

Quarterly Issue/Programs Report

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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 July 1, 2022-September 30, 2022.

Arts

COVID

Education

Energy

Health

Immigration

Infrastructure

Transportation

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ARTS

10/20/22

Art Museum of South Texas Celebrates 50 Years of Art, Education and Inspiration

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This month, the Art Museum of South Texas is celebrating its golden anniversary. On October 4th, 1972, the Art Museum of South Texas opened its doors on Shoreline to the public.

10/27/22

Dia De Los Muertos Festival Returns to Downtown Corpus Christi

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After a two-year absence, the Dia De Los Muertos Festival is back in downtown Corpus Christi.

11/11/22

Rockport Film Festival Rounds Out the Coastal Bend Art Community

KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 5:44 pm

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Rockport Film Festival is back and in a new home. See what this film fest is all about and how a TAMU-CC film maker is hoping to make his debut with his class short film. Intern Correspondent Ashley Linn has the story.

COVID

10/18/22

Local Pop-Up Clinics Offer Free Flu, COVID-19 Vaccines This Week

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

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The Nueces County Public Health District will continue to offer free flu and COVID-19 vaccines at several locations around the city this week.

11/29/22

Texas to Scale Back on COVID-19 Case Reporting

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 Health and Human Services has announced it will be scaling back on reporting COVID case counts and hospitalizations from a daily basis to just once a week. That change starts this week.

12/14/22

New Covid Variant

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

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Health officials in Dallas say they're being cautious about a new COVID-19 variant. Dallas County Health Director Phillip Huong says the XBB Variant can spread faster than previous strains.

EDUCATION

10/14/22

Federal Grant Will Provide Child Care Access for Student Parents at South Texas College

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

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A federal grant will cover child care, tuition and fees for eligible Student Parents attending South Texas College. STC's Child Development Center was recently presented with a \$1.4 million dollar check to help improve academic retention and degree completion for Student Parents, according to a news release.

11/03/22

Texas A&M Corpus Christi Welcomes the College of Engineering

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

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A new era has been ushered in at Texas A&M—Corpus Christi. On Wednesday, the University introduced their new College of Engineering.

11/21/22

Santa Gertrudis ISD Receives \$1.5 Million Donation from Billionaire MacKenzie Scott

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The Santa Gertrudis Independent School District has received a huge donation from the MacKenzie Scott Foundation. The school received \$1.5 million dollars.

11/29/22

Dr. Vela Inauguration as President at Texas A&M University—Kingsville

KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 5:44 pm

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A new president is being inaugurated today at Texas A&M University—Kingsville. Intern Correspondent Ashley Linn has the details.

12/02/22

Texas Commission for College Funding Overhaul

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

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A proposed new funding model could soon mean more money for community colleges across the state of Texas, including Del Mar College. It comes from the Texas Commission on Community College Finance's recommendation to lawmakers as something to take up when the 88th Texas Legislature convenes in January.

12/13/22

Education Trust Report on Inequities in School Funding

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School funding policies in Texas are designed to distribute funding more equally between poor and wealthy school districts, fall short of that goal.

That's according to a new report from the nonprofit Education Trust. Texas Public Radio's Camille Phillips explains.

ENERGY

10/19/22

Brownsville City Commission Rolling Back Electric Rates

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

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In the latest development in the fallout following a forensic audit involving the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, city commissioners voted Tuesday to change the utility rates for PUB customers. Rates were rolled back by 22%.

10/20/22

Energy Experts Predict Cost of Home Heating to Rise

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Home experts predict the cost of heating your home will go up this winter. According to a forecast from the Energy Information Administration, those who use electricity will see a 10% increase, while those heating with gas will see a 28% increase.

11/14/22

Construction for Port of Brownsville LNG Export Site is Underway

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Construction is underway for the Rio Grande LNG export project site at the Port of Brownsville. The site could mean billions of dollars coming in the Valley to build what's needed to export natural gas.

HEALTH

10/05/22

Health Expert Warns of Increased Flu Activity

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A state website shows that Nueces County is now reporting an increase in flu activity. It comes at a time when some health officials are also predicting a spike in COVID-19 cases this winter.

10/05/22

Rise in Flu Cases Overwhelming Health Experts in Cameron County

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A spike in flu cases is overwhelming doctors' offices in Cameron County. Brownsville pediatrician Dr. Zamir says he normally doesn't start seeing flu cases until September, but this year he says cases started to pop up in late July and early August.

10/18/22

Abbott Fentanyl Campaign

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Governor Greg Abbott is launching a new effort against deadly fentanyl overdoses. During a news conference in Beaumont on Monday, the Republican said several state agencies will take part in his “One Pill Kills” campaign.

10/20/22

RSV on the Rise

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Pediatricians are warning parents with young children to watch symptoms of Respiratory Syncytial Virus or RSV. According to the doctors at Driscoll Children’s Hospital, there has been a recent spike in the number of kids with the illness.

10/20/22

Nueces County Medical Examiner’s Office Sees Rise in Fentanyl Deaths

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A review of autopsy reports through the Nueces County Medical Examiner's Office shows from 2019 to 2021, there was a 115% increase in the total number of deaths due to accidental drug overdoses.

10/31/22

Valley Officials Warn Parents on Rainbow Fentanyl

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Federal law enforcement in the Rio Grande Valley say smugglers are trying to hide fentanyl in plain sight by making it look like candy.

10/11/22

Two Brownsville Hospitals are Out of Pediatric Beds Due to Child Flu Hospitalizations

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Two hospitals in Brownsville are out of pediatric beds, according to hospital officials. Children who are testing positive for the flu are suffering from complications, like pneumonia and need to be hospitalized.

11/15/22

West Nile Found in Portland Mosquito

KEDT News 12:06 pm, All Things Considered 5:44 pm

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One city is dealing with the threat of West Nile Virus. Ashley Linn has the details.

11/13/22

Hundreds of Positive Flu and RSV Cases in Coastal Bend

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A new report from the CDC shows the flu is spreading fast across the United States. The Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District and Driscoll Children's Hospital are both reporting a rising number of RSV and flu cases.

IMMIGRATION

10/07/22

84 Migrants Found in Tractor Trailer in Rio Grande Valley

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More migrants were found in a tractor trailer Thursday—this time in Deep South Texas. Texas Public Radio's Gaige Davila has more.

10/17/22

Body of Migrant Shot in West Texas Has Been Returned to Mexico

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The body of a migrant shot and killed by twin brothers in West Texas is back home in Mexico. KTEP's Angela Kocherga reports from El Paso.

10/21/22

Governor Greg Abbott Meets with South Texas Sheriffs for Roundtable Discussion on Border Security

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Governor Greg Abbott was in Corpus Christi Thursday afternoon to talk about border security. Abbott met with 19 border county sheriffs. Abbott also spoke on the increased presence of fentanyl in the Coastal Bend.

11/15/22

Cubans, Nicaraguans Drive Illegal Border Crossings Higher

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US authorities stopped migrants more than 230,000 times on the Mexican border in October, the third-highest month of Joe Biden's presidency.

11/23/22

Governor Abbott Announces Plans for More Border Wall During Valley Visit

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Governor Greg Abbott says Texas will soon build more sections of the border wall. Abbott made this announcement at a Thanksgiving lunch with members of the Texas National Guard in Edinburg.

11/23/22

Texas Congressmen Want to Impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas

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Texas Republican Congressmen are helping lay out a case for impeaching Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas over his management of border security and immigration laws.

12/02/22

Justice Department Tried to Hide Report Warning that Private Border Wall in Texas Could Collapse

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A private border wall built along the Rio Grande in South Texas could collapse during extreme flooding, according to a federally commissioned

inspection report. The 404-page report, produced by the global engineering firm Arcadis, confirms previous reporting from ProPublica and the Texas Tribune.

12/05/22

Migrant Perspectives on Title 42

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A controversial public health policy, known as Title 42, that allowed officials to quickly expel migrants at the border is set to end sometime this month. Texas Public Radio's Carolina Cuellar visited migrants in their encampment.

12/13/22

Title 42 Set to End, Homeland Security Working on Plan to Fill Title 42's Role

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Title 42 is set to stop being enforced next Wednesday. It comes after a federal judge's order found the policy was no longer needed, since COVID-19 cases around the country have started to drop.

12/15/22

Border Patrol Seizure Brings in 3rd Largest Meth Bust in History

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Rio Grande Valley Sector Border Patrol officials recently obtained the third largest methamphetamine seizure to date in U.S. Border Patrol history, according to a release from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

INFRASTRUCTURE

10/07/22

New Harbor Bridge Work Will Continue

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TxDOT released an agreement yesterday which allows Flatiron Dragados to continue to work on the new Harbor Bridge Project as the two sides continue to work out their differences.

10/12/22

\$7.2 Million Allotted for Libraries, Streets and Art Center in Corpus Christi

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The Corpus Christi City Council has approved \$2.3 million dollars for repairs and improvements to the Art Center of Corpus Christi. Improvements include renovations to both the structure's exterior and interior.

10/13/22

\$7.8 Million Slated for Reconstruction of Leopard Street from Crosstown Expressway to Palm Drive

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At Tuesday's City Council meeting, Mayor Paulette Guajardo and the City Council approved a \$7.8 million dollar construction contract to Clark Pipeline Services, LLC for the reconstruction of Leopard Street from Crosstown Expressway to Palm Drive.

10/14/22

Bob Hall Pier Construction Can Move Forward

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Nueces County Commissioners have approved a new design for the reconstruction of Bob Hall Pier. Commissioners voted unanimously to move ahead with a 2-pylon pier design at Wednesday's meeting.

10/14/22

Construction Continues on the New Harbor Bridge with New Flatiron Dragados Deal

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Three months after work stopped on the New Harbor Bridge, State Senator Chuey Hinojosa says progress continues to be made on the project.

10/20/22

Rand Morgan Water Tower is Officially Online to Help Calallen, Annville Areas

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The city of Corpus Christi is officially placed the Rand Morgan water tower, which will provide water service to Calallen and Annville areas, into service yesterday.

10/26/22

Corpus Christi Approves North Beach Project

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A project that outlines both a revitalization of the North Beach area, as well as drainage to the same area, was approved by the Corpus Christi City Council Tuesday.

10/31/22

New Harbor Bridge Makes Safety Progress

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One of the five safety concerns that halted construction on the New Harbor Bridge's main span has been resolved, according to representatives from Flatiron Dragados LLC and the Texas Department of Transportation.

10/10/22

City's Southside to Receive Major Improvements as Part of the City's 2022 Bond Project

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A bond that will give \$90 million dollars to street improvements across town was passed during Tuesday's night's election. A big chunk of that money will be going towards the city's fast-expanding Southside. \$39.5 million dollars of the \$92.5 million for streets is going to the City's Southside.

12/15/22

Por and City of Corpus Christi Have Desalination Plant Discussion

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Two newly elected Corpus Christi City Council members have expressed their opposition to the Port of Corpus Christi's desalination plant.

TRANSPORTATION

10/27/22

Several New Routes Possible for Corpus Christi International Airport

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Non-stop flights from Corpus Christi International Airport have recently gained momentum.

11/16/22

Corpus Christi City Council Approves \$17.9 Million for CCIA Terminal Rehabilitation Project

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Corpus Christi International Airport will soon begin a Terminal Rehabilitation Project. At Tuesday's regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Mayor Paulette Guajardo and Council awarded a construction contract to Spaw Glass Contractors, Incorporated, of Corpus Christi, for \$17.9 million dollars.

VOTE

10/10/22

Deadline to Register to Vote is Tuesday, October 11th

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The November election is almost here. Now is a good time to check your voter registration and make sure everything is up to date. The deadline to register in the state of Texas, for the November 8th election, is tomorrow.

10/24/22

New Poll Locations Added to Nueces County Ahead of Early Voting

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Nueces County added several new voting locations for early voting that starts today. Hundreds of poll workers are making sure all 24 voting locations are ready to go.

11/02/22

Political Ad Spending for Valley Races Hits All-Time High

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Spending for Rio Grande Valley races in Congressional Districts 15, 28 and 34 are at an all-time high.

11/03/22

City of Corpus Christi 2022 Bond Program

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Lon Gonzalez has some insight into the City of Corpus Christi's 2022 Bond Program.

11/09/22

Texas Republicans Will Remain in Top Positions

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Texas Republicans will remain in top positions of state government after easily defeating their Democratic challengers on Tuesday. The Texas Public Newsroom's Julian Aguilar has details.

11/14/22

Election Day Saw Few Major Problems, Despite New Voting Laws

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Heading into this year's midterms, voting rights groups were concerned that restrictions in Republican-leaning states triggered by false claims surrounding the 2020 election might jeopardize access to the ballot box for many voters. Those worries did not appear to come true.

11/23/22

Corpus Christi City Council to Hold Runoff Election on December 13th

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At yesterday's special meeting of the Corpus Christi City Council, Mayor Paulette Guajardo and the Council canvassed the results of the November 8th General Election. None of the candidates received a majority vote in the Council Member District 1, 2 and 3 races. Per the City Charter, the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes will enter a runoff election on December 13th.

12/06/22

Houston's At-Large City Council Districts Deprive Latinos of Fair Representation, Lawsuit Alleges

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Citing the underrepresentation of Latinos on Houston's City Council, one of the nation's oldest Latino civil rights organizations is suing in hopes of undoing the system Houston uses to elect its governing body. In a federal lawsuit filed Monday, the League of United Latin American Citizens and four

individuals allege the city undercut the voting strength of Latino voters by continuing to elect five of its 16 council members through at-large elections.

12/06/22

Texas Governor Picks Veteran GOP Lawmaker for Elections Job

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Governor Greg Abbott has tapped a longtime Republican lawmaker to be Texas' new elections chief, a pick who could enjoy a smoother confirmation process following the blowback and scrutiny his two previous picks faced. Jane Nelson, who has served 30 years in the state Senate but who didn't run for reelection this year, was appointed Tuesday to be Texas' next Secretary of State.