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OVERVIEW

The following is a report of public service programming for the 1st quarter of 2021. During which time, the top issues of community interest & concerns were found to be:

- Community Support
- Education & Literacy
- Environment
- Health & Wellness
- Personal Development
- Youth Outreach

In order to meet these issues, KGLK-FM airs (2) locally produced 30-minute public affairs programs on Sundays called “Community Houston” between 5:00am – 6:00am. Additionally, KGLK-FM helps meet community issues through daily programming.

Thank you,

Linda Lynn

ISSUE-RELATED PROGRAMMING

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

DATE AND TIME AIRED	PROGRAM TITLE	GUEST	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION	DURATION
01/24/2021 5:00am	Community Houston	Adam & Jenny Bennet	Swim Safe Forever	Swim Safe Forever is a 501c3 organization dedicated to educating children at a very young age in life saving swimming skills. The organization also raises funds for scholarships for needy families for self-saving swim lessons.	30:00
01/31/2021 5:00am	Community Houston	Christine Holland	Rebuilding Houston Together	Rebuilding Together Houston is a local group affiliated with a national organization dedicated to rebuilding older communities, especially those in historic areas of urban communities. Christine presented information about the organizations efforts in the Houston area and discussed the 501c3's future projects.	30:00
02/28/2021 5:30am	Community Houston	Christine Holland	Rebuilding Houston Together	Rebuilding Together Houston is a local group affiliated with a national organization dedicated to rebuilding older communities, especially those in historic areas of urban communities. Christine presented information about the organizations efforts in the Houston area and discussed the 501c3's future projects.	30:00

EDUCATION/LITERACY

DATE AND TIME AIRED	PROGRAM TITLE	GUEST	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION	DURATION
01/03/2021 5:30am	Community Houston	Becky Lau	Archeology Now	Archeology Now is an education-based organization providing services since 1967, focusing on the Houston area's past and the study of archeology in southeast Texas. Ms. Lau discussed the importance of historical education and connecting the past with the present. Also discussed was the organization's involvement in the local community and how it serves education initiatives	30:00
02/14/2021 5:00am	Community Houston	Jaque Daughtry	Literacy Now	Literacy Now is a 501c3 charity organization that works with youth ages k-3rd to improve literacy. Jaque explained the organization's efforts post-covid and special projects to support its efforts. Jaque also discussed upcoming events	30:00
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ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION

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01/10/2021 5:00am	Community Houston	Maryann Pianchantini	Katy Prairie Conservancy	The Katy Prairie Conservancy is a 501c3 organization dedicated to the preservation and development of prairie and wetland areas and the wildlife that thrive there. The organization focuses on education initiatives, active management of the prairie, and lobby efforts. Ms. Pianchantini provided an overview of the	60:00

				organization's history, mission, and current initiatives.	
02/07/2021 5:00am	Community Houston	Maryann Pianchantini	Katy Prairie Conservancy	The Katy Prairie Conservancy is a 501c3 organization dedicated to the preservation and development of prairie and wetland areas and the wildlife that thrive there. The organization focuses on education initiatives, active management of the prairie, and lobby efforts. Ms. Pianchantini provided an overview of the organization's history, mission, and current initiatives.	60:00
03/14/2021 5:00am	Community Houston	Stephen Benigno and Tiffany Ritter	Houston Arboretum	The Houston Arboretum is a nature center with the mission to educate about nature and enhance the facility for the public use	30:00
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

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01/17/2021 5:00am	Community Houston	Larisa Jacobs	American Heart Association	The American Heart Association is the nation's leader in heart health education and advocacy, focusing on public health and awareness of cardiovascular issues and healthy lifestyles. Larissa presented information on the organization's advocacy against the use of vaping devices, particularly among youth.	30:00
01/24/2021 5:30am	Community Houston	Dr. Lindsay Botsford and Dr. Robert Jackson	Harris County Medical Society	The HCMS is a non-profit organization that serves Harris County in a variety of health needs and initiatives. Dr. Botsford and Dr. Jackson explained the role of the organization and how it works with area government entities and others during health-related situations.	30:00
1/31/2021 5:30am	Community Houston	Courtney Terry	HCA Houston Healthcare Clearlake	HCA Houston healthcare is a major medical provider in the Houston area and provides educational initiatives. Ms. Terry discussed the health issues presented by sepsis and steps the organization is taking to educate and treat the threat in the community.	30:00
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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE AND TIME AIRED	PROGRAM TITLE	GUEST	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION	DURATION
01/03/2021 5:00am	Community Houston	Kathy Vosberg	Crosswalk- Evergreen	Crosswalk center is a charitable organization that assists persons transitioning from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice back into society. Ms. Vosberg discussed the mission of Crosswalk and how clients move through the process, and how they serve the mission and the community.	30:00
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YOUTH OUTREACH

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02/14/2021 5:30am	Community Houston	Kevin Hattery	Boys and Girls Clubs	Boy & Girls Clubs is a longstanding 501c3 focusing on youth development for kids between 6 and 17 years old. Kevin discussed the organization's unique and creative way they serve the community in the post-coronavirus pandemic era.	30:00
02/28/2021 5:00am	Community Houston	Megan Martin/ Clayton Goldberg	Teen and Family Services (TAFS)	Teen and Family Services is a 501c3 organization founded to assist teens in beating drug and alcohol addiction and other destructive behaviors through counseling, alternative peer group coaching, and family support. Martin and Goldberg explained the structure, mission, and community contributions of TAFS. Also promoted fundraisers and solicited assistance from the public in growing the organization.	30:00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PSA's are :15 and :30 spots that run Midnight to Midnight)

DATES AIRED	ORGANIZATION	TOPIC	ISSUE / CATEGORY	NUMBER OF TIMES AIRED
January 1-March 31, 2021	CenterPoint Energy-A	Read Across America	Education	20
January 1-March 31, 2021	Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD The-A	Mental Health Message	Health and Wellness	134
January 1-March 31, 2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters-D	Art Can '21	Education	13
January 1-March 31, 2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters-D	DSHS Alzheimer's Awareness '21	Health and Wellness	28
January 1-March 31, 2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters-D	TX Army National Guard '21	Military	68
January 1-March 31, 2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters-D	TXDOT Be Safe '21 #1	Public Safety	25
January 1-March 31, 2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters-D	TXDOT Don't Mess with TX 20-21	Public Safety	10
January 1-March 31, 2021	TAB - Texas Association of Broadcasters-D	TXDOT Teen Click It '21	Public Safety	30

**Quarterly Public Affairs for KGLK-FM
KGLK Morning Show 5a-10a
January 1- March 31, 2021**

1-4-21 – President Trump urged a Georgia official to 'find' enough votes to reverse the states election results in a phone call over A vibrating bed can help you sleep. Scientists found the vibration not only helps you fall asleep faster but allows you to function better throughout the day even if you get less shut eye than normal.

1-5-21 – Georgia voters are set to decide the balance of power in Congress in a pair of high-stakes Senate runoff elections today. Over 3 million Georgians have already voted ahead of today's runoff.

The US saw the deadliest week of the pandemic so far with over 18,400 COVID fatalities reported in a 7-day period, while hospitalizations also hit a new record high.

The Houston area is close to facing mandatory rollbacks for pandemic restrictions. The Harris County area has had COVID hospitalizations at 15% or higher for 6 days in a row, if we hit 7 based on numbers set by Gov Abbott businesses will have to limit occupancy, like restaurants going back to only 50% capacity and bars will have to close.

1-6-21 – Congress is set to confirm Joe Biden's electoral win over President Trump today. Supporters of the president began protesting last night. There were 6 arrests and the national guard has been called in.

Democrats appear on the brink of controlling the Senate with Raphael Warnock the projected winner over Republican Sen. Kelly Luffler and Democrat Jon Osseff leading Republican Sen. David Perdue in Georgia's two runoff elections.

The President and CEO of the Texas Medical Center says the next 2 months will be rough for Houston area hospitals as they haven't seen the effects of holiday gatherings yet and a new more contagious strain of the virus from the UK likely to impact Houston.

1-7-21 – Congress validated Joe Biden's presidential victory early this morning hours after protesters stormed the capital leaving 4 dead and 14 officers injured. While up to 50 are facing possible charges.

Sugarland is one of the top cities for Pet Owners. Rent.com looked at pet friendly living and the cost of veterinarian services among other factors. Greeley, Colorado scored the number 1 spot, while Tyler, Texas came in highest for any city in the Lone Star State at number 5, Sugarland just behind them at 6 and Houston makes the list at No. 13

The pandemic won't kill off Puppy Bowl. Animal Planet announced the 17th annual Puppy Bowl will proceed as scheduled Sunday Feb 7th. The three-hour event will feature 70 puppies from 22 different shelters, all available for adoption.

1-8-21 – The US recorded its deadliest day so far with 4,000 COVID fatalities ... and marked another grim milestone as the nation started the new year with more new cases in the last week than any other time during the pandemic.

The 1st case of the more contagious COVID-19 in Texas has been found in Harris County. Authorities say the patient has no travel history. Some good news a study just released showed the Pfizer vaccine works against the new, fast-spreading strain of the virus. Texas will be getting another 200,000K COVID-19 vaccine doses in a new shipment next week

NASA plans to launch a telescope to look for signs of life beyond Earth. They plan to send their SphereX telescope out for a two-year mission starting in 2024. It'll map the entire sky four times. In addition to searching for signs of life they hope to find evidence of what happened after the big bang.

1-11-21 – Speaker Nancy Pelosi says the House will proceed with legislation to impeach President Trump if Vice President Pence and the Cabinet don't invoke the 25th Amendment to remove him from office.

State health officials set up 28 hubs to receive the next batch of COVID vaccines this week and streamline vaccinations. Three are in Harris County. The Harris County Health Department, Houston Health Department and Houston Methodist hospital.

1-12-21 – The House of Representatives is expected to vote today on a measure calling for President Trump to be removed from office through the 25th Amendment in the wake of the violent siege of the Capitol last week.

Meanwhile there will be no public access to the Capitol grounds next week for Joe Biden's Presidential inauguration and President Trump has issued an emergency order to boost inauguration security

The FBI is warning of armed protests planned at all 50 state capitols and Washington DC. An internal bulletin warns that, nationwide protests may start later this week and extend through Biden's inauguration Jan. 20th.

Several gorillas at the San Diego Zoo have tested positive for COVID in what is believed to be the first known cases among such primates in the US and possibly the world. Several of the 8 gorillas who live together have been coughing and showing other symptoms after being exposed to a staff member who tested positive.

1-13-21 – The US House will vote to impeach President Trump for an historic second time today after Vice President Pence refused to invoke 25th Amendment and remove president for his role in last Wednesday's Capitol Hill riot

The US set another grim COVID death record yesterday with nearly 4,400 fatalities in a single day which is three Americans every minute. While total deaths are now over 380K - more than the last 10 flu seasons COMBINED

Bret Michaels is not trying to get fans to give him money! The Poison singer is the latest artist to report criminals are pretending to be him on social media in an attempt to scam money from fans. Last month, Eagles and White snake's David Coverdale issued similar statements after learning people were posing as them.

1-14-21 – Donald Trump became the only President to be impeached twice after the House charged him with 'incitement of insurrection'. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says he won't bring the Senate back to start the trial this week meaning it can't formally begin until after Joe Biden's inauguration January 20th.

"83% of pet owners say having a pet has helped reduce stress and increase their sense of well-being during the pandemic". In a separate survey nearly ¼ of American's said they'd be interested in having a robot pet that would never die.

1-15-21 – President Elect Biden's "American Rescue Plan," also promises to administer 100 million vaccines by the 100th day of his administration

COVID-19 deaths are now 25% higher than any other week since the pandemic began with an average of 3,400 Americans dying from the virus EVERY DAY.

However, some good news, Texas passed a milestone yesterday becoming the first state to administer one million doses of the vaccine.

1-19-21 – Texas has ordered half a million more doses of the COVID 19 vaccine as the State expands vaccination hubs. The Houston area will see at least a dozen more vaccination sites set to open sometime next week.

40% of parents say they've been ECO-SHAMED by their kids, according to a new survey. The top 3 reasons are: throwing something in the trash that could've been recycled ... leaving the water running and believe it or not for leaving lights on in a room after they've left.

1-20-21 – Joe Biden will be sworn in today as the 46th President of the United States at 11AM Central. This Presidential inauguration will be unlike any other in history amid the pandemic and recent unrest at the Capital, attendance has been slashed from 200,000 to only 1,000.

President Trump be the first outgoing President not to attend since 18-69.

President Trump granted clemency to 143 people in late-night pardons including his ex-strategist Steve Bannon.

The US surpassed 400K deaths from COVID 19. At least 411K Americans have died from the virus.

1-21-21 – Joe Biden was sworn in as 46th president of the United States yesterday, declaring that “democracy has prevailed” and appealing for unity among American’s.

The US saw the SECOND deadliest day of the pandemic yesterday with over 4,400 COVID deaths. Yesterday also marked exactly 1 year since the first case of coronavirus was recorded in the US

Galveston County Judge Henry announced plans to begin vaccinating 1,000 people per day starting next week. With hopes to increase to 5000 per day, as more supply becomes available.

Washington has become the first state to offer HUMAN composting instead of traditional burials to allow loved ones to be turned into mulch for trees. People wanting a 'greener' alternative to traditional burials or cremation can now have their body turned into natural fertilizer.

1-22-21 – Mitch McConnell will try to push Trump's 2nd impeachment to February. The Senate Republican leader proposes to push back the start of the trial to give the former president time to prepare and review his case.

Harris County Public Health fired a doctor accused of stealing 9 doses of COVID-19 vaccine and administering to himself and family members. He claims the vial was about to expire and would have been wasted.

1-25-21 – Today is the last day to help The Eagle give the gift of life ... we’ve teamed up with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center but today is the last day of our blood drive. Donors get a thank-you T-shirt*. You may also donate at one of our participating Greater Houston Area Donor Centers. More info now at houstonseagle.com

Registration for Galveston County's COVID-19 vaccine clinic starts this morning. Galveston County Health officials have 1000 doses available for health care professionals and those in Phase 1B. Registration opens at 9:30 this morning.

A North Houston Amazon driver found a baby abandoned after a carjacking. Home surveillance shows the baby being dropped off on the side of the road and left there for about 20 minutes, while several six vehicles drove by, and nobody noticed until an Amazon driver spotted it and took the baby to a neighbor. They called Police who reunited the newborn with his mother.

Microsoft just patented technology that can turn dead people into 3D chat boxes. The system would collect a bunch of data on a person, then make a 3D model that can have conversations powered by Artificial Intelligence. So far Microsoft doesn't have plans to use it.

1-26-21 – The House delivered an article of impeachment to the Senate last night accusing Donald Trump of willfully inciting violence. Trump's second impeachment trial is set to begin the week of Feb. 8th

Janet Yellen has become the first female Treasury Secretary. Yellen, a former chair of the Federal Reserve was confirmed by the Senate as the 78th Treasury Secretary - a role first held by Alexander Hamilton.

1-27-21 – President Biden announced plans to buy 200 million more doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines in order to get most Americans inoculated by the end of summer.

Harris County launched a waitlist yesterday for people to register for the coronavirus vaccine, but almost immediately were hit with "technical difficulties. Within an hour of it going active an "under maintenance" was the only thing displayed. It's since been fixed and is back online.

1-28-21 – The Department of Homeland Security issued a national terrorism bulletin warning of the potential for violence from people motivated by anti-government sentiment.

While HPD Chief Acevedo says Houston at higher risk of extremist violence and urges citizens to report anything suspicious. The bulletin remains in effect through the end of April.

Southwest is the best airline in the U.S. The annual ranking of U.S. airlines by operational performance, puts Southwest ahead of Delta as the best last year. American was worst for the second year in a row while United ranked only slightly higher.

1-29-21 – Mardi Gras Galveston has been reimagined with houses decorated as floats since the pandemic canceled parades. You can walk, bike or drive through neighborhoods during the first-ever Krewe of Saints House Floats Tour. Starting next Friday, Feb. 5th through Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Scientists think they found a cure for BALDNESS from mangrove trees. They found an extract from the trees not only stopped hair loss but promoted growth in 100% of participants. Now a private company bought the patent and is working to get a product on the market within a year

2-1-21 – The coronavirus outbreak has killed at least 362 people and infected over 17,000 as it continues to spread globally. While the 11th case in the US has been confirmed in California.

Did you have 'Super Bowl Fever': 17 Million American's plans to ditch work today ... that's from a new survey that shows the Monday after Superbowl is one of the biggest days of the year to call in sick to work.

A Breakthrough treatment for kids with peanut allergies has been approved for use in the US. The new drug won't cure the allergy but gradually reduces the severity of a reaction to peanuts and is approved for kids 4-17 years old.

Your FICO score may change soon. The Fair Isaac Corporation, the company behind the widely used credit score, is tweaking their formula and will now factor in personal loans which they say are growing faster than any other consumer debt category. Americans owe over \$300 billion on them. Changes go into effect this summer.

2-2-21 – Punxsutawney Phil says SIX MORE weeks of winter. The Groundhog emerged from his burrow in Gobbles Knob Pennsylvania this morning to perform his duties and did see his shadow thus predicting winter will continue

Starting today the TSA will FINE passengers who refuse to wear face masks on planes, trains or buses, as they enforce an executive order from President Biden. They'll also bar those passengers from entry and report them to federal officials.

In his State of the State address last night Gov. Abbott said Texas is on a comeback amid the pandemic. Abbott also praised frontline hospital workers for their resilience and declared expanding broadband access a priority after the pandemic forced millions to work and school from home.

IKEA customers will have to sign paperwork saying they understand FURNITURE TIPOVERS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH when buying chests of drawers and similar items. They'll have to acknowledge these items must be attached to the wall before they can buy them.

2-3-21 – The White House announce they'll start shipping 1 million COVID-19 vaccines weekly directly to US pharmacies like Walgreens and CVS.

Several Houston-area CVS stores will start administering shots next week. 70 stores across Texas will offer vaccinations for those eligible starting next Thursday the 11th on an appointment-only basis.

2-4-21 – Rodeo Houston is cancelled this year. The event had been pushed back to May but now organizers have canceled it altogether due to the ongoing pandemic.

A 38-year-old Houston man has been arrested for a road rage shooting. Cory Howard is accused of trying to cut another driver off on the Katy Freeway ramp at 99 this Monday. He then shot the driver who wouldn't let him in. That guy followed Howard and got his name and phone number right off his back window.

A couple new nonstop discount flights will be departing from Houston's Bush Intercontinental soon. Sun Country Airlines will start operating nonstop flights from Bush to Cancun in May and add Vegas in Sept.

2-5-21 – Johnson & Johnson requested emergency use authorization from the FDA for the world's first single shot COVID-19 vaccine. A panel will meet in 3 weeks to debate approval.

The jobs report is expected to show a slight gain today. The Bureau of Labor Statistics will release numbers for January, and it's expected to show a modest hiring gain.

2-8-21 – The Biden administration announced they will take the NFL up on its offer to use all 32 league stadiums for mass vaccination sites to help ramp up distribution.

2-9-21 – Delta will keep blocking the middle seat. The Air Line announced they plan to extend the company's policy on blocking middle seats on flights through April 30th due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

2-10-21 – Trumps second impeachment will continue. The Senate voted to move forward with President Trumps impeachment trial. There were several wild police chases overnight that end in 11 arrests, including eight teens. One chase reached speeds of up to 140 miles per hour!

Aunt Jemima will now be Pearl Milling Company. Parent company PepsiCo the new name for their iconic Aunt Jemima brand to honor the original company that made Aunt Jemima products back in 1888.

2-11-21 – And speaking of Memorial Hermann the hospital system announced they're allowing patient visits again starting today. Two masks ARE better than one: A new CDC study shows a cloth mask over a surgical one blocks over 92% of infectious particles.

A lake Jackson Mom spectacularly tackled a peeping tom. Phyllis Pena saw the guy looking in her 15-year-old daughters window and called the police. Officers found the suspect, but he took off running ... that's when Phyllis moved in for an impressive block and tackle to take him down.

2-12-21 – President Biden announce the all Americans will be able to get inoculated by the end of summer. The White House bought enough of the vaccine from Moderna and Pfizer for everyone to get both shots by the end of July.

SIX people are confirmed dead and another 65 injured in the massive pile-up in Fort Worth yesterday. Over 130 vehicles were involved in the massive crash on I-35 in Downtown about 6AM yesterday. The roadway was so treacherous from the ice that many first responders were falling on the scene.

2-19-21 – CenterPoint urges everyone to conserve usage as much as possible and says rolling blackouts could continue for several more days. Right now, about 7300 customers are without power in our area.

It's been revealed Texas was 'seconds and minutes' away from 'months long' power outages. The CEO of ERCOT said if operators hadn't acted 'immediately' to shut off power to millions Monday morning the state would have faced an 'indeterminately long' power crisis. Boil water notices continue for millions in our area. Houston's water pressure may be stabilized today but Mayor Turner says the boil water notice will likely last until Monday. Dozens of other area municipalities, including the Pearland, Katy and Fort Bend still have also boil water notices too.

Ted Cruz now says it was a mistake to fly to Cancun. The Texas Senator flew out of Houston Wednesday night amid the massive power outage with his wife and kids but returned last night and says he regrets leaving.

NASA's Perseverance landed on Mars yesterday and started working almost immediately sending pictures back. It will use a special laser to vaporize rocks, analyze the soil. Plus, it has a small helicopter to cruise around, and microphones to capture true Martian audio for the first time.

2-22-21 – Gov Abbott says more plumbers are on the way, utility companies can't stick you with a massive bill and grocery stores are being restocked after last week's historic freeze.

Parts of Harris, Fort Bend and Galveston Counties remain under a boil water notice as do other parts of the Greater Houston area.

While the City of Houston and some other area municipalities has restored water.

An engine on a United Airlines plane exploded Saturday and sent large chunks of metal came crashing down over the suburban Denver. Fortunately, the pilot was able to land the plane, with 241 people on board, safely at the Denver International Airport. Now Boeing is calling for a GLOBAL grounding of all its 777 planes with the same engine.

2-23-21 – Mass vaccinations at NRG Park start today with a soft opening. They plan to inoculate 6,000 people per day starting tomorrow, seven days a week, then transition to second doses in three weeks.

The Houston Food bank needs help after the winter storm. They're looking for volunteers and donations ... for every \$1 they get the Houston Food bank can provide three meals to Houstonians in need. Go to HoustonFoodBank.org to help.

2-24-21 – The President and First Lady will be in Houston Friday. President Biden will meet with local leaders to discuss recovery and relief efforts after last week's deadly winter storm

5 ERCOT board members are resigning after being criticized for living outside of Texas. Meanwhile Gov Abbott has promised to investigate the grid operator for its handling the mass power outage that left over 4.5 million customers without power last week.

Ikea is getting in on the TINY HOUSE movement. They're selling 187-square-foot tiny houses with built-in furniture, a small kitchen and bathroom for under \$50K. Unlike other Ikea stuff, you don't have to assemble it yourself.

2-25-21 – Gov. Abbott has promised action to prevent the power grid failing again in the future after millions were left without electricity for days during the arctic blast last week. Abbott says the State Legislature won't adjourn until the problems are fixed. Does your water reek? Disinfectants are being blamed for reports of smelly water around town. Houston Public Works says it's a harmless, they're disinfecting the drinking water at higher concentrations after last week's water emergency

2-26-21 – President Biden bombed Syria in a retaliation strike. Several militants were killed in the attack on a site in Syria used by Iranian-backed militia groups, in response to attacks on American forces in the region the past two weeks.

Johnson & Johnson's one-shot vaccine goes before the FDA today for approval. If the FDA grants authorization as expected, it will give the US 3 COVID vaccines.

3 new COVID-19 variants have emerged in the Houston area. An infectious diseases team at Houston Methodist said there are now at least five different strains with the new additions coming from New York, Brazil and California

3-2-21 – Is the mask order set to end? Gov Abbott will make a 'statewide announcement' this afternoon where he's expected to talk about relaxing current COVID-19 restrictions including the mask mandate. He'll address the state at 1:30.

The chairwoman of the Public Utility Commission, the agency that oversees ERCOT has resigned. State lawmakers are calling on others on the commission to step down after the energy crisis that left millions without power for days.

3-3-21 – Governor Abbot announced Texans won't be required to wear a face mask in public anymore and all business can open at 100% starting next Wednesday. Some local city and country leaders are criticizing the move, saying it's coming much too soon.

Meanwhile President Biden announced the U.S. will have enough vaccines for EVERY adult by the end of May, two months earlier than expected. It's thanks in part to 2 of the biggest drug companies in the world is teaming up. Merck pharmaceuticals is helping Johnson & Johnson manufacture their new vaccine.

3-4-21 – The CEO of ERCOT has been 'terminated'. The board decided to fire CEO Bill Magness in the aftermath of how ERCOT handled the winter storm.

The Brazos Electric Cooperative filed for bankruptcy after a \$2.1 Billion-dollar bill from ERCOT. They say the excessively high invoice requires payment within days and is so high it's over 3 times their power cost for all last year.

Google will stop selling ads based on your browsing history. The search giant says the move to stop tracking people is part of its push for privacy.

The pandemic has taken down Alamo Drafthouse. The Texas-based dine-in movie chain filed for bankruptcy after its over 40 theaters nationwide couldn't hold on through COVID closures.

3-5-21 – ERCOT overcharged power companies \$16 billion during the freeze. An independent monitor for the Public Utility Commission of Texas, found ERCOT kept prices too high nearly two days after widespread outages ended.

Meanwhile it's been revealed the ERCOT CEO who was terminated by the board this week won't accept his over \$800,000 severance package.

Nine great apes at the San Diego Zoo became the first non-humans to get the COVID shot. They were given doses of an experimental vaccine made for animals just last month after an outbreak saw eight gorillas get infected at the Zoo.

3-8-21 – \$1400 Stimulus checks could start going out this week. President Biden's \$1.9 trillion-dollar COVID relief bill was passed by the Senate Saturday. The President could sign the bill tomorrow and people could start seeing payments hit bank accounts within days. Almost all Houston-area grocery stores will still require customers to wear a mask even after the statewide mask mandate ends this Wednesday.

Disneyland will reopen soon. Amusement parks in California, including Disneyland, are finally set to open again after being closed since last year. They can open April 1st with limited capacity.

Fatal car crashes were at their highest level in almost a century last year despite driving being down. The National Safety Council reports deaths from motor vehicles rose 24% when you compare the miles driven and saw over 42K people die in crashes.

3-9-21 – The President's dogs have been sent home after a 'biting' incident and showing aggressive behavior. Biden's two German shepherds, Champ and Major are back at the family home after Major, who's 3 years old 'BIT a security guard. He's the first rescue dog to live in the White House.

Fully Vaccinated People Can Gather Without Masks. The CDC says 2 weeks after being fully vaccinated it's safe to gather with others indoors, without a mask, whether they're vaccinated or not. And vaccinated grandparents can safely hug grandkids.

3-10-21 – Bars, restaurants and all other business can fully open today as the state lifts capacity limits and the mask mandate. However, businesses can still require them and HPD Chief Acevedo warns you could be arrested for trespassing if you violate store policies.

Legalized gambling could be on the ballot this year - 2 Texas lawmakers filed legislation to legalize casino gambling. It needs to pass a two-thirds vote of lawmakers in both chambers, before it can go on the November ballot for voter approval.

Soldiers will soon be able to see thru armored vehicles. The US Army is developing new high-tech goggles to let soldiers see THROUGH armored vehicles and around corners. They plan to have prototypes ready by July.

3-11-21 – Gov Abbott wants excessive power charges fixed from the winter storm. The Gov has declared the correction of billions in errors related to ERCOT as an emergency item for this Legislative Session.

All Texans over 50 can get vaccinated starting next week. The state will expand vaccine eligibility starting Monday to anyone 50 and older.

Could this Sunday be the last time we Spring Forward? A new bipartisan bill in the Senate would make this Sunday's time change the LAST EVER. If it becomes law before November, we'll just stay on Daylight Saving Time for good and won't fall back.

3-12-21 – All adults can get vaccinated soon. President Biden used his first prime-time address to announce all adults to be eligible by May 1st.

The President signed the stimulus package yesterday. \$1,400 payments will start hitting bank accounts this weekend for those who are eligible.

The relief package also brings over a billion dollars to south east Texas governments with the city of Houston getting about \$600 million and Harris County estimates it'll get over \$900 million

Looks like cats used to be man's best friend. The oldest known pet cemetery has been discovered in Egypt. It's almost 2,000 years old and so far, they've found the mummified remains of over 500 cats, about 36 dogs, some monkeys, a falcon, and a fox.

Scientists plan to send about 6 and a half million Sperm Samples to The Moon. Known as the "modern ark" experiment, they want to send samples from much of the world's species including humans as a "global insurance policy".

3-22-21 – One lineman is dead and another in critical condition after the basket they were in fell over 100ft to the ground. They were working on a high voltage line near Mont Belview in Chambers County early this morning when the accident happened.

A Real X Files report says the US has secret evidence of UFOs breaking the sound barrier without a sonic boom and performing maneuvers humans don't have technology for - John Ratcliffe former Director of National Intelligence says many of the instances still can't be explained. The Pentagon and intelligence agencies must release their report by June 1st.

3-23-21 – At least 10 people were killed, including a police officer who was the first to respond to a shooting at a grocery store in Boulder, Colorado. A suspect who used an AR 15 style rifle is in custody. It was the second mass shooting in the US in a week.

A man charged with killing a Houston mom and her 3 kids was going 115MPH and had a blood alcohol level twice the legal limit. Investigators analyzed the black box from the suspects' vehicle to figure out how fast he was going.

More people took to the skies for first time since the pandemic began. The TSA screened over 1.5 million people Sunday - the most since March last year and it marked the 11th straight day numbers topped one million.

3-24-21 - All adults in Texas can get vaccinated next week. The Department of State Health Services will open eligibility for adults of any age starting next Monday.

Once you're fully vaccinated you can hang out with unvaccinated people without restrictions if they're all from one household. The updated guidelines from the CDC recommend visits be kept to single households rather than large gatherings.

3-25-21 – Harris County Judge Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Turner asked to extend federally funded vaccinations at NRG Park. The clinic is only planned to continue for another couple weeks. Turner and Hidalgo requested support through at least May 31st.

Don't call the Houston Fire Dept today if you see smoke at the Houston Arboretum, they're the ones starting the fire. HFD will conduct a planned burn, meant to help benefit native grasses. They'll start about noon. The Arboretum will be closed today due to the burn.

The world might be facing a coffee shortage because of the pandemic affected how many shipping containers were available around the world.

3-26-21 – Pfizer started testing its COVID vaccine in kids six months to 12 years old. They hope to release data from the trial by the second half of 2021.

At least 5 people have died after dozens of tornadoes rolled across the Southern states yesterday. In all, there were 22 tornadoes reported across Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi.

Some good news - Bald Eagles are thriving! After years of being on the brink of extinction the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Dept now reports over 316K in the lower 48 states. That's four times their population just 12 years ago.

3-29-21 – Masks are tax write offs. The IRS announced that personal protective equipment used to slow the spread of COVID like hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes can be written off as medical expenses for those who itemize their returns.

All adult Texans can get their shots starting today. The Department of State Health Services opens eligibility for everyone 16 and over to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine.

The cargo ship still blocks the Suez Canal; however, it has been partially refloated. The 220K ton ship, which is the largest cargo vessel in the world has been holding up \$9 billion in trade a day. Over 370 ships, carrying everything from crude oil to cattle have been waiting to pass since last Tuesday.

3-30-21 – A Texas trooper shot multiple times in an ambush last Friday is no longer showing signs of ‘viable brain activity’. DPS announced Trooper Chad Walker will remain on life support until he can become a donor.

A new clinic to treat COVID-19 ‘long-haulers’ opened in Houston. Baylor College of Medicine opened a Post-COVID Care Clinic for patients struggling to recover from the virus.

A mysterious disease is killing young bears in Lake Tahoe. Scientists report it’s causing their brains to swell, and they show no fear of humans. So far, they’ve found five new viruses in bears that have showed symptoms.

3-31-21 – G. Gordon Liddy, the mastermind of the Watergate burglary has died. Liddy was 90

Major bit ANOTHER worker at the White House. Biden’s 3-year-old rescue dog was out for a walk he nipped a National Park Service employee.