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# OVERVIEW

The following is a report of public service programming for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021. During which time, the top issues of community interest & concerns were found to be:

- Animal Welfare
- Community Support
- Education & Literacy
- Emergency Services
- Environment/Conservation
- Health & Wellness
- Social services, (e.g. public housing, social welfare, food subsidies, etc...)
- Youth Outreach

In order to meet these issues, KHPT-FM airs (2) locally produced 30-minute public affairs programs on Sundays called “Community Houston” and “On The Air” between 5:00am – 6:00am. Additionally, KHPT-FM helps meet community issues through daily programming.

Thank you,

Linda Lynn

## ISSUE-RELATED PROGRAMMING

### ANIMAL WELFARE

DATE AND TIME AIRED	PROGRAM TITLE	GUEST	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION	DURATION
12/05/21 5:00am	On The Air	Lisa Tynan	Houston Petset	Houston PetSet is a 501c3 nonprofit with the mission to end the homelessness and suffering of companion animals and elevate their status in society. Lisa Tynan talks about homeless animals in the Houston area, programs and services offered by the organization, and how the public can help.	30:00
12/26/21 5:00am	On The Air	Lisa Tynan	Houston Petset	Houston PetSet is a 501c3 nonprofit with the mission to end the homelessness and suffering of companion animals and elevate their status in society. Lisa Tynan talks about homeless animals in the Houston area, programs and services offered by the organization, and how the public can help.	30:00

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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10/03/21 5:30am	Community Houston	Christine Holland	Rebuilding Houston Together	Rebuilding Together Houston is a local group affiliated with a national organization dedicated to rebuilding older communities, especially those in historic areas of urban communities. Christine presented information about the organizations efforts in the Houston area and discussed the 501c3's future projects	30:00
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## **EDUCATION/LITERACY**

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12/12/21 5:15am	On The Air	Tiffany Cuellar Needham	Teach for America	Teach For America finds, develops, and supports a diverse network of leaders, working together to end educational inequity.	15:00
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## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

<b>DATE AND TIME AIRED</b>	<b>PROGRAM TITLE</b>	<b>GUEST</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>
11/21/21 5:30am	On The Air	Chief Scott Seifert	Spring Fire Department	Spring Fire Department serves over 156,00 residents across 62 miles of unincorporated Harris County. Chief Seifert discusses the importance of fire safety, how the fire service has changed over the years and how important serving the community is to the department.	30:00
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### **ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION**

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10/10/21 5:00am	Community Houston	MaryAnn Pianchantini	Katy Prairie Conservancy	The Katy Prairie Conservancy is a 501c3 organization dedicated to the preservation and development of prairie and wetland areas and the wildlife that thrive there. The organization focuses on education initiatives, active management of the prairie, and lobby efforts. Ms. Pianchantini provided an overview of the organization's history, mission, and current initiatives.	60:00
10/31/21 5:00am	Community Houston	Stephen Benigno & Tiffany Ritter	Houston Arboretum	The Houston Arboretum is a nature center with the mission to educate about nature and enhance the facility for the public use.	30:00

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11/21/21 5:00am	Community Houston	Claudia Gee Vassar	Houston Botanic Garden	The 132-acre Houston Botanic Garden (a 501c3 nonprofit organization) showcases Houston's biodiversity in a serene setting. Claudia Vassar talks about their mission to enrich life through discovery, education, and the conservation of plants and the natural environment.	30:00
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10/03/21 5:00am	Community Houston	Dr. Lindsay Botsford & Dr. Robert Jackson	Harris Co. Medical Society	The HCMS is a non-profit organization that serves Harris county in a variety of health needs and initiatives. Botsford and Jackson explained the role of the organization and how it works with area government entities and others during health-related situations.	30:00
10/17/21 5:00am	Community Houston	Larisa Jacobs	American Heart Association	The American Heart Association is the nation's leader in heart health education and advocacy, focusing on public health and awareness of cardiovascular issues and healthy lifestyles. Larissa presented information on the organization's advocacy against the use of vaping devices, particularly among youth	30:00
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12/19/21 5:00am	On The Air	Jen Torres	March of Dimes	Talked about how the March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies. They support research, lead programs and provide education and advocacy so every family can have the best possible start.	30:00
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### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>DATE AND TIME AIRED</b>	<b>PROGRAM TITLE</b>	<b>GUEST</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>Description of discussion</b>	<b>DURATION</b>
10/17/21 5:30am	Community Houston	Emelio Frias	Attack Poverty	Attack Poverty is a 501c3 organization that focuses on assisting poverty-stricken citizens in educational, vocational, and social initiatives. Mr. Frias explained the mission and how the organization connects with clients, sponsors, and government agencies to coordinate the needs of the community	30:00
10/31/21 5:30am	Community Houston	Kathy Vosberg	Crosswalk Center	Crosswalk Center is a charitable organization that assists persons transitioning from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice back into society. Ms. Vosberg discussed the mission of Crosswalk and how clients move through the process, and how they serve the mission and the community	30:00

## **YOUTH OUTREACH**

<b>DATE AND TIME AIRED</b>	<b>PROGRAM TITLE</b>	<b>GUEST</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>
12/12/21 5:00am	On The Air	Yara El Sayed	Make-A-Wish	Discuss the mission of Make-A-Wish Foundation, creating life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. The children are fighting for their lives, and their families are doing everything they can to help them with their battles.	15:00
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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PSA's are :15 and :30 spots that run Midnight to Midnight)

<b>DATES AIRED</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ISSUE / CATEGORY</b>	<b>NUMBER OF TIMES AIRED</b>
10/1-12/31/2021	Air Innovations	Blood Drive	Community	30
10/1-12/31/2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters	TX ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	Military	66
10/1-12/31/2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters	TX CASA '22	Community	12
10/1-12/31/2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters	TXDOT Don't Mess with Texas	Texas Highways	30
10/1-12/31/2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters	TXDOT Impaired Driving '21 Holiday Season	Drive Safe	28

**Quarterly Public Affairs for KHPT-FM  
KHPT Morning Show 5a-10a  
October 1 - December 31, 2021**

**10-5-21** – The Galleria-area shooting that killed an off duty New Orleans detective in August has been tied to an organized crime ring that's led to 24 arrests.

At least one person is dead after an industrial accident in Galena Park yesterday. No details about the incident have been released. Authorities continue to investigate.

**10-6-21** – Southwest announced a vaccine mandate for employees; says federal regulation is the reason. Southwest Airlines on Monday told its more than 54,000 employees that they must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Dec. 8.

Norwegian cruise line is prepping to resume full service. They plan to launch its full fleet April 1st next year, for the first time since no-sail orders were mandated March of 2020.

Volvo is recalling nearly 260,000 older vehicles in the US due to an explosion risk. because the front driver's air bag can explode, sending shrapnel into the cabin.

NASA has plans to deliberately crash a spacecraft into an asteroid this November. This is in order to see if they can change the course of killer asteroids in the future.

**10-7-21** – A search is underway for a 3-year-old boy missing since yesterday afternoon he followed a neighbors' dog into the woods near the Texas Renaissance fairgrounds. The forest is very dense in the area making it impossible for crews to search by ATVs

1,400 workers from Kellogg's have gone on strike over contract negotiations halting production at ALL it's cereal plants in the US.

US payrolls added nearly 570K jobs last month - the most since June – with the leisure and hospitality industries seeing a boom

**10-8-21** – Crews are still searching for 3-year-old missing near the Renaissance Fairgrounds after he followed a neighbor's dog into woods Wednesday afternoon.

A South East Houston Domino's pizza delivery driver was shot several times in an ambush late last night. Police say as soon as delivery man got out of his SUV, he was shot, and his vehicle was stolen. He's in critical condition but is expected to survive.

**10-11-21** – Southwest has cancelled hundreds more flights this morning following a weekend of major service disruptions that saw over 2K flights called off. The airline cited issues with air traffic control, staffing and 'disruptive weather'. If you're flying Southwest this morning, check your flight status.

Allen West, A Texas GOP candidate challenging Gov Abbott, is hospitalized with COVID-19. West and his wife, were diagnosed with the virus after attending a fundraising event in Seabrook, last week.

The toddler missing 3 days near the Renaissance fairgrounds could be released from the hospital today after being found safe over the weekend.

**10-12-21** – We have 2 complete traffic closures - Katy Frwy inbound at Heights Blvd and the Gulf Fwy outbound at Loop are shut down ... details coming up in traffic.

The Harris County Sheriff's arrested a 32-year-old man suspected of shooting one person and randomly pointing his gun at other motorists last night off 1960 near Kuykendahl.

Check your flight status if flying Southwest today as they've already canceled or delayed about 250 flights. This follows days of major disruption with nearly 3000K flights canceled since Saturday.

Shipping and transportation issues continue to wreak havoc. Walmart and Costco are among retailers limiting toilet paper and other products and toy companies are warning parents Christmas gifts may not arrive in time due to backlogs at the ports, rail yards and on roadways nationwide.

**10-13-21** – An Astros fan is recovering after accidentally being shot by a friend last night at a watch party. HPD said people were "dry firing" guns in NW Houston, anytime the Astros scored a run; towards the end of the game a man forgot to unload his weapon and struck his friend in the abdomen.

The US will reopen both borders in November for fully vaccinated. This will end a 19-month freeze since the beginning of the pandemic

**10-14-21** – The number of guns found at TSA checkpoints in 2021 has sets 20-year record despite fewer passengers traveling during the pandemic and there are still two months left in the year. The agency has stopped nearly 4,500 passengers from carrying firearms onto flights.

The FDA has issued new sodium guidelines for food manufacturers and restaurants. The voluntary guidelines are aimed at reducing the amount of sodium the average American consumes.

**10-15-21** – Bill Clinton is in the ICU in California as he battles a blood infection. The Former president is reportedly 'on the mend' and responding well to antibiotics.

**10-19-21** – The funeral for Precinct 4 Deputy Kareem Atkins has been set for next Monday at Champions Forest Baptist Church. Atkins was one of three deputies shot during what investigators call an ambush outside a north Houston nightclub Saturday. The suspect is still at large.

A driver was arrested after leading police on a wild 45-mile chase across Houston and didn't stop until 3 tires fell off his car. HPD said the driver blew through lights and stop signs for nearly 30 minutes before finally giving up. He had a DWI warrant for his arrest, which may be why he fled.

**10-20-21** – All 21 people onboard a plane that crashed during a failed takeoff near Brookshire yesterday survived! They were heading to Boston for the Astros game when the plane went off the runway and burst into flames. The crash took out power for 1,800 homes nearby.

The shipping backlog continues to worsen with 2 ports in California hitting record number of ships in line. There are 100 ships waiting at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. A normal number would be under 20.

A former Texas nurse has been convicted of killing 4 men with air injections while he worked at a Tyler heart hospital. Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty during the sentencing phase, which starts today.

**10-29-21** – Former NY Gov. Andrew Cuomo will be arrested for a sex crime. Cuomo allegedly put his hand up a woman's shirt and grabbed her left breast while at the governor's mansion in December 2020.

**11-2-21** – Robert Durst has been indicted for murdering his first wife Kathie in 1982. The 78-year-old Real estate heir was just sentenced to life for killing a friend who helped cover up Kathie's death. Durst has been in the hospital on a ventilator with COVID since shortly after his October 14 sentencing.

The Port of Houston is seeing nearly triple its normal traffic as major retailers divert cargo from back logged ports like LA and NY. Walmart, Lowe's, IKEA and Rooms-To-Go are among those rerouting goods. A project is underway to deepen and widen the ship channel allowing even bigger ships to enter.

**11-3-21** – The CDC has approved the Pfizer COVID vaccine for kids five to 11 years old and shots are likely to start today.

A West Texas child is in the hospital with rabies after being bitten by a bat. Health officials are investigating and doing contact tracing. They haven't said if the child started treatment before symptoms appeared or not.

**11-4-21** – Harris County Judge Hidalgo lowered the COVID threat level from red severe to orange significant. Hidalgo cited decreased cases and hospitalizations in the area for dropping to the second highest level.

Police are looking for a burglar who cut a hole in a wall and crawled across the floor to steal wigs at a shop in Montgomery County. They say hair is in high demand, because of the shipping delays.

**11-5-21** – Two people are dead after drug dealers opened fire at five-star Hyatt in Cancun yesterday. Guests including numerous American tourists were told to seek shelter in their rooms and barricade the doors. Police said no tourists were seriously injured or kidnapped.

The FBI is considering assault charges against 37 airline passengers. FAA reported over 5,000 cases of unruly behavior so far this year largely sparked by mask mandates. The worst of which they sent to the FBI for federal prosecution.

Harris County has a new mobile air quality monitor hitting the streets in an effort to improve enforcement. The new half million-dollar unit will alert officials about dangerous levels of pollution.

**11-10-21** – A Texas A&M student has been declared brain dead after being injured during the Astroworld Festival Friday. 22-Year-old Bharti Sha-hani has been in critical condition and on a ventilator since. While a 9-year-old Houston boy has been in a coma since the incident.

It's been revealed Travis Scott and Drake attended an afterparty at Dave n Busters following the deadly Astroworld Festival. Sources say the rappers were unaware there were fatalities when they went to the party.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner says he won't rule out future Astroworld festivals. However, City and County officials agree changes are most likely coming for future concerts and events but could take months to set

A Texas teenager who plowed into six bicyclists in his pick-up truck, has been charged six weeks after the incident. Prosecutors blasted cops for failing to arrest the 16-year-old at the scene because he has 'connections to city officials'.

**11-12-21** – The Astroworld Festival death toll has risen to NINE. 22-year-old Texas A&M student Bharti Shahani died of injuries she suffered at the show. She'd been in intensive care since. While a 9 year-old Houston boy remains in a coma.

A man is in custody after pointing a laser at 2 planes at Hobby airport and the HPD helicopter that responded. Police found the suspect nearby and took him on three outstanding felony warrants and he's likely to be hit with additional charges.

**11-15-21** – A 9-year-old Houston boy trampled at the Travis Scott Astroworld Festival has died from his injuries raising the death toll to 10. Ezra Blount had been in a coma and on life support since the deadly incident.

A Houston Mom has been charged with murder after DWI related crash that killed a 4-year-old girl and injured four other children in the vehicle early Sunday. 25-year-old Rosalia Sanchez was driving home from a baby shower when she crashed.

**11-16-21** – A good Samaritan is fighting for his life after being stabbed multiple times trying to stop a robbery in Channelview last night. The Sheriff's Office says three men in a red SUV were out of gas and targeted another customer at a gas station when the good Samaritan came to his aid. Two suspects are in custody, one is on the loose.

United Airlines is now selling liquor again on longer flights. The airline is selling hard liquor on any flight over 301 miles in the domestic U.S., Canada, and Latin America markets.

Astronauts on the International Space Station had to rush to their escape pods yesterday after Russia blew up one of its own satellites with a missile. Now debris is threatening the Space Station and all the astronauts on board including four Americans.

**11-18-21** – A man was injured in a possible road rage shooting on the Beltway near Hillcroft last night. Investigators say the victim was on the main lanes when he was shot through a rear window. He managed to exit and call for help from a parking lot. No description of the suspect or car has been released yet.

Vials labeled smallpox have been found at an unauthorized research facility in Pennsylvania and now the FBI is investigating. A lab worker found them while cleaning out a freezer this week. Smallpox is one of the deadliest viruses and was declared eradicated in 1980.

**11-19-21** – A \$2 billion lawsuit has been filed against Travis Scott, Drake, Live Nation and others following the Astroworld Festival tragedy.

Texas unemployment fraud has skyrocketed to over 2 and a half BILLION during the pandemic.

Natural gas bills will cost Texans more next year. Local energy experts say consumers will probably see their bill increase starting in January after officials recently approved a bill to allow eight major providers to recoup \$3.4 billion in losses due to the Feb freeze this year.

**11-29-21** – The US will begin restricting travel from some South African countries today as the new COVID Omicron variant spreads.

Procter and Gamble are recalling nearly 20 Old Spice and Secret deodorants because they contain a cancer causing chemical. The company says customers should return any aerosol Old Spice or Secret products for refunds.

Black Friday sales online fell for the first time ever by 100 million dollars as more people return to brick-and-mortar stores. Analysts expect Cyber Monday today to be the busiest day online.

**11-30-21** – The Omicron COVID variant continues to spread around the world and hasn't appeared in the US yet. The CDC is recommending all adults get their COVID booster shots.

A Texas City convenience store clerk was stabbed to death last night. Investigators say the suspect fled the Timewise Select after stabbing the woman. Their reviewing surveillance video to get more information on the suspect.

**12-1-21** – 3 students were killed, and eight others injured yesterday after a 15-year-old sophomore opened fire at his high school in Oxford Michigan, north of Detroit. A 14-year-old is fighting for her life on a ventilator. The gunman was arrested.

The Estranged husband of a woman stabbed to death while working at a Timewise convenience store in Texas City Monday night has been arrested and charged with murder.

**12-2-21** – A 4th victim of the Oxford Michigan high school gunman has died. The 15-year-old shooter was charged as an adult with two dozen crimes, including murder and terrorism. Police revealed he used a 9mm semi-automatic handgun his Dad bought on Black Friday.

A 21-year-old wrong-way driver was killed in fiery crash on North Freeway at FM 1097 in Montgomery County last night. Deputies say d about 9 p.m. when the man driving a Honda Accord the wrong way hit an 18-wheeler. All inbound lanes are still shut down as they investigate.

**12-6-21** – Bob Dole, 3-time Presidential nominee and longtime GOP leader has died. Dole was a WWII hero who barely survived an attack that permanently damaged his right arm. He famously held a pen in his right hand to discourage people from shaking it. He was 98

New data from retailers show holiday sales are on track to shatter the previous record. Supply chain disruptions and inflation haven't dampened American's holiday shopping with numbers projected to be about 12% higher than the previous record.

**12-7-21** – Today is the 80th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack by the Japanese that killed over 2400 Americans. The Pentagon announced the remains of nearly 400 unidentified soldiers, buried at a cemetery in Hawaii have now all been named, and their bodies are being returned to loved ones.

A female Sergeant remains hospitalized after being brutally attacked and sexually assaulted by an inmate at the Harris County jail yesterday. Jeremiah Williams the 27-year-old suspect, already in jail on several sexual assault charges from last year, was returning to his cell unescorted when he attacked the victim inside her office.

The cargo ship bottleneck is STILL at all-time high off the LA coast, just weeks ahead of Christmas. Some of the nearly 100 ships have been waiting since October.

**12-14-21** – It's no bond for the man suspected of killing Harris County Deputy Constable Kareem Atkins. 19-year-old Eddie Miller, of Richmond was taken into custody in the fallen deputies' handcuffs and the judge has denied him bond.

A road rage murder suspect was shot to death while out on bond. Davion Potts out on bond for a 2020 road rage shooting, was gunned down over the weekend in what investigators believe was a targeted attack.

Kronos a popular payroll and timekeeping system is down after being hit by a cyberattack. Over half of the Fortune 1000 companies and over 40 million people use Kronos daily. At this time, it's unclear when Kronos will recover.

**12-15-21** – A man was shot three times after breaking into his ex-girlfriend's Southeast Houston apartment. Police say the suspect broke in through a back window and chased the woman thru her apartment ... before she grabbed a gun and opened fire. The suspect is expected to survive.

A 67-year-old man is expected to recover after being shot while driving on the Eastex Freeway this morning. Officers say the man says he drove near Crosstimbers about 1 a.m. when another driver passed by and started shooting. No motive or suspect info has been released yet.

2 Harris County detention officers are recovering after being attacked in jail. The Sheriff's office said the veteran officers, were inside an inmate unit when 20-year-old Jarell Barrow, already in jail for capital murder attacked. He now faces additional charges.

**12-16-21** – Weather wreaked havoc across the Great Plains and Midwest yesterday ... 107 MPH winds toppled tractor trailers in Colorado ... tornadoes touch ground in six other states and a massive dust storm blanketed HALF of Kansas leaving hundreds of thousands without power.

The FBI has joined an investigation into a 25 woman who fell from a Carnival cruise ship last weekend. The woman fell from fifth-floor balcony of her stateroom while the ship was about 35 miles off the coast of Mexico Saturday.

**12-17-21** – Houston-area school districts are operating under enhanced security today and told kids to leave backpacks at home after a social media threat against schools nationwide. Officials say the posts aren't considered credible.

Texas Children's Hospital is hosting a free citywide COVID vaccination clinic today. The hospital in partnership with the city of Houston will give FREE shots at George R. Brown from noon to 8 p.m. and METRO will offer free rides.