

TO: Files
FR: Ed Bremer, News Director
RE: Problems/Programs
DT: April 10, 2019

Attached is the list of problems in the community area served by KSER and the programs aired by the station during the first quarter of 2019.

The programs were based on the following list of problems identified as important to the community served by KSER:

Environment
Crime
Transportation
Growth
Health Care
Needs of the Family
Needs of the Elderly
Education
Affordable Housing
Children and Youth
Diversity in Snohomish County

THE ENVIRONMENT

Sound Living – Ed Bremer talks with Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands. She gave the keynote address at the 2019 Sound Waters “One Day University” on Whidbey Island. The focus is the environmental health of the Puget Sound. Franz spoke about “Shared Values, Shared Success: United to Protect Our Waters. (1 hour) 1/11/19 at 4 p.m.

Sound Living – Ed Bremer talks with Martha Jordan, Executive Director of the Northwest Swan Conservation Association. She talks about the environmental challenges to the thousands of Trumpeter Swans and Snow Geese that migrate through Snohomish and Skagit County annual. (1 hour) 1/18/19 at 4 p.m.

Sound Living – Ed Bremer talks with Martha Jordan, Executive Director of the Northwest Swan Conservation Association and Cathy Wooten, Chair of the Stanwood-Camano Snow Goose and Birding Festival coming February 23 & 24 to the Floyd Norgaard Center in Stanwood. (1 hour) 2/15/19 at 4 p.m.

Ed Bremer talks with State Representative Strom Peterson about his bill (HB 1205) to prohibit the use of “single use” plastic bags in Washington State. The bill passed House, Senate and was signed by the Governor. (12 mins) 2/20/19 at 4:15 p.m.

Sound Living – Ed Bremer talks with Leigh Calves about her book, “Breath of a Whale.” It is a close up and personal introduction to the elusive lives of the Orcas, humpback, sperm and blue whales of the oceans. It is a semi-autobiographical account of her encounters and reactions to the animals. (1 hour) 2/22/19 at 4 p.m.

Sound Living – The second program in our “Yes! Magazine” series with the lead authors of articles in the quarterly non-profit magazine devoted to progressive journalism. This is about “Beautiful Dirt.” The authors write about how saving the soil will save the planet and ourselves. (1 hour) 3/1/19 at 4 p.m.

Bo Tunestam, Color Commentary producer, talks with Tony Messtess, Seattle Foundation CEO about the Foundation’s new Climate Justice Impact Strategy to lessen the impact of climate change on poor and minority communities in the Puget Sound region. (12 mins) 3/11/19 at 4:25 p.m.

Sound Living – Ed Bremer talks with guests about the Snohomish County PUD’s “Solar Microgrid” and the “Community Solar Project” in the Arlington area. Suzy Oversvee is the Community Solar Project Manager and Scott Gibson is the “Microgrid Project Manager.” The project will allow PUD customers to “buy into” solar power without the expense of installing solar panels. (1 hour) 3/15/19 at 4 p.m.

EDUCATION

Community Life – Mary Ellen Wood talks with Roger Kluck about his program “Alternative to Violence.” The program, being adapted into El-Hi grades is about finding ways to give students an alternative to a violent response to confrontations. It was originally used in prisons. (30 mins) 1/28/19 at 6:30 p.m.

Peace Talk Radio – Cheryl Matia, Phd, an associate professor at the University of Colorado Denver’s School of Education talks about her book “Feeling White,” which details how her students strong negative emotional reactions often derail important conversations about race and how to work through emotionalities of whiteness. (30 mins) 2/18/19 at 6:30 p.m.

CRIME

America’s Disappeared – Host Gary Idleburg presents voices from the 2018 Concerned Lifers’ Conference on “Breaking the Life Cycle.” Prisoners Nick Hackney, Travis Turner and Eusene Youngblood discuss the challenges faced by prisoners sentenced to life without parole, particularly within the aging population of prisoners. (30 minutes) 1/7/19 at 6:30 p.m.

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America’s Disappeared – Host Gary Idleburg interview former prisoner Spencer Oberg about how he successfully made the transition from criminal and prisoner to successful business man and community leader. He talks about his work to use his experiences to help other prisoners make the transition. (30 mins) 3/4/19 at 6:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Ed Bremer talks weekly with Republican State Representative Norma Smith (10th District) and Democratic State Representative John Lovick (44th District) about important issues be discussed and voted on during the 2019 legislative session important to Snohomish and Island Counties. Discussed regularly are bills, issues and discussions regarding funding for roads, infrastructure and transportation. Topics include Highway 2 safety, bridges and Sound Transit/light rail progress. (12 mins) Tues/Wed at 4:00 p.m.

HEALTH CARE

Focus on Aging – Host Sheila Bartlett talks about the benefits of physical therapy, pain management and physical therapy techniques and practices for the senior citizen with professional physical therapist Ryan McCann. (30 mins) 1/28/19 at 6 p.m.

Focus on Aging – Host Sheila Bartlett talks with Aime Fink, Supervisor of the Snohomish County Human Services Long Term Care and Aging program. They talk about the Medicaid Transformation Project, a test project designed to help seniors “on the edge” to qualify for services covered by Medicare. It is the only such project in the United States. (30 mins) 2/25/19 at 6 p.m.

Focus on Aging – Host Joan Bethel talks with Ramonda Sosas, Social Services Director for Homage Senior Services about the all-day, “All Things Medicare” event at the Lynnwood Convention Center. It is a day of educational workshops and individual assistance for current and soon-to-be Medicare beneficiaries and their families. (30 mins) 3/25/19 at 6 p.m.

NEEDS OF THE FAMILY

Sound Living – The first of a series of programs featuring articles from the non-profit “Yes! Magazine.” This one was about “Good Money.” Ed Bremer talked with Vickie Robin, author of “Your Money or Your Life,” Zenobia Jeffries Warfield talked about money and the segregated economy and Deonna Anderson talked about how public banks would benefit families in minority communities. (1 hour) 1/06/19 at 8 a.m.

Getting Your Dough To Rise – Chuck Noel talks with Matt Rudolf, Portfolio Manager with Meriman Wealth Management, Professor Tim Leun, U/W Computational Finance and Risk Management instructor and Certified Financial Planner Kurt Wanner of Crosswind Advisors in Bothell. They discuss what people need to know and do to successfully plan for future financial needs. (1 hour) 1/29/19 at 6 p.m.

Color Commentary Special – Bo Tunestam presents voices from the Everett “Families Belong Together Rally,” to protest the federal policy of separating families at the border when they come to the U.S. seeking asylum. (30 mins) 2/18/19 at 6 p.m.

Getting Your Dough to Rise – Host Chuck Noel talks with Gregg Mursett about his Family Finance App. The app helps parents teach their children about money management by allowing parents to set up a schedule of payments for chores performed. It teaches kids about earning money, working, responsibility, savings and the importance of charitable giving. (1 hour) 2/26/19 at 6 p.m.

Getting Your Dough to Rise – Host Chuck Noel does his annual income tax show with advice on filing taxes, what’s new and different for families, joint filers, personal deductions, itemized deductions and the standard deduction. Guests are Phil Knudson, CPA and Tax Senior Manager with Moss Adams in Everett and Anne Waite, Master Tax Preparer with H& R Block in Marysville. (1 hour) 3/26/19 at 6:00 p.m.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

No Programs this quarter

DIVERSITY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Ed Bremer talks with U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen about his thoughts on the partial shutdown of the U.S. government by President Trump unless he get money to build a wall along the U.S./Mexico border. (16 mins) 1/21/19 at 4:35 p.m.

Color Commentary Special – Bo Tunestam presents edited highlights from the keynote speaker at the April 20, 2018 Leadership Snohomish County 2nd annual “Step Up” Conference on Racial Equality. Ijeoma Oluo, a Snohomish County writer and blogger, and author of NYT best selling “So You Want To Talk about Race,” talks about the challenges and difficulties when trying to talk about race to both white and minority communities. (1 hour) 1/21/19 at 6 p.m.

Sound Living – Ed Bremer talks with David Treuer, author of “Heartbeat of Wounded Knee.” The book is about how the Native American has persevered and survived despite outrages inflicted on them from genocide to forced assimilation. The book is part history, part memoir and reportage on the status of contemporary American Indians since the Wounded Knee Massacre. (1 hour) 1/25/19 at 4 p.m.

Sound Living - (Rebroadcast) Ed Bremer talks with Everett resident Carl Gibson. On January 11th, he turned 95 years old. The grandson of a slave, he talks about growing up in the segregated Jim Crow south of Alabama and his time in the Navy. He bought a house in Everett because he could not buy one on Whidbey Island. He became the first African-American on the Everett City Council in 1971 and served until 1995 and became a leader in the entire community. (1 hour) 2/1/19 at 4 p.m.

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Community Life – Host Mary Ellen Wood talks with Monet Bletson of the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee about the work of the committee to preserve and celebrate the contributions of Blacks to Snohomish County and the annual Nubian Jam. (30 mins) 2/25/19 at 6:30 p.m.

Color Commentary Special – Bo Tunestam presents voices and sounds from Everett Community College’s first ever Indigenous Peoples’ March in concert with the national marches across the nation. (30 mins) 3/18/19 at 6:00 p.m.

Color Commentary Weekly – A weekly report on the issues, people and minorities communities in Snohomish County (5 mins) Aired: 4:40 p.m. Wednesdays.

1/2/19 Bo Tunestam reports on the Everett Vigil for the victims of the Pittsburgh, PA and Louisville, KY shootings. Remarks by Rev. Rachael Tabor Hamilton. (Part 1 of 3)

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1/23/19 Bo Tunestam presents voices from the 1st Everett Community College Indigenous Peoples' March on January 17, 2019.

1/30/19 Bo Tunestam presents edited remarks by King County Councilmember Larry Gossett at the Everett celebrations for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

2/6/19 Voices from the 3rd annual Women's March for Justice. (Part 1 of 3)

2/13/19 Bo Tunestam talks with the Executive Director of Education with a Purpose Foundation about their new program to help Pacific Island students overcome the cultural barriers and social challenges that keep them from graduating.

2/20/19 Bo Tunestam summarizes the history and reasons for Black History Month and lists Snohomish County events planned to celebrate the month by the Black Heritage Committee.

2/27/19 Voices from the 3rd annual Women's March for Justice. (Part 2 of 3)

3/6/19 Bo Tunestam talks with Tony Mestrus, CEO of the Seattle Foundation about their new Climate Justice Impact Strategy to help indigenous and minority communities deal with the impacts of climate change. (Part 1 of 2)

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3/27/19 Bo Tunestam presents voices from the Snohomish County Community Vigil for the victims of the New Zealand assault on Muslims.

Sound Living – Ed Bremer talks with Peter Cole, professor of History at Western Illinois University about his book, “Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban (S.A.) and the San Francisco Bay Area.” The book compares and contrasts how the dockworkers of Durban came together to fight Apartheid and how the dockworkers in San Francisco were leaders in this country in the fight for social justice and against segregation. (1 hour) 3/22/19 at 4 p.m.

Community Life - Host Mary Ellen Woods talks with the new Rabbi at Temple Beth Or in Everett, Rachel Kort. They talk about how the community came together as on in response to recent shootings of Muslims in the U.S. and New Zealand. (30 mins) 3/25/19 at 6:30 p.m.

Sound Living

(A live, weekly conversation about Snohomish County people and issues)

(Rebroadcast) Ed Bremer talks with Snohomish County resident singer/songwriter Danny O’Keefe (Good Time Charlie’s Got The Blues). He talks about growing up in Eastern Washington, dealing with his hit record, the music business and what it means to have songs covered by artists like Elvis, Judy Collins, Cab Calloway and Andy Williams. (1 hour) 1/8/19 at 4 p.m.

Ed Bremer talks with Lois Langer Thompson, the new Executive Director of the Sno-Isle Libraries. She talks about her philosophy about libraries as the “heart of the community” and her vision for the future of the Sno-Isle Libraries. (1 hour) 3/8/19 at 4 p.m.

Ed Bremer talks with Bill Lindstrom, author of Strait Press: A History of News Media on the North Olympic Peninsula. Lindstrom, a retired journalist talks about the history of newspapers and electronic media on the peninsula, the important families that owned newspapers, and the future of print journalism in the region. (1 hour) 3/29/19 at 4 p.m.