

## Newsletter 06.06.23



**In Las Cruces, NM,  
Pacifica Network's New  
Affiliate KTAL Asks, "How  
Are We Doing Together on  
This Collective Journey?"**

With a couple of pros to shepherd the way, a radio station got rolling fast in Las Cruces, NM.

The first helpful hand came in 2003 from a man named Todd Urick from the organization Common Frequency. He reached out to Kevin Bixby, the Executive Director at a nonprofit called the



**KOPN Celebrates 50 Years  
of Service to Columbia,  
Missouri: "The People  
Run the Radio"**

This 50th anniversary year, for KOPN and its community, is a year of celebration. Archival broadcasts are being revived. A reunion has been planned. A book will be published to commemorate station milestones. And, after 49 years, they have a new studio.

In 1971, station founders, a small group of local university students, inspired by Berkeley's KPFA and guided by the Pacifica Foundation, by Jeremy Landsman

Southwest Environmental Center. They chatted through email, and Todd notified Kevin that, in two weeks, the FCC would open a window for nonprofit groups to apply for the opportunity to launch a low-power FM radio station. Todd explained how the window itself would only be open for two weeks. Kevin took a minute to think and wrote back, "Todd, I'm game. How do I submit an application?"

Learn more about [KTAL and its newest station manager, 25 year-old Zane Chaffee](#).



## Another Great Network Mural

Network mural part 2 is up on our office wall! Thank you for all the great stickers. Haven't sent one yet? We would love to add your logo to a mural.

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and his work with St Louis station KDNA, set out to put KOPN on the air. The station's debut broadcast, on March 3, 1973, made KOPN only the 8th open access station in the country and the first to serve fewer than 100,000 people.

Today, broadcasting from its new and larger studios, the station continues to innovate, creating now a new podcast network that operates alongside their on-air programming.

On March 24, [Diane Reinhardt spoke with Jet Ainsworth, KOPN's Executive Director](#), about the station's history, about its place in the Columbia community, and about the events of their yearlong celebration.



## Round-Table: Consensus Building

Our June [round-table](#) is now available for viewing. Joseph Orozco, retired from [KIDE](#) in Hoopa, CA, gives his thoughts on consensus building.

The presentation draws from four books about communications and healthy organizations:

*Finding New Ground*, by Robert J. Chadwick, *Start with Why*, by Simon Sinek, *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, a Leadership Fable*, by Patrick Lencioni, and *Crucial Conversations, Tools for Talking When Stakes are High*, by Kerry Patterson. Joseph shares his understanding of how the tools presented in these books can be used to maintain a sensible radio station culture.



### New in AudioPort

[Rest and Relax](#)  
58 MINUTES

"The *Rest and Relax* show helps to unwind your day with some easy listening music to help you sleep."

Produced by Eric Kallio, on-air host and producer for WOOL in Bellow Falls, VT.



### New in AudioPort

[Activist Radio](#)  
58 MINUTES

"Activist Radio covers environmental, human rights, social justice, and antiwar issues. Each program offers some history you didn't learn in high school, some news stories you haven't seen on TV, and some music to help you join the resistance."

Produced by [Fred Nagel](#), producer for WVKR in Poughkeepsie, NY.



### New in AudioPort

[Good News Good Planet](#)  
1.5 MINUTES

"*Good News Good Planet* are 1.5-minute audio short shots of global good news. No politics, no religion, just good people and good businesses doing good things around the world. Change your focus, change your world."

Produced by [Mandy Stapleford](#) in Taos, NM.



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