas House has advanced a bill to expand Medicaid services for pregnant women. KERA's Elena Rivera reports.

04/27/23

Driscoll Children's Hospital Receives \$1 Million Dollar Donation

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Driscoll Children's Hospital has received a big donation in celebration of its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On Wednesday, the hospital was presented with \$1 million dollars from the Auxiliary to Driscoll Children's Hospital.

05/17/23

CCISD HOPE Symposium for Mental Health

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Corpus Christi Independent School District is hosting the HOPE Mental Health Fair Thursday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Mary Carroll High School. Dr. Maria Iyescas is the Coordinator of Mental Health at CCISD. She says there will be lots of information at tomorrow night's event.

05/17/23

Postpartum Medicaid Extension Bill

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Texas advocates testified Tuesday on a bill that would allow new parents to stay on Medicaid for up to a year after birth. KERA's Elena Rivera reports on the impact this could have on maternal health.

06/05/23

Abbott on Trans Youth

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Texas is joining at least 17 other states in banning gender affirming health care treatments for minors. Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 14 on Friday to restrict transgender minors from accessing puberty blockers and hormone therapies.

06/05/23

New Guidelines for Breast Cancer Screening

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Texas State Health Services says breast cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death among women in Texas. The U.S. Preventable Services Task Force now urges women to begin screening at 40 instead of 50, to help save lives.

06/13/23

New Stroke Unit at South Texas Health in McAllen

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Stroke patients can now get specialized care at South Texas Health System in McAllen, now that their new stroke unit is fully open. It comes as the Health System reports a 20% increase in stroke patients since January of 2021.

06/14/23

4<sup>th</sup> Death Reported in Matamoros Meningitis Outbreak

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A 4<sup>th</sup> death was reported in connection to a fungal meningitis outbreak in Matamoros, Mexico, that's linked to two clinics there. The outbreaks at the K3 Clinica and Riverside Surgical Center were initially reported last month.

06/15/23

Abbott Fentanyl Bill Signing

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Illegally distributing fentanyl in Texas will soon come with a harsher criminal penalty. KERA's Toluwani Osibamowo reports its part of Governor Greg Abbott's initiative to address the state's fentanyl epidemic.

06/26/23

Next Big Cancer Treatment Could be a Vaccine

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The next big advance in cancer treatment could be a vaccine. After decades of limited success, scientists say research has reached a turning point, with many predicting more vaccines will be out in five years.

06/22/23

Immigration Drove White, Asian Population Growth in U.S. Last Year

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Without immigration, the white population in the U.S. would have declined last year. Immigration also propelled the expansion of the Asian population, which was the fastest-growing race or ethnic group in the U.S.

## **IMMIGRATION**

05/02/23

El Paso Declaration of Emergency

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El Paso Mayor, Oscar Leeser, has declared a state of emergency effective Monday as large numbers of people cross the border. The order will allow the city to tap into federal funding to provide temporary shelter for migrants. KTEP's Aaron Montes has details.

05/03/23

Troops Headed to the Border

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The Biden Administration is sending 1,500 additional troops to the U.S./Mexico Border in anticipation of a larger influx of migrants. The troops will arrive before a pandemic health order expires next week. KTEP's Aaron Montes reports from El Paso.

05/05/23

### Abbott Bussing Asylum Seekers

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Texas Governor Greg Abbott is bussing hundreds of asylum seekers to New York this week, as officials prepare for a surge of migration now that the end of Title 42 is near. Texas Public Radio's Pablo De La Rosa reports.

05/12/23

### Rio Grande Valley Judges Declare State of Disaster

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Border counties in deep South Texas declared states of disaster ahead of Title 42's lifting last night. Texas Public Radio's Gaije Davila has the latest.

05/31/23

### U.S. Border Patrol Chief Retiring

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The head of the U.S. Border Patrol announced Thursday that he was retiring, after seeing through a major policy shift that seeks to clamp down on illegal crossings at the U.S.-Mexico border, following the end of Title 42 pandemic restrictions. Chief Raul Ortiz said in a note that he will leave June 30<sup>th</sup>.

06/07/23

### Florida Flies Migrants to California from El Paso

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The state of California is investigating how migrants processed in El Paso ended up on charter flights to Sacramento and whether any laws were broken. KTEP's Aaron Montes has more.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

04/26/23

### Corpus Christi City Council Passes Resolution for Street Repairs

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At Tuesday's City Council meeting, Mayor Paulette Guajardo and the City Council passed a resolution to amend the Infrastructure Management Plan to speed up the pace at which neighborhood streets are repaired.

05/05/23

### Portland Planning for Growth

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Once thought of as just a bedroom community, the city of Portland is branching out and growing. A recent state of the city addressed targeted growth and much more. Lon Gonzalez has more details.

05/10/23

Hidalgo County Approves \$195 Million Bond for Drainage

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In Hidalgo County, a total of 26 drainage projects are getting the funds they need thanks to voters. Residents voted in favor of a \$195 million dollar bond that will fund the drainage projects and reduce flooding throughout the county.

05/15/23

Corpus Christi City Council Approves \$8.4 Million for American Bank Center Repairs

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Corpus Christi City Council addressed an “emergency ordinance” during their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday. The ordinance pertains to urgent mechanical repairs and exterior improvements to the American Bank Center. The city has recommended allocating over \$8.4 million dollars for this project.

06/23/23

Port of Brownsville Breaks Ground for Industrial Park

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Ground was broken Thursday at the Port of Brownsville as an 118-acre industrial park starts to take shape. Officials with the Brownsville Navigation District say the new park will bring plenty of potential business to their port area.

**TRANSPORTATION**

05/19/23

CCRTA Resumes Direct Service to Port Aransas

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The direct service from Corpus Christi to Port Aransas with the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority resumes today. Route 95, or the Port Aransas Express, is a direct route that begins at the Staples Street Station and transports to Port Aransas, with stops at the HEB stores in Ingleside and Aransas Pass.

06/02/23

Senate Passes House Bill Voucher Amendment

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The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority will start construction on a new \$6.1 million dollar transfer station, according to a release from CCRTA officials. Construction on a new Port Ayers Transfer Station will start June 5<sup>th</sup>, while the current Port Ayers station will be closed.

**VOTE**

05/08/23

Voting Countywide Could Be Limited Due to Law

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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Nueces County is one of 90 counties in the state that currently allow voters to cast their ballots in any polling place in the county. A new bill, currently making its way through the Texas legislature, could be turning back the clock.