KYRS Quarterly Report for the 4th Quarter of 2023

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KYRS has identified the following as significant issues in our community for the quarter:

- Public Health
- Environmental Issues
- Diversity, Youth, & Culture
- The Arts
- Community Issues

KYRS programs addressing these issues are described below:

Issue: Public Health

Program Addressing the Issue: This Won't Hurt a Bit

Date: 10/22/2023

Broadcast Time: 10:00 AM PST

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Erika and Mark welcome Dr. John Ibarra (DJ Dr. Doo-It-All) to the TWHAB family. Dr. Ibarra, a Hospitalist at MultiCare Health System in Spokane, explains what a Hospitalist is, their role in our healthcare and a few tips on how patients can assist providers when becoming a hospital patient. He also discusses the big three seasonal respiratory viruses: COVID, flu and RSV.

Issue: Public Health

Program Addressing the Issue: This Won't Hurt a Bit

Date: 11/12/2023

Broadcast Time: 10:00 AM PST

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Syphilis! It's Back! On today's This Won't Hurt a Bit, Erika talked about the recent surge of cases of syphilis and explained what congenital syphilis is.

Issue: Public Health

Program Addressing the Issue: This Won't Hurt a Bit

Date: 12/3/2023

Broadcast Time: 10:00 PM PST

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: On today's TWHAB, Mark & Erika welcomed the lead organizers of the Spokane area Health Equity Circle, Sarah Goh and Nikki Delgado, to the KYRS studio. Health Equity Circle is an student led organization focused on building the skills and power to address health equity. The Health Equity Circle is a student led inter-professional organization that brings students together across programs and universities. HEC focuses on health equity issues on campus and in the community and how to act through community organizing.

By partnering with community and campus groups HEC builds collective power to make the positive changes we want to see on campus and in our community and advance health equity.

Issue: Environmental Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Earth Matters Now

Date: 10/23/2023

Broadcast Time: 12:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Laura and Mike did stories on a new study on serpents, saving a Wyoming toad, malaria increasing due to climate change, a new building material based on sea worms, industry cover up of gas stoves, an effort to make oil companies accountable in Washington, and an update on Covid 19.

Issue: Environmental Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Earth Matters Now

Date: 11/14/2023

Broadcast Time: 12:00 Pacific

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Laura and Mike did stories on bumblebees playing with balls, bacteria growing on bacteria, mineral development in Africa, giant trolls made with recyclables, a non chemical pigment to dye clothes, dehumanizing language and use of animals, whale attacks on boats, and a robot crushing a man in Korea.

Issue: Environmental Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Earth Matters Now

Date: 12/5/2023

Broadcast Time: 12:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Laura and Mike did stories on COP 28, Snake River dam removal controversy, FWS listing of the wolverine, foreign land investments in the US, a new soap for handwashing maize, shortage of olive oil and fake substitutes, hydroponics in Egypt and electric bike use.

Issue: Diversity, Youth & Culture

Program Addressing the Issue: Out & About

Date: 11/14/2023

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Played music to commemorate Trans Day of Remembrance 2023. Talked about the upcoming commemoration for TDoR this Saturday (Nov 18th) at the Spokane Library 2 – 4 pm. Talked about the history of this memorial and some murder statistics of trans people this year.

Issue: Diversity, Youth & Culture

Program Addressing the Issue: Out & About

Date: 12/12/2023

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration:1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Talked with Alison Collins – founder of Boots Bakery and Lounge. Boots has been at the forefront of nondiscriminatory businesses in Spokane and they serve only vegan and gluten-free food. We talked about the backlash they faced from people who did not like her stance in favor of marriage equality and BLM.

Issue: Diversity, Youth & Culture

Program Addressing the Issue: Detention

Date: 11/13/2023

Broadcast Time: 2:00 PM Pacific

Duration:1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Detention is a variety music/talk show for teens by teens. Today we discussed what it would be like to be stranded on a desert island, what we would bring with us, and how we would survive.

Issue: Diversity, Youth & Culture

Program Addressing the Issue: Dragonflies on Thin Air

Date: 12/10/2023

Broadcast Time: 3:00 PM Pacific

Duration:1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: DJs marigold (12) and Lily (12) discussed getting older and what they want to be when they grow up. Subjects ranged from designing brands to horse training, to psychologists and therapists. DJs researched the annual salary by occupation and location. Some jobs were decidedly not preferred, like surgeon.

Issue: The Arts

Program Addressing the Issue: Out & About

Date: 12/5/2023

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: *Out and About* had folks on from Stage Left's show *How I Learned to Drive*.

Actors Lisa Edwards, Rebecca Craven, Jeffrey St. George, Jennie Oliver and the director Susan Hardie were in the studio. I felt so at home with all of them, as we have all been in each other's orbits for so much time. It felt like having family over for a nice visit. And that was good because the talk was about the play which deals with some very uncomfortable subjects.

This theatrical work deals honestly with the subjects of incest and pedophilia and the effects that objectifying others, especially in families, has on the formation of people.

We also discussed the reality that this horrible situation has on our society. We talked about how people that we love and respect can also do despicable things to others.

The cast performed two scenes from the show. It is really worth listening to and very much worth seeing the play at Stage Left.

Issue: The Arts

Program Addressing the Issue: Spokane Open Poetry

Date: 12/9/2023

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Sharma Shields, prose. Louise, poetry, Lila, poetry. Sharma, Louise, Lila will each contribute excerpts of their works.

Issue: Community Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Out & About

Date: 11/28/2023

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Talked with Kate Burke who is one of the organizers of Spokane's International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People – November 29th – 4 pm at the Tom Foley Federal Building.

We talked about the history leading up to the ongoing conflict, the different perspectives to the conflict and the event taking place on Wednesday, the 29th.

Issue: Community Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Solidarity Spokane

Date: 10/9/2023

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Delena Mobley and Kim Blessing, owners/founders of Dom+Bomb Spokane, discussed sustainability, the global capitalist distribution system for clothing, the enormous waste we produce in our disposable clothes culture, the rights of workers at home and abroad, and solutions for our current predicament. Remember the person behind the clothing. Remember the individuals that labored to give you your look, and stand with Dom+Bomb to build a sustainable, just, and stylish future for us all.