

Quarterly Issues Report

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Name of Program	Date (s) Aired	Time (s) Aired	Duration	Brief Description of Program
Library Times	10/3/2022	13:00	30:00	Interview with Sarah Lucchezi & Brittany from Edzimer Library discuss library research methods
What Mamma Wants	11/22/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Adam Nordell and his wife own <u>Songbird Organic Farm</u>, in Unity, Maine which became central to the PFAS deliberations last winter, after they learned that their organic farm was in fact <u>heavily contaminated by PFAS</u>, from historic sludge spreading. With great courage and integrity, they immediately curtailed their food production and spoke up about this growing problem. This spring (2022) Maine passed a law (LD 1911) that <u>banned the spreading of sludge</u>. As awareness grows about there being no actual safe level of exposure we have to make other choices about <u>what to do with "bio-solids."</u></p>
What Mamma Wants	11/15/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview with Don Kimball was a non-commissioned officer, stationed on Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire from 1977-1981, at a time when they were frequently using a firefighting foam (AFFF), which we now know to be full of PFAS.</p> <p>Today, Don is the producer and host of a radio program called <u>Friendly Fire: A Voice For Veterans</u> where he frequently tackles thorny issues like <u>chemical exposures and toxic PFAS testing for veterans.</u></p>

What Mamma Wants	11/8/22	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview with Frederica Perera, PhD founded <u>Columbia's Center for Children's Environmental Health</u> and is a professor of Environmental Health Sciences at <u>Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health</u>. Recently, her book <u>Children's Health and the Perils of Climate Change</u> was published by <u>Oxford University Press</u>, (2022).</p>
What Mamma Wants	10/25/22	13:00	30:00	<p>Dr. Roopa Krithivasan, recently published a 68 page report called <u>Problem Plastic: How Polyester and PET Plastic Can Be Unsafe, Unjust and Unsustainable Materials</u>. Dr. Krithivasan is the Director of Research for <u>Defend Our Health</u> and has a background in social, ecological and conservation research.</p> <p>Dr. Krithivasan discusses the hidden <u>health hazards</u> from the hundreds of chemicals used to make plastics. For instance, <u>antimony</u> is a chemical used in the plastic finishing process for <u>PET and polyester</u> (plastic bottles, clothing, stuffed animals, packaging), and it is toxic to the liver and heart. More than 99% of PET and polyester is made from non-renewable fossil gas and oil and is very often created in plants located next to "<u>fenceline communities</u>." Serious <u>environmental justice</u> issues have been created In these exposed communities. Often young children and people of color face the greatest harm to the chemicals used in the plastic plants next door.</p>

What Mama Wants	10/18/22	13:00	30:00	<p>Kelsey George was in her mid-twenties when she rented an apartment in <u>Hancock County, ME</u>. There she drank, bathed in, cooked and irrigated with well water that was over the federal limit of 10 ppl with arsenic. She got sicker and sicker and it took a long time before she realized she should test her well water that was odorless, colorless and tasted normal. The invisible arsenic was exactly what was making her so ill.</p> <p>One in six <u>Mainers</u> who drink well water are exposed to <u>unsafe arsenic</u> levels. Kelsey strongly advocates for <u>testing well water</u> regularly, to be sure it is safe. Kelsey George was in her mid-twenties when she rented an apartment in <u>Hancock County, ME</u>. There she drank, bathed in, cooked and irrigated with well water that was over the federal limit of 10 ppl with arsenic. She got sicker and sicker and it took a long time before she realized she should test her well water that was odorless, colorless and tasted normal. The invisible arsenic was exactly what was making her so ill.</p> <p>One in six <u>Mainers</u> who drink well water are exposed to <u>unsafe arsenic</u> levels. Kelsey strongly advocates for <u>testing well water</u> regularly, to be sure it is safe.</p>
What Mama Wants	10/11/22	13:00	30:00	<p><u>Mindi Messmer</u> is an environmental and public health scientist (Clinical and Translational Science, MS) so other parents reached out to her when local families began experiencing a tragic pediatric <u>cancer cluster in Rye, NH</u> 2014. Her empathy for their terribly scary situations led her to become involved as a local activist, leader, and</p>

				<p>public servant.</p> <p>Mindi Messmer was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives (2016-2018) where she worked to protect public health through bills on <u>PFAS</u>, <u>arsenic</u> and <u>lead poisoning</u> prevention. She remains committed to cancer prevention and environmental and drinking water protection.</p> <p>Mindi is the author of <u>Female Disruptors, Stories of Mighty Female Scientists</u> (2022), which she discusses in this interview.</p>
What Mama Wants	10/04/22	13:00	30:00	<p><u>Corey Hinton</u> is a lawyer at Drummond Woodsum in Portland, ME. He is the leader of the firm's Tribal Nations Practice Group. Recently, he represented the Passamaquoddy Tribe in a fight for clean drinking water. Maine Legislation <u>LD 906: Clean Water For Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik</u> was successfully passed and signed into law on April 21, 2022. After living with unreliable, odorous and <u>toxic drinking water</u> for decades there is finally movement toward several short, medium, and long range solutions. Regarding toxics in the water supply, he believes we simply must reduce our toxic inputs into the natural world, which benefit only a select few people's short term gains.</p> <p>Additionally, Hinton discusses environmental and social justice issues that have been gaining some recent</p>

				<p>traction. These ideas are not new, however, as he can reference Maine Legislature notes from the 1870's in which Passamaquoddy leaders were seeking many of the same measures around social justice and respectful environmental stewardship.</p> <p>FMI: www.wabinakialliance.org.</p>
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	12/7/22	19:00	30:00	<p>This episode meet Alejandro Strong, an outdoor enthusiast. He shares with us what his Pack Raft Maine can offer its consumers, from day trips to expeditions. He also shares his philosophy on being boundless and how to enjoy nature.</p>
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	11/30/22	19:00	30:00	<p>In this episode we meet Margaret Brownlee again, this time we focus on her dissertation. Her dissertation documents the racism queer women of color encounter while at predominantly white institutions of education.</p>
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	11/23/22	19:00	30:00	<p>In this episode we meet art curator and humanitarian, Valeria Bemby. She'll share her trajectory through her formative adult years. As you listen, Valeria will share her stepping stones from Scarborough High School to London to Iraq and back to Maine, and all in between. Please take a look at her "artivism" exhibit at Space Gallery, Spitting Fire.</p>
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	11/16/22	19:00	30:00	<p>This pandemic thick episode of Portland Maine's 7th Poet Laureate has a lawn mower as a bonus guest. Listen as Maya, shares their journey in writing and spoken word.</p>
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	11/09/22	19:00	30:00	<p>This pandemic thick episode is one of guerrilla journalism where we take a different direction and interview a Nigerian about his activism when one of the busiest ports in the world, Lagos, was closed. In this episode we see the parallels of police brutality in Nigeria and the U.S.</p>

In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	10/26/22	19:00	30:00	In this pandemic thick episode, meet <u>Desiree Nicole Lester</u> . I like to think of this native of Maine as a curator of artistic taste. She also shares her independent thinking as an intrapreneur. Hear her thoughts a couple of years before she began helping others through rap music and meditation, on <u>@rapmantrameditation</u> .
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	10/19/22	19:00	30:00	Interview with Adilah Muhammad, this pandemic thick episode introduces us to Adilah, founder and executive director of <u>The Third Place</u> . The Third Place is an organizational collaborative and coworking space that supports Black entrepreneurs, leaders and professionals towards an equitable quality of space.
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	10/4//22	19:00	30:00	Interview with Rhonda Beauty, we meet <u>Rhona</u> , a cosmetologist with her own hair salon in Biddeford. This episode she'll share how she began her training and what services she offers. She'll also share about being a <u>Mrs Maine</u> contestant.

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