



**CAPITAL OF TEXAS PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL
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COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST
January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024**

1. Housing/Affordability

A concern about disparities in housing affordability and availability across Austin and Travis County. Many families and individuals face a severe shortage of homes in Austin. On average, housing affordability is lower for Hispanic households, Black households, and households of other races compared to non-Hispanic white and Asian households. This shortage reduces the ability to meet local housing demand.

2. Immigration/Refugees

Texas has recently seen an increase of migrants across its southern border with Mexico. SB 4, a measure signed into law by Texas governor Greg Abbott, would allow state and local law enforcement officers to arrest and detain people they suspect of entering the country illegally. The law has raised concerns among some immigration advocates fearing an increase racial profiling as well as detentions and attempted deportations by state authorities. The law is currently on hold by the federal courts.

3. National Politics

Texas voters participated in the state's primary election on "Super Tuesday," March 5, 2024, one of fifteen states and one territory holding a primary election that day. Voters chose candidates for the U.S. Senate, the state Board of Education, the Railroad Commission, judicial seats, congressional and legislative offices, and president.

4. Urban Development/Decline

Some eight million people may live in the combined Austin and San Antonio area by 2050. Building the proper infrastructure to meet the demands of such growth has become a top concern among city officials and citizens alike.

5. Women

Texas continues to be the largest state in the nation to ban nearly all abortions since Roe v. Wade was overturned. After Katie Cox left the state to undergo an abortion when Texas's Supreme Court ruled against her, concerns have arisen about the changing access to women's healthcare and in vitro fertilization.

1. Housing/Affordability

Category: Housing/Affordability
 Series Title: Decibel Shorts
 Episode Title: Voices: HOME Rally
 Length: 30 seconds
 Airdate: 1/3/2024 5:58:35 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:00:30

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Category: Housing/Affordability
 Series Title: Decibel Shorts
 Episode Title: Voices: HOME Rally
 Length: 1 minute
 Airdate: 1/13/2024 3:26:31 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:01:00

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Category: Housing/Affordability
 NOLA: MLNH 014186
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 186
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 3/18/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:10:06

Unlike other social safety net programs that continue to expand, federal housing assistance has shrunk to its lowest level in nearly 25 years, even as homelessness and rental prices have hit historic highs. Today, only one in four households that are eligible for federal housing assistance actually receive it. Stephanie Sy examines why for our series, America's Safety Net.

Category: Housing/Affordability
 Series Title: Decibel Shorts
 Episode Title: Voucher Challenges
 Length: 30 seconds
 Airdate: 3/21/2024 4:29:17 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:00:30

Jessica Vasquez is wrestling with the challenges of moving. It's only made worse by having to navigate the county's housing voucher program.

Category: Housing/Affordability
 NOLA: MLNH 014193
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 193
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 3/27/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:05:39

Buying and selling a home could get cheaper after the National Association of Realtors agreed to resolve a lawsuit and rewrite several rules that regulate how commissions are set, advertised and paid. Currently, a person selling their house pays a commission of 5 or 6 percent of the purchase price to agents. John Yang discussed more with New York Times real estate reporter Debra Kamin.

Category: Housing/Affordability
 Series Title: Decibel Shorts
 Episode Title: Voucher Challenges
 Length: 1 minute
 Airdate: 3/28/2024 4:28:37 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:01:00

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2. Immigration/Refugees

Category: Immigration/Refugees
 NOLA: MLNH 014133
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 133
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 1/3/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:05:17

Tuesday, dozens of House Republicans, led by Speaker Mike Johnson, traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border as negotiations continue over immigration policy between senators and the White House. In a news conference, Johnson attacked the Biden administration's approach to the border and called for change. Lisa Desjardins reports on the border funding negotiations.

Category: Immigration/Refugees
 NOLA: MLNH 014141
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 141
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 1/15/2024 6:00:00 PM

Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:07:05

Following the death of a woman and two children in the Rio Grande along the southern border, a dispute between Texas and federal officials has intensified. The migrants drowned while attempting to cross into Eagle Pass at a section of the border recently seized by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. Laura Barron-Lopez discussed more with Democratic Rep. Henry Cuellar, who represents a Texas border district.

Category: Immigration/Refugees
 NOLA: MLNH 014149
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 149
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 1/25/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:05:00

This week, the Supreme Court sided with federal agents to remove razor wire put in place by Texas along the Rio Grande. The state is using wire and state agents to block Border Patrol from accessing a section of the border in Eagle Pass. Homeland Security is demanding access to the area by Friday, but Gov. Greg Abbott is doubling down. Laura Barron-Lopez discussed the dispute with Stephen Vladeck.

Category: Immigration/Refugees
 NOLA: MLNH 014174
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 174
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 2/29/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:07:55

President Biden and former President Trump made separate visits to two towns along the southern border as immigration becomes a key issue ahead of the November election. Laura Barron-Lopez reports from Brownsville, Texas.

Category: Immigration/Refugees
 NOLA: AMDO 003616
 Series Title: POV
 Episode Title: unseen
 Length: 90 minutes
 Airdate: 3/18/2024 10:30:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: Documentary
 Segment Length: 01:26:46

As a blind, undocumented immigrant, Pedro faces obstacles to obtain his college degree, become a social worker, and support his family. Uncertainty looms over him even after he graduates. Through experimental cinematography

and sound, unseen reimagines the accessibility of cinema, while exploring the intersections of immigration, disability, and mental health.

Category: Immigration/Refugees
 NOLA: MLNH 014187
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 187
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 3/19/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:02:37

The U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for Texas to enforce a controversial immigration law that allows state officials to arrest and deport migrants who cross the border illegally. Challenges to the law are not over as the justices sent the case back to a lower court. Geoff Bennett discussed the ruling with NewsHour Supreme Court analyst Marcia Coyle.

3. National Politics

Category: National Politics
 NOLA: WWIR 006328
 Series Title: Washington Week with The Atlantic
 Episode Title: Episode 28
 Length: 30 minutes
 Airdate: 1/5/2024 7:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
 Segment Length: 00:26:46

It's the third anniversary of Jan. 6 and just over 300 days until the election. The leading Republican is the man who many believe inspired the insurrection and President Biden is sagging in popularity. Join moderator Jeffrey Goldberg, Peter Baker of The New York Times, Laura Barron-Lopez of PBS NewsHour, Josh Dawsey of The Washington Post and Jerusalem Demsas of The Atlantic to discuss more.

Category: National Politics
 NOLA: MLNH 014176
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 176
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 3/4/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:03:22

It's the final countdown to Super Tuesday with Republicans in 15 states set to head to the polls and a third of all delegates at stake. Donald Trump and Nikki Haley both racked up wins in contests over the weekend and hit the campaign trail with their sights set on Tuesday. Lisa Desjardins reports.

Category: National Politics

NOLA: MLNH 014177
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 177
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 3/5/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:08:42

Super Tuesday is the biggest night of the primary election season, as voters in 16 states across the U.S. make their picks for the Democratic and Republican nominee for president. Amy Walter of the Cook Political Report with Amy Walter, Republican strategist Kevin Madden and Democratic strategist Faiz Shakir join Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett to discuss.

Category: National Politics
 NOLA: APOC 006177
 Series Title: Amanpour and Company
 Episode Title: Episode 177
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 3/6/2024 12:00:00 AM
 Service: PBS-PLUS
 Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
 Segment Length: 00:17:54

In the U.S., a predictable “Super Tuesday” is playing out – delivering the clearest sign yet of a pending Trump-Biden rematch. With all eyes now firmly set on November, there is one possibly influential voting bloc that both parties will be targeting. New York Times Magazine reporter Marcela Valdes joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss the potential of the ambivalent voter in this election.

Category: National Politics
 NOLA: MLNH 014178
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 178
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 3/6/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:05:55

After President Biden’s strong showing in Tuesday’s contests, one of his long shot challengers, Dean Phillips, suspended his campaign. Now with Super Tuesday in the rear view, the president’s focus turns to tomorrow’s State of the Union address. Geoff Bennett spoke with White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre about Biden’s speech and the 2024 presidential race.

4. Urban Development/Decline

Category: Urban Development/Decline
 NOLA: ENSW 000307
 Series Title: Energy Switch
 Episode Title: Electric Cars - Pros and Cons, Part 1
 Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 1/7/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: NETA
 Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
 Segment Length: 00:26:46

Electric cars are fast and efficient and produce no local emissions. But they're also expensive, with issues around the metals for their batteries. Dr. David Rapson, Economic Policy Advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank and Professor of Economics, University of California, and Dr. Beia Spiller, Director of the Transportation Program, Resources for the Future, discuss these issues.

Category: Urban Development/Decline
 NOLA: NOVA 004808
 Series Title: NOVA
 Episode Title: High-Risk High-Rise
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 1/10/2024 8:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: Documentary
 Segment Length: 00:56:46

Gleaming symbols of prestige, skyscrapers are an ingenious way to save space in dense urban areas. But even as we devise ways to defend them against fires, wind, and earthquakes, can we also make them more livable, interactive, and eco-friendly?

Category: Urban Development/Decline
 NOLA: ENSW 000308
 Series Title: Energy Switch
 Episode Title: Electric Cars - Pros and Cons, Part 2
 Length: 30 minutes
 Airdate: 1/14/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: NETA
 Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
 Segment Length: 00:26:46

Subsidies for electric cars have helped make them popular, but have gone mostly to the wealthy. These and mandates may have unintended consequences. We need more affordable EVs, even if they have lower range, say Dr. Beia Spiller, Director of the Transportation Program at Resources for the Future, and Dr. David Rapson, Economic Policy Advisor for the Fed and Professor of Economics, UC Davis.

Category: Urban Development/Decline
 NOLA: TXWF 000000
 Series Title: Texas Wildlife: Our Future
 Episode Title:
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 1/31/2024 9:00:00 PM
 Service: Texas PBS
 Format: Documentary
 Segment Length: 00:56:57

This visually stunning combination of short films brings attention to important work being done across the state to protect delicate wildlife habitats, threatened animal species, as well as showcase the wonder and splendor of the Texas outdoors. Told through the eyes of wildlife experts, the story follows our ever-changing relationship with the natural world and examines our ability to destroy, conserve, and recover wildlife and the habitat upon which we mutually depend.

Category: Urban Development/Decline
 NOLA: MLNH 014195
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 195
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 3/29/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:06:05

Electricity and transportation each contribute about a quarter of America's carbon emissions. Thanks to the growth of renewable energy and electric cars, those sectors are starting to get cleaner. Heavy industry is also a major source of pollution. The White House pledged billions for projects to spur a green revolution in those industries. William Brangham discussed more with Rebecca Dell.

5. Women

Category: Women
 NOLA: MLNH 014137
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 137
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 1/9/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:06:13

An Ohio woman faces criminal charges after she had a miscarriage. Brittney Watts was 22 weeks pregnant, and her pregnancy had been deemed non-viable just days earlier, when she miscarried in the bathroom of her home. Two weeks later, she was arrested on charges of felony abuse of a corpse for how she handled the remains. Amna Nawaz discussed the case with Mary Ziegler.

Category: Women
 NOLA: MLNH 014168
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 168
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 2/21/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:07:20

A decision from the Alabama Supreme Court has alarmed doctors, patients and reproductive rights advocates. The court ruled that frozen embryos, created

through in vitro fertilization, are legally children and thus protected. The designation of personhood could have significant repercussions for reproductive rights. Stephanie Sy discussed the questions raised by this ruling with Mary Ziegler.

Category: Women
 NOLA: MLNH 014174
 Series Title: PBS NewsHour
 Episode Title: Episode 174
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 2/29/2024 6:00:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:08:39

Lawmakers in Alabama are working to quickly pass bills to protect IVF clinics and providers after a state Supreme Court decision ruled that an embryo created through IVF should be considered a person. We hear from women affected by the ruling and Amna Nawaz discusses the effort to save IVF with Barbara Collura of RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association.

Category: Women
 NOLA: APOC 006178
 Series Title: Amanpour and Company
 Episode Title: Episode 178
 Length: 60 minutes
 Airdate: 3/7/2024 12:00:00 AM
 Service: PBS-PLUS
 Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
 Segment Length: 00:55:53

Fania Oz-Salzberger joined from Tel Aviv to talk about the necessity of defeating Hamas while also protecting the soul of the nation. Considered a terrorist by Israel, others see Marwan Barghouti as a "Palestinian Mandela." A recent documentary paints his portrait. In her recent piece "IVF and the GOP," Mona Charen details the conflict between legislation and fertility treatments.

Category: Women
 NOLA: PNWE 002075
 Series Title: PBS News Weekend
 Episode Title: Episode 75
 Length: 30 minutes
 Airdate: 3/16/2024 6:30:00 PM
 Service: PBS-NPS
 Format: News (live news only)
 Segment Length: 00:06:34

The Supreme Court will hear arguments on Tuesday in a case challenging FDA rules that make it easier to get mifepristone, the medication that accounts for more than half of all U.S. abortions. John Yang speaks with legal historian Mary Ziegler about the role executive branch agencies can play in a post-Roe world and the potential consequences of the 2024 election for reproductive rights.