

RADIO STATION KBAR-FM, VICTORIA, TEXAS  
QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST  
3rd QUARTER - 2023

Listed below are some of the significant issues responded to by Radio Station KBAR-FM, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. The listing is by no means exhaustive or all-inclusive. These issues were in part ascertained through discussions with service-providers and general interaction of station staff with the community, and staff knowledge of the community and area occurrences. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any particular priority.

The following issues were principal topics or themes within the station's weekly public affairs program, "Issues Today" (IT), which is broadcast on Sunday Mornings at 7:30am. Each program has a normal running time (or length) in the range of 29 to 30 minutes. Each program is usually in two or three parts, each dealing with separate topics and issues.

Veterans/Health – 7/02/23 – IT – Interview with Dr. Michael Kiley, National Program Director of Oncology at the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. He detailed the VA's cancer treatment programs for veterans as well as new cancer research.

Health/Consumer Privacy – 7/02/23 – IT – Interview with Matt Howard, Senior Vice President of VIRTRU. He discussed safety concerns regarding medical data stored on the cloud and consumer privacy concerns in general.

Justice System/Racism – 7/02/23 – IT – Interview author and researcher Carol Menaker. She discussed the need for jury reform through the lens of her past experiences in a murder trial and misgivings with the guilty verdict.

Environment/Nuclear Disarmament – 7/09/23 – IT – Interview with Professor of History at Montreat College Dr. William Forstchen. He detailed the dangers of EMP strikes on the country and discussed the need for the U.S. to better prepare for military conflicts.

Unemployment/Economy – 7/09/23 – IT – Interview with Laura Podesta, Public Relations Director for Fiverr. She discussed the pros of freelance work on the economy and the results of the Economic Impact Report Survey.

Domestic Violence/Homelessness – 7/09/23 – IT – Interviews with Irene O'Neal, Cheryl Barent, Comfort Danco, members of Sarah's Oasis for Women. They discussed the link between domestic violence and homelessness, as well as the need for more housing programs for victims of trafficking.

Legal System/Racism – 7/16/23 – IT – Interview with Jane Spinak, Clinical Professor of Law Emeritus at Columbia Law School, who talked about shortcomings of the family court system. She also explained how some court proceedings are based in racism.

Health/Eating Disorders – 7/16/23 – IT – Interview with June Gjata, an expert and author on eating disorders. She detailed the symptoms of eating disorders as well as foods that are bad for the diet.

Auto Safety/Consumerism – 7/16/23 – IT – Interview with Audra Fordin, ASE Certified Mechanic. She talked about how to save money on car repairs,

Health/Youth – 7/23/23 – IT – Interview with Aaron Turner-Phifer, Director of Health Policy with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and Rapper Jimmy Jam. They discussed the JDRF Children's congress that convenes in Washington DC as well as ongoing diabetes research.

Seniors/Health– 7/23/23 – IT – Interview with Sarah Lenz-Lock, Senior Vice President and Executive Director of Global Council on Brain Health. She discussed the six pillars of brain health and gave results of the Brain Health Report.

Health/Stress– 7/23/23 – IT – Interview with Dr. Michael Garko, Nutritionist. He talked about the need to educate the public better about the good and bad effects of cholesterol, as well as the dangers of stress on the body.

Economy/Personal Debt – 7/30/23 – IT – Interview with Richard Vague, Former Pennsylvania Secretary of Banking and Securities. He commented on how deficits impact the economy, as well as the origins of economic problems in prior fiscal emergencies.

Economy/Artificial Intelligence – 7/30/23 – IT – Interview with Michael Robbins, Chief Asset Officer, Larson Financial. He discussed the growing phenomenon of using AI for investments, as well as the general state of the economy.

Health/Education – 7/30/23 – IT – Interview with Meghan, a stroke survivor and Dr. Sheryl Martin-Schlid, Stroke Medical Director at Touro Infirmary. Meghan described her experience of having a stroke at age 31, and the two detailed symptoms of a stroke and some prevention procedures.

Affordable Housing/Homelessness – 8/6/23 – IT – Interview with Dr. Robert Okin, Chief of Psychiatry at San Francisco General Hospital. He gave some ideas regarding solutions to homelessness as well as called on governments to build more affordable housing.

Economy/Education – 8/6/23 – IT – Interview with Matt Dibara, Affiliated with Contractors Consultants. He discussed the growing problem of worker shortages in the construction industry, and commented on new apprenticeship programs.

Health/Food Safety – 8/6/23 – IT – Interview with Dr. Julie, Co-Founder of Florida Wellness Institute. She gave tips to keep foods safe during summer cookouts, as well as defined some food borne illnesses.

Education/Economy – 8/13/23 – IT – Interview with Cheryl McCarron, Director of Community Relations at General Motors. She talked about the outreach that the auto industry has on the American economy. She also discussed local outreach programs that the industry has.

Youth/Education – 8/13/23 – IT – Interview with Edward Bartlett, Founder of SAVE. He detailed possible changes in rules for Title 9 programs, as well as the need for parental involvement in local school policies.

Health/Cosumerism – 8/13/23 – IT – Interview with Vish Chaton, Div. Vice President of Product Development at Abbott Laboratories. He discussed a new two-heart valve mini pacemaker that is being released this year, and the warning symptoms for possible heart problems.

Veterans/PTSD – 8/20/23 – IT – Interview with David Crenshaw, Retired Master Sergeant. He discussed the K9's Warriors Project that pairs up comfort dogs with vets. He also detailed the extensive training program for the dogs.

Youth/Education – 8/20/23 – IT – Interview with James Ruvalcaba, Special Ed. Educator. He gave tips for parents to help their kids adjust to a new school year and managing emotions.

Divorce/Communication – 8/20/23 – IT – Interview with Jeffrey Stephens and Ronald Raymond, Co-Authors of "The Road to Splitsville." They gave tips on how couples can have more-friendly divorces, and the need for better communication for all pairs.

Health/Mental Health – 8/27/23 – IT – Interview with David Schenck, Former Director of Ethics at the University of South Carolina. He discussed the growing problem of healthcare worker burnout and the need for better wages.

Student Loans/Economy – 8/27/23 – IT – Interview with Brian Walsh, Student Loan Manager at SoFi. He gave some tips on how to save money on student loans, as well as work study programs that can help ease the burden.

Environment/Air Pollution – 8/27/23 – IT – Interview with Dr. Nikki McCullough, Respiratory Expert at 3M's Personal Safety Division. She commented on bad air that is being generated by wildfires, as well as tips to control indoor air pollution.

COVID/Chemical Warfare – 9/3/23 – IT – Interview with Ron Fleming, Author of "Wuhan Unleashed." He described his experiences with the Wuhan Lab in China, expressing concerns about possible lab testing in this country.

Health/Artificial Intelligence – 9/3/23 – IT – She detailed how the healthcare industry is using AI to enhance their services, as well as the public's reactions to new technology.

Women/Communication – 9/3/23 – IT – Interview with Sarika Jain, Love Strategist and Dating Expert. She discussed why some women have stopped dating. She also discussed dating strategies for women.

Women/Depression – 9/10/23 – IT – Interview with Dr. Cheryl Green, Author of "Heal Your Daughter." She talked about growing depression in teenage girls. She detailed how parents can better cope with the growing problem.

Environment/Pollution – 9/10/23 – IT – Interview with Mike Malterre, Environmentalist. He commented on how many chemical sunscreens are damaging the environment, as well as protecting children from harmful rays.

Racism/Discrimination – 9/10/23 – IT – Interview with Alana Best, Author of "Around the World in Black and White." She talked about her worldwide experiences of being in a bi-racial marriage, as well as the effect on their children.

Economy/Consumerism – 9/17/23 – IT – Interview with Trevor Wagner, Chief Economist of Research Center at the Computer and Communications Industry Assn. He commented on how AI is aiding small business growth, as well as new apps that are developed daily.

Health/Drug Abuse – 9/17/23 – IT – Interview with Afton Hassett, Assoc. Professor and Director of Pain and Opioid Research at Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center. She discussed her book "Chronic Pain Reset" which emphasizes pain reduction without drugs. She also talked about the growing drug abuse problem in the country.

Seniors/Disaster Preparedness – 9/17/23 – IT – Interview with Tom Kamber, Executive Director of Older Adults Technology Services (AARP). He discussed how seniors can better plan for emergencies. He also talked about new technology that is available for seniors.

Education/Student Loans – 9/24/23 – IT – Interview with Diane Gayeski, Professor and Higher Education Consultant. She commented on low-paying college degrees.

She also stressed that some disciplines can help with other careers that aren't necessarily directly connected.

Health/Consumerism – 9/24/23 – IT – Interview with Dr. Mark Miller, Executive Vice President of Health Care at Arnold Ventures. He discussed rising medical costs. He talked about Site Neutral bills and how they would lower hospital costs.

Health/Education – 9/24/23 – IT – Interview with Caroline Schneider, Registered Dietician. She detailed why SNAP benefits should include payments for Vitamin D, as well as explained the benefits of Vitamin D.