

KTWP 2019 First Quarter Issues

Spokane Public Radio KPBX determined the following to be community needs and addressed them through news and other programming during the quarter ending March 31, 2019.

Regional, state, local, county politics & govt.
 Economy
 Environmental/natural issues
 Healthcare
 K-12 and higher education
 Health care
 Arts /culture
 Business, industry, agriculture
 Police/Crime
 Legal issues
 Native Issues

Network Specialty Audience Programs

Public Forums

It's Your World, Alternative Radio, Commonwealth Club – conversations on different topics ranging from left-wing politics to international and national events. Programs air Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. (1 hour)

From The Top

Music program featuring young artists, Saturdays at noon. (1 hour)

Living On Earth

Weekly program devoted to environmental topics, airing Mondays at noon. (1 hour)

Zorba Paster On Your Health

Medical call-in program, Wednesdays at noon. (1 hour)

KPBX Produced Programs – KTWP repeats KPBX

Guitar Hour

Weekly musical program featuring the guitar

Thursdays
11 am

1 hour

The Bookshelf

Various people reading classic literature

Mon.-Thurs.
6:30 pm

30 min

Movies 101

Local people review recent motion pictures

Fridays
6:30 pm

30 min

Concert of the Week

Music programs featuring Spokane Symphony and other local musicians and groups.

Mondays
7 pm

2 hours

Saturday Café

World music

Saturdays
7 pm

2 hours

KTWP First Quarter -- 2019 News Coverage report

SPR-produced newscast at 5:31, 6:04, 6:31, 6:45, 7:04, 7:31, 7:45, 8:31, 8:45 am.; 4:45, 5:00, 5:45, 6:00 pm., Mon.-Fri., and at 7:35 and 9:35 am Sat.-Sun. (News stories average 1:30-6 min. in length and include stories produced by Spokane Public Radio staff and by Northwest News Network, to which Spokane Public Radio belongs.) Topics are listed by subject category. Spokane Public Radio also airs All Things Considered and Morning Edition from NPR News. A sample of topics covered during this quarter are presented below:

Culture Issues

Two decades after it was banished, a movement arises to restore affirmative action in Washington. MLK Day Celebrated in Spokane. Former Seattle Mariner Edgar Martinez Elected To Baseball Hall of Fame. Proposal to replace Marcus Whitman statues stokes anger in Olympia. Martin Woldson Theater At The Fox Adds New Sound System. Digital license plates may be coming soon to a road near you. Presidents Day Holiday Has Patchwork History. Notre Dame political scientist Patrick Deneen, author of “Why Liberalism Failed,” explains why America’s political system – liberating individuals from the tyrannies of government, exploiting resources for private gain – can’t sustain itself. Three New Exhibits at The Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture.

Politics & State Govt.

A Civics Lesson About Making Laws in Olympia. Brad Little To Be Sworn In As Idaho Governor Today. Remote Locations Set Up to Take Senate Testimony. Brad Little Takes The Oath As Idaho Governor. Jenny Graham: Preparing For Her First Term In Olympia. David Nelson: A New Senator Represents Idaho's Latah and Benewah Counties. Excerpts From Idaho Governor Brad Little's State of the State. State Sen. Kevin Ranker resigns amidst workplace conduct investigation. Washington Legislature Opens Its 2019 Session. Initiative 940 Revision Gets Hearing In New Washington Legislative Session. Inslee calls for action on climate change, mental health and orcas in State of the State address. Inslee plans to head to snowy New Hampshire to test possible presidential run. Inslee makes tracks to New Hampshire as he weighs presidential bid. Realtors Come Calling On Lawmakers. Washington lawmakers ponder rules for sidewalk-driving delivery robots. Yay or nay on permanent daylight saving time? You may get to vote on it. WA Lawmakers Consider New Rules For Condos. Former state Senator violated harassment policy, report finds. Northwest Lawmakers Grapple With Death Penalty Legislation. New Bill Would Outlaw Marijuana Store Billboards. 'Hey guys, how you doin'?' How Washington's folksy governor introduces his national ambition. In fiery speech, state lawmaker calls for eastern Washington to secede and form its own state. Bill Would Allow Public to Own Spring Blade Knives. Bill Would Crack Down On Social Media Extortion. Update To Extreme Risk Protection Orders Could Result In More Gun Confiscations. Bills That Challenged Medicaid Expansion In Idaho Die In Committee. Washington Gov. Jay Inslee is running for president. Daylight Saving Time Bill Advances in Washington House. "Hunter Pink" Could Be Coming To The Woods. Washington Senate Approves Tiny House Bill. Inland Journal talks with a proponent of moving the country to Daylight Saving Time permanently as a bill advocating that moves through the Washington legislature. Following California, Washington state lawmakers vote to make daylight saving time year-round. Washington bumps presidential primary vote to March. Idaho Initiative Bill Held in Committee For Now (would make it more difficult to put a citizen initiative on a statewide ballot). Kennewick man says Gov. Jay Inslee blocked him from commenting on his campaign's Facebook page. Medicaid Work Requirement Bill To Go To Idaho House Floor. Inslee proposes gutting the filibuster in the face of opposition. Idaho House Approves Medicaid Work Bill. Idaho Senate Ratchets Up Signature Requirements For Initiatives. Idaho Governor Signs Sexual Assault Testing Bill. Gov. Inslee's security unit balloons as he travels U.S. for presidential campaign. Washington House Democrats propose \$1.4B tax package to fund budget. Former Attorneys General Urge No Vote On Idaho Initiative Bill. Inslee on 'Fox and Friends' announces release of tax returns, calls on Trump to do the same. Washington Senate Democrats propose capital gains tax, but admit they may not have the votes. Idaho House Approves Initiative Reform Bill.

Local & County Govt.

Spokane Considers Changes To Encourage Affordable Housing. Spokane Mayor Says It's Too Early For Jail Ballot Measure. Spokane Council Approves Changes To Allow New Housing Options. Spokane Mayor Talks About New EnVision Center. City of Spokane Begins New Supported Employment Program. Spokane Voters To Decide Fire/Police Measure On February 12. Spokane County To Use MacArthur Foundation Grant To Continue Reforms. Grant County gets to keep its ban on the United Nations. But the Oregon county has other ideas, too. Condon Gives His Final "State Of The City" Address. Five Spokane County Ballot Measures Are On Their Way To Victory. Spokane County sues the state to challenge a new law that requires Spokane to move from three county commissioners to five. Inland Journal explores what's the next step in improving downtown Spokane. Tax Bills Decrease For Most Spokane County Property Owners. Inland Journal looks at a new history of Spokane's Wandermere Resort/Golf Course. Spokane Group Challenges New Jail Proposal. SPR Homeless Call-In Program, March 26, 2019. Washington State Issues Report In Spokane County Fraud Case.

Environment/Energy

Idaho Commission Rejects Avista-Hydro One Merger. New Plan Is A Wish List For Finch Arboretum. Mount Rainier National Park shuts entrance gate due to government shutdown. DNR Chief Responds to Trump's Criticism of California Fire Efforts. Oregon State Parks workers to clean overflowing garbage on federal lands during ongoing shutdown. Hearing Held on Newport Smelter Land Sale. Shutdown Cancels Federal Wildfire Training In Oregon As Northwest States Scramble To Prepare. Would you want to be composted after you die? Washington lawmakers consider making it legal. Federal Hanford Cleanup Watchdog Put To Sleep During Government Shutdown. Carbon Emissions Bill Gets Washington Senate Hearing. Explainer: Feds Want To Reclassify Hanford Waste. What Does That Mean, And What's At Stake? Hungry Like The ... Bainbridge Wolf? Bill Highlights Differing East/West Views On Washington Wolves. The Northwest's Only Nuclear Plant Racks Up Two 'Green Findings' From Federal Safety Regulator. Northwest Air Quality Agencies Oppose Possible Delay To Federal Wood Stove Compliance Rules. More Snow On Its Way To The Inland Northwest. Snow Makes Transportation Difficult In The Northwest. Film looks at Recreation of Historic Climb and Grunge rock. There were few major quakes in the Pacific Northwest over the last decade. Is that . . . normal? Inland Journal looks at electric cars and how Northwest utilities and states are progressing in creating public infrastructure to charge them. Inland Journal gets two views on asking the Washington legislature to adopt firm timelines to wean the state from fossil fuels. Bricks could rain down on your head during the next major quake. These proposals want to fix that. Inland Journal talks with Grant Pfeifer, a man who has been involved in the region's toughest environmental issues over the last four decades, who is retiring. Avista To Begin Installing 'Smart Meters' Next Week. Clean electricity rule to phase out fossil fuels plants passes WA state Senate. Fish and Wildlife Service may remove Wolves from endangered list. Incentives for electric car buyers? Yes in Oregon, maybe in Washington. Nearly 4,500 older brick buildings in Washington could be dangerous in a quake, new report says. 'Bowl of Jello effect' raises risk of tall buildings collapsing in Cascadia quake, scientists say. Inland Journal talks with Mark Boyle, the head of the Idaho state smoke management program, about field burning. Warmer Weather Starts, Moderates Snow Melt. Cryptocurrency miners got to federal court to block 'crippling' electric rate hike. Sen. Patty Murray says she'll push for daylight saving time year-round. Washington ferry riders face another fare hike, may get electric ferries in the deal. Challenge of Land Transfer To Smelter Company Overruled.

Business/Labor/Economy

Washington State Ferries reveals plan for younger, greener fleet. Washington Utility Regulators Won't Reconsider Avista Merger. Honey, please stop at the grocery to pick up some bread, milk and ... bitcoin? Self-flying air taxi developed by Boeing subsidiary makes first flight. Avista, HYDRO One Call Off Merger. Northwest officials, companies scramble to help thousands of federal workers impacted by shutdown. Finding Employment For Disabled Workers In Spokane. Female beauty can be beastly at work, Washington researcher says. Spokane Airport Official Testifies Before Congressional Committee.

Health Care/Social Issues

Flu Hospitalizations Picking Up In Spokane, North Idaho. Medicaid Expansion Supporters Ask Idaho Lawmakers To Enact Without Restrictions. WA Lawmakers Propose To Raise Legal Smoking, Vaping Age To 21. New Coalition Lobbies Washington Lawmakers To Increase Affordable Housing. Spokane Religious Leaders Meet For Legislative Conference. Spokane Homeless Census Is Underway. Feel like you've lost control of your data? A Washington lawmaker wants to change that. Idaho High Court Hears Challenge To Medicaid Expansion. WSU Study Finds Eastern-Western Washington Health Disparities. Homeless Get "One-Stop" Assistance at Special Event. Idaho Supreme Court Upholds Medicaid Expansion. A Visit To Spokane's Truth Ministries Shelter For Men. New Health Plan Consolidates Care For Medicaid Patients. Technology is taking on addiction. Now there are smartphone apps to help prevent relapses. Health Officials, Governor Discuss Washington's Infant Mortality Rate. Idaho Governor Signs Naloxone Bill. Washington's Rental Housing Market Is Looking Better, Still Tight In Rural Areas. Inland Journal talks with a project that pairs police officers on patrol with mental health clinicians. Have Celiac Disease? Researchers Are Close To Delivering A Gluten-Free Grain For You. As brain injury patients struggle to find basic services, families look to Olympia for help. WSU Clinic Treats Pets And Their Owners. As brain injury patients struggle to find basic services, families look to Olympia for help. WSU Clinic Treats Pets And Their Owners. Inland Journal talks with a man who identifies as evangelical about his views on immigration and considers whether the late blast of snow will extend the ski season in the Inland Northwest. Small Cottages (built by Transitions) Help Homeless in Spokane. Inland Journal talks with a Spokane youth counselor who sponsored a fun run to draw attention to the needs of teens and young adults. New Bill Would Impose Work Requirements On Idaho Medicaid Recipients. Inland Journal talks about the housing market, both in Spokane and nationwide, on the eve of a Spokane Home Builders Association conference. Bill Would End "Surprise" Medical Charges. Inland Journal talks with the supervisor of the United Methodist churches in eastern Washington about the church's recent decision to continue with its tradition of not allowing gay Methodists to serve as clergy or to marry same sex partners. Hotel stays, out-of-state placements put pressure on lawmakers to increase foster care funding. Food Insecurity At Eastern Washington University. Inland Journal talks with host Steve Jackson about SPR's public forum on homelessness at Spokane City Hall in which two panels talk about affordable housing for low-income people and efforts to create more of it. Inland Journal also discusses how food pantries are used to feed hungry students at Eastern Washington University. Inland Journal explores the Idaho Medicaid Expansion Debate, including a new bill designed to impose work requirements on low-income people who would qualify for subsidized health care. 2019 Homelessness Forum: Hour One; Hour Two. Inland Journal talks about homelessness with Spokane Mayor David Condon and Marty McKinney from the Truth Ministries shelter for men, and also to Jeff Keizer, a homeless man who attended the recent forum on homelessness. Idaho Senate Committee Rejects Medicaid Expansion Work Requirements.

<p>Police/Crime</p>	<p>Inslee Announces Initiative To Pardon Marijuana Misdemeanors. Investigation Continues On Officer-Involved Shooting In Spokane. Affected by last month's 911 outage? Washington's attorney general wants you to email him. Maggie Yates: Moving Forward With Spokane's Criminal Justice System. Judge Maryann Moreno Talks About Spokane County Judicial System. Domestic Violence Activist Speaks in Spokane. Tim Eyman films himself trying to return the chair he allegedly stole. A WSU researcher is using a new computer model of Spokane's West Central neighborhood to explore ways to reduce neighborhood crime. Washington lawmakers seek smoother path to redemption for formerly incarcerated residents. Western State Hospital cited and fined for failing to protect assaulted nurses.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>Spokane Students Return To Newly-Renovated School. Idaho Governor To Push For Higher Teacher Starting Pay This Year. WSU Announces Gleason Institute. Washington state lawmakers want to save seat at budget table for free college. Area High School Students Compete in "Poetry Out Loud" Event. Washington state lawmakers want you to save for college – and they're willing to help. App Created By CDA High School Student Helps Children With Reading. Inland Journal explores why school administrators are asking to ease the restrictions on local levy money. Food Insecurity At Eastern Washington University. Inland Journal talks with a University of Washington medical student from Spokane who's staying home to begin her career and also discusses progress made in expanding Spokane's medical residency programs. Spokane Guild School To Move, Change Names. Inland Journal goes to the Washington state prison in Airway Heights to talk with the man in charge of the program that helps inmates build skills that will earn them jobs after their terms end.</p>
<p>Agriculture</p>	<p>ICYMI: Saving Heritage Apple Varieties In The Inland Northwest. A 'farm-to-bottle' movement takes off in the Pacific Northwest. Massive Loss Of Thousands Of Hives Afflicts Orchard Growers And Beekeepers. Cattle grazing gives way to big solar farm leases in Central Washington. Put some wine on it: Specialty license plates in the Pacific Northwest are growing. Inland Journal talks with a WSU researcher who is part of a national team who say they have the answer on whether to feed babies milk.</p>
<p>Native issues</p>	<p>Northwest Attorneys General Join Federal Appeal of Decisions That Struck Down ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act). Indigenous Peoples March Held In Spokane. Washington Legislators Consider Statewide Native American Voting Rights Act. Public art installation beside Columbia River put on hold by Yakama Nation opposition. Inland Journal talks with Dr. Naomi Bender, Washington State University's director of Native American Health Sciences, about the challenges involved in recruiting more Native students to health-related careers. Supreme Court Rules In Favor Of Yakama Nation Treaty Rights In Gas Tax Case. WSU Faculty Member Recruits Native Students To Health Sciences Careers.</p>

Legal Issues	Spokane Historian, Attorney Work To Remove Discriminatory Covenants From Deeds. WA Supreme Court Hears Case About Presidential Electors. McMorris Rodgers Disagrees With Border Emergency Declaration. Ferguson Still Mulling Whether To Sue Over Border Emergency. Inland Journal podcast discusses racially restrictive housing covenants in Spokane with local historian Logan Camporeale.
Military	Bill Would Exempt Property Tax for Spouses of Service Members Killed.