

Quarterly Issues and Program List

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Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F. R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

Education	Consumer Issues	Religion	Government (National)
Children/Youth	Economy	Technology	Government (Local)
Politics	Housing	National Security	Environment
Health/Healthcare	Transportation	Minority Issues	Cultural
Crime/Law Enforcement	Community	Women’s Issues	Elderly
Legal Matters (e.g. court decisions)	Business	Employment	Immigration
			Business & Industry

Programs

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration (Seconds)	Title of Program	Brief Narrative Description
14.1	Immigration	12:30 AM	1/7/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Border Emergency – The federal government sues Texas over its new law allowing local police to arrest migrants. The law came in response to the continuing surge of people crossing the border. While the battle plays out in the courts, a large delegation of Congressional Republicans makes a visit to the border. It’s a new shot in the next phase of the funding battle that could lead to a government shutdown, with Republicans demanding significant restrictions on who can apply for asylum to curb the number of border crossings.</p> <p>Armed on Campus – School districts around Texas are working to get more armed officers on their campuses. It’s the result of a new Texas law to increase safety on campuses. But many districts are finding it difficult to fill those positions. Nabil Remadna shows us how one central Texas district is taking a different approach to attract and keep more officers.</p>
	Crime/Law Enforcement					

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	Government (Local)					<p>Remembering EBJ – Trailblazer. Icon. Words of praise as Texans pay tribute to a legendary figure in state politics. Eddie Bernice Johnson served in Congress for three decades, becoming the first registered nurse elected to Congress. We look back on her life and legacy – and why her death is leading to a lawsuit against the hospital that treated her.</p> <p>Senator Makes History – Judith Zaffirini is no stranger to making history. She’s the first Mexican American woman elected to the Texas State Senate. She also holds the record for most consecutive votes by a Texas lawmaker. Now, she’s making history again, becoming the first woman to serve as Dean of the Texas Senate. Mercedes Hernandez spoke to the senator about her latest history-making achievement.</p>
14.1	Legal Matters Immigration Consumer Issues	12:30 AM	1/14/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Border Conflict – An unprecedented move on the border escalates tension between Texas and the Federal Government, as the state blocks federal agents from an area along the Rio Grande. Josh interviews Border Report’s Sandra Sanchez about the stakes in the conflict, and the response from communities along the border.</p> <p>McCaul on Mayorkas – DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas called on Congress to act to address immigration policy. But the action some lawmakers want to take involves getting him out of office. Monica Madden interviews Congressman Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee about his calls to impeach Mayorkas – why he thinks that’s an effective way to address what’s happening on the southern border.</p> <p>Electric Angst – Temperatures are forecast to drop into the teens early next week. The Arctic blast, along with a forecast for record demand for electricity, has some Texans worried whether the lights, and the heat, will stay on. Ryan Chandler talks to energy experts about what’s changed to improve the reliability of our power grid, and why there’s still cause for concern.</p>

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14.1	<p>Crime/Law Enforcement</p> <p>Legal Matters</p> <p>Government (National)</p> <p>Consumer Issues</p>	12:30 AM	1/21/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Uvalde Report – A federal report on the response to the Uvalde school shooting highlights failures by state and local law enforcement. AG Merrick Garland bluntly said that some children died due to the flawed response. It goes beyond what we’ve heard in previous reports, including critiques of how DPS and other agencies communicated with families during and after the shooting. Monica Madden reports on the response from families. Dalton Huey joins Josh to discuss the new findings and what comes next.</p> <p>Paxton’s New Move – Ken Paxton makes a legal maneuver to end the whistleblower lawsuit against his office. Now, he says his office will not fight the charges and accept whatever penalty the court decides – and avoid testifying under oath. Will DuPree looks at how the judge in the case has different ideas, ordering him to testify sooner than expected.</p> <p>Texas Primary Poll – Nexstar and Emerson College polled Texas voters for their views one month before early voting begins for the March primary. The responses show a large percentage of voters are undecided in the race to determine which Democrat will face Ted Cruz in November’s Senate campaign. We also look at how voters view the GOP presidential primary – can anyone challenge Trump in Texas?</p> <p>Power Demand – The Arctic blast brought near-record cold, and fueled record demand for electricity in Texas. ERCOT called on Texans to conserve energy, raising some concern about the ability of the grid to meet demand. Ryan Chandler interviews ERCOT CEO Pablo Vegas about what Texans can expect now and in the future when it comes to keeping the lights on in Texas.</p>
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14.1	<p>Immigration</p> <p>Consumer Issues</p> <p>Legal Matters</p>	12:30 AM	1/28/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Border Encounters – A bipartisan Congressional delegation travels to the border to see the situation first hand and work toward solutions. Monica Madden joins a night patrol along the border wall, and encounters a family turning themselves in to Border Patrol after crossing into Texas. The delegation’s visit comes as the state fights the federal government over authority at the border, and as negotiations in Washington stall on a border deal tied to military aid for Ukraine.</p> <p>Texas Water Demand – After a rainy week, it can be easy to forget Texas is still short on water. Some state lawmakers call efforts to make sure Texans have enough water to meet future needs the most impactful issue of our time. Now, major new investments from the state are beginning to take shape. Ryan Chandler looks at the new efforts to keep your water flowing.</p> <p>Reconsidering the Paxton Impeachment – A Texas State Senator wants lawmakers to consider reopening the impeachment of Attorney General Ken Paxton. Will DuPree speaks with Sen. Drew Springer about why he thinks Paxton’s latest legal move raises questions of guilt. Meanwhile, Paxton is ramping up his political revenge tour ahead of the March primaries. Since his acquittal, Paxton has vowed to back primary challengers to House Republicans who voted to impeach him. That vow brought him to Bastrop County. Monica Madden takes us inside this atypical campaign event.</p> <p>LGBTQ concerns to UN – LGBTQ advocacy groups have been fighting legislation that affects their community both at the Capitol and in the courts. Now, they’re trying something different. Tom Miller examines why they’re taking their problems to the United Nations, and what they hope comes from the move.</p>
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14.1	<p>Immigration</p> <p>Health/Healthcare</p> <p>Government (National)</p>	12:30 AM	2/4/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Border Invasion Debate – As a caravan of citizens made its way toward Texas this week, a hearing on Capitol Hill delved into the debate over whether what’s happening on the border constitutes an invasion. Monica Madden looks closer at the arguments made before the congressional committee. How it could affect policy, and why some people worry that using the term “invasion” to describe people coming across the border could lead to unintended consequences.</p> <p>SB 14 Hearing - The Texas Supreme Court heard a challenge to a new state law banning transgender children from receiving certain health care options. The law put doctors’ medical licenses in jeopardy for providing these treatments. Will DuPree joins Josh to look into the challenge, and what comes next.</p> <p>Senate Debate – With early voting in the Texas Primary just days away, candidates in one of the biggest races on the ballot met on the debate stage. The Democratic primary for U.S. Senate will determine which candidate faces incumbent Senator Ted Cruz in November. Ryan Chandler reports on the clash between the candidates, and the course each one is taking to win support. Josh interviews Jessica Montoya Coggins and Bob Garrett, who moderated the debate. They share context about the candidates and what their answers tell us about the campaign.</p>
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14.1	<p>Immigration</p> <p>Transportation</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Legal Matters</p>	12:30 AM	2/11/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Back on the Border – Surrounded by governors from out of state, Gov. Abbott travels to Eagle Pass, vowing to continue his fight with the federal government over control of immigration enforcement. Then a few days later, the Gov. returned to Eagle Pass with a group of state lawmakers to tout immigration policies. But some in the Eagle Pass community are pushing back on the Governor’s narrative. Ryan Chandler hears from Texans living and working in the border city about frustration that political leaders aren’t addressing the issues they see on the ground.</p> <p>The Cost of Busing – Documents we obtained show Texas has spent more than \$124 million to send buses of migrants to other cities around the country. Monica Madden looks at who’s paying for the buses and how the cost compares to the money it would take to keep migrants here in the Lone Star State.</p> <p>Bullying in Schools – A Texas mom pushes for tougher punishment for football players who put peanuts in her son’s locker, knowing about his potentially life-threatening peanut allergy. It’s one of many concerns we’ve received from parents concerned about bullying in schools. Investigator Kelly Wiley looked into the story and discovered that there’s little state oversight of school district discipline.</p> <p>Fighting Voter Fraud Fear – New Texas laws aim to address fears of voter fraud in the state. Ryan Chandler looks at the legislation and how it could affect voters in the upcoming primary. Plus, he talks one-on-one with the Texas Secretary of State – why she says she’s “100% confident” the elections will be fair.</p>
14.1	Government (Local)	12:30 AM	2/18/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Senate Race Preview - This one is a special edition, featuring Colin Allred and Roland Gutierrez top two democrats in the race for U.S. Senate. Josh interviewed both separately, asking similar questions about key issues. We’re putting their answers back-to-back, with the goal of helping Texas voters learn more about this key race.</p>

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14.1	Government (Local) Transportation	12:30 AM	2/25/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Paxton vs. Judges – Attorney General Ken Paxton is campaigning against three incumbent Republican judges on the state’s highest criminal court. The intra-party fight stems from a ruling against the AG. Ryan Chandler looks closer at the campaign and the statewide stakes.</p> <p>Hill Country Campaign – A former Texas lawmaker is trying to win his way back to the Capitol. But his comeback bid could fall short, thanks to a freshman lawmaker backed by Governor Abbott. Will DuPree digs into the race, and why it’s a proxy for some larger issues playing out in races across the Republican primary.</p> <p>TxDOT Troubles Continue – A new state law is supposed to make tollway bills more transparent. But some drivers are still facing auto pay problems and sky-high surprise bills. The problems even hit one state lawmaker. Investigator Matt Grant looks into why the problems persist.</p> <p>Driverless Truck Testing – Self-driving 18-wheelers are already rolling on Texas highways. Now, as trucking companies look to expand their use of autonomous big rigs, a central Texas highway is getting improvements to become a testing ground for smart corridor technology. Investigator Mike Rush looks at new efforts to get the technology ready for the road.</p>
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14.1	<p>Immigration</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>Legal Matters</p> <p>Government (National)</p>	12:30 AM	3/3/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Presidents on the Border – Joe Biden and Donald Trump battle over immigration in dueling visits to the border. But amid the policy showdown, a different border battle played out in court. Ryan Chandler reports on the legal fight over a new state law. Plus, Border Report’s Sandra Sanchez joins Josh to dissect the response to the border visits and Joshua Blank from the Texas Politics Project digs into polling on immigration issues and how that could affect Tuesday’s Texas Primary election.</p> <p>Wildfire Impact – A wildfire disaster in the Panhandle destroys hundreds of homes and leaves scores of Texans looking for help. Monica Madden reports on the recovery efforts beginning now as the largest wildfire in Texas history continues to burn.</p> <p>Social Media SCOTUS – A Texas law that prohibits social media companies from banning certain political posts is being challenged at the U.S. Supreme Court. Why the outcome could transform free speech on the internet as well as what you see on social media.</p> <p>Cornyn’s Campaign – One of the most powerful leaders on Capitol Hill is stepping down, setting the stage for a battle to take his place. Now, Senator John Cornyn is joining the race to become the next Senate GOP leader – what he’s telling fellow Republicans to win their support.</p>
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14.1	<p>Government (Local)</p> <p>Crime/Law Enforcement</p> <p>Economy</p>	12:30 AM	3/10/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Election Fallout- Following Super Tuesday, we dive into some of the big changes the primary vote brought to Texas politics. And the two biggest winners, Gov. Greg Abbott and A.G. Ken Paxton weren't even on the ballot. But their efforts are driving change at the Texas Capitol.</p> <p>Senate Race- The race for Senate in Texas is now set with Rep. Colin Allred now set to take on incumbent Sen. Ted Cruz. A preview of the race for November.</p> <p>Uvalde Report- This past week a special independent report on the actions of police during the response to the massacre at Robb Elementary was released. We have more on the emotional response from victims' parents who feel no major action will be taken against the officers who waited over an hour to stop the shooter.</p> <p>State of the Union- Specific response from lawmakers from Texas about Pres. Biden's big speech.</p> <p>Panhandle Wildfires Rancher Impact- After the largest wildfire in state history torched more than a million acres, ranchers need help. The economic toll this fire has taken on their livestock and their businesses.</p>
14.1	<p>Government (Local)</p> <p>Children/Youth</p> <p>Health/Healthcare</p>	12:30 AM	3/17/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Exceptions Explained – New developments in the battle over the state’s ban on abortion. The Texas Medical Board is responding after a legal petition. Why Texas doctors may soon get new guidance on when exceptions to the ban are allowed.</p> <p>Security Standards – Some Texas schools are struggling to meet new school safety requirements. Ryan Chandler looks at how different districts are finding unique solutions to keep students safe on campus.</p> <p>Do Not Hire Gaps – A state lawmaker calls for changes after reports of a high school tutor being hired amid an investigation into sexual misconduct. Investigator Kelly Wiley uncovers gaps in the state’s do-not-hire registries, and a potential fix that is not being used yet.</p> <p>Cannabis Concerns – One of the state’s biggest names in medical marijuana is advocating for more regulation. We look at what’s behind growing concern about cannabis-based products, and how it could change what you can legally buy in Texas.</p>

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14.1	<p>Legal Matters</p> <p>Technology</p> <p>National Security</p>	12:30 AM	3/24/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>SB 4 Uncertainty – A legal fight heads all the way to the Supreme Court over just how much power state authorities should have over immigration enforcement. Monica Madden looks at how local law enforcement is facing uncertainty as the legal battle over the controversial state law plays out in court.</p> <p>Speaker Challenge – There’s a push for new leadership at the Capitol. Ryan Chandler looks at the opposition to incumbent House Speaker Dade Phelan, and how one challenger for the position is promising major change to how the House does business.</p> <p>AI in Texas – From tracking accidents to answering health care questions, artificial intelligence is having an impact on lives in Texas. Will DuPree looks at the work underway now to make sure AI is being used effectively – and ethically.</p> <p>Afghanistan Accountability – It’s been two and a half years since 13 service members died during the U.S. military withdrawal from Afghanistan, but the push for accountability is still going on. Ryan speaks with Foreign Affairs Committee chair Rep. Michael McCaul about the investigation, and legislation he hopes will protect future missions.</p>
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14.1	Legal Matters	12:30 AM	3/31/2024	1800	State of Texas	<p>Paxton’s Deal – Prosecutors make a deal with Attorney General Ken Paxton to end the securities fraud case against him, without a trial. Monica Madden looks closer at the terms of the agreement, and why Paxton faces months of scrutiny before the felony charges get dismissed. Plus, this is not the end of his legal woes, since Paxton still faces a whistleblower lawsuit and other investigations. NPR reporter Lauren McGaughy joins Josh for insight into the road ahead for the state’s embattled Attorney General.</p> <p>Wildfire Hearings – A special Texas House committee will hold public hearings next week in Pampa as they investigate the Panhandle wildfires. They’ll focus on the cause of the wildfires as well as the response, plus they’ll look at the state’s preparedness to handle future wildfires. Monica is speaking with State Rep. Ken King, who’s leading the special committee to get a preview of the three-day field hearing.</p> <p>DEI Crackdown – The Texas Senator behind the law that banned Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs at Texas colleges and universities now wants to make sure the law is being followed. State Sen. Brandon Creighton sent a letter to the UT System chancellor and regents, voicing his skepticism about compliance. He also called for university leaders to prepare a report by May 3 to outline their steps to follow the law. Ryan Chandler interviews Sen. Creighton to get his perspective on the law and what it means for Texas universities and students going forward.</p> <p>LNG Export Pause Backlash – The Biden administration earlier this year put a temporary pause on new permits for liquified natural gas exports. It’s largely based on environmental concerns. Now, Texas lawmakers are pushing back. Ryan looks at a new House committee that’s looking into ways to reverse the pause.</p>
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The station also aired the following public service announcements during the instant quarter:

Type of Issue	Duration (Seconds)	Title or Narrative
Transportation	:15 seconds	TXDOT Walter
Health/Healthcare	:15 seconds	American Heart Assoc. Susan Lucci
Children/Youth	:15 seconds	Heifer International-Ending Poverty
Health/Healthcare	:15 seconds	DSHS Alzheimer's Awareness-Mel
Health/Healthcare	:15 seconds	Anti Fentanyl Danica
Health/Healthcare	:15 seconds	Anti Fentanyl Ryan
Health/Healthcare	:15 seconds	Anti Fentanyl Tucker
Health/Healthcare	:15 seconds	Stand Up to Cancer
Government/Military	:30 seconds	AmeriCorps Stars
Health/Healthcare	:30 seconds	Anti Fentanyl Danica
Health/Healthcare	:30 seconds	Anti Fentanyl Tucker
Community	:30 seconds	Save Them All – animal shelter
Children/Youth	:30 seconds	Heifer International-Ending Poverty
Health/Healthcare	:30 seconds	American Lung Association-#DoTheVapeTalk
Health/Healthcare	:30 seconds	DSHS Alzheimer's Awareness-Jennifer
Health/Healthcare	:30 seconds	DSHS Alzheimer's Awareness-Melanie
Transportation	:30 seconds	TXDOT Impaired Dr Erika
Transportation	:30 seconds	TXDOT Impaired Driving DR
Transportation	:30 seconds	TXDOT Walter
Government, Military	:30 seconds	Life Loop US Department of Veteran Affairs
Government, Military	:60 seconds	Life Loop US Department of Veteran Affairs
Health/Healthcare	:60 seconds	Stand Up to Cancer
Health/Healthcare	:60 seconds	American Heart Assoc. Susan Lucci
Community	:60 seconds	Best Friends Animal Society