

Part 1: Important Local Community Issues on KOOP Radio Report Q2 2023

This section, Part 1 is a summary of the top important local community issues that KOOP covered on its News and Public Affairs programs during Q2 2023. Next, is Part 2 which presents all the reports for each individual News and Public Affairs program and the issues they covered.

Top Local Issues:

Issue 1 – Climate Action and Justice in Austin

Program Title: **Reflections of Community Outreach**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Host</u>
4/24/23	1:30pm	30:00	Dave Cortez	Michelle Manning Scott & Stacie Freasier

Issue: Guest: Dave Cortez, Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter Director joins ROCO to discuss climate justice in Austin

Program Title: **The Austin Common Radio Hour**

Period: Q2 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
4/5/23	2:00 PM	:56	Lucia Athens, Former Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Austin

Issues: Our guest was Lucia Athens, the former Chief Sustainability Officer at the City of Austin. She is also an author of at least two books. Before her work at the City of Austin, Lucia served as the City of Seattle Green Building Program Manager. She is a native Texas. We talked with Lucia about her recently published book titled: “The Sustainability Revolutionists: Heroes and Hope for our Planet’s Future” (Previous Book: “ Building an Emerald City: A Guide to Creating Green Building Policies and Programs”

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
4/12/23	2:00 PM	:56	Luke Metzger, Environmental Defense Adrian Shelley, Public Citizen, Texas Office

Issue:

Two reruns of 2022 recorded environmental related programs. Two interviews we recorded at the end of 2022 regarding the new Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The first half of the show we focus on the energy issues related to the new bill, and the second half we focus on the environmental issues and how it might affect Texas and our City of Austin. Adrian Shelley and Luke Metzger discussed issues at the state of Texas related to the IRA and also how it might affect Austin.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
4/26/23	2:00 PM	0:56	Austin Climate Ambassadors: Dylan Kazanova, Kecia Prince, Sahabel Porto, Andres Pedrasa,

Issues:

The program focused on the City of Austin Climate Ambassador program. The background on the program is: Through the six-month paid program, Ambassadors will learn about climate justice, engage their communities, and support the implementation of the Climate Equity Plan.” And what is the Climate Equity Plan? It was approved by City Council in 2021 and lays out a high level vision and plan for getting Austin to net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040.

Issue 2 – Veterans and Memorial Day in Austin

Program Title: **Reflections of Community Outreach**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Gue</u>	<u>Host</u>
	05/29/23	1:30pm	30:00	Alan Pogue & Joe Heim Nora Redfern, Michael A. Brown & Pedro Gatos

Issue: Washington Post - Joe Heim & Veterans for Peace - Alan Pogue join ROCO to discuss and to share Memorial Day Reflections.

Issue 3 – Homelessness in Austin

Program Title: The Austin Common Radio Hour

Programmer: John Hoffner

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
5/31/23	2:00 PM	0:56	Akram Al-Turk, Research & Evaluation Director for ECHO (the Ending Community Homelessness Organization)

Issue: Homelessness in Austin and the **Point In Time Count** is basically a survey, or a count, of all the people experiencing homelessness in Austin. It's done every other year on one night, during which, hundreds of volunteers literally travel around the city counting the number of people living on Austin's streets, in the woods, and in our parks.

It's important because it gives us a better understanding of homelessness in Austin - how many people are experiencing it, who is experiencing it, and how has that population has changed over time. It's also required by the federal government in order to receive funding from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (often referred to as HUD).

Program Title: People United
Programmer: Allan Campbell

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
04/14/23 Coalition)	1 pm	1 hour	Chris Harris (Austin Justice

Issue:
An interview with the civil-rights organizer covers race, police and guns, as well as equity and dignity, in the United States generally and here in Austin in particular

Issue 4 – Celebrating Juneteenth in Austin

Program Title: **Bringing Light into Darkness**
PROGRAMMER: Pedro Gatos

<u>Time</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
6/19/23	6:00pm	60:00	Roscoe Overton & Marva Overton

Issue: Elevating Juneteenth with Roscoe Overton

Happy Juneteenth!

Roscoe Overton details the extensive research project he completed and the discovery along the way that the Overtons were among the first black families to have purchased land in Texas as he shares and connects his generational ancestry from Nashville Tennessee to Austin and central Texas. Roscoe's research and curiosity began some 70 years ago, with a conversation with his Uncle at age 10 years old

We feature also the work of another KOOP Community Organization Member as their executive director, Marva Overton joins Bringing Light Into Darkness to describe the work of the Alliance for African American Health in Central Texas, a nonprofit organization that engages community members to address health issues that disproportionately impact African Americans. Marva describes some of the specific

health challenges that disproportionately impact the Austin African American community.

Penny Jo Pullus, producer and host of KOOP Radio’s Texchromosome show, co hosts the show tonight and shares her experiences learned through a series of lunch dialogues with Roscoe. Penny Jo leads our discussion with Roscoe over the path his research took him regarding Juneteenth. Roscoe describes the slave colonies that existed and that a hundred years ago the Overtons in Bastrop were already celebrating Juneteenth. Roscoe shares the importance of all KOOP’s Celebration Events of culturally and historically events KOOP celebrates throughout the year and his specific participation in the KOOP Celebration of Juneteenth. Roscoe’s research and curiosity began some 70 years ago, with a conversation with his Uncle at age 10 years old
Penny Jo concludes the show by questioning Pedro Gatos on the degree of wealth inequality and why it so important to address and queries the significance and to better describe the importance of race as a social construct. We conclude the show with an invite to join in Roscoe led and Community Council supported quest to create a city wide Elevate Juneteenth Celebration Committee to carry forward issues raised during the show tonight.

Issue 5 – City of Austin Proposition Election

Program Title: People United
Programmer: Allan Campbell

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
04/28/23	1 pm	1 hour	Kathy Mitchell (Equity Action)

Issue:

An interview with the civil-liberties advocate discusses two versions of the Austin Police Oversight Act on the city’s Spring 2023 ballot—Proposition A, supported by criminal-justice reformers, and the rival B, supported by the Austin Police Association and the police-supported front group, “Voters for Oversight and Police Accountability”—and how the passage of *both* propositions in the same election could be problematic.

Program: The Austin Common Radio Hour
Programmer: John Hoffner

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
4/19/23	2:00 PM	0:56	Kathy Mitchell, Equity Action, Austin

Issues:

In this show we discussed the upcoming special elections in Austin regarding Propositions A and B which will take place in May 2023. Both are related to police oversight & accountability, but they actually do very different things, which is extremely confusing. In our show we help break it down for our listeners to give them information and background needed to cast their vote. Our guest was Kathy Mitchell from Equity Action.

Part 2

Quarterly Issues reports from each of the KOOP News and Public Affairs Programs

Following are the quarterly issues reports for each KOOP News and Public Affairs program regarding local community and other issues covered in each program for Q2 2023.

Issues Report

Program Title: **Austin Artist Collective**

Period: Q2 2023

Mondays 1:00 – 2:00 pm

PROGRAMMERS: Penny Jo Pullus, Christina Jackson and Erin Cornett

Program Title	Date	Time	Duration	Guest(s)	Issue(s)
Austin Artist Collective	6/27/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	Mark Turk Beat 4 Beat	Connecting marginalized kids with free music programs and providing an income for Austin Musicians
Austin Artist Collective	6/20/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	Austin Austin Creative F	Recycled creative materials creative & programs for people with disabilities
Austin Artist Collective	6/13/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	Allan Ames	One Night Live At Luckenbach Billy Joe Shaver
Austin Artist Collective	6/6/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	Robert Sims	Film Festival
Austin Artist Collective	5/29/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	2 Hoots and a Hollar	40 year Anniversary
Austin Artist Collective	5/22/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	NA Artist Mix	
Austin Artist Collective	5/15/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	Lois Farran	Austin Civic Orchestra Retiring after 40 years 1st Woman to conduct
Austin Artist Collective	5/8/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	Space Flight Records B	Record Label .org
Austin Artist Collective	5/1/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	Madam Radar	Live in studio / Riverbend Church C4AC
Austin Artist Collective	4/24/23		1 hr	Lisa Macaha Omni Sou	Teaching music Tech on line Empowering women
Austin Artist Collective	4/17/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	N/A Earth Day Mix	
Austin Artist Collective	4/10/23	1:00:00 PM	1 hr	Keep Austin Beautiful.o	Earth Day
Austin Artist Collective	4/3/23	1:00:00 AM	1 hr	AAS Music Mix	

KOOP Issues List 2023 2nd Quarterly Report (04/01/23 – 6/30/23)

(Report submitted 7/09/23 by Pedro Gatos, on behalf of ROCO Collective)

Program Title: *Reflections of Community Outreach (ROCO)*

Host: *ROCO*

Collective

Date	Time	Duration	Guest
Host			
4/03/23	1:30pm	30:00	Sarah Gibson Kendall & John Antonelli & Michelle Manning

Issue: Eat Good Radio. Guest Sarah Gibson is co-founder of Rising Tide Roast Collaborative and Sightseer Coffee Roasters and a fellow member of Les Dames d'Escoffier Austin. "Doing good" in the coffee industry.

Date	Time	Duration	Guest
Host			
4/10/23	1:30pm	30:00	Alison Jaslow Michael A Brown, Perry Jefferies & Greg Ciotti

Issue: Alison Jaslow CEO, Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America, shares reaction to VA's new motto + IAVA legislative priorities

Date	Time	Duration	Guest
Host			
4/17/23	1:30pm	30:00	Valerie Tamburri & Penny Jo Pullus & Lynn Cowles Safaa Al Hahamid

Issue: TreeFolks/Valerie Tamburri; Austin Muslim Community Association/Safaa Al Mahamid join Penny Jo and Lynn to discuss Reforestation Project and Ramadan.

Date	Time	Duration	Guest
Host			
4/24/23	1:30pm	30:00	Dave Cortez Michelle Manning Scott & Stacie Freasier

Issue: Guest: Dave Cortez, Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter Director joins ROCO to discuss climate justice in Austin

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Host			

5/1/23 1:30pm 30:00 Adam Orman Nora Redfern,
Kendall & John Antonelli

Issue: Guest Adam Orman, co-founder of L'Oco d'Oro and Good Work Austin joins ROCO and Eat Good Radio.

Date	Time	Duration	Guest
Host			
5/8/23	1:30pm	30:00	Patricia Kime, Roy Strom Michael A Brown, & Greg Ciotti & Judge David Shakes

Issue: Military.com - Patricia Kime; Bloomberg Law - Roy Strom; El Paso County CO Veterans Court & Judge David Shakes join ROCO and Boots on the Air. Kime discusses credit card to access VA and DoD

benefits websites; Strom details legal service advertising that targets vets; & Judge Shakes explains Veterans Trauma Court v. regular court

Date	Time	Duration	Guest
Host			
05/15/23	1:30pm	30:00	Hector Gonzalez Penny Jo Pullus & Lynn Cowles

Issue: Héctor González with TreeFolks joins ROCO to discuss the Tree of the Year Program

Date	Time	Duration	Guest
Host			
05/22/23	1:30pm	30:00	Meme Styles Michelle Manning Scott & Stacie Freasier & Julianne Hankel

Issue: Meme Styles, President & CEO and Julianne Hanckel, Board Chair of Measure join ROCO's Stacie Freasure & Michelle N=Monning to discuss equitable workplace cultures and racism in nonprofit data and evaluation practices

Date	Time	Duration	Guest
Host			

05/29/23 1:30pm 30:00 Alan Pogue & Joe Heim Nora
 Redfern, Michael A. Brown & Pedro
 Gatos

Issue: Washington Post - Joe Heim & Veterans for Peace - Alan Pogue join ROCO to discuss and to share Memorial Day Reflections.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
<u>Host</u>			
06/05/23	1:30pm	30:00	Harshit Gupta & Elliott Curelop Nora Redfern, Kendall & John Antonelli

Issue: Guests Harshit Gupta & Elliott Curelop join Eat Good Radio and ROCO. guests are founders of Madhu Chocolate

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
<u>Host</u>			
06/12/23	1:30pm	30:00	Hope Seck MA Brown & Perry Jefferies & Greg Ciotti

Issue: Freelance journalist Hope Seck Joins ROC and Boots on the Air to discuss female veterans whose combat service isn't recognized and who struggle to get care and benefits.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
<u>Host</u>			
6/19/23	1:30pm	30:00	no guests Nora Redfern & Lynn Cowles

Issue: Federal writers project . A New deal 1930s project. ROCO shared some of the readings and interviews of emancipated people

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
<u>Host</u>			
06/27/23	1:30pm	30:00	Tracy Droz Tragos Liz Ross

Issue: Award winning director: Tracy Droz Tragos joins ROCO and Liz Ross to discuss Plan C documentary covering grassroots efforts to provide access to abortion across the

US via the abortion pill 'Plan C' in the wake of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade. Plan C premiered at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival on January 23, 2023.

Issues Report

Program Title: **Art Spark Texas Radio Hour**

Period: Q2 2023

Mondays 2:30 - 3 pm

PROGRAMMERS: April Sullivan, Celia Hughes

Art Spark TX Radio Hour	4/3/23	2:30:00 PM	30 min	James Meadours, and others from Seen and Heard IDD Community	IDD Self Advocate talked about Sexual Assault Awareness Month and how sexual assault is often overlooked in the IDD Community
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	4/10/23	2:30:00 PM	30 min	Dillon Tucker, writer and director of Pure O	A movie that premiered at SXSW on the topic of Pure Obsessional OCD
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	4/17/23	2:30:00 PM	30 min	No guest	Ramadan special, then talked to Art Spark sometime co-host Eric Clow about Texas Parks and Wildlife accessibility survey
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	4/24/23	2:30:00 PM	30 min	Henrick Butler	Austin Cooperative Business Association ACBA discussion on cooperative housing and disability justice
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	5/1/23	2:30:00 PM	30 min	Nicole Cochrane	Youth and mental illness in America
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	5/8/23	2:30:00 PM	30 min	Miranda Youssef	Film Director for Art For Everybody, a documentary about Artist Thomas Kinkade
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	5/15/23	2:30:00 PM	30 min	Dwayne Schuenemann	Accessible Dance
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	5/22/23	2:30:00 PM	30 min	Kaye Love	Mental Health Awareness Month
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	5/29/23	2:30:00 PM	30 min	Ariel Baska	Disability and Horror
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	6/5/23	2:00:00 PM	1 hr	Jery Slayton and Ms Boye	With new 1 hour format, introducing new Audience to Art Spark TX staff
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	6/12/23	2:00:00 PM	1 hr	James Meyer	PTSD Awareness Month
Art Spark TX Radio Hour	6/19/23	2:00:00 PM	1 hr	Roscoe Overton	Juneteenth

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(Report submitted 7/09/23 by Pedro Gatos)

Program Title: *Bringing Light Into Darkness (BLID), KOOP Monday News & Analysis*

Host: *Pedro Gatos*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
04/03/23	6:00pm	60:00	BLID News & Analysis (no guest)

Issue: How the Intersection of Wealth Inequality & Media Information Control is Hijacking our Democracy

Examples of how our media and government work hand in glove to misrepresent facts on the ground if the facts on the ground do not fit the dominant narrative that sustains uncritically the status quo of egregious levels of wealth inequality. The relationship between control of information and gross wealth inequality and its creation of US public ignorance that leads us to unjust wars and conflicts is suggested. Three detailed examples of how our media and government have arrogantly sought to bully those that critical question the absence of evidence or just outright lie or completely revise history to a preferred mainstream dominant narrative are presented tonight on Bringing Light Into Darkness.

John Kirby US government National Security expert regarding the 2015 Turkish shootdown of a Russian fighter pilot along the Syrian Turkish border is emblematic of the insulting arrogance of US officials is replayed and discussed. How the UN, instead of being a force for equity among nations acts to the advantage of those countries that pay more into it rather than to follow its mandate to equally serve all nations is addressed. An example that suggests that the result of maintaining unfair advantages to powerful nations that often enables unfairness by insulating them from ramifications for internationally illegal activities is provided in the form of a recent example of a UN spokesperson defending the US illegal occupation of Syria and discussed.

The third example is an eight-minute NPR 03/2022 piece that continues to purvey the false image making that suggests Russia was the aggressor in 2008 Georgia Russia War despite OSCE and EU Reports that have proven the opposite. The conflict erupted on 7 August 2008, as Georgia shelled the breakaway region of South Ossetia, in an attempt to regain control over it. The mainstream narrative that has since been completely contradicted by these thoroughly documented reports one by the OSCE in the months following the conflict of August 2008 as well as another much more exhaustive EU report published in 2009. It was commissioned by the Council of the European Union, and written by Swiss diplomat Heidi Tagliavini, with the help of 30 European military, legal and history experts. That NPR some 14 years later continues to promote the fully discredited mainstream narrative that it was Russia and not Georgia that initiated the aggressions of August 2008 and that these investigations also revealed the war crimes of targeting of civilians by Georgia another fact unreported by the NPR 8 minute piece, suggests NPR and mainstream media are not investigative journalists but instead serve more as a 'public relations firms' serving the US foreign policy of demonizing Russia first rather than seeking the truth of matters.

It is suggested that serving and promoting Russiaphobia is not journalism its war promoting propaganda that needs to be corrected to create an truly informed US public electorate.

Date	Time	Duration	Guest(s)
04/10/23	6:00pm	60:00	John Perry, investigative journalist living in Masaya Nicaragua

Issue: Opening the Toolbox of US Interventionist Foreign Policy: How the Internal Affairs of Nicaragua has been Undermined their Democracy

Tonight's show critically deconstructs how US government foreign policy along with its strong influences within the UN and with the aid of an uncritical mainstream media has misrepresented the unfolding political realities of Nicaragua leading up to, during and following the failed 2018 US led coup attempt. Our guest John Perry joins Bringing Light Into Darkness to recount this history. John Perry lives and works in Masaya, Nicaragua, where he has been based since 2003. Since the violent attempt to overthrow the Sandinista government in Nicaragua in 2018, which was especially badly felt in Masaya, he has been working in an informal solidarity network linked to both the UK (the Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign) and the US (the Alliance for Global Justice). This includes lobbying governments, politicians, and agencies such as Amnesty International. John writes about Nicaragua and also about Honduras, and has been published in The Nation, London Review of Books, Counterpunch, Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA), The Grayzone, FAIR, Open Democracy, LA Progressive and elsewhere.

Perry provides an informed overview of US-Nicaraguan history since the 1979 July 19th Sandinista revolutionary victory over the US backed Somoza dictatorship. Our guest describes how the US State Department influences have permeated the internal affairs of Nicaragua while part of US foreign policy has included training thousands of Nicaraguans to return to Nicaragua and foment unrest in hopes of overthrowing the Sandinista government led by Daniel Ortega in the hopes of bringing a government to power that would provide a greater return for US western led investment capital.

Perry provides a blow by blow historical overview of those attempts and the methods used by US foreign policy and the history that preceded it and how it has been misrepresented by mainstream media and enabled by UN mischaracterizations.

We begin the show by detailing the experiences of two Cuban double agents who explain how Cubans paid by monies from the US government were misrepresented in US media as 'dissidents' instead of as 'criminals' engaging in criminal behavior by taking money from a foreign adversarial government to overthrow their own government. Our guest shares the parallel experiences of Nicaragua in great detail to afford our listeners how destabilization of elected government have been executed in Nicaragua.

Date	Time	Duration	Guest(s)
4/17/23	6:00pm	60:00	no guest

Issue: 62nd Anniversary of the Bay of Pigs: Lessons on the Nature of US Foreign Policy Misrepresentations to the US Public & a Tribute to Jane Franklin

Sixty-two years ago, today on 4/17/1961 US backed forces feigned a Cuban popular uprising and landed at the Bay of Pigs in a military invasion of Cuba with the intent to hide the US hand behind the scenes. Tonight, we reexamine the history surrounding that invasion and classified documents of that time leading up to the invasion that reveal the depths of deception used and those others considered, to dupe the US public. This history will show that we have a long history of the US government lying to the US public about its intentions as a matter of policy rather than as simple aberrations. The military history of the Bay of Pigs and the reasons that led to its failure and the first defeat of US imperialism in the western hemisphere are detailed. Research including data accumulated during my 5-6 visits to the Bay of Pigs over a 10–15-year period are shared as are declassified documents since released by our government some 30 or more years later such as ‘Operations Northwoods’ that reveal the real motivations of our foreign policy that have remained well hidden from public scrutiny.

Bringing Light Into Darkness pays homage to a personal friend and mentor of mine that passed away in February. Jane Franklin, author of the historical chronology of US Cuban relations, entitled *Cuba and the US Empire*, taught me so much about US foreign policy towards Cuba. Jane also opened many doors within Cuba to me which included my personal visits and interviews with the former President of the National Assembly of Cuba, and former Cuban UN Ambassador, the honorable Ricardo Alarcon. President Alarcon opened additional doors for me such as my interviews with the Head of the Center of Immunology and other esteemed scientists.

Jane was married to and leaves behind in this world, prolific author and dear friend, Bruce Franklin and a marriage of some 67 years!

Thank you, Jane Franklin, for your revolutionary example and mentorship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest(s)</u>
4/24/23	6:00pm	60:00	

Issue: The Morality & Untold History of Whistle Blowing from Vietnam to Ukraine, with 27 year Veteran former CIA Analyst Ray McGovern

Tonight’s show features the return of Ray McGovern who served 27 years from 1963 to 1990 as a CIA analyst to Bringing Light Into Darkness. Ray, in the 1980s chaired [National Intelligence Estimates](#) and prepared the [President's Daily Brief](#). He received the [Intelligence Commendation Medal](#) at his retirement, returning it in 2006 to protest the CIA's involvement in torture. Ray provides a fascinating insight into intelligence and leaks over the years while providing a uniquely informed perspective and informed speculation on the recent leaks regarding Ukraine. Our guest provides a unique perspective and analysis on the past significance of whistle blowing by such actors as Dan Ellsberg and many others and the significance of whistleblowing in revealing how governments lie to their people in order to mislead us by *fixing the facts around the policy* of taking us into unjust wars and conflicts.

We begin the show with four different primary sources that contradict the Ukraine War narrative dominating the Mainstream Media and US government narrative when it comes

to army forces lost on both sides of the Russia -Ukraine-NATO conflict and the implication that Russia has conducted this war with little or no regard for civilian life. We compare this narrative to the one's surrounding Viet Nam with a specific emphasis on the understated Viet Cong Army strength and General Westmoreland request for an additional 206 thousand troops to win this war. Ray McGovern provides a detailed history on government deceit under the LBJ administration when it came to Vietnam and explains it was much more than the deceitful claims made to the American people about the winnability of Viet Nam, and about the winnability of the 20-year War in Afghanistan.

Whistleblowing prevented an expansion of the Vietnam War into Laos and Cambodia despite the deceitful intentions of the LBJ administration as Ray McGovern reveals from his own experiences. A fascinating history is presented of those deceitful intents. If we do not learn from history, we allow the path to a premature extinction of our species to gain an increasingly unacceptable probability. Please join us tonight, as we consider if we are we being lied to once again, this time regarding the winnability of the Ukraine conflict?

Date	Time	Duration	Guest(s)
5/1/23	6:00pm	60:00	Dr Alfred de Zayas, former Secretary & senior lawyer with the Office of the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights & former UN Independent Expert on International Order (2012-18),

Issue: Ukraine, Nordstream Terrorism, International Law & the Conduct of Nations: with International Law Expert Dr Alfred de Zayas

We start from the premise that the US public are decent, hardworking people. But they have been insulated from the historical realities that have created an elite minority whose activities include the hijacking of our government and the hijacked control of information to serve their own minority material interests as the primary beneficiaries of the gross wealth inequality that rules the world today. That if the US public knew the truth of our foreign policy behavior and the false and unsubstantiated premises that underlie it, we would accordingly rein in our government and its policies that promote unjust wars and conflicts.

Tonight, International law expert Dr Alfred de Zayas returns to Bringing Light to Darkness. He worked with the United Nations from 1981 to 2003 as a senior lawyer with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Chief of Petitions. He earned his juris doctor degree from Harvard Law School, then a doctorate of

philosophy in modern history from the University of Göttingen (Germany) From 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2018, Alfred de Zayas served as the first *UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order*.

Tonight's show features how Dr Zayas from an International law perspective, embedded and guided by the UN Charter principles, takes us on a fascinating journey that shows us the way back to a world of international stability and a path towards amelioration of preventable human misery caused by the great disparities between gross wealth accumulation and the untenable rates of poverty it creates. The answer lies in getting aligned with the UN Charter. Dr Zayas explains that the UN is akin to a world constitution; but it does not have an enforcement mechanism. It depends instead on the cooperation of all states and for citizens to first see through the fog of propaganda in order to see the truth and then hold their governments accountable to international law. Tonight, we bring light into that darkness with unquestionably one of the world's most knowledgeable international law experts, Dr Alfred de Zayas.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest(s)</u>
5/8/23	6:00pm	60:00	Mike Whitney, Investigative journalist

Issue: Challenging US Hegemony: Undermining Diplomacy & the Emergence of China & Russia as Multipolar Powers

We describe the informational cocoon created, the liability that constitutes mainstream media (MSM) and the stunting of critical thinking when a small elite of six corporations own 90% of the information made available and unavailable to the US electorate. We review the pattern of deceit in which foreign policy wars of Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria were all misrepresented to the US public through lies and deceit and wonder why the US public should not question anything our current government and major medias have to say about the US-NATO-Russia-Ukraine War raging presently.

Mike Whitney, investigative journalist, and economic and geopolitical analyst describes the clash of US hegemony with the Chinese economic and foreign aid investment model and how the middle class has fared differently under each model. One a State directed economic model in which the State (although authoritarian in nature) reigns in and subordinates the economic power of oligarchs to the welfare of the majority middle class and the other in which a small elite class led by oligarchs and which own the vast majority of wealth are the masters of our government and largely dictate laws and norms that are devastating our US middle class. In one model the power dynamics are that of the State keeping in check the oligarch class and in the other the unregulated accumulation of wealth of a small minority yled by an aggressive foreign policy that exports wars and conflict has an inordinate power influence on our government and its policies.

We describe the irrational and bellicose opposition to rapprochement efforts with Russia that have been driving our foreign policy and critically review the Lavrov 4/24/23 speech that shares a counternarrative of Russia Ukraine War and the promotes the evolution to a multipolarity world and a movement away from the unipolar US hegemonic model. Is

allowing missiles to be secured that would be only minutes from striking Moscow a rational national security concern and does it violate ‘the indivisibility of national security concerns’ as protected by the UN Charter? Has a ‘Rules based order’ sought to trump the UN Charter principles that include the sovereign rights of nations? The Lavrov speech basically juxtaposes the UN Charter principles and the double standards of US foreign policy behavior that seems to have compromised the neutrality of the UN itself. The history of the Minsk agreement, codified by the UN and the unilateral violations by the US-West supported Ukraine side and their admittedly deceitful betrayal of diplomacy along the way helps frame an understanding of the truth of the Russian-Ukraine conflict.

Date	Time	Duration	Guest(s)
5/15/23	6:00pm	60:00	Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, PhD Economist

Issue: Preventable Misery: The Breadth, Consequences and Harm of Economic Sanctions with Dr. Francisco Rodriguez

Over the past six decades, there has been significant growth in the use of economic sanctions by Western powers with the overwhelming majority not endorsed by the UN. In 1960 less than 4 percent of countries were subject to sanctions imposed by the United States, European Union, or United Nations in the early 1960s; today, that share has risen to some 29 percent of world GDP and some two billion or more persons. In other words, more than one fourth of countries and nearly a third of the world economy are now subject to sanctions by the UN or Western nations.

Joining us tonight is the esteemed economist Dr Francisco Rodriguez, the Rice Family Professor of the Practice of International and Public Affairs at the University of Denver’s Josef Korbel School of International Studies. A native of Venezuela, he is also the founder of Oil for Venezuela, a non-profit organization focused on finding solutions to Venezuela’s humanitarian crisis. He received an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University. We review the findings of his comprehensive study recently released on 5/4/2023 by the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) entitled *The Human Consequences of Economic Sanctions*. It reviews the findings of the thirty plus studies that have examined the same subject.

Sanctions, especially those not endorsed by the UN Security Council can be seen as a regressive act of economic war. It is an act of war because it is a direct attack on the welfare of an entire population not just those you seek to sanction. They directly attack the economic and nutritional well-being of the majority population through its main mechanism of cutting off the government from foreign currency.

What we will learn in our show tonight is that when foreign currency is drastically reduced it means cutting back on government spending for health care. It means cutting back on government spending on education. It means cutting back on government spending for public services. It means cutting back on government spending for food assistance. It means cutting back on government spending for pensions. And perhaps its most pernicious aspect is that although it hurts everyone, it particularly disproportionately

harms the most vulnerable within the sanctioned nation. Think about that. It is not just an act of economic war on a nation, it is regressive in that it disproportionately harms the most vulnerable. Please join us tonight for important insights into how sanctions impact close to one third of the world population, are not supported by a another third of the world yet there is barely a peep of discussion within our mainstream media (MSM).

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5/22/23	6:00pm	60:00	

Issue: Ukraine Repression & Seeking Honest Casualty Rates: Release Lira!

Tonight's show has two main themes. One is to overview the increased but unreported repression occurring in Ukraine as reported by our guest Branko Marcetic a staff writer at Jacobin magazine who describes in his 2/25/23 article *The State of Ukrainian Democracy Is Not Strong* that more than five thousand journalists and others who applied for press accreditation to work in separatist areas in 2016, have been labeled as "terrorist collaborators" sparking threats against them and their families. The article also describes an environment of repression in which 11 political parties have been banned in addition to the free speech which has been criminalized and where there has been attacks by the government against the Ukrainian Orthodox Church as well as the crackdown on anything that respects or promotes the Russian cultural heritage of millions of current and former Ukrainians.

The other main theme connected to the first is the recent rearrest of US citizen and journalist *Gonzalo Lira* by the Ukraine SBU on or about May 1st, 2023, as a result of these new 'laws' and who has been reporting from Kharkiv Ukraine the last few years. Importantly, is what he and other legitimate sources have been reporting about casualty rates because of the war and that they are in complete contradiction to what our MSM and government have been reporting. We cite not just Lira's estimates but those estimates of four other informed sources that since August of last year have provided estimates consistent with his own and suggest untenable death rate ratios of from 6 to 10 to 1 of Ukrainian military to Russian military deaths. Sources include informed sources that vary from military expert Colonel Douglas MacGregor and former US Marine Corps Intelligence Officer and UN Weapons Inspector Scott Ritter to Ursula von Der Leyen current President of the European Commission since 2019 and democratic Presidential Candidate Robert F Kennedy Jr. We feature interview excerpts from both Lira and MacGregor that we believe are worthy of consideration. MacGregor claims that there is an 'Empire of Lies' that we are once again being fed by our MSM and US government regarding casualty rates.

MacGregor also reveals the degree of annihilation of life and livelihood in Ukraine, a humanitarian crisis with tens of millions of lives destroyed in Ukraine, claiming 11 million or more have now left Ukraine. He cites estimates that Ukraine started with a population of 34.5 million in the country, now (as of 5/3/23 interview) down to 18-19 million with most reporting they will not be going back. Meanwhile he estimates no less than 300 thousand military Ukrainian deaths compared to 30 thousand Russian deaths. At

the same time presidential candidate RFK Jr on 5/8/23 claimed 300,000 Ukrainian servicemen and 40,000 civilians dead adding, “What we’re doing in Ukraine is not good for the Ukrainian people.”

A potential motive to lie to the US public about these casualty rates we argue is that if the US public knew of the true one-sided carnage taking place largely as a result of US foreign policy in the region, we would demand an end to the war. A war that we are the primary funders of and therefore orchestrating.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
5/29/23	6:00pm	60:00	

Issue: Memorial Day Reflections from a Vietnam War US Medic Veteran & Seeking Honest Casualty Rates: Release Lira! Part II

On Memorial Day we share reflections from Alan Pogue a Vietnam medic and Chaplain assistant on how to honor the memories of the fallen. Alan Pogue co-founder of the Austin Chapter of Veterans for Peace also is on KOOP Radio’s Community Council and describes his experiences in Vietnam including the 1968 Tet Offensive.

We also highlight an important development over the last couple of years, namely that while US foreign policy has a long history of promoting war and conflict since post WWII that has encouraged and sought to maintain a US unipolar economic and military dominance in the world, we have been sidelined as China and Russia, as proof of an emerging multi polar world, have been instrumental in promoting peace and diplomatic reconciliation between Syria and Turkey, between Iran and Saudi Arabia, as well as between Saudi Arabia and Syria. Meanwhile, the Yemen – Saudi Arabia conflict since 2015 is moving towards resolution while the Arab League are welcoming back diplomatic relations with Syria all being brokered by China and or Russia while the US sits on the sideline.

We also return to our focus on jailed and unjust jailing of journalist Gonzalo Lira since 5/1 in Ukraine and share words of his father and those of Alexander Mercouris, editor of the Duran. We return to the issue of casualty rates and suggest that the US public is once again being deceived into believing Russia not Ukraine is suffering debilitating fatality rates. We present our contradictory findings in the form of six different estimates in time from August 2022 through May 2023 that are internally consistent with each other and include military as well as non-military political leaders from all sides of the conflict.

Additionally, we include evidence to suggest that the fatality numbers we believe to be closest to the truth, and which are completely and diametrically opposed by our government and mainstream media provided numbers, are in fact ones whose integrity YOU should pay attention to and consider as trustworthy. That evidence is cited from a March 2023 posting from the Moon of Alabama which documents the number of shellings a reflection of the artillery advantage that Russia has displayed since the

initiation of their Special Operation invasion on February 24th 2022. Those numbers are a staggering 10 to 1 ratio (admitted to by both sides) and the author provides proof that past wars casualty rates generally parallel artillery superiority. We suggest this makes the western claims that Russian losses are multiple times greater than Ukraine's clearly a deceitful misrepresentation.

Please join us tonight as we seek to raise the fog of propaganda and bring light into the darkness our media and government is promoting around the Ukraine war. We believe a potential motive to mislead the US public about these casualty rates is that if the US public knew of the truly one-sided carnage taking place, as the honorable people we are, we would demand an end to a war that continues because we (our US government) are the primary funders of and therefore are primarily responsible for.

Time	Time	Duration	Guest
6/5/23	6:00pm	60:00	Lindsay Koshgarian, Investigative journalist

Issue: Where US Militarism & Wealth Inequality Merge, with Lindsay Koshgarian

A recent 5/14/23 NYT article by Talmon Joseph Smith entitled The Greatest Wealth Transfer in History Is Here, With Familiar (Rich) Winners, (see: <https://dnyuz.com/2023/05/14/the-greatest-wealth-transfer-in-history-is-here-with-familiar-rich-winners/>) indicates that at the end of 2022 the top 1% holds about as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent, and is predominantly white. The growing gap between the very rich and everyone else is nothing new. Bernie Sanders in a Guardian article published on March 29, 2021 entitled, The rich-poor gap in America is obscene. So let's fix it – here's how, indicates “the top 1% now own more wealth than the bottom 92%, and the 50 wealthiest Americans own more wealth than the bottom half of American society – 165 million people. While millions of Americans have lost their jobs and incomes during the pandemic, over the past year 650 billionaires have seen their wealth increase by \$1.3T. The unfortunate reality is that we are moving rapidly toward an oligarchic form of society, where a handful of billionaires have enormous wealth and power while working families have been struggling in a way we have not seen since the Great Depression. This situation has been exacerbated by the pandemic.” But it has not just been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Tonight we feature disturbing findings of the 5/24/23 report from the Institute for Policy Studies, The Warfare State How Funding for Militarism Compromises Our Welfare.

Joining Bringing Light Into Darkness is the lead author of the report, Lindsay Koshgarian, who in a fascinating and well informed interview, brings to light the disturbing reality that draws a straight line between excessive military spending and the deteriorating quality of life for our US majority population.

Referencing the words and warnings of Dr King's 4/4/67 speech, our guest suggests that history shows that our government uses violence or the threat of violence to achieve its aims, instead of looking for ways to prevent problems or ways to support and help people strive. Lindsay provides report findings that suggest that proof of the concerns lies in the observation that the US foreign policy driven interests in the rest of the world has been, and still is, guided by a militarism first approach and also by a wealth protecting

approach “. We have 750 military installations around the world, a number that dwarfs our adversaries, and that is how we are making our worldwide influence felt warns our guest.

While diplomacy and humanitarian aid should be our priority investment if we are trying to avoid war and conflict and seek peaceful resolutions to world problems, we instead find a reverse ratio of 16:1 in dollars invested in militarism compared to government spending in the discretionary budget for diplomacy and humanitarian aid. And the reciprocal effect is essentially a wealth transfer from the lower and middle class to the financial elite, a defunding, if you will, of badly needed quality of life improvements for the majority population of the public sector as an unavoidable side effect from the extreme levels of wealth inequality that are fueled by this military industrial complex. Please join us for this important dialogue and critique of our Warfare heavy National Budget.

Date	Time	Duration	Guest
6/12/23	6:00pm	60:00	Omar Ocampo, investigative journalist

Issue: Wealth Inequality, Trade Agreements & How a Progressive Annual Wealth Tax Could Help Promote Economic Democracy

Tonight, we feature a January 17, 2023 report by the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) entitled, Report: “Extreme Wealth: The Growing Number of People With Extreme Wealth and What an Annual Wealth Tax Could Raise” by Chuck Collins & Omar Ocampo. Joining us on *Bringing Light Into Darkness* is co author Omar Ocampo. Omar Ocampo is a researcher for the Program on Inequality and the Common Good at the Institute for Policy Studies. His past research work focuses on wealth inequality, housing and the politics of Colombia. He is currently in the process of establishing a working group at IPS on Artificial Intelligence and its effects on labor and inequality.

Our show focus is on world wealth inequality, trade agreements that promote it and ways to reverse the destructive direction gross wealth inequality is taking the world. We review the corporate advantages that the Transpacific Partnership Trade (TPP) Agreement that the Obama Administration sought to fast track sought to implement that prioritized and gave corporation profiteering leverage over the will of governments in the countries they operate in, with respect to rules governing behavior. These types of trade agreements have helped to maintain and expand wealth inequality.

Our show guest walks us through a solution oriented progressive tax plan that the report he co-authored details. Our guest argues that a tax on the ultra-rich would not impact their spending patterns or retirement. Instead, it would be just a slight constraint on their rates of accumulation of wealth. Such a progressive tax rate would raise \$580B annually in the US. As of 2022 wealth data they evaluated those at 5m or more would be taxed at 2%, those at 50m or more would be taxed at 3% and those in billionaire class would be taxed at 5%. The result would be not only an annual generation of \$580B in the US alone but worldwide it would generate an annual amount of 1.7B that could be used to alleviate worldwide poverty and extreme poverty rates and set in motion a system of economic democracy.

Our guest shares that “historically speaking, there is actually a direct correlation between lower tax rates and higher concentrations of wealth which then (further) exasperates wealth inequality”, and that, in the US some “1.5m people own \$5m or more and when you add up all that wealth it equals some \$28T”. From 2012 - 2022 the richest 1% have been the beneficiaries of a wealth increase that has been some 19x greater than the bottom 50%. What promotes wealth disparity at the macro level includes trade agreements such as TPP. This helps explain why it was largely negotiated in private by a select few that did not represent majority interests but instead lined up mainly in line with corporate interests.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
6/19/23	6:00pm	60:00	Roscoe Overton & Marva Overton

Issue: Elevating Juneteenth with Roscoe Overton

Happy Juneteenth!

Roscoe Overton details the extensive research project he completed and the discovery along the way that the Overtons were among the first black families to have purchased land in Texas as he shares and connects his generational ancestry from Nashville Tennessee to Austin and central Texas. Roscoe’s research and curiosity began some 70 years ago, with a conversation with his Uncle at age 10 years old

We feature also the work of another KOOP Community Organization Member as their executive director, Marva Overton joins Bringing Light Into Darkness to describe the work of the Alliance for African American Health in Central Texas, a nonprofit organization that engages community members to address health issues that disproportionately impact African Americans. Marva describes some of the specific health challenges that disproportionately impact the Austin African American community.

Penny Jo Pullus, producer and host of KOOP Radio’s Texchromosome show, co hosts the show tonight and shares her experiences learned through a series of lunch dialogues with Roscoe. Penny Jo leads our discussion with Roscoe over the path his research took him regarding Juneteenth. Roscoe describes the slave colonies that existed and that a hundred years ago the Overtons in Bastrop were already celebrating Juneteenth. Roscoe shares the importance of all KOOP’s Celebration Events of culturally and historically events KOOP celebrates throughout the year and his specific participation in the KOOP Celebration of Juneteenth. Roscoe’s research and curiosity began some 70 years ago, with a conversation with his Uncle at age 10 years old
Penny Jo concludes the show by questioning Pedro Gatos on the degree of wealth inequality and why it so important to address and queries the significance and to better describe the importance of race as a social construct. We conclude the show with an invite to join in Roscoe led and Community Council supported quest to create a city wide

Elevate Juneteenth Celebration Committee to carry forward issues raised during the show tonight.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
6/27/23	6:00pm	60:00	Dr Bob Dailey – Educator & Koop volunteer

Issue: Celebrating a Long History of Struggle for LGBTQ Equal Rights: Transforming a Culture that kills to one that Saves, with Bob Dailey

Happy Stonewall anniversary and Gay Pride Month!

On the 54th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots of June 29, 1969, we seek to Bring Light Into Darkness surrounding the history before and after 1969 of LGTBQ rights and their struggle for equal rights and protections under the law. Our special guest is KOOP's own Bob Dailey. Bob provides a truly remarkable history of his journey and our journey as a country through this human rights seeking journey. From the computer science genius and the persecution and prosecution for being gay, of Alan Turing following World War II and his decoding of the enigma machine through today Bob shares an eloquent history of how far we have come as well as how far we have to go to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all.

Along the way Bob shares real life stories as we share disturbing scientific studies revealing alarmingly high suicide rates among our LGBTQ population that make up over 7% of our nation. Researchers at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), part of the National Institutes of Health found that suicide risk was three to six times greater for lesbian, gay, and bisexual adults than for heterosexual adults across every age group and race/ethnicity category.

Meanwhile we share the science that claims that "that health and aging had more to do with how society treats us than how well we take care of ourselves" as well as the collaborating findings of the Trevor Project who concludes that LGBTQ youth are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society. We also share the science that suggests growing up in a homophobic culture takes years off your life as it disaffects quality of life in a criminalizing manner. Bob Dailey provides a fascinating and eloquently non-judgmental narrative regarding the challenges and to the question of the impact of growing up gay in a homophobic culture.

Issues Report

Program Title: **The Sex Ed Show**

Period: Q2 2023

Tuesdays 1:00- 1:30pm

Programmer: Liz Ross

Program Title	Date	Time	Duration	Guest(s)	Issue(s)
The Sex Ed Show	4/11/23	1:00:00 PM	30 min	Edy Nathan	Sexual Grief
The Sex Ed Show	5/9/23	1:00:00 PM	30 min	Ruth Cohn	Childhood Neglect and it's impact (pre-recorded)
The Sex Ed Show	5/16/23	1:00:00 PM	30 min	Emily Witt from Texas Freedom Netw	Texas Freedom Network State Legislature Wrap UP (live)
The Sex Ed Show	5/23/23	1:00:00 PM	30 min	Elliot Kozuch	NARAL - national trends (pre-recorded)

Issues Report

Program Title: **Democracy Now**

Tuesdays 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Syndicated NPR program

Program Title: Lights Camera Austin
Issues Report Q2 2023
Tuesdays: 6 PM to 7 PM
Programmer: Robert Sims

Program Title	Date	Time	Duration	Guest(s)	Issue(s)
Lights Camera Austin	6/14/23	2:00:00 PM	1 hr	Kapwa Texas director PJ Raval and documentary subjects Lauren Yap and Jenah Maravilla	Directed by Austin-based documentary filmmaker PJ Raval, Kapwa Texas chronicles the trials and tribulation faced by three young Filipino-American women in their 20s in Texas during the COVID-19 pandemic in the months leading up to the contentious 2020 U.S. presidential election. The documentary takes its name and themes from "Kapwa," which "is a recognition of a shared identity, an inner self, shared with others," per Filipino psychologist Virgilio Enriquez. To reflect this, Raval—who is also Filipino-American—shows how his three documentary subjects not just survive the pandemic, the turbulence of the election, and rising anti-Asian racism but evolve as in their political thinking and social activism through the help and support of their family and/or the community they have each created for themselves. Screened during the 2023 Austin Asian American Film Festival.
Lights Camera Austin	5/30/23	6:00:00 PM	1 hr	Match Me If You Can director Marian Yeager and screenwriter Betsy Morris	Match Me if You Can, an Austin-shot romantic comedy about online dating services and taking on big tech. Screened during the Hill Country Film Festival.
Lights Camera Austin	6/28/23	2:00:00 PM	1 hr	The YouTube Effect director Alex Winter	The director of multiple tech documentaries, including Deep Web: The Untold Story of Bitcoin and the Silk Road, actor-turned-filmmaker Alex Winter turns his attention to the world's second-most visited website, YouTube. The YouTube Effect chronicles the history of the video social media platform, which was so wildly successful after its 2005 launch that Google purchased it just one year later for a then-eyepopping \$1.65 billion. Winter also casts a critical eye at the YouTube policies that allow misinformation and potentially harmful content to remain online and the algorithm designed to push such videos to increase user engagement.
Lights Camera Austin	5/23/23	6:00:00 PM	1 hr	Ric Roman Waugh, the Austin-based director of Kandahar.	Marking the third collaboration between Austin-based Greenland and Angel Has Fallen director Ric Roman Waugh and actor Gerard Butler, the thriller Kandahar drops Butler's CIA operative Tom Harris behind enemy lines in Afghanistan for a covert mission with global implications. When his cover is blown, Harris and his Afghan translator Mohammad (Navid Negahban) must undertake a treacherous trek across hostile territory to an extraction point in Kandahar. In fast pursuit of the two men are the Taliban, Iranian security forces, and Pakistan intelligence. Kandahar costars Navid Negahban as Mohammad, Travis Fimmel as Harris' CIA handler, and Bollywood star Ali Fazal as Kahlil, a Pakistan spy tasked with capturing Harris before the Taliban and the Iranians get their hands on the M6 officer on loan to the CIA. Kandahar opens Friday in theaters. Written by former Defense Intelligence Agency officer Mitchell LaFortune, Kandahar underwent pandemic-related production delays in 2020 and 2021 before shooting began in December 2021, which necessitated changes to the film to reflect the 2021 withdrawal of United States troops from Afghanistan and the Taliban takeover of the country. Kandahar represents the first U.S. big-budget production to shoot in its entirety in Saudi Arabia
Lights Camera Austin	5/16/23	6:00:00 PM	1 hr	ATX TV Festival founders/co-presidents Emily Gipson and Caitlin McFarland	ATX TV Festival, Austin's annual celebration of television new and old, hosts one of the biggest show get-togethers in its 12-year history when it hosts the Cheers Reunion on June 2 at ACL Live with cast members Ted Danson, George Wendt, and John Ratzenberger and co-creators James Burrows, Les Charles, and Glen Charles in attendance. On June 3, Danson will join his wife Mary Steenburgen for a conversation about their contributions to the small screen while eXcellence Awardee James Burrows will discuss his career as the most influential and prolific sitcom director before, during, and after the era of Must-See TV. The ATX TV Festival opens June 1 with the premiere of Justified: City Primeval and continues June 2 with the Cruel Summer Season 2 premiere and June 3 with the Season 3 premiere of The Righteous Gemstones. Other shows screening during the ATX TV Festival include Everyone is Doing Great, Manifest, The Ride, and new comedy series Primo from San Antonio native Shea Serrano. Dawson's Creek will enjoy a 25th anniversary screening with creatives in attendance. Panels will be devoted to Accused, Austin City Limits, From, The Good Doctor, Grown-ish, Housebroken, Jury Duty, Mayans MC, Outlander, and Shark Tank. This year's ATX TV Festival marks the first since Penske Media—which not only owns Variety and Deadline but also the SXSW Film & TV Festival—acquired the festival's parent company ATX TV in November 2022. In addition, the festival unfolds against the backdrop of the current Writers Guild of America strike, which has already shut production on some of the series currently scheduled to be highlighted during the festival, most notably Andor and Late Night with Seth Meyers.
Lights Camera Austin	5/9/23	6:00:00 PM	1 hr	Hypnotic co-writer/director Robert Rodriguez	After receiving a work-in-progress premiere at this year's SXSW Film & TV Festival, Austin-based filmmaker Robert Rodriguez's long-in-the-works Hitchcockian sci-fi thriller Hypnotic finally opened May 12 in theaters. Shot in and around Austin, Hypnotic stars Ben Affleck as Danny Rourke, an Austin police detective in therapy for the trauma resulting from the abduction of his 7-year-old daughter Minnie three years earlier. A series of regional bank robberies, including one that Rourke fails to stop in downtown Austin, reopens Rourke's emotional and psychological wounds when he discovers a surprising but undeniable connection to Minnie's abduction. Rourke's main suspect is the mysterious Delrayne (William Fichtner), a so-called "Hypnotic" who possesses the power to reconstruct a person's reality to see a version of the world the Hypnotic wants them to see. The bank robberies are part of Delrayne's plan to assume control of the secretive government agency that operates the Hypnotics. Rourke's investigation leads him to Diana Cruz (Alice Braga of the Robert Rodriguez-produced Predators), a Hypnotic in hiding who agrees to help Rourke track down and apprehend Delrayne. Hypnotic also stars Predators' Alice Braga as Diana Cruz and Armageddon's William Fichtner as Delrayne. Robert Rodriguez, who wrote the initial script for Hypnotic in 2002, shot the film in and around Austin in 2021 after several false starts attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Lights Camera Austin	5/2/23	6:00:00 PM	1 hr	One of These Days writer/director Bastian Günther	Inspired by the tragic events surrounding a 2005 "Hands On" contest in Longview, Texas, part-time Austin writer/director Bastian Günther's One of These Days chronicles the tension that quickly develops between the 20 contestants vying for a new truck in a test of endurance. Günther focuses on Kyle Parsons, a devoted but financially strapped husband and father in desperate need of a new ride. Fortune smiles on Kyle when he is selected to compete for a new truck in a contest that requires him and his opponents to keep their hands on the vehicle for as long as they can. But as the hours stretch into days, Kyle becomes increasingly agitated by the behavior of some of his fellow contestants, most notably that of Kevin, a smart-mouthed infant out to win the truck by any means necessary. The cast is led by Peaky Blinders and Gangs of London's Joe Cole as Kyle, The Flight Attendant's Callie Hernandez as Kyle's supportive wife Maria, Day 5's Jesse C. Boyd as Kevin, and Claws and True Blood's Carrie Preston as Joan Dempsey, the truck dealership's marketing rep who is constantly trying to keep the peace between contestants. One of These Days screened May 31 and June 4 at the AFS Cinema.

Lights Camera Austin	4/25/23	6:00:00 PM	1 hr	The Artifice Girl star/writer/director Franklin Ritch	Written and directed by Franklin Ritch, and produced by the Austin-based Paper Street Pictures, The Artifice Girl asks a hard question with no clear answer: can an artificial intelligence evolve beyond independent thinking to earn the right to free will? In The Artifice Girl, Ritch stars as Gareth, a survivor of childhood sex abuse who creates the software for an artificial intelligence that identifies and interacts with online predators and traffickers through a pre-teen avatar named Cherry. Gareth's creation is so photorealistic and so intuitive that a law enforcement agency initially believes Gareth is exploiting a real child to lure his targets out of the dark. The Artifice Girl begins to explore the moral and ethical implications of Cherry's existence, function, and technological advancements when Gareth joins the law enforcement agency to further his campaign against who intend to harm children.
Lights Camera Austin	4/18/23	6:00:00 PM	1 hr	Scare Package II: Rad Chad's Revenge star Jeremy King	Not even receiving a fatal punch through the face by the Devil's Lake Impaler can keep Austin's favorite video store owner Rad Chad Buckley down and out. Played by Jeremy King, the proprietor of Rad Chad's Horror Emporium and the world's biggest Joe Bob Briggs fan—as well as the breakout star of co-writer/director Aaron B. Koontz's horror comedy anthology Scare Package—may be dead but that cannot stop him from sharing his love of horror from beyond the grave. In Koontz's Scare Package II: Rad Chad's Revenge, the motormouthed horror fanatic makes his posthumous return and he wants to play a game in a sequel that both celebrates the Saw franchise and pokes fun at its convoluted mythology. At the end of Rad Chad's funeral, some of his friends, family, customers, and business associates are drugged, abducted, and imprisoned in an abandoned warehouse. Through a series of videotaped messages apparently recorded by Rad Chad before his untimely demise, the hostages learn they must escape a series of traps if they are to survive the night. Each trap ties into a classic horror film and/one of Scare Package II's four tales of terror.
Lights Camera Austin	4/11/23	6:00:00 PM	1 hr	Country Gold costar Danielle Evon Ploeger	Country Gold marks the second collaboration between Austin-based actress Danielle Evon Ploeger and Oklahoma-based microbudget maverick filmmaker Mickey Reece following 2019's vampire yarn Climate of the Hunter. In the 1994-set speculative dark comedy Country Gold, Ploeger stars as Donna, one of three women who spend the night partying in and around Nashville with the iconic George Jones and the Garth Brooks-informed Troyal Brux. Portrayed by Reece, the squeaky clean Brux arrives in Nashville expecting to strike up a friendship with his life-long idol and primary influence. But the hard-partying Jones, who intends to be cryogenically frozen the next morning, has other plans for the country pop megastar. Ben Hall, who played the vampire enamored with Danielle Evon Ploeger in Climate of the Hunter, stars as Jones. Country Gold, which premiered locally during last year's Fantastic Fest, is now available to stream.
Lights Camera Austin	4/4/23	6:00:00 PM	1 hr	Indie Meme Film Festival programming chair and board member Animon Jose and programming volunteer Uma Riddle.	Dedicated to bringing the best in South Asian and Iranian cinema to Austin, the 8th Indie Meme Film Festival ran in-person April 12-16 at the AFS Cinema and online April 28-May 1. The in-person festival opened April 12 with the award-winning documentary All That Breathes and closes April 16 with the acclaimed action comedy Polite Society. Narrative features include Dhabari Quruvi, Eikhoigi Yum (Our Home), Goldfish, Hawa, Leila's Brothers, and the anthology Tell It Like a Woman. Documentary features include In Search of Bengali Harlem and While We Watched. Eikhoigi Yum (Our Home), Goldfish, and In Search of Bengali Harlem will also be available to stream during the virtual festival. Virtual exclusives included the narrative features Kamii, Mariam, The Portraits, and Until Tomorrow, the documentary The Show Must Go On, and three shorts packages.

Program Title: Off Stage and On The Air

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Wednesdays: 1 – 2 PM

Programmer: Lisa Scheps

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
4/5/23	1:00pm	60:00	The Baron's Men; Lindsay Palinsky, Stephanie Crugnola <i>The Winter's Tale</i> University of Texas department of Theatre & Dance; Patrick Shaw, Emma Winder <i>Cohen New Works Festival</i>

Issue:

Theatre around the USA and Austin, Tx.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
4/12/23	1:00pm	60:00	St Edwards Mary Moody Northen Theatre; Khristián Méndez Aguirre, Mia Ramirez, Ali Matos, Jarret Mallen Heller Awards; Ginger Morris, Rylee Vines

Issue:

Theatre around the USA and Austin, Tx.

Program Title: Off Stage and On The Air

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
4/19/23	1:00pm	60:00	The Bat City Bombshells; Violet Sky, Sherry Bomb, Mistriss Moon <i>Dancin' With Mary Jane</i> Jarrott Productions; David Jarrott, Kathrine Schoeder <i>Mother of the Maid</i>

Issue:

Theatre around the USA and Austin, Tx.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
4/26/23	1:00pm	60:00	ZACH theatre; Jenny Lavery, Nisi Sturges, Amber Quick <i>Roe</i> Communication by Captivation; Jeff Lyons, Darrin Husk, Avery Kline <i>Frank's Place</i>

Issue:

Theatre around the USA and Austin, Tx.

Program Title: Off Stage and On The Air

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
5/3/23	1:00pm	60:00	The VORTEX; Blaise Ricin, Agetha Tristi <i>Malum Malus; Beltane</i> Broadway in Austin; Melanie Moore; <i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>

Issue:

Theatre around the USA and Austin, Tx.

Program Title: Off Stage and On The Air

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
5/10/23	1:00pm	60:00	Austin Playhouse; Lara Haddock, Katherine Fletcher, AJ Clauss <i>Indecent</i> Katie Folger; <i>Getting in bed With The Pizza Man</i>

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5/17/23	1:00pm	60:00	Diverse Space Dance Theatre & the VORTEX; Toni Bravo <i>Sprites and Spirits</i> City Theatre; Alessio Franco, Grace Pinegar <i>The Last Cyclist</i>

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5/24/23	1:00pm	60:00	Ground Floor Theatre; Andrea Nunez, Ariel Levin, Michael Galvan <i>Sanctuary City</i> Alchemy Theatre; Sarah Marie Currey, Sabastian Vitale <i>The Baker's Wife</i>

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5/31/23 1:00pm 60:00 City Theatre *The Importance of Being Earnest*
Bottle Alley Theatre *Wraith Radio*

Issue:

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6/7/23	1:00pm	60:00	Pedemonte Production; Alex Pedemonte, Veronica Pomata, Lilian Schiappa-Pietra; <i>Julieta Tiene La Culpa</i> Summer Break Theatre; Maggie Meador, John DeMitchell, Monroe Oxley, Shane Cullum <i>Thank you and Have a Nice Day</i>

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
6/14/23	1:00pm	60:00	Austin Shakespeare's Young Shakespeare; Merideth O'Brien, Ann Ciccolella, Rachel Zook, Fin Fulmer <i>The Comedy of Errors</i> Austin Playhouse; Lara Toner, Sarah Zeringue, Amy Minor; <i>Big Fish</i>

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
6/21/23	1:00pm	60:00	Different Stage; Karen Jambon, Rita Anderson, Gina Houston, Haley Armstrong <i>The Art of Martyrdom</i> Austin Community College; Ana Flores-Salas, Faith Trapane, David Dech, <i>The Mad Ones</i>

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
6/28/23	1:00pm	60:00	Ben Vereen

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Program Title: The Austin Common Radio Hour
Issues Report Q2 2023
Wednesdays: 2 PM to 3 PM
Programmer: John Hoffner

Issues Report

Program Title: **The Austin Common Radio Hour**
Period: Q2 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
4/5/23	2:00 PM	:56	Lucia Athens, Former Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Austin

Issues: Our guest was Lucia Athens, the former Chief Sustainability Officer at the City of Austin. She is also an author of at least two books. Before her work at the City of Austin, Lucia served as the City of Seattle Green Building Program Manager. She is a native Texas. We talked with Lucia about her recently published book titled: "The Sustainability Revolutionists: Heroes and Hope for our Planet's Future" (Previous Book: "Building an Emerald City: A Guide to Creating Green Building Policies and Programs")

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
4/12/23	2:00 PM	:56	Luke Metzger, Environmental Defense Adrian Shelley, Public Citizen, Texas Office

Issue:

Two reruns of 2022 recorded environmental related programs. Two interviews we recorded at the end of 2022 regarding the new Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The first half of the show we focus on the energy issues related to the new bill, and the second half we focus on the environmental issues and how it might affect Texas and our City of Austin. Adrian Shelley and Luke Metzger discussed issues at the state of Texas related to the IRA and also how it might affect Austin.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
4/19/23	2:00 PM	0:56	Kathy Mitchell, Equity Action, Austin

Issues:

In this show we discussed the upcoming special elections in Austin regarding Propositions A and B which will take place in May 2023. Both are related to police oversight & accountability, but they actually do very different things, which is extremely confusing. In our show we help break it down for our listeners to give them information and background needed to cast their vote. Our guest was Kathy Mitchell from Equity Action.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
4/26/23	2:00 PM	0:56	Austin Climate Ambassadors: Dylan Kazanova, Kecia Prince, Sahabel Porto, Andres Pedrasa,

Issues:

The program focused on the City of Austin Climate Ambassador program. The background on the program is: Through the six-month paid program, Ambassadors will learn about climate justice, engage their communities, and support the implementation of the Climate Equity Plan.” And what is the Climate Equity Plan? It was approved by City Council in 2021 and lays out a high level vision and plan for getting Austin to net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
5/3/23	2:00 PM	0:56	Stan Pipkin, CEO Lighthouse Solar, Austin

Issue: Rerun from August 2022 and how the recently passed Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will affect the local solar industry and what benefits might be realized by the Austin community.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
5/10/23	2:00 PM	:56	Mike Sloan, CEO Virtus Energy Research

Issues:
Rerun of 2022 interview with Mike Sloan regarding the history of renewable energy in Texas.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
5/17/23	2:00 PM	0:56	Adam Greenfield, Board Chair of Safe Streets Austin , Kari Kuwamura, Executive Director for Ghisallo Cycling Initiative .

Issue: Cycling and how Austin is celebrating National Bike Month which is every May. And National Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 19th, 2023! This year’s Bike to Work Day will include over 50 fueling stations around Austin, and a lot of other activities.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guests</u>
5/31/23	2:00 PM	0:56	Akram Al-Turk, Research & Evaluation Director for ECHO (the Ending Community Homelessness Organization)

Issue: Homelessness in Austin and the **Point In Time Count** is basically a survey, or a count, of all the people experiencing homelessness in Austin. It’s done every other year on one night,

during which, hundreds of volunteers literally travel around the city counting the number of people living on Austin's streets, in the woods, and in our parks.

It's important because it gives us a better understanding of homelessness in Austin - how many people are experiencing it, who is experiencing it, and how has that population has changed over time. It's also required by the federal government in order to receive funding from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (often referred to as HUD).

Issues Report

Program Title: The Stopped Clock

Wednesdays: 6 PM – 7 PM

Period: Q2 2023

The Stopped Clock does not have guests and does not discuss topics involving Texas or Austin.

Program Title: **What's New**
Q4 2022 Issues Report
Thursday 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Programmer: Tracey Schulz

No local Austin issues covered.

Program Title: **Democracy Now**
Q4 2022 Issues Report
Thursdays 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Syndicated NPR program

National program: no local Austin issues covered.

Program Title: People United
Q2 2023 Issues Report
Fridays 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Programmer: Allan Campbell

Program Title: People United (April-June 2023)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
04/14/23	1 pm	1 hour	Chris Harris (Austin Justice Coalition)

Issue:

An interview with the civil-rights organizer covers race, police and guns, as well as equity and dignity, in the United States generally and here in Austin in particular

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
04/21/23	1 pm	1 hour	Texas Rep. Donna Howard (D-District 48)

Issue:

Coverage of a state representative’s lecture provides her mid-session assessment of the 88th Texas Legislature.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
04/28/23	1 pm	1 hour	Kathy Mitchell (Equity Action)

Issue:

An interview with the civil-liberties advocate discusses two versions of the Austin Police Oversight Act on the city’s Spring 2023 ballot—Proposition A, supported by criminal-justice reformers, and the rival B, supported by the Austin Police Association and the police-supported front group, “Voters for Oversight and Police Accountability”—and how the passage of *both* propositions in the same election could be problematic.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
05/12/23	1 pm	1 hour	Lise Olsen (author), Megan Kimble (former <i>Texas Observer</i> Executive Editor), Cathy McBroom (former federal court-case manager)

Issue:

This episode features investigative reporter Lise Olsen talking about her book *Code of Silence: Sexual Misconduct by Federal Judges, the Secret System That Protects Them, and the Women Who Blew the Whistle*, which focuses particularly on the matter of former Judge Samuel Kent in the Southern District of Texas, with former federal court employee Cathy McBroom, a whistleblower that worked for Kent, and former *Texas Observer* Executive Editor Megan Kimble, an old friend and colleague of Olsen's.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
06/02/23	1 pm	1 hour	Ash Hall (ACLU of Texas) and Anne Lewis (Texas State Employees Union, University of Texas at Austin)

Issue:

An interview with a civil-rights activist and a union leader (and University professor) covers the just-completed 88th Texas Legislature and the anticipated special sessions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
06/09/23	1 pm	1 hour	Kit O'Connell (<i>The Texas Observer</i>)

Issue:

An interview with *The Texas Observer*'s digital editor examines anti-transgender tactics in Texas, particularly in Texas.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
06/16/23	1 pm	1 hour	Sharon Bridgforth (playwright and more), Monique Cortez and Matrex Kilgor (performers), Amanda Johnston (Troch Literary Arts)

Issue:

Coverage of theatre artist and writer Sharon Bridgforth, formerly a longtime resident of Austin who continues to maintain ties with the city's queer communities of color, on her life and her art. Also featured is a performance of her work by two current Austin residents and also a conversation between Bridgforth and an Austin poet and local publisher.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
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06/23/23 1 pm 1 hour Safaa Al Mahamid (KOOP Radio's
Community Council), Aso "Mike" Kakarash (Caritas of Austin), Lubna Zeidan
(Interfaith Action of Central Texas)

Issue:

An interview with three guests (who also are all members of the Austin Refugee Roundtable) covers issues affecting refugees in Texas from other countries.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Guest</u>
06/30/23	1:00 pm	31 minutes	Greg Barrios, Mary Bock (School of Journalism, UT-Austin), Thorne Dreyer (<i>The Rag</i> , <i>The Rag Blog</i> , KOOP Radio's <i>Rag Radio</i>), Allen Young (Liberation News Service)

Issue:

Coverage of a panel discussing gay liberation in the context of various social movements since the 1960s includes some attention to Austin.

Program Title: Rag Radio

Period: Q2 2023

Fridays 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Programmer: Thorne Dreyer

To be updated
