

Quarterly Issues / Programs List

Quarter 1

2015

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The following is a listing of some of the issues responded to by KTXN-FM, Victoria, Texas along with most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 listing is no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All programs run Sundays at 6:30 am and are 30 minutes in length.

January 4, 2015

Lucia Hernandez with the City of Victoria provided information on the on going hiring successes for Public Works employees while Lt. David Bragger with the Victoria Police Department outlined how the police department is filling their vacant positions.

Jennifer Sourdellia highlighted the recycling program that involves oil and grease in the city limits of Victoria.

January 11, 2015

Much can be said about when the news broke in late September that Ebola had arrived in Texas. There certainly was a chain of missteps and outright botched procedures. There was a palpable fear of the virus that gripped the nation.

While the Center for Disease Control announced that there was no reason to panic, there were those who took to the airwaves with calls to seal the borders and end flights to Africa.

January 18, 2015

Since the start of the New Year, Texas has seen the pomp and ceremony of swearing in multiple statewide political offices--all of them Republicans. So far, these have been the warm-up acts leading to the swearing in of the Lt. Governor and Governor. Governor-elect and Lieutenant Governor-elect Greg Abbott and Dan Patrick will be inaugurated into office on Jan. 19. The new Land Commissioner George P. Bush kicked things off, taking his oath of office on Jan 2.

The new Texas legislature is sworn in on Tuesday January 13th. And on that day the pro-gun rights organization Come And Take It Texas will be present at the state capital with a

unique demonstration. They are looking to show their support for a handgun open carry law. They will also be manufacturing "ghost guns," home manufactured firearms that are impossible to trace and don't require a background check. The guns are produced using open source technology and 3D printing.

January 25, 2015

July 29, 1910 in Slocum, Texas started off like any other Friday in this rural East Texas community - but before the day was over one of the worst racial atrocities in Texas history would happen.

It wasn't long after sunrise that the shooting started - and continued throughout the day.

It's been called the Slocum Massacre - the day when the local white community, whipped up into hysteria, attacked the black community - killing many and forcing the rest to flee for their lives. Their homes were put to the torch.

If you haven't heard of the Slocum Massacre, don't fault yourself. The state of Texas has been silent about what happened there. There's no state historic marker at Slocum explaining the tragic event for travelers who might stop. It's not taught in Texas history classes and it's not even mentioned in the Texas State Historical Association's handbook of Texas. Some even say it didn't really happen.

February 1, 2015

Ashley Rambo of the City of Victoria Parks and Recreation Department outlined the policies and procedure for spring registration for athletic leagues while her counterpart in the Parks and Rec department, Darcell Hanley spoke on the drive in screening of "Grease" sponsored by the Parks and Rec Department.

Lucia Hernandez returned on this program and gave an update on the hiring of new employees within the City of Victoria.

February 8, 2015

In 2007 Texas had five thousand juveniles incarcerated in a dozen state run prison-like facilities. Today the number of incarcerated youths kept in five state lock-ups is below a thousand. Texas and the rest of the nation has seen a dramatic reduction in juvenile crime and improved outcomes for those who do end up in the system. There are fewer re-arrests and more opportunities to guide teenaged lawbreakers back on the path of being productive members of society.

The results of the reforms were released Thursday in a report "**Closer to Home: An Analysis of the State and Local Impact of the Texas Juvenile Justice Reforms.**" Produced by the non-profit Council of State Governments, researchers from Texas A&M dug into the data to see how keeping kids out of big prison like facilities and providing community based options is working.

Mike Thompson is the director of the **Council of State Governments' Justice Center.**

February 15, 2015

The iconic west facade of the Alamo is slowly wearing down, according to a study conducted by the Center for Heritage Conservation at Texas A&M University. The Shrine to Texas liberty located in downtown San Antonio is suffering a loss of 5 to 7 centimeters, or approximately 2-2.7 inches, of its limestone surface since 1960.

That erosion has been detected at the base of a decorative column flanking the Alamo's main entrance. The concern is that the rate of decay could increase and add up to a significant amount over time. Robert Warden is the director of the Center for Heritage Conservation (CHC) at Texas A&M University.

To determine the extent of the column base's material loss, Warden created two virtual 3-D models of the west facade's entrance—one, from a 1960 Historic American Buildings Survey, and another with current data gathered by the CHC's digital laser scanning and recording equipment.

February 22, 2015

A "Giant" Statement Against Racism

44 days -that's how long it took a Warner Bros. movie crew to shoot the movie "Giant" in Marfa, Texas. The wooden skeleton of the set's mansion is all that stands today, but the film continues to have a lasting impact on the West Texastown.

The epic - directed by George Stevens - starred Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean. And it also put the Lone Star State in a starring role.

Disney's film "McFarland, USA" stars Kevin Costner, and is based on the true story of coach Jim White. White undergoes a transformation after working at predominantly Latino high school where many of the children also work in the fields.

March 1, 2015

Danna Williams Capone of the Victoria Public Library highlighted the increasing popularity of the library and the new and established programs it is offering.

Rick McBrayer of the City of Victoria and Victoria County Emergency Management Office discussed the use "Code Red" with the county.

March 8, 2015

It was in October of 2012 that a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter joined in a hot pursuit in the Rio Grande Valley. Officers suspected that pick-up truck they were chasing was loaded with bales of marijuana. To bring an end the chase a sniper in the helicopter fired 15 times at the tires of the truck.

The U.S. Labor Department reports that the latest national unemployment rate is 5-point-5 percent. That's good news for the economy overall and the sluggish recovery. But if you are still one of those without a job then the unemployment rate is 100%. But for minority communities the recovery has yet to arrive. A coalition of community and labor groups in Texas is calling for the Federal Reserve to focus on full employment and higher wages for blacks, Latinos, native peoples and others in poor neighborhoods who have been left out of the recovery.

A new report from Texas Appleseed, *Class, Not Court: Reconsidering Texas' Criminalization of Truancy*, found that Texas filed approximately 115,000 truancy cases in 2013 - more than twice the number of truancy cases in all other states *combined*.

March 15, 2015

The state of Texas is making a major change to the management of the iconic landmark the Alamo. The General Land Office is ending its contract with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to run the Shrine of Texas Liberty.

The drug war in Mexico continues to take lives. Streets along the border have become battle fields as cartels challenge each other for territory and clash with the Mexican military forces. Sometimes it takes fiction to explain and decipher the impact of the harsh realities like the drug war. It's able to bring to the page the maelstrom of emotions of what's it like to be collateral damage in this conflict that's tearing your motherland apart.

Hydraulic fracturing - or fracking - is the practice of extracting oil trapped in shale rock. It's producing large quantities of oil in South Texas in the Eagle Ford Shale. That's one

reason why the price of oil has dropped. But there are questions about the environmental cost of fracking. And one 78-year old nun wants to make sure fracking is done right.

Driving down Texas Highway 72 Sister Elizabeth Riebschlaeger is following a flatbed trailer and calling 9-1-1.

March 22, 2015

Since July the price of oil has dropped 50% and that is having a negative impact on the Texas Economy. Texans are far likelier than most Americans to work in extraction of oil and gas, mining support activities, pipeline transportation, and petroleum refining.

So job growth in the state is stalling. Texas is now 4th in the nation for creation of jobs -that's according to the latest numbers from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. California is number one.

It's up to the Texas legislature and other state leaders to get the state ready for the coming population explosion. Monday marks the midpoint of the 84th legislative session and this is a good time to check in on the progress of the session with State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer - a democrat from San Antonio.

Politics runs on money - lots and lots of money. And money brings out people of the most slippery of ethics. That's what Ken Davis - a Texas oilman and multi millionaire discovered when he decided to fund a conservative super PAC. Robert Faturechi reports for Pro Publica and wrote the article "Super PAC Men: How Political Consultants Took a Texas Oilman on a Wild Ride"

March 29, 2015

You might think you have deep roots in Texas, but they do not compare to some of the great trees of the state. These Live Oaks, Pecans, Elms and Cypress have stood tall through the ages. They watched the six flags come and go. They gave shade to the history makers and sometimes provided the limbs for grim lynchings.

The Texas A&M Forest Service has collected the most storied trees of the state in the book "Famous Trees of Texas" Gretchen Riley co-authored the book with Peter D.Smith.

Public Service Time January 2015

County Wide Career Fair	25 minutes
Victoria Chamber of Commerce Banquet	28 minutes
Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser	2 minutes
Universal Love for Speech Therapy	15 minutes

Public Service Time February, 2015

County Wide Career Fair	64 minutes
Better Business Bureau Consumer Tips	28 minutes
Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser	24.5 minutes

Public Service Time March, 2015

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser	23 minutes
CASA Volunteer Recruitment	16 minutes
Better Business Bureau Consumer Tips	24 minutes