# ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST

KHVU, KVUJ, KVUD & WLFE 1st Quarter January – March 2023

### Ascertainments/Natural Disaster/Earthquake

February 19, 2023 – 1 time – 12 minutes

Lisa Stringer – Somebody Cares , <a href="www.somebodycares.org">www.somebodycares.org</a>. They are a volunteer driven organization. They reach out to communities in need of help spiritually and monetary. For example, one case we talked about in the show, they are currently helping a woman and her children escape from an abusive relationship, they provided her an apartment for 2 months at no charge and currently are working on getting her a permanent residence and furniture for her home. They also provide first response resources to natural disaster victims domestic and international such as funds, food, water, clothing, blankets, shelter, medicine, medical care, emotional support and much more. Currently they need help for victims in turkey. Anyone who needs any of these services can reach out to them in multiple cities around the country.

#### Ascertainments/Education/Financial Management Advice

February 26, 2023 – 1 time – 19 minutes

- Sofia Hernandez Financial Advisor, In today's show we talked about how people should try to save at least 10 percent of their weekly or biweekly income, pay yourself before paying anybody else
- How they should have their employer direct deposit the amount desired to save into a separate savings account and forget that the money exist.
- We talked about having emergency funds to be used for medical situations, cover debt payments if you lose your job or get sick.
- We talked about suggestions on what type of mortgage to get that will help you save money at the end.
- Motivate our listeners on planning for retirement. Our community tends to live day by day and never plan, we need to change that mind set.
- We talked about good and bad habits to acquire and gid rid of that will help you save money every month.
- We talked about trying to pay off your car as soon as possible, and once the car is paid off take
  the money you were paying for every month and deposit into a savings account or invest it in a
  retirement pension. Do not keep it because you will spend it.

# **Ascertainments/Youth/Mentoring**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 1 time – 20 minutes

- Gilberto Hernandez/Youth for Christ <u>www.yfc.net</u>, they serve in over 150 countries and over 100 cities in the US including Houston, Miami, New York, Dallas, LA, Philadelphia, and many more.
- Introduce Jesus to children and youth.
- Serve youth as mentors and role models.
- Help youth currently going through challenges such as stress, anxiety, depression, suicide prevention, anger management, identity confusion.
- Help youth to succeed in school and whatever talent they possess such as spots.
- Help keep youth out of the streets and stay away from crime and drug life.

## Ascertainments/Jobs/Economy

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 1 time - 30 sec each

- If you're looking for work, saddle up, the Houston Rodeo is hiring! The Houston Livestock Show
  and Rodeo along with other rodeo vendors are hosting a job fair at NRG Stadium West Club.
  Some of the positions available are waiters, security, carnival game attendants and more.
  Organizers of the job fair ask that you apply online before attending the job fair. If you're
  interested text WORKRODEO all one word, to 893893 and we'll send you a link.
  rodeohouston.com/job-fair
- Party City has filed for bankruptcy after struggling to get back on track since the start of the
  pandemic. This doesn't mean stores are closing. You'll still be able to shop at the Party City near
  you, but what it does mean is that the company with \$1.7 billion debt has reached an
  agreement with stakeholders and to get the money needed to help the roughly 800 stores to
  remain open.

#### **Ascertaiments/Weather/Income Taxes**

January 24, 2023 - 1 time - 30 sec each

- Severe weather will be making its way through our area today. The strongest of the storms should be in our area between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. That's when we'll see the highest chance of strong winds, tornadoes, and potential flash flooding.
- You can now file your 2022 taxes. The Internal Revenue Service is accepting and processing
  returns. Tax officials say you can expect a smoother filing season this year. The IRS has most
  recently added 5,000 new customer service representatives who were trained in taxpayer rights
  and technical account management issues.

## **Ascertaiments/Goverment Assistant/Culture**

February 2<sup>nd</sup>,2023 - 1 time - 30 sec each

- If you're struggling to pay your utility bills you might be eligible for assistance. If you live in Harris, Brazoria, or Galveston county, <u>BakerRipley</u> is now accepting applications for its Utilities Assistance Program. The organization said the funds will help residents pay their electric, water and gas bills. Residents can <u>apply for the program online</u> or download the application through <u>BakerRipley's website</u>. There are English and Spanish versions available. If you want more info, you can text BILLS to 893-893.
- It's BLACK HISTORY MONTH and to celebrate, the Children's Museum will be hosting special events all throughout the month. If you visit the museum this month, you'll see special art displays and performances dedicated to honoring African American history. To find out more you can visit the Children's Museum's website.

### **Ascertaiments/Natural Disasters**

February 6<sup>TH</sup> ,2023 - 1 time – 30 sec

Over the weekend Gov. <u>Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration</u> for seven counties. Austin was
the epicenter of the ice storm's damage. Austin-area schools are back in session since having to
close last week and now more than 90% of Austin has power. Those still without should have it
restored soon.

#### <u>Ascertaiments/Delinquency/Scammers</u>

February 15, 2023 - 1 time – 30 sec

• If you have a Lone Star Card or receive SNAP or TANF benefits officials are encouraging you to monitor your account. Scammers are targeting people who have the benefits by either placing devices on card readers to capture your information, or by tricking you into clicking on a link in a text message or email. Officials say Lone Star Card users should check their accounts frequently and change your pin regularly. They say they will also never reach out by phone, text or email to ask for a card number and PIN