

KTSW COMMUNITY ISSUES 10/01/2023 – 12/31/2023 (Placed in file 1/10/2024)
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 October 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which they appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Public Service Campaigns 10/01-12/31 Varies 45.5 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, 45.5 hours for this quarter.

Categories & topics include:

San Marcos Community: Pedestrian Safety, General Voting, Pet Adoption, Volunteer Opportunities, San Marcos Boating Ordinance, Meadows Center, Alternative Modes of Transportation

Texas State Student Services: First Gen, Low Income Student Organization, Bobcat Bounty Food Bank, TXST Mental Health Resources, The Counseling Center, the Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC), the Writing Center, Student Support Services, Alkek 1, Texas State Guardian App, Career Services, Math Cats, Flu Shots, Handshake Job Service, BookSmart Program, Attorney for Students Office

Texas State University Interest: The Black Student Alliance, First Gen, Low Income (FLIP), Bobcat Bounty

Environmental: Recycling, Spring Lake Nature Area, Anti-Littering, Water Conservation, Glitter = Litter

Health and Wellness: Safe Sex, Mosquito Prevention, Mental Health/Smart Social Media Use, Cold/Flu Prevention, Seasonal Allergies, Positive Sleeping Habits, Getting Outdoors

Safety: Phishing Awareness, Personal Property Theft-Automobile, Wildfire Safety Precautions, Safe Partying, Media Literacy, Fetanyl Awareness

Philosophy Talk October 2 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic: What Is Masculinity?

Ideals of manhood differ across times and cultures—why think there’s any one thing it means to be a man?

Conversations on Healthcare October 6 7:30 a.m. 30 minutes
Guest/Topic: Latest on Long COVID: NIH Study Leader Leora Horwitz, MD

Description: One of the nation’s top experts on Long COVID explains that it’s still a mystery why virus symptoms remain months and sometimes years after an infection. Dr. Leora Horwitz helps lead the National Institute of Health’s study of Long COVID. She’s

the director of the Center for Healthcare Innovation and Delivery Science at NYU Langone Health, where they're integrating the research activities of almost 200 clinical sites.

She says they have found evidence of the virus persisting as well as inflammation or irritation in the bodies of some patients, which may be contributing to the condition.

Hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter also ask Dr. Horwitz to explain the new working definition of Long COVID, which is helping the medical community move beyond any one individual symptom to describe it.

Conversations on Healthcare November 10 7:30 a.m. 30 minutes
Guest/Topic: Mayo Clinic Long COVID Expert Dr. Greg Vanichkachorn: Cases Down as Stigma Continues

The director of Mayo Clinic's COVID Activity Rehabilitation Program says they're seeing a decrease in Long COVID cases, likely due to variant changes and the effectiveness of vaccines. Dr. Greg Vanichkachorn describes Long COVID as a group of symptoms that linger longer than the normal COVID recovery period. He says fatigue and physical complaints decrease but patients have lingering cognitive effects like brain fog.

Unfortunately, Dr. Vanichkachorn says patients can still face stigma for the condition and he says some clinicians also do when they deliver such a diagnosis. In order to reach everyone, clinicians are increasing efforts to inform diverse populations, including hourly workers and farmers who may be coping in silence.

Hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter also learn how olfactory retraining and cognitive behavioral therapy are encouraged for Long COVID patients.

Grab Bag Program November 11 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic: After They've Served

Description: No matter how they served or where or when, for veterans, returning to civilian life is a big transition.

Conversations on Healthcare November 17 7:30 a.m. 30 minutes
Guest/Topic: New NACHC CEO Dr. Kyu Rhee: Top 3 Goals for Community Health Centers

Experienced health care executive Dr. Kyu Rhee, recently named as the president and CEO of the National Association of Community Health Centers, says member organizations are working on three big goals: Being the provider of choice, the employer of choice and the partner of choice.

As he and NACHC members focus on these items, they're also nervously awaiting congressional action. In late September, Congress passed a short-term extension of funding for community health centers, National Health Services Corps and the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education program. Without Congressional action, that money will expire on Nov. 17.

Dr. Rhee says he sees bipartisan support for community health centers on Capitol Hill but the coming days will be critical as the funding hurdles become clearer.

"Conversations on Health Care" hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter also discuss with Dr. Rhee workforce needs, value-based care and how centers are ready for the next pandemic, if and when it could occur.

Alternative Radio November 16 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Guest/Topic: A Brief History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

The world's eyes are on Gaza. It is ruled by Hamas. Hamas is an acronym in Arabic for the Islamic Resistance Movement. Here's a bit of history. Gaza came under Israeli military control in 1967. That continued for thirty-eight years until 2005. Since then, it has been subjected to an Israeli-imposed siege and blockade and a series of bloody wars. Israel says it acts in self-defense responding to Hamas rocket attacks. But nothing compares to the death and destruction of the current war. More than 10,000 Palestinians and 1400 Israelis have been killed. Without a knowledge of history, we are susceptible to manipulation. To give background is not to condone or excuse savagery on either side. It's to provide an understanding of the origins of the conflict. As UN Secretary-General Guterres said, "The attacks by Hamas did not happen in a vacuum."

Grab Bag Program November 18 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Topic: Changing Tastes

What we make for dinner, grab as a snack, or have for breakfast changes all the time — and there are some major forces at play: consumer tastes and marketing, but also climate change, global supply chains, nutrition science, health concerns, and social media influencers. On this episode, we'll look at what we eat and why.

Counterspin November 24 7:00 a.m. 30 minutes
Guests/Topic: Jamil Dakwar on US & Human Rights, Matt Gertz on Mike Johnson

Corporate media use at least a couple of largely unexplored lenses through which to present US human rights violations. One is: The US does not commit human rights violations, except by accident, or as unavoidable collateral for an ultimately net-gain mission, be that international or domestic.

The other is: They aren't violations if the US does them, because we're in a civilization war, a fight of good over evil, so all battles are holy, and you can't commit human rights

violations against non-humans, after all, so where's the problem? Again, the narrative covers global and at-home violations.

Elite media have trouble navigating the place of the US in a global context, and the media-consuming public suffers as a result. There's a new report from the UN about this country and human rights. We'll hear about it from Jamil Dakwar, director of the Human Rights Program at the ACLU.

Conversations on Healthcare **November 24** **7:30 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: Is the Air We Breathe Safe? Award-Winning Scientist Linsey Marr & Green Building Council's Peter Templeton Share Their Insights

Did you catch environmental engineer Linsey Marr, Ph.D., on "60 Minutes" explaining how she was confident she knew COVID was an airborne virus (even when the World Health Organization was saying otherwise)? Learn more about her insights and latest observations as she joins "Conversations on Health Care" this week.

Hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter also discuss air quality and energy efficiency with Peter Templeton, president and CEO of the U.S. Green Building Council, who explains their LEED green building rating systems.

Big Picture Science **November 21** **7::00 a.m.** **60 minutes**
Topic: Neanderthal in the Family

Back off, you Neanderthal! It sounds as if you've just been dissed, but maybe you should take it as a compliment. Contrary to common cliches, our Pleistocene relatives were clever, curious, and technologically inventive. Find out how our assessment of Neanderthals has undergone a radical rethinking, and hear about the influence they have as they live on in our DNA. For example, some of their genes have a strong association with severe Covid 19 infection. Plus, how Neanderthal mini-brains grown in a lab will teach us about the evolution of Homo sapiens.

Counterspin **December 1** **7:00 a.m.** **30 minutes**
Guest/Topic: Scott Burris on US v. Rahimi

Coverage of what is quite possibly not the most recent mass shooting, as we record the show, but the recent one in Lewiston, Maine, leaned heavily on a narrative of the assailant as a "textbook case" of a shooter, because he had some history of mental illness. FAIR's Olivia Riggio wrote about how that storyline not only gets the relationship wrong—mental illness is not a predictor of gun violence, except in terms of suicide, but also underserves and even endangers those with mental illness, with at least one presidential candidate calling for a return to involuntary commitment. What isn't served is the public conversation around reducing gun violence.

The Supreme Court has just heard the case US v. Rahimi, which is specifically about whether those under domestic violence restraining orders should have access to guns. Most media did better than Time magazine's thumbnail of Rahimi as pitting "the safety of domestic violence victims against the nation's broad Second Amendment rights"—because, as our guest explains, Rahimi is much more about whether this Court's conservative majority will be able to use their special brand of backwards-looking to determine this country's future.

Scott Burris is a professor at Temple Law School and the School of Public Health, and he directs Temple's Center for Public Health Law Research. We hear from him this week on the case.

Conversations on Healthcare December 1 7:30 a.m. 30 minutes
Guest/Topic: Can She Solve the Mystery of Long COVID? Dr. Lisa Sanders
Searches for Clues

Dr. Lisa Sanders grew up reading Sherlock Holmes. Now, she's looking to solve health care mysteries as the medical director of the Yale New Haven Long COVID Multidisciplinary Care Center. She recently explained her patients are getting better through a variety of approaches and she's hopeful the caseload will continue to decrease. Dr. Sanders, well-known for writing The New York Times "Diagnosis" column, rejects Long COVID skepticism because she says she has seen clinical evidence of the condition. Join us for this encore presentation of the interview Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter conducted with Dr. Sanders for "Conversations on Health Care."

Alternative Radio November 30 7:00 a.m. 60 minutes
Guest/Topic: Democracy & the Failure of Neoliberal Globalization

Neoliberal economics has exposed the dark side of the American dream. It took off with Reagan and Thatcher. For most workers incomes have stagnated except for the very rich, whose incomes have more than quadrupled. Biden correctly points out that millions of people have gotten new jobs. But despite that, the typical family is actually getting paid less taking inflation into account. According to data from the Federal Reserve, real median household income has been falling during the Biden presidency. Last year the poverty rate more than doubled, and the number of people who are hungry jumped to 44 million. The ruling class, the owners of the economy and architects of policy advance and protect their interests, no matter how grievous the effect on others. Can we imagine an equitable economic system?