

## Community Issues and Responsive Programs

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2003

January 1<sup>st</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003

In an ongoing effort to serve the public interest, KBTB offers a variety of programming responsive to the viewing audience. There follows a listing of some of the significant programming treatment of those issues for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

Newscasts: 6:00 PM, NBC4 Hometown News at 6, airs 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday  
10:00 PM, NBC4 Hometown News at 10, airs 10:00-10:35 p.m., Monday through Sunday

Issue: City of Beaumont Budget

The City of Beaumont is facing a substantial budget deficit. KBTB brought our viewers information on how the city planned to get the deficit under control.

Date	News	Slug	Category	Summary	Time
2/11/03 6:00 10:00		BEAUMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETS	CITY OF BEAUMONT BUDGET	BEAUMONT FIREFIGHTERS OPPOSE COST-CUTTING MOVE TO REDUCE STAFF. SAY SAVINGS OF \$337-THOUSAND PER YEAR MIGHT BE OFFSET BY COST IN LIVES	2:00
2/17/03 6:00		BFD OVERTIME POLICY UPDATE	CITY OF BEAUMONT BUDGET	CHIEF BERTRAND SAYS HE'LL MEET AGAIN WITH FIREFIGHTERS UNION AND CITY MANAGER, BEFORE IMPLEMENTING OVERTIME POLICY THAT COULD REDUCE AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT AND MANPOWER	0:45
2/18/03 6:00		BMT CITY COUNCIL	CITY OF BEAUMONT BUDGET	CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS SELLING SOME OF ITS PARKS, TO REDUCE THE COST OF POLICING AND MAINTAINING THEM	1:30
2/20/03 6:00 10:00		BUDGET CRUNCH	CITY OF BEAUMONT BUDGET	SPECIAL REPORT ON EXPENSES LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT CUTTING (CATERED MEETINGS & DOUGHNUTS, FOR EXAMPLE) AS IT TRIES TO ELIMINATE THE DEFICIT	3:00
3/18/03 6:00		BEAUMONT PARKS	CITY OF BEAUMONT BUDGET	CITY COUNCIL REJECTS PROPOSAL TO SELL SOME PARKS TO SAVE THE CITY MONEY	0:30

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**Issue: EDC Investigation**

The Economic Development Commission is investigating Port Arthur's mayor for alleged financial mismanagement of funds. NBC4 News kept viewers up to date on the most recent developments in the story.

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2/13/03	6:00 10:00	PAEDC MEETING	EDC INVESTIGATION	EDC BOARD MEETS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL PROBLEMS; ALLEGATIONS OF FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT; GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION	1:30
2/14/03	6:00 10:00	PAEDC INVESTIGATION	EDC INVESTIGATION	JEFFERSON COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTS TWO BUSINESSMEN ACCUSED OF MISUSING EDC GRANTS; PROSECUTOR SAYS MORE INDICTMENTS COULD FOLLOW	2:00
3/6/03	6:00 10:00	PA EDC INVESTIGATION	EDC INVESTIGATION	PROSECUTORS SAY ANOTHER GRAND JURY WILL MEET NEXT WEEK, TO INVESTIGATE PORT ARTHUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	1:00
3/27/03	6:00 10:00	PA EDC INVESTIGATION	EDC INVESTIGATION	GRAND JURY ENDS INVESTIGATION WITH NO FURTHER INDICTMENTS	2:00

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Issue: Port Arthur Independent School District

The Port Arthur Independent School District continues to face challenges regarding budgets, bond elections and issues with the Department of Justice. KBTB endeavored to keep viewers up to date with the most recent developments on these issues within the district.

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1/30/03	6:00 10:00	BOND ...OR BANKRUPTCY	PAISD	PART ONE OF TWO PART REPORT ON THE PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S \$89-MILLION BOND PROPOSAL	2:00
1/30/03	6:00 10:00	PA BOND PROTEST	PAISD	COMMUNITY GROUPS MEET TO DISCUSS THE WAY THE PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL DISTRICT HANDLED EARLY VOTING FOR HIS \$89-MILLION BOND ELECTION.	1:30
1/31/03	6:00 10:00	BOND ...OR BANKRUPTCY	PAISD	PART TWO OF TWO PART REPORT ON THE PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S \$89-MILLION BOND PROPOSAL	2:00
1/31/03	6:00 10:00	NAACP COMPLAINS	PAISD	NAACP FILES FORMAL COMPLAINT OVER PAISD'S DECISION TO RELOCATE EARLY VOTING SITE FROM NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	0:30
2/1/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD BOND ELECTION	PAISD	VOTERS REJECT THE PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 89-MILLION BOND PROPOSAL	2:00
2/3/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD BOND REACTION	PAISD	REACTION TO SATURDAY'S ELECTION; LOOK AHEAD TO WHAT'S NEXT, NOW THAT VOTERS HAVE REJECTED THE PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 89-MILLION BOND PROPOSAL	2:00
2/4/03	6:00	PAISD BOND ELECTION CERTIFIED	PAISD	THE PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFIES SATURDAY'S SCHOOL BOND ELECTION	0:30
2/13/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD PLAN	PAISD	PAISD ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR GETTING CHILDREN TO SAFETY IN THE EVENT OF A TERRORIST ATTACK; A RESPONSE TO CODE ORANGE	2:00

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2/13/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD SEC PLAN	PAISD	JUSTICE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS AGAINST APPROVING NEW PAISD ATTENDANCE PLAN; SAYS PLAN IS CONTINGENT ON PROPOSED SCHOOL BOND REJECTED BY VOTERS	2:00
2/17/03	10:00	PAISD MEETING	PAISD	BOARD NARROWS SEARCH FOR PERMANENT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, TO REPLACE INTERIM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT LOUIS REED	2:00
2/25/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD SUPERINTENDENT	PAISD	BOARD RELEASES SHORT LIST OF FIVE CANDIDATES FOR PERMANENT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, TO REPLACE INTERIM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT LOUIS REED	3:00
2/25/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD MEETING	PAISD	REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING	2:00
3/5/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD SEARCH	PAISD	THE SCHOOL BOARD ANNOUNCES PLANS TO REDUCE ITS SHORT LIST OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATES FROM THREE TO ONE. THE NAACP AND CONCERNED CITIZENS SAY THE BOARD ISN'T GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION PROCESS..	3:00
3/5/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD MEETING	PAISD	A FEDERAL JUDGE HAS POSTPONED A HEARING ON THE PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ATTEMPT TO LIFT A DESEGREGATION ORDER	1:00
3/17/03	6:00	PAISD MEETING	PAISD	SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS POORLY-ATTENDED PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PLANS TO ELIMINATE 75 JOBS TO SAVE \$5.5 MILLION	1:00
3/18/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD	PAISD	PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL BOARD AND U-S JUSTICE DEPARTMENT MEETING PRIVATELY, TO SETTLE STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN (AND LARGER ISSUE OF DESEGREGATION) OUT OF COURT.	1:30
3/27/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD JOB CUTS	PAISD	PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTES TO ELIMINATE 200 JOBS, RANGING FROM ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS TO TEACHER'S AIDES, TO ELIMINATE \$5.5 MILLION BUDGET DEFICIT.	2:00

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3/28/03	6:00 10:00	NEW PAISD SUPERINTENDEN T	PAISD	PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL BOARD HIRES WILLIS MACKEY TO BE THE DISTRICT'S NEW SCHOOL SUPERINDENT	2:30
3/28/03	6:00 10:00	PAISD JOB CUTS	PAISD	LOCAL REACTION TO JOB CUTS	2:00

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Issue: Port Impact/Gulf War

With the country on the verge of going to war with Iraq, KBTB chose to cover stories regarding the impact on our local port to viewers.

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1/30/03	6:00 10:00	USS FISHER	PORT IMPACT/GULF WAR	ANOTHER NAVY SHIP ARRIVES AT THE PORT OF BEAUMONT, TO BE LOADED WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT BOUND FOR THE PERSIAN GULF	1:00
1/31/03	6:00 10:00	FISHER TOUR	PORT IMPACT/GULF WAR	MEDIA TOUR OF U.S.N.S FISHER, WHICH IS IN THE PORT OF BEAUMONT TO BE LOADED WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT BOUND FOR THE PERSIAN GULF	2:00
2/7/03	6:00 10:00	TERROR THREAT	PORT IMPACT/GULF WAR	LOCAL RESPONSE TO DHS DECISION TO HEIGHTEN SECURITY ALERT FROM YELLOW (ELEVATED) TO ORANGE (HIGH)	2:00
3/20/03	6:00 10:00	PORT SECURITY	PORT IMPACT/GULF WAR	UPDATE ON PORT SECURITY IN THE WAKE OF THE OUTSET OF HOSPTILITIES WITH IRAQ	1:00