

KIAH Issues Programs List
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Eye Opener airs from 5:00am – 8:00am and NewsFix at Five & Nine. KIAH-TV, Channel 39 broadcasts three newscasts daily at 5:00AM, 5:00PM & 9:00PM, in which KIAH addresses a variety of issues of interest and concern to the local community. The following program descriptions describe some of the news stories and reports aired by KIAH during the relevant quarter. News stories are listed chronologically in under each issue type.

Issue: EDUCATION

Date. May 29, 2012. 6-year-old Lori Anne Madison from Virginia is quite the smarty pants. She may be young but she can spell with the best of them. And she will; in this week's Scripps national Spelling Bee competition. Madison is the youngest speller ever to be eligible to compete in the contest. She beat out 21 other kids in her county to advance to the national competition. Man, beat by a 6-year-old, that's got to be embarrassing. Madison will be competing against 277 other kids twice her age. "Honestly it's not as big and I'm not really excited like, I'm going to the national spelling bee. I'm more like, uh, it's fine," Madison said. By the way, she looks like she might be a descendant of Albert Einstein, not that we'd be surprised if she was. Duration: 1:53

Issue: ENVIRONMENT

Date. April 15, 2012. It's not even tornado season yet. But don't tell that to the folks in Woodward, Oklahoma. While there was plenty of warning and even new extreme weather alerts were put into place. One alarm failed to go off in the middle of the night. Five people, including two kids, were killed. Out of the nearly 40 people hurt, many are in critical condition. Remarkably, that was the worst of the storm that stretched across the sooner state, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. Still, property damaged is extensive. In Thurman Iowa, three out of every four homes were damaged or destroyed. If things are this bad, just think of what the next few months could be like! For now, just be prepared, several states, including Texas, are still under severe storm watch. Duration: 0:59

Date. May 19, 2012. Okay, admit it, you've peed in the water when you're swimming. This story might make you think twice about taking a leak in the lake. 500 fish are dead in a German lake near Hamburg and officials think urinating swimmers could be the blame. Deadly pee really? Guess it has something to do with the amount of phosphate in your pee. The urine itself doesn't harm the fish but sets off a series of environmental events that can suffocate them. In this particular German lake, officials calculate about a half a liter of urine per swimmer each day. Poor little fishes! Duration: 01:14

Issue: HEALTH

Date. April 27, 2012. This is a story about re-gifting. Ray Fearing has a disease called Focal Segmental Glomer. We'll just call it FSGS. The FSGS is destroying his kidneys and like 90 thousand others, he needed a transplant. Ray's younger sister Cera stepped up and donated one of hers, the ultimate re-gift. But within days the disease had attacked the new organ and was destroying it. Ray's doctor gave Ray three options, keep the kidney and hope for the best, remove the kidney and trash it, or remove it and give it to someone else, something that had never been attempted. And that's what Ray Did. Cera's re-gifted kidney was removed from Ray and successfully re-gifted or transplanted into Edwin Gomez. Gomez knows he's a lucky man and says, "I owe literally my life and my function to them." Ray Fearing is back on dialysis and the waiting list, hoping for another re-gifted kidney. But he doesn't regret his decision. His generosity saved one life and likely many more, by changing the way doctors around the world deal with transplant rejection. Hopefully he'll live long enough to benefit from it and be re-gifted with another kidney. Duration: 2:23

Issue: GOVERNMENT

Date. April 21, 2012. It appears there's nothing left to do, but quit. Like the flies on their pants, the Secret Service members caught up in that prostitution scandal are dropping. Six of the twelve naughty boys have resigned. Probably the first smart move they've made since being busted with hookers while on security detail during the president's trip to Cartagena, Colombia for the Summit of the Americas. We don't know any of their names, which will no doubt play in their favor. Now that they're unemployed, they're going to need to work on their resumes and "fired from my federal security gig for paying women to sleep with me" won't look so hot. Duration: 0:38

Issue: ECONOMY

Date. The Canadians are getting rid of the peskie penny altogether. Just like that, Canada's last penny is printed. Now a day's pennies have become more of a hassle than actually useful. Canada's reason for doing away with the penny wasn't really superstitious, instead it was more logic. The penny was costing more than a penny to make. Without it, Canada will save 11-million dollars next year. Canadian banks will start phasing out the pennies in the fall and for all those who feel like throwing them away is some sort of treason. Charities like Habitat for Humanity are accepting the rejected coins as donations. Gezzz 11-million bucks a year, maybe America should jump on the penniless bandwagon too. Duration: 1:32

Issue: CRIME

Date. June 9, 2012. Houston Police brought in a robot to help with a SWAT standoff in Southeast Houston overnight. It ended tragically, with two people dead. Police believe this was a murder-suicide. The SWAT team went to Glenheath around 11:30 last night. After spending several minutes negotiating, and not making contact, they sent in a robot with a tiny camera. That's when it was discovered a retired Houston firefighter was dead, along with a woman; officers believe this was a murder-suicide. Eugene Scott and the female was his wife or girlfriend. HPD hostage negotiators said over their loudspeaker that they knew that Eugene worked for HFD. It is unknown why he called 911 originally. It is also unknown how the two died, but murder/suicide may have been the case. No sound, but at 3:27 in the video you can hear negotiators attempting to make contact. Duration: 1:5

Issue: FAMILY ISSUES

Date. April 30, 2012. It's prom time. And in the tiny town of Harker Heights, north of Austin, families are going a little crazy with advertising. To the tune of \$15 thousand dollars! It only happens once in your lifetime, so the "Day" family created a billboard for Brandy. Brandy Day said she joked to her mother about using a billboard to advertise, and was surprised when she found out her mother followed through. "I was joking, but she took me seriously. When she texted me a pic of the billboard and the newspaper, I was shocked." Turned out the audacious advertising didn't pay off though. Brandy lost the bid to become prom queen. Duration: 1:29