

Quarterly Issue/Programs Report

KEDT-FM/KVRT-FM

October 1, 2023-December 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 October 1, 2023-December 31, 2023.

Education

Health

Immigration

Vote

EDUCATION

10/03/23

Student Enrollment at Texas A&M—Kingsville Increases

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—Kingsville is seeing an increase in student enrollment, after six year of decline.

10/04/23

Texas Borrowers and Student Loan Forgiveness Ending

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

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Student loan payments resumed this month and many Texas borrowers are facing hard financial choices.

10/11/23

School Districts Lawsuit Against the TEA

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

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Over 111 school districts are suing the Texas Education Agency over its new accountability system.

10/27/23

TEA Injunction

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

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An Austin judge temporarily blocked Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath from assigning new “A through F” grades to schools across the state. KERA’s Bekah Morr reports.

10/30/23

Texas School Districts Rally in Austin

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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School leaders from across several Texas school districts were in Austin Friday morning to address concerns they have with the Texas Education Agency.

11/10/23

House Committee Hearing on ESA

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 Senate has passed its proposal creating Education Savings Accounts—a voucher-like program that would give families public funds to pay for private school tuition. KERA's Bill Zeeble reports.

11/20/23

House Rejects Voucher Option

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With the Texas House's rejection of Education Savings Accounts on Friday, the larger proposal they were a part of, may be dead in this special session.

11/21/23

Proposition 9 Brings Cost-of-Living Raise for Teachers

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

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Retired teachers and public-school employees are getting a pension increase next year after Texas voters approved Proposition 9.

12/06/23

No Education Savings Account Program

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Another legislative session has ended in Austin without the passage of Education Savings Accounts, the voucher-like program that would send public dollars to private schools.

HEALTH

10/03/23

Valley Pharmacies and Hospitals Medication Shortage

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

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Pharmacies and hospitals across the Rio Grande Valley are seeing a shortage of hundreds of different medications.

10/05/23

Increase in RSV in South Texas

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RSV is bringing cold-like symptoms to the Rio Grande Valley faster than in other parts of the state.

10/09/23

RAPIDO Stroke Awareness

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A CDC report found only 58% of Hispanic adults in the U.S. can recognize the signs of stroke. The American Stroke Association has adopted a Spanish acronym to raise awareness in the Latino community.

10/27/23

Bird Flu Found in Texas

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Bird Flu has been detected in domesticated birds in South Texas this month, as wild birds begin their fall migration. Texas Public Radio's Gaije Davila reports from McAllen.

10/30/23

New Cure for Sickle Cell Anemia

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The only cure for painful sickle cell disease today is a bone marrow transplant, but soon there may be a new cure that attacks the disorder at its genetic source.

11/01/23

RGV Leads Nation in Flu Cases

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

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The latest data from the Walgreen's Flu Index shows the Rio Grande Valley has the most flu cases in the nation.

11/17/23

Uninsured Texas Children

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

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Texas has the highest rate of uninsured kids in the nation. KERA's Elena Rivera reports things are going to get worse.

11/20/23

RSV Infection Increases in South Texas

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RSV Infections are increasing in South Texas ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.

11/23/23

RSV Cases Climbing in Coastal Bend

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Cases of RSV have been steadily climbing at Driscoll Children's Hospital since August.

12/04/23

Hospital District Votes Yes to Keep Emergency Medicine Residency Program

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After months of back and forth debate, Christus Spohn has overturned their original decision to shut down the Emergency Medicine Residency Program.

IMMIGRATION

10/02/23

ICE Detaining More Migrants

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The number of migrants in Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detention has reached its highest level under the Biden administration.

10/04/23

Brownsville Now Seeing Migrant Influx

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Brownsville is the latest Texas city to experience an influx of migrants. Nearly 4,000 have crossed between ports of entry in the last week.

10/05/23

Biden Administration will Waive Laws to Fast Track Border Wall

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The Biden Administration plans on constructing more border wall in South Texas. Texas Public Radio's Gaige Davila has the latest.

10/25/23

Texas Border Barriers

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

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A Texas House Committee gave initial approval to allocate \$1.5 billion dollars to build barriers along the Texas-Mexico border. Texas Public Radio's Marian Navarro has the details.

10/31/23

Border Wire Cutting Ruling

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A federal judge has blocked the Department of Homeland Security and its agents from cutting or removing parts of a concertina wire-barrier that Texas law enforcement placed near the Rio Grande River. The Texas Newsroom's Julian Aguilar has the details.

11/09/23

Eight Dead in Crash from Human Smuggler

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Eight people died in a South Texas car crash Wednesday while police chased a driver suspected of smuggling migrants.

11/10/23

El Paso High-Speed DPS Pursuits

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El Paso residents are voicing their concerns about the growing number of high-speed chases involving state troopers trying to catch suspected smugglers. Angela Kocherga reports from El Paso.

12/05/23

Paxton Border Razor Wire Appeal

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The U.S. Border Patrol is no longer allowed to cut through the Operation Lone Star razor wire that lines the Texas banks of the Rio Grande.

12/19/23

Abbott Signs SB4

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Governor Greg Abbott signed an immigration enforcement bill Monday afternoon. It's a response to what the governor calls President Biden's failure to secure the border. The Texas Newsroom's Julian Aguilar has the details.

12/19/23

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Suspended International Railway Crossings at Two Texas Cities

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection suspended international railway crossings at two Texas Border cities Monday morning. Marian Navarro reports the agency will direct personnel to assist with a surge of migrants at the border.

12/20/23

Court Says Border Patrol Cannot Move or Cut Concertina Wire

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A federal court has sided with the Texas Attorney General's office in an injunction request against the Department of Homeland Security. Border Patrol agents can no longer cut or move concertina wire at the border. Texas Public Radio's Gaige Davila has the latest.

VOTE

11/02/23

Nueces County Loses Website Domain

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Just one week from Election Day, the Nueces County website, which hosts all election and important court information, has been shut off.

11/03/23

Texas General Election

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Topping the list of notable races in Tuesday's general election in Texas are the mayoral races in Houston and Uvalde.

11/06/23

What's on November's Ballot?

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Corpus Christi Voters will finally decide on the fate of Proposition A in tomorrow's election. City leaders would like to repurpose the city's existing quarter-cent sales tax to repair and maintain the Seawall and improve regional parks.

11/08/23

13 of 14 Texas Amendments Pass

There were 14 amendments on the ballot in yesterday's election. Thirteen of them passed.

11/08/23

Proposition A Fails

11/08/23

Tuesday's election night resulted in the defeat of Corpus Christi's Proposition A. Nearly 70% of the 22,000 voters, voted against the proposition.