

KTSW COMMUNITY ISSUES 7/01/2020 – 9/30/2020 (Placed in file 10/09/2020)
There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by KTSW-FM 89.9, San Marcos, Texas, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of July 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which they appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Public Service Campaigns 7/01-9/30 Varies 50.7 hours

KTSW-FM 89.9 airs multiple public service announcements covering many topics at various times throughout the day, totaling approximately 3.9 hours per week, 50.7 hours for this quarter.

Categories & topics include:

San Marcos Community: COVID-19 Testing, Early Voting, Girls in STEM, Voter Registration, Register to Vote General, Register to Vote by Mail, Voter Registration for November

Texas State Student Services: Bobcat Pledge, Navigating on Campus (COVID-19), the Counseling Center, the Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC), the Writing Center, Bobcat Bobbies

Texas State University Interest: The Black Student Alliance

Environmental: Recycling

Health and Wellness: COVID-19 Testing for Students, COVID PSA, Self-Care for COVID-19, Staying Positive During COVID-19 Pandemic, COVID PSA #2, STD Prevention, Summer Safety

City of Kyle Fireworks 7/04 9:15 p.m. 30 minutes

Provided pre-recorded introduction and accompanying music for 4th of July fireworks show.

Big Picture Science July 1 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes

Topic: Let's Stick Together

Crowded subway driving you crazy? Sick of the marathon-length grocery store line? Wish you had a hovercraft to float over traffic? If you are itching to hightail it to an isolated cabin in the woods, remember, we evolved to be together. Humans are not only social, we're driven to care for one another, even those outside our immediate family. We look at some of the reasons why this is so – from the increase in valuable communication within social groups to the power of the hormone oxytocin. Plus, how our willingness to tolerate anonymity, a condition which allows societies to grow, has a parallel in ant supercolonies.

Alternative Radio
Topic: Technopolies

July 2

7:00 a.m.

60 minutes

The five biggest corporations in the world by market value are Google, Apple, Amazon, Microsoft and Facebook. Their head honchos the Zuckerbergs, Gates and Bezos make the Vanderbilts, Morgans and Carnegies of the Gilded Age look like pikers. These “masters of mankind” as Adam Smith called them, love to pay lip service to competition. But you know what? They want absolute domination and control. Monopoly is not a board game for them, it is the essence of their very being. And they rely on state power to secure their position. The big five capitalist firms dominate the means of work and social interaction. Collectively, these technopolies represent a tremendous concentration of power both economic and political which do not bode well for the needs of a democratic society. Their amassing of our data is threatening. What can be done?

Counterspin

July 3

7:00 a.m.

30 minutes

Guest/Topic: Ezra Young on Supreme Court LGBT Ruling

This week on CounterSpin: A typically temperate Donald Trump decried what he called “horrible & politically charged decisions coming out of the Supreme Court” as “shotgun blasts into the face of people that are proud to call themselves Republicans or Conservatives.”

He meant, of course, the ruling stopping his administration (for now) from ending DACA, the program protecting hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation—and, maybe even more so, the historic ruling from earlier in the week declaring that Title VII of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 does in fact make it illegal for employers to discriminate against a worker because of their sexual orientation or their transgender status. That 6-to-3 decision surprised and elated many. We’ll talk about how we got here and what it means going forward with civil rights attorney Ezra Young, whose litigation and scholarship center on trans rights.

Conversations on Healthcare

July 3

7:30 a.m.

30 minutes

Guest/Topic: COVID 19: We’re in the Second Inning - According to Noted Epidemiologist Dr. Michael Osterholm

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Michael Osterholm, world-renowned epidemiologist, pandemic expert and Director of the Center for Infectious Disease, Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. The author of *The Deadliest Enemy: Our War with Killer Germs*, Dr Osterholm has warned for years of the likelihood of a pandemic such as COVID-19. He extols the need for ongoing measures to protect the public health and front line health care workers through mask use, social distancing and tests, and the herculean scientific efforts to produce treatments and a vaccine.

allowing politicians to lie, and even altered its news feed algorithm to neutralize claims that it was biased against conservative publishers,” according to former and current employees and company documents.

It’s an incredibly important issue at a platform one-and-a-half billion people use, and that is, for many, replacing actual news outlets as a source of information. Activists have complained for years, but a current campaign is getting some traction. It’s called Stop Hate for Profit, and it’s the work of a coalition of groups, one of which is Free Press. We’ll hear about what organizers want to change with Free Press co-CEO Jessica González.

Plus Janine Jackson takes a quick look at media looking abroad rather than at home for the roots of Trump’s authoritarianism

Conversations on Healthcare July 17 7:30 a.m. 30 minutes
Topic: COVID-19 and American Indians: Dr. Donald Warne on the Devastating Toll of the Pandemic on Native American Populations

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Donald Warne, Director of Indians Into Medicine (INMED) at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine. A renowned expert on American Indian health policies, Dr. Warne talks about the devastating toll COVID-19 is exacting on communities of color, particularly American Indians, who already suffer the effects of long term poverty, health disparities and Congress’ repeated failure to fully fund Indian Health Services which has led to a huge burden of chronic disease.

Big Picture Science July 22 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic COVID Curiosities

Some dogs and cats have become sick with COVID. But it’s not just domestic critters that are vulnerable: zoo animals have fallen ill too. There’s more strange news about the pandemic, for example scientists who track the coronavirus in our sewage, and computer models that show that flushing the toilet can launch persistent, pathogenic plumes into the room. And scientists have warned the WHO that infectious virus remains airborne. Also, how a shortage of glass vials could delay the deployment of a vaccine.

Alternative Radio July 23 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic: The Fragility of Whiteness

The great African American sociologist W. E. B. Du Bois in his 1903 classic book, *The Souls of Black Folk*, wrote, “The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line.” Well, here we are in the 21st century and the color line and racial injustice remain front and center. Some white people have acknowledged racism as a major issue. Others when challenged are defensive and uncomfortable. The murder of George Floyd brought out multi-racial demonstrations against police violence and racial injustice. Monuments, statues and other symbols of oppression are toppled and Confederate flags are lowered. These are the first steps in a reckoning that is long overdue.

Big Picture Science **July 29** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Something in the Air

Inhale. Now exhale. Notice anything different? Our response to the virus is changing the air in unexpected ways. A pandemic-driven pause on travel has produced clear skies and a world-wide air quality experiment. And a new study reveals that hundreds of tons of microplastics are raining down on us each day.

Alternative Radio **July 30** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Racism and Health

For more than a year the public was complaining about the drinking water in Flint, Michigan. The water was so pungent and foamy that one priest had stopped using it for baptisms. The state's Department of Environmental Quality, confidently announced, "Anyone who is concerned about lead in the drinking water in Flint can relax." Flint is a majority African-American city. In nearby Detroit, 85% black, schools are heavily infested with rats, roaches and mold. Might those conditions affect the health of an overwhelmingly black student population? In Baltimore, another largely black city, the levels of lead poisoning among children is three times the national rate. Racism is a big part of the social determinants of health. It's past time we acknowledge that and do something about it.

Counterspin **July 31** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guests/Topic: Diane Yentel on Eviction Crisis, Lisa Graves on USPS Under Attack

This week on CounterSpin: One expert, Emily Benfer, put it this way: About 10 million people, over a period of years, were displaced from their homes following the foreclosure crisis in 2008. We're looking at 20 to 28 million people facing eviction between now and September. People have to fight their evictions "virtually," since housing courts are closed—and if you don't have that fast internet, or don't get on that Zoom call properly—that's "failure to appear," and you lose. The impact of eviction, meanwhile, can be devastating. Making folks homeless in a pandemic is just a flashpoint of this country's affordable housing crisis—and a reminder that, as a new report begins: "Housing is healthcare." The report, called Out of Reach 2020: The High Cost of Housing, comes from the National Low Income Housing Coalition. We talk with Coalition president Diane Yentel.

Conversations on Healthcare **July 31** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: Pandemic: Dr. Zeke Emanuel on the Timeline for America Returning to 'Normal'

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Zeke Emanuel, Chair of the Department of Medical Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania. A former advisor to the Obama Administration, he predicts the pandemic won't be fully brought under control until late next year, when an approved vaccine can be successfully deployed across hundreds of millions of Americans. He discusses his new book, "Which

Conversations on Healthcare **August 14** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes -**
Guest/Topic: Dr. Eric Topol: What Lies Between Now and COVID-19 Vaccine

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Eric Topol, Founder and Director of the Scripps Translational Institute, and author of “The Creative Destruction of Medicine”. Dr. Topol is a renowned cardiologist and health data champion, and shares a harsh assessment of federal handling of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the US. He’s heartened by the many collaborations yielding significant scientific discovery around rapid testing technology and vaccines. He’s concerned the anti-science movement will undermine deployment of an effective vaccination program, once one makes it to the public.

Grab-Bag Show **August 15** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes -**
Topic: Mental Health in Times of Crisis

The COVID-19 outbreak is creating increased demand for mental health services — lots of people are feeling anxious, or are getting depressed. At the same time, traditional mental health services have been disrupted. In-person sessions are not possible at the moment, nor are group sessions. How are providers and their clients adjusting? We take a look at mental health services and what people are doing to stay well during these difficult times. We also hear stories of families affected by serious mental health issues, and why they say the system fails too many people

Philosophy Talk **August 17** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Can Streets Discriminate?

City streets play an important role in our everyday lives. We commute to work, walk our dogs, meet our friends, and stage protests on city streets. In theory, streets are open for anyone to physically access. But do streets, by their design, actually discriminate against certain people? If so, who has less access to city streets? Is the design of our cities a political matter? Can we even talk about cities as being just or unjust by design? Or are they simply inconvenient, or poorly designed, for some? Josh and Ray hit the streets with Shane Epting from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, Co-Director of the Philosophy of the City research group.

Alternative Radio **August 20** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes -**
Topic: Building Resilience in a Post-Carbon Society

David Suzuki, the renowned Canadian environmental activist, author and broadcaster, says, “If you fly over a forest and look down, you’ll see every green tree and plant reaching to the heavens to absorb the ultimate energy source: sunlight. What a contrast when you look down on a city or town with its naked roofs, asphalt roads and concrete sidewalks, all ignoring the sun’s beneficence! Our economic systems don’t often encourage the most efficient and least harmful ways of providing necessities. They aim for the quickest, easiest, cheapest and most economically profitable paths. We can do better than that.” Indeed we can and we must if we are going to leave a habitable planet

Alternative Radio **September 3** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes -**
Topic: It's Time to Transform America

Representative John Lewis of Georgia, an icon of the struggle for civil rights, social justice and equality died in mid-July. He was called the “conscience of the Congress.” His passing evoked memories of the March on Washington and the bridge in Selma. And attention on the struggles today: the new Jim Crow, the Black Lives Matter movement and the widespread demonstrations protesting the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. In the tradition of his mentor Dr. King, John Lewis was dedicated to civil disobedience and non-violence. His words inspire us to engagement and peaceful resistance. When he gave the commencement address to Boston University graduates in 2018, he said, “My philosophy is simple. When you see something that is not fair, not right, not just, then you have a moral obligation to say something; to do something, stand up, speak out.”

Counterspin **September 4** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes -**
Guest/Topic: Liz OuYang on Census Sabotage

The United States has been conducting the census for some two centuries, but Donald Trump and his cronies have a new idea of how to do it that involves screwing it up entirely in service to a racist, nativist project.

Conversations on Healthcare **September 4** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes -**
Guest/Topic: Pandemic XPrize Competition: Dr. Daniel Kraft on Quest to Leverage Tech and AI For Solutions to Address COVID-19

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter welcome US Surgeon General under President Obama, Dr. Vivek Murthy, whose new book “Together: The Healing Power of Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World” examines the causes and harmful effects of the epidemic of loneliness in America and its impact on health. Dr. Murthy examines how the COVID-19 pandemic is amplifying this crisis, and how we, as a society, must address this issue.

Grab-Bag Show **September 5** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes -**
Topic: COVID-19 and Climate: Implications for our Food System

Coronavirus outbreaks in food markets, food plants, and farmworker communities have impacted food access and put a spotlight on food insecurity. Farmers are hurting as supply chains for fresh, perishable foods shrivel, while food banks have seen a surge in demand that has required distribution support from the National Guard. “Farmers saw a lot of increased demand direct to consumer, which requires extra labor, extra packaging - just so much time essentially creating a whole new business model,” says Lisa Held, Senior Reporter with Civil Eats. Will COVID-19 change our food system for good?

Lerner, who covers health and the environment at the Intercept, about plastics recycling and the sketchy behavior of the industry behind it.

Conversations on Healthcare September 19 7:30 a.m. 30 minutes -
Guest/Topic: Should I Send My Kids Back To School? Renowned Scientist Dr. William Haseltine Has Advice for Families

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. William Haseltine, President of ACCESS Health International, a global health think tank. He is also a renowned scientist, entrepreneur, philanthropist and founder of Harvard Medical School's HIV/AIDS and cancer research centers. He discusses his two new books: A Family Guide to COVID: Questions and Answers for Parents, Grandparents and Children, and A COVID Back To School Guide which are continually-updating 'living e-books' offering answers to the many questions families have about how to navigate their way through the pandemic.

Grab-Bag Show September 19 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic: Epicentro Latino: Spanish and English. Are We a Bilingual Nation?

Hostest With the Mostest": Patricia Guadalupe :48 Report Alex Avila, executive producer of NPR's Latino USA. The piece looks at the phenomena of the English-only movement and how it has crept into even such iconic U.S. symbols, such as the national anthem. 5:46 Round table with Dan Stein director of the Federal for American Immigration Reform, FAIR, and Pilar Marrero columnist of La Opini?n, the nation's largest-circulating Spanish-language daily newspaper, who talk about the pros and cons of English-only 17:30 break 1 min 18:30 Part Two of Round table Discussion with Dan Stein and Pilar Marrero 30:21 break 1 min 31:21 Report Laura Illiyama, correspondent with Feature Story News, Deutche Welle Radio. This report focuses on the use of racially inflammatory terms, such as "illegal aliens" and their acceptance by the general public. 35:37 Interview with Roland Roebuck, Afro-Latino activist, on the issue of Afro Latinos in the community and how scant attention is paid to them. 41:55 break 1 min 42:55 Interview with noted poet and author Ana Castillo, who talks about the use of language in her writing, and whether writing in both English and Spanish is positive or negative 52:32 break 1 min 53:32 Commentary Ariel Dorfman, who asks, what is wrong with speaking any other language besides English?

Philosophy Talk September 21 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic: Citizenship and Justice

Securing citizenship to a developed country could guarantee people enormous privileges and opportunities. Some condemn those who try illegally to reap the benefits that come with such citizenship. But are our ways of determining who gets to enter borders arbitrary and unfair? Should we grant border access to people born in a nation's territories, or also

on people whose parents were citizens? Or should we favor the highly skilled who can contribute the most to the nation? What is the most just way to determine citizenship? Josh and Ray cross the border with Arash Abizadeh from McGill University, author of *Hobbes and the Two Faces of Ethics*.

Alternative Radio **September 24** **7:00 a.m.** **60 minutes** -
Topic: Capitalist Bubbles & Covid-19

The world is at a crossroads. The COVID-19 pandemic, with hundreds of thousands dead across the globe and counting, has triggered a disastrous economic situation for millions. At some point, we will be in a post-pandemic world. What will it look like? More of the same old same old? Or can we imagine a different world? Where the planet and its people are nurtured and protected and there are no longer huge concentrations of wealth and grotesque inequalities. Can pressure from the streets break the iron grip of capitalism and create lasting structural change and a green new deal? Yanis Varoufakis says, “We can do it.”

Counterspin **September 25** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guests/Topics: Peter Maybarduk on Covid Treatments, Kia Rahnama on the Right to Protest

This week on CounterSpin: There is the fact that, back in February, Donald Trump was saying one thing to the public about the coronavirus while saying something else entirely in late night calls to a once-hotshot reporter. And there is the fact that the reporter chose not to share that information with the public until his book was ready to sell. Combined, those facts go a ways toward explaining the particular coronavirus nightmare the US faces, with a president who says and does whatever, public health and humanity be damned, and—where there should be a vigorous, principled check on that—a press corps that can’t seem to remember whose interest they’re meant to represent. We talk about seeing around the limitations of corporate media’s storyline when it comes to vaccines and treatments for Covid-19 with Peter Maybarduk; he’s director of the Global Access to Medicines Program at Public Citizen. They have a new report about the impact (so far) of Gilead’s monopoly control of the possible treatment drug Remdesivir.

Conversations on Healthcare **September 25** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes** -
Guest/Topic: CMS Administrator Seema Verma Talks Expansion of Telehealth, Development of COVID-19 Vaccine and Answers Recent Allegations

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter welcome Seema Verma, Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under the Trump administration, a trillion dollar-a-year agency providing health coverage for 130 million vulnerable Americans on Medicaid and Seniors on Medicare. She discusses the agency’s dramatic transformation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including hundreds of waivers lifting restrictions for providers across the country, a swift expansion of telehealth adoption, and Operation Warp Speed’s quest to provide a safe and efficacious

vaccine for widespread distribution, once it is approved. She also addresses recent allegations around agency spending questions.

Grab-Bag Show

September 26

7:00 a.m.

60 minutes

Topic: College in the Time of Coronavirus

We tackle all the ways that college has been changing in response to not only the pandemic, but also to the changing needs and values of students. Plus, when cases of COVID-19 go up as students come back to college, who's to blame? Students? Or the schools themselves?