

ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING – KAVV (FM)

April-June 2017

KAVV's General Manager, Paul Lotsof, is a close observer of the Benson scene with particular emphasis on city government. From time to time, he develops editorial commentaries designed to provide Benson area residents with an in-depth developments.

ISSUE: Arizona's harsh criminal laws

Between 2015 and mid 2017 KAVV aired a series of one minute public service announcements. The first half of the announcement explained some of the provisions of Arizona's law on child pornography which carry the stiffest sentences of any state in the nation. In the second half of the announcement we suggested that if a person has child pornography in his possession it would be a good idea not to store such images on the internal drive within a computer unless the person wishes to risk life in prison. Some listener recorded the announcement and conveyed it to a Tucson television station which shared it with an associated TV station in Phoenix.. From there it was disseminated all over the nation and even to some media overseas. Many people, particularly outside KAVV's coverage area, misunderstood the announcement and concluded that KAVV and Mr. Lotsof were condoning

child abuse. Between May 11 and May 12 Mr. Lotsof aired eleven editorials which explained that neither he nor KAVV advocates child abuse in any form. Mr. Lotsof also used this editorial to lash out at moralists who spread misinformation and who use threats and intimidation to get their way. Each editorial lasted 4 minutes ten seconds.

Unemployment

“Vocations Locations” is broadcast weekday mornings at 9:30, about three minutes per program. Jobs available in Cochise County are described. The program includes data obtained from the Arizona Department of Economic Security’s office in Sierra Vista as well as other listings obtained by KAVV’s staff directly from area employers. Over sixty programs were aired during this period.

ISSUE: Religious Needs

During the quarter in question KAVV broadcast three hours of religious programming each Sunday morning until May 14. Starting May 14 the religious block was reduced to two hours. Programs sponsored by four local church groups were broadcast beginning May 14.

Every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. KAVV broadcasts “Music and the Spoken Word” featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Other Services

Mondays through Saturdays, KAVV devotes more than forty minutes to newscasts spread throughout the day. On Sundays, national news is reported at noon and on the hour between 4 and 7 p.m. KAVV continues to cover and report on all regularly scheduled meetings of the Benson City Council.

Local Public Service Announcements average one per hour.