

**KYRS Quarterly Report for the 1st\_ Quarter of 2019, January 1st through March\_\_ 31st, 2019\_  
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**KYRS has identified the following as significant issues in our community for the quarter:**

- A. Human rights, Diversity and Equality
- B. Elections and government
- C. Environmental Justice and sustainability
- D. Health and science
- E. Arts and Culture

**KYRS programs addressing these issues are described below:**

*Issue:* Human Rights, Diversity and Equality

*Program addressing the issue:* Just Us Spokane (locally produced)

*Date:* 01-20-19

*Broadcast time:* Sunday 1PM

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Hosts talked with Kurtis Robinson about racial equity in the Spokane County criminal justice system – including racial disparities, a new jail, and the SRLJC.

*Issue:* Human Rights, Diversity and Equality

*Program addressing the issue:* WMC Live with Robin Morgan

*Date:* 03-20-19

*Broadcast time:* Sunday 12PM-1PM

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* host, Robin, on professional sportswomen taking sexism to court, high-school girl wrestlers, Meghan Markle (Duchess of Sussex) destigmatizing menstruation, and the House of Dior Guest: Sherin Khankan, founder of Denmark's women's mosque

*Issue:* Human Rights, Diversity and Equality

*Program addressing the issue:* SOS Spokane (Local Show)

*Date:* 02-07-19

*Broadcast time:* 1PM -2PM Thursdays

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Ingrid Sub Cuc is an indigenous native activist and Spokane health care professional, born in Guatemala. Our conversation centered around historic U.S. policies, interference, and its many consequences to the detriment of Guatemala's native population.

*Issue:* Human Rights, Diversity and Equality

*Program addressing the issue:* Praxis (Locally Produced)

*Date:* 1-14-19

*Broadcast time:* 4PM-5PM Mondays

*Duration:* 55 Mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Host Taylor Weech interviews Sandy Williams, editor of Black Lens News, about four years in business with the paper, her years of activism leading up to this, her work with Spokane Community Against Racism (SCAR) and the in-the-works Carl Maxey

Issue: Human Rights, Diversity and Equality

Program addressing the issue: Democracy Now!

Date: 03-29-19

Broadcast time: Monday-Friday 8AM and 5PM

Duration: 55 mins

Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue: *Who has the right to own photos of slaves? The hosts speak with Tamara Lanier, the great-great-great-granddaughter of Papa Renty, the enslaved man whose image was captured in a 19th century photograph currently owned by Harvard University. She is suing the school, accusing it of unfairly profiting from the images. We also speak with her attorney, Benjamin Crump.*

Issue: Elections and Government

Program addressing the issue: TUC Radio

Date: 01-15-19

Broadcast time: 9AM Friday

Duration: 55 mins

Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue: For over two years McGovern has focused on what came to be dubbed RussiaGate He raised questions about the company CrowdStrike that ran the computers of the DNC and why the FBI never investigated the so-called hacks. In this program McGovern presents arguments and evidence for law breaking of senior official in intelligence organizations, the FBI and the Obama era Department of Justice. McGovern states that instead of RussiaGate we ought to be talking about FBIGate.

Issue:

Elections and Government policies

Program addressing the issue: KYRS Local News

Date: 02-15-19

Broadcast time: 6AM and 4PM Friday

Duration: 55 mins

Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue: voters made their way to drop boxes to vote on the proposed Levies to support fire districts and education. If passed, it would result in increased property taxes to fund public safety and specifically Spokane Valley's fire department maintenance and equipment. All of the levies involve a small increase in taxes for every \$1000 of assessed property value. The tax is different for each proposed levy. The program also covered a vote on requirements for vaccinations for children attending public schools.

Issue: Elections and Government policies

Program addressing the issue: Democracy Now!

Date: 02-08-19

Broadcast time: Monday-Friday 8AM and 5PM

Duration: 55 mins

Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue: After months of anticipation, Democratic New York Congress member, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey introduced a resolution for the Green New Deal Thursday, presenting a sweeping plan to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in 10 years, make major investments in public transit and federal jobs, fully transition the U.S. electricity off fossil fuels and codify indigenous peoples' rights to prior consent and approval for decisions that affect them.

*Issue:* Elections, Government and Politics

*Program addressing the issue:* David Pakman Show

*Date:* 3-22-19

*Broadcast time:* Friday 12PM

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Ben Cohen, Co-founder of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and national co-chair of Bernie Sanders' 2020 campaign, joins David to discuss the 2020 Democratic primary, Bernie's candidacy, and more.

*Issue:* Elections, Government and Politics

*Program addressing the issue:* Democracy Now!

*Date:* 03-25-19

*Broadcast time:* Monday-Friday 8AM and 5PM

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Commentary and news on the release of the Mueller report. "There was no collusion. That was the key finding of special counsel Robert Mueller's long-awaited report into whether President Trump and members of his campaign conspired with the Russian government to win the 2016 election. While the full report on Mueller's 22-month investigation has not yet been made public, Attorney General William Barr sent a four-page letter to congressional leaders on Sunday laying out his interpretation of Mueller's findings."

*Issue:* Environmental justice, science and sustainability

*Program addressing the issue:* Democracy Now!

*Date:* 01-11-19

*Broadcast time:* Monday- Friday 8AM and 5PM

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* A major new study published in the journal Science finds the world's oceans are absorbing heat at a far faster rate than previously predicted—a finding with troubling implications for the future of life on Earth. The study found greenhouse gas emissions are warming the oceans 40 percent faster than even the dire predictions made by the U.N.'s top climate scientists five years ago.

*Issue:* Environmental Justice, science and sustainability

*Program addressing the issue:* Sounds of Science (Locally produced)

*Date:* 03-10-19

*Broadcast time:* Sundays 4PM

*Duration:* 55 Minutes

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Today on Sounds of Science the hosts discussed declining bee populations, overweight bear populations, and the movement of fish in response to warming ocean temperatures.

*Issue:* Environmental Justice, science and sustainability

*Program addressing the issue:* KYRS Local News

*Date:* 02-26-19

*Broadcast time:* Tuesday, 6AM and 4PM

*Duration:* 5-7 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Newmont Mining Company has recently made a request for less stringent standards on mine contaminate cleanup at the Mindnite Mine site, a closed uranium mine, located on the Spokane Reservation near Wellpennate, WA. A local environmental advocacy group, will be hosting a presentation for the public on environmental issues the contamination poses.

*Issue:* Environmental Justice, Science and Sustainability

*Program addressing the issue:* Radio Eco Shock

*Date:* 02-21-19

*Broadcast time:* 6AM Thursday

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* New Zealand ice-expert **Nicholas Golledg** speaks with hosts about new data regarding climate change.

*Issue:* Environmental Justice, Science and Sustainability

*Program addressing the issue:* Earth Matters Now! (Locally Produced)

*Date:* 03-26-19

*Broadcast time:* 12PM Tuesdays

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Hosts interviewed Jeff Lambert, Executive Director of the Dishman Hills Conservancy. We also did stories on renewable energy and the movement of heat loving bacteria in our atmosphere.

*Issue:* Health and Science

*Program addressing the issue:* KYRS Local News (Locally produced)

*Date:* 01-22-19

*Broadcast time:* Tuesday 6AM and 4PM

*Duration:* 5-7 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* A Washington State bill is under review by the Senate would allow human composting as an alternative to burial and cremation according to the Spokesman Review. Recomposition as it is called is described as an environmental and less expensive way to deal with death. The company Recompose located in Seattle states this form of burial quote "takes less energy and puts out less carbon dioxide than traditional burial and cremation."

*Issue:* Health and Science (Locally Produced)

*Program addressing the issue:* This won't hurt a bit

*Date:* 1-27-19

*Broadcast time:* Sunday 10AM

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* The hosts discussed Men's Health Awareness month, medicine in the news, and blood donation.

*Issue:* Health and Science

*Program addressing the issue:* The Sound of Science

*Date:* 02-03-19

*Broadcast time:* Sundays 4PM

*Duration:* 55 Mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Today on Sounds of Science, the hosts discussed ocean currents, proteins that both fight and help cancer growth, a newly discovered ancient galaxy, and micro plastics in big brand water bottles.

*Issue:* Health and science  
*Program addressing the issue:* Medical Discovery News  
*Date:* 02-28-19

*Broadcast time:* Thursday 4PM

*Duration:* 3 mins health news update

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* More than 50 million people worldwide sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) annually. Detection of intracranial injuries relies on head CT, which is overused and resource intensive. Blood-based brain biomarkers hold the potential to predict absence of intracranial injury and thus reduce unnecessary head CT scanning...

*Issue:* Health and Science  
*Program addressing the issue:* Sounds of Science  
*Date:* 03-24-19

*Broadcast time:* Sundays at 4PM

*Duration:* 55 minutes

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Issue: Today on Sounds of Science, hosts discussed electricity-eating bacteria, how food affects teeth growth (and the development of languages!), ways to cleanse the air of ammonia cleanly and safely, and how economic difference correlate with standardized test scores.

## Art and Culture

*Program addressing the issue:* Art Hour (Locally Produced)

*Date:* 1-17-19

*Broadcast time:* Thursday 4PM

*Duration:* 55 Mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Hosts of the Art Hour spoke with the lead teacher of The Community School Drummers, which consists of 9th – 12th grade students from The Community School (Spokane Public School District). Students learn traditional West African and Afro-Cuban rhythms along with history and cultural significance of each instrument. During performances, they present cultural, historical information to the audience along with their music.

*Issue:* Arts and Culture  
*Program addressing the issue:* Spokane Open Poetry Program (Locally Produced)  
*Date:* 01-27-19

*Broadcast time:* Saturday 11AM

*Duration:* 30 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Local poet, writer and artist Jennifer LaRue gave a reading of her recent poetry.

*Issue:* Arts and Culture

*Program addressing the issue:* Personally Speaking (Locally Produced)

*Date:* 02-16-19

*Broadcast time:* Saturday 5PM

*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Hosts of Personally Speaking interviewed locally theater company, Stage Left about their upcoming production, *Hecuba*, a play written in response to the story of *Euripides*. In this very contemporary script, Hecuba is the protagonist. Rather than accepting the story of a woman driven mad and exacting revenge, the story illuminates what happens to the strongest of women when everything is taken from them.

*Issue:* Arts and Culture  
*Program addressing the issue:* The Persian Hour  
*Date:* 03-02-19  
*Broadcast time:* Saturday 12PM  
*Duration:* 55 mins

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* Show weekly features a variety of music from Iran and other middle Eastern countries, and this week also discussed, documentary films made in and about Iran.

*Issue:* Arts and Culture  
*Program addressing the issue:* KYRS Local News  
*Date:* 03-30-19  
*Broadcast time:* 6AM and 4PM  
*Duration:* 6 min local news update

*Narrative of issue and how programs addressed the issue:* The Museum of Arts and Culture in Spokane is hosting it's first ever art glass exhibit, featuring the work of world renown artist Dale Chuhuly, as well as 32 other exceptional artists from the region and from around the globe.