

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

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WAOA PROGRAMS IN RESPONSE

1/1/24 – 3/31/24

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The following is a list of the most important problems facing the Melbourne area community during the period January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

- Activism
- Aerospace Engineering
- American History
- Astronomy
- Auto Manufacturing
- Biodiversity
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Child Safety
- Climate Change
- Community
- Consumer Safety
- Crime
- Culture
- Diversity
- Drug Use
- Education Policy
- Emergency Response
- Emotion
- Entertainment
- Ethics
- Family Relationships
- Fitness
- Gender
- Gender Issues
- Government Funding
- Higher Education
- Human Development
- Inflation
- International Competition
- International Relations
- Language
- Learning
- Life Skills
- Literature
- Materialism
- Mental Health
- National Holidays
- Ocean Pollution
- Personal Development
- Philosophy
- Pop Culture
- Psychiatry
- Public Funding
- Public Safety
- Reading Comprehension
- Science
- Self-Growth
- Social Anxiety
- Societal Stereotypes
- Space Exploration
- Technology
- Travel
- Video Games
- War
- Workers' Rights
- Adolescent Health
- Affordable Housing
- Art
- Astrophysics
- Aviation
- Business
- Career
- Civil Rights
- Climate Policy
- Consumer Goods
- Consumerism
- Criminal Justice
- Democracy
- Drug Abuse
- Economy
- Election
- Emerging Industries
- Engineering
- Environment
- Exploration
- Fashion
- Foreign Policy
- Gender Equality
- Generalized Anxiety
- Health
- History
- Human Rights
- Influencer Marketing
- International Law
- Labor
- Law
- Legislation
- Linguistics
- Marketing
- Media
- Motherhood
- Natural Resources
- Organization
- Personal Finance
- Politics
- Professional Sport
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Public Speaking
- Relationships
- Science Fiction
- Sexual Education
- Social Media
- Society
- Sporting Event
- Teen Development
- Trends
- Violence
- Wildlife Species
- Workplace Safety
- Advertising
- African American History
- Artificial Intelligence
- Athletics
- Beekeeping
- Cancer
- Child Development
- Climate
- Communication
- Consumer Habits
- Creative Arts
- Criminal Justice History
- Developing Economies
- Drug Policy
- Education
- Elections
- Emerging Research
- English Language
- Equality
- Extreme Weather
- Film
- Free Expression
- Gender Equity
- Government
- Health Policy
- Housing Market
- Incarceration
- Intercommunication
- International Policy
- Labor Unions
- Law Enforcement
- Liberal Arts
- Literacy
- Mass Incarceration
- Medicine
- Music
- News
- Parenting
- Personality
- Pollution
- Professional Sports
- Public Elections
- Public Policy
- Race
- Salary
- Scientific Research
- Small Business
- Societal Norms
- Space
- Sports
- Trauma
- TV
- Voting Rights
- Women's History
- Youth Issues

All of the above issues were covered extensively in WAOA's comprehensive local news coverage on a daily basis and in public service announcements. A list of some of the Public Affairs programming by WAOA Radio that addressed itself to these issues follows:

VIEWPOINTS (Public Affairs) ViewPoints is a 30 minute public affairs program that is broadcast on Sunday mornings from 6:00 am to 6:30 am.

Broadcast Date: 1/7/2024

SEGMENT 1: ARE HUMANS BUILDING OUR END? THE DEBATE AROUND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & ITS CONSCIOUS STATE

Duration: 10:07

Synopsis: Would you consider complex, artificial intelligence systems like Open AI's, Chat GPT-4 or Google's newest release, Gemini, conscious minds? What exactly even constitutes as consciousness? We speak with two experts about this ongoing debate and what challenges lie ahead for these quickly evolving systems.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Susan Schneider, philosopher, director, Center for the Future Mind, Florida Atlantic University; Kristian Hammond, AI scientist, professor, director, Masters of Science Dept., Artificial Intelligence, Northwestern University

Compliance issues: Artificial Intelligence, Emotion, Engineering, Ethics, Personality, Philosophy, Psychology, Technology

SEGMENT 2: SPEAKING WITH THE ARTIST BEHIND SOME OF THE MOST ICONIC ILLUSTRATIONS

Duration: 7:27

Synopsis: We speak with illustrator and artist Tim O'Brien who's illustrated countless magazine covers over the decades. O'Brien speaks with us about his long career, the history of illustration, its evolution and how the art form is used to convey a deeper meaning or take on a singular moment in time.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Tim O'Brien, illustrator, artist

Compliance issues: Art, Creative Arts, Culture, Fashion, History, Liberal Arts, Literature, Media, News, Politics

SEGMENT 3: VIEWPOINTS EXPLAINED: WHAT WORD BEST SUMMED UP 2023?

Duration: 1:40

Synopsis: We cover what word best encapsulated 2023, according to dictionary giant Merriam Webster. Any guesses?

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Artificial Intelligence, English Language, Language, Pop Culture, Social Media, Technology, Trends

SEGMENT 4: A MASTER OF THRILLERS: A LOOK AT FILMMAKER EMERALD FENNEL

Duration: 2:18

Synopsis: Love a good, jumpy scare? Us too. We cover some old and new releases from acclaimed filmmaker Emerald Fennell.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, Film

Broadcast Date: 1/14/2024

SEGMENT 1: A PIONEER IN PAVING GREATER DIVERSITY IN SCI-FI **Duration:** 7:21

Synopsis: For decades, science fiction was a genre written almost exclusively by white males. Now, the genre is flourishing with diverse voices, thanks in part to the trailblazing writer Octavia E. Butler. Historian Gerry Canavan discusses the obstacles Butler faced and her legacy on one of the most popular genres in American literature.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Gerry Canavan, professor at Marquette University and author, Octavia E. Butler (Modern Masters of Science Fiction)

Compliance issues: Culture, Diversity, Gender Equality, Gender Issues, History, Literature, Race, Science Fiction.

SEGMENT 2: THE SECRETS LEARNED FROM A FIFTH-GENERATION BEEKEEPER

Duration: 10:15

Synopsis: In Meredith May's book, she examines the parallels between the inner workings of beehives and our society, and how beekeeping taught her numerous life lessons as a child. She also discusses the threat to bees with commercialized beekeeping and what we can do to protect these insects that are vital to our ecosystem.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Meredith May, author, The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees

Compliance issues: Beekeeping, Biodiversity, Environment, Family Relationships, Literature, Mental Health

SEGMENT 3: DO YOU HAVE RIZZ?

Duration: 1:37

Synopsis: We cover the Oxford English dictionary's word of the year: rizz. What does it mean, and why has it become a mainstay in the Gen-Z vernacular?

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Culture, English Language, Language, Social Media, Trends, Youth Issues

SEGMENT 4: THE STRUGGLES OF STREAMING GIANTS

Duration: 2:22

Synopsis: We talk about why most streaming platforms are struggling to make a profit at year's end.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: TV, Culture, Technology, Film

Broadcast Date: 1/21/2024

SEGMENT 1: THE RISE OF THE CORPORATE DISPENSARY

Duration: 8:41

Synopsis: Cannabis has grown to become a multi-billion-dollar industry in the U.S. But how much of this revenue is going to small businesses rather than large chains controlling every part of production? We discuss the current inequities and the failure to maintain a model that helps populations who've been disproportionately affected by the war on cannabis get a seat at the table.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Sarah Woodson, Executive Director, Founder, The Color of Cannabis; Aaron Smith, Co-Founder & CEO, The National Cannabis Industry Association

Compliance issues: Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, Emerging Industries, Equality, Government, Incarceration, Law, Race, Small Business

SEGMENT 2: WHY ARE WE BANNING MORE BOOKS THAN EVER BEFORE?

Duration: 9:23

Synopsis: Books have been taken off shelves since the colonial period, but, in recent years, more books than ever have been deemed unsuitable for young readers and are being removed from schools and local libraries. We cover the controversy by highlighting two differing perspectives on the debate.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Jonathon Friedman, director, free expression & education programs, Pen America; Tia Bess, volunteer, Moms for Liberty

Compliance issues: Education, Free Expression, Gender, Government, Law, Literature, Politics, Public Policy, Race, Sexual Education

SEGMENT 3: WHY DID IT TAKE DECADES TO MAKE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY A HOLIDAY?

Duration: 1:26

Synopsis: We highlight the decades-long political fight to pass state and federal legislation that officially made the third Monday of January Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Civil Rights, Equality, Government, History, Law, National Holidays, Politics, Race

SEGMENT 4: LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO WATCH? DIVE INTO THIS FIVE-PART SERIES

Duration: 2:05

Synopsis: Critics can't decide whether Steve McQueen's five-part series, "Small Axe" is a TV show or if it's a series of short films. Either way, the release is a hit and will keep you hooked the entire way. Stream it now in full on Amazon Prime.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, Film, TV

Broadcast Date: 1/28/2024

SEGMENT 1: NEW YEAR, SAME CHALLENGES: WHY THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SYSTEM IS AT A CROSSROADS?

Duration: 7:26

Synopsis: For years, the media has covered teacher burnout and how more and more teachers are resigning. Yet, despite this increased coverage, little has been done to improve pay, working conditions and autonomy on a large-scale for educators. Now, many schools across the country are reaching a breaking point and lower-than-average student scores are reflecting this systemic breakdown. We speak with two education experts about what needs to change and how listeners can get involved

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Becky Pringle, president, National Education Association; Lori Cash, retired first grade teacher, Columbus, Ind.

Compliance issues: Career, Economy, Education, Education Policy, Government Funding, Higher Education, Inflation, Labor Unions, Law, Learning, Personal Finance, Politics, Salary

SEGMENT 2: WHY MEXICO IS AT A CRITICAL POLITICAL JUNCTION **Duration:** 10:03

Synopsis: It's not just a heated election year for Americans. Millions of Mexicans are also gearing up for a contentious election cycle to elect their next President and Congress. We cover Mexico's ongoing struggle to maintain a fair and equal democracy and what's at stake within the country and U.S.-Mexico relations

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Tamara Taraciuk Broner, director, Peter D. Bell Rule of Law Program, Inter-American Dialogue; Abraham Lowenthal, Professor Emeritus, International Relations, University Of Southern California, founder, Latin America Program, Woodrow Wilson Center

Compliance issues: Crime, Democracy, Foreign Policy, International Relations, Public Elections, Voting Rights

SEGMENT 3: THINKING OF BUYING AN ELECTRIC CAR SOON? KEEP THIS IN MIND

Duration: 1:54

Synopsis: Frigid temperatures across the U.S. have been wreaking havoc for millions of drivers, especially electric car owners. We cover this unfolding crisis and how auto manufacturers are responding.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Auto Manufacturing, Climate, Engineering, Extreme Weather, Public Safety, Technology

SEGMENT 4: LOVE JEREMY ALLEN WHITE FROM "THE BEAR"? PUT THIS TITLE ON YOUR LIST OF NEW MOVIES TO WATCH

Duration: 2:15

Synopsis: We cover the new drama "The Iron Claw" featuring Jeremy Allen White, Zac Efron and other leading names.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, Film, TV

Broadcast Date: 2/4/2024

SEGMENT 1: WHY DIVORCE RATES ARE CLIMBING RIGHT NOW & WHAT TO KNOW IF YOU'RE EVER IN THIS SITUATION

Duration: 7:48

Synopsis: For many divorce attorneys, the beginning of the year is typically peak season for obtaining new clients. After the holiday season is over, struggling couples reassess their marriage in the new year and then, if they choose to move forward, start the process of divorce in February. We speak with prominent New York City divorce attorney Jacqueline Newman about the biggest misconceptions people have when it comes to divorce and why everyone – single or married – should keep these tips in mind.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Jacqueline Newman, divorce attorney, managing partner, Berkman, Bottger, Newman & Schein

Compliance issues: Communication, Government, Law, Parenting, Personal Finance, Psychology, Relationships

SEGMENT 2: WE ALL EXPERIENCE TRAUMA: HOW TO BEST WORK THROUGH IT

Duration: 9:21

Synopsis: Trauma comes in many shapes and forms – and nearly everyone experiences trauma at some point in their life. Viewpoints speaks with psychiatrist, Dr. James S. Gordon to better understand a person's reaction to trauma and the body's resilience in dealing with these stressful events and situations.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Dr. James S. Gordon, psychiatrist, clinical professor, Georgetown Medical School, author, Transformation: Discovering Wholeness and Healing After Trauma

Compliance issues: Communication, Health, Mental Health, Psychiatry, Psychology, Public Health, Self-Growth, Trauma

SEGMENT 3: STANLEY RAKES IN \$750 MILLION IN SALES IN 2023: WHY EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE PERPETUALLY OBSESSED WITH ITS BEVERAGE TUMBLERS

Duration: 1:57

Synopsis: We cover the viral hype behind Stanley tumblers that just seems to keep growing year after year.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Business, Consumer Habits, Consumerism, Influencer Marketing, Personal Finance, Social Media

SEGMENT 4: WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT GRAND THEFT AUTO VI? **Duration:** 2:31

Synopsis: We discuss what gamers can expect from the latest release of Grand Theft Auto VI that's set to drop next year.

Host & Producer: Tabor Brewster

Compliance issues: Crime, Culture, Entertainment, Media, News, Social Media, Video Games, Violence

Broadcast Date: 2/11/2024

SEGMENT 1: YOU'RE NOT ALONE: WHY THE AVERAGE AMERICAN CAN NO LONGER AFFORD THE AVERAGE HOME **Duration:** 7:25

Synopsis: Just 15.5 percent of homes on the market last year were within budget for the average American. That's the lowest percent for housing affordability ever recorded in U.S. history, according to a new report from the real estate firm Redfin. We speak with two real estate and housing experts about the large-scale increase in housing prices and mortgage loans and if there's any relief in sight this year.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Daryl Fairweather, Chief Economist, Redfin; Freddie Smith, realtor, social media producer

Compliance issues: Affordable Housing, Economy, Housing Market, Inflation, Personal Finance

SEGMENT 2: UNDER THE RADAR PT 1: AN ALTERNATE PERSPECTIVE ON THE FAMED SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM **Duration:** 9:25

Synopsis: The space shuttle is seen as an engineering marvel and a symbol of human innovation, ingenuity, and collaboration. However, there's a darker side to the space shuttle program that's often been excluded from the mainstream narrative. This week, we uncover this story with the help of Harvard professor Matthew H. Hersch who's the author of Dark Star: A New History of the Space Shuttle.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Matthew H. Hersch, associate professor, history of science, Harvard University, author, Dark Star: A New History of the Space Shuttle

Compliance issues: Aerospace Engineering, Engineering, Exploration, Government, History, Politics, Public Funding, Space, Workplace Safety

SEGMENT 3: A RUSSIAN FIGURE SKATER DISQUALIFIED & A NEW PRECEDENT SET **Duration:** 2:20

Synopsis: Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva wowed us all at the 2022 Winter Olympics. At just 15 years old, she jumped onto the international stage, earning first place in her Olympic routines. However, this success was embroiled by controversy after she failed a drug test weeks before the competition. She was still allowed to compete as officials investigated, but now, these achievements have been wiped from record books. We cover her disqualification & why this sentence sends a message to all countries competing in this year's Olympics.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Crime, Drug Use, Government, Health, International Competition, International Law, International Relations, Professional Sport, Sporting Event

CULTURE CRASH: THE FILMS WE WISH THE OSCARS NOMINATED **Duration:** 2:29

Synopsis: There's no shortage of anger and frustration over the Oscars snub around Barbie. And while we agree, we feel like this has already been well-covered elsewhere. Instead, this week on Culture Crash we highlight some other films that we feel have not gotten the attention or the nominations they deserved.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, Film

Broadcast Date: 2/18/2024

SEGMENT 1: CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: THE DAREDEVIL STUNT PILOT YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF **Duration:** 8:46

Synopsis: Most Americans are well acquainted with the story of Amelia Earhart, but few have heard the name, Bessie Coleman. This fearless legend earned her pilot's license two years before Earhart became certified. This week, as we commemorate Black History Month, we cover the story of Coleman and the countless barriers she faced as an African American woman in the early 1900's set on making a name for herself in performance stunt flying.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Tanya Hart, host & producer, Hollywood Live with Tanya Hart, co-producer, Flying Free Films

Compliance issues: African American History, Aviation, Civil Rights, Gender Equity, Women's History

SEGMENT 2: UNDER THE RADAR PT 2: A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH AMERICA'S SPACE SHUTTLE **Duration:** 8:34

Synopsis: In total, the NASA space shuttle program had 135 missions. You can't argue that the birth of this shuttle launched us into a new era of space exploration and innovation. But – what's not often mentioned are the controversies, setbacks, and disputes behind the scenes. Former NASA flight director and program manager Wayne Hale speaks candidly with us about the myths and facts of the NASA Space Shuttle Program.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Wayne Hale, former program manager, flight director, NASA Space Shuttle Program

Compliance issues: Engineering, Legislation, Politics, Public Funding, Public Safety, Space Exploration

SEGMENT 3: HEADING TO THE NAIL SALON SOON? THINK AGAIN **Duration:** 1:52

Synopsis: A new study published in the scientific journal, Nature Communications, has found a potential link between gel nail treatments and skin cancer. We cover the latest research and how to advocate for your health when at the nail salon.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Cancer, Consumer Safety, Emerging Research, Medicine, Public Health, Science

SEGMENT 4: WHETHER YOU'RE A SWIFTIE OR NOT, HERE'S WHAT WE CAN ALL AGREE ON **Duration:** 2:24

Synopsis: We cover the one and only pop sensation: Taylor Swift. You can love her. You can hate her. But you can't argue that's she this.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, Film, Music

Broadcast Date: 2/25/2024

SEGMENT 1: SCHOOL, SPORTS, STANDARDIZED TESTS: WHEN IS THERE TIME TO BUILD LIFE SKILLS?

Duration: 7:38

Synopsis: As an academic advisor, Ana Homayoun has had many conversations with students, parents, and administrators. With so much competition and so many pressures, what's always top-of-mind is grades, college admissions and how to stand out from everyone else. But what often falls by the wayside are the fundamentals of how to create a healthy and successful life. We speak with Homayoun about why so many teens (especially in the last 10 years) seem to really struggle post-high school and how parents can better prepare their kids before they hit this breaking point.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Ana Homayoun, academic advisor, early career development expert, author, Erasing the Finish Line: The New Blueprint for Success

Compliance issues: Career, Child Development, Communication, Life Skills, Mental Health, Organization, Psychology, Teen Development

SEGMENT 2: PERFORMANCE ANXIETY: WE ALL STRUGGLE WITH IT. HOW DO YOU RISE ABOVE?

Duration: 9:56

Synopsis: Before a big presentation or test or job interview, most of us struggle with different levels of anxiety, nerves, and self-doubt. Dr. Dana Sinclair has worked with Olympic athletes, A-list actors and actresses, and even surgeons on how to overcome this performance anxiety and get back in control in a matter of minutes. We speak with her to learn how everyone can utilize these same strategies in their daily lives.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Dr. Dana Sinclair, psychologist, author, Dialed In: Do Your Best When It Matters Most

Compliance issues: Career, Communication, Generalized Anxiety, Mental Health, Psychology, Public Speaking, Social Anxiety, Societal Stereotypes

SEGMENT 3: WHAT IS TEMU – AND IS IT WORTH IT?

Duration: 1:58

Synopsis: Have you shopped at Temu before? The Chinese-owned e-commerce company has seen a meteoric rise in sales since it entered the U.S. market in September 2022. It's known for its extremely low prices on all kinds of goods (think Amazon) but is there a deeper explanation behind these bare bone prices?

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Advertising, Business, Consumer Goods, Consumer Safety, Marketing, Public Health

CULTURE CRASH: THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED PART 2 WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR

Duration: 2:06

Synopsis: We review the upcoming release of Dune: Part Two featuring Timothee Chalamet, Zendaya, Florence Pugh and other big names.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, Film

Broadcast Date: 3/3/2024

SEGMENT 1: WHAT LIES AHEAD: A CLIMATE CALAMITY FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Duration: 9:24

Synopsis: 2023 was the hottest year on record since global records began in 1850. We're also currently far from being on track to hit The Paris Climate Agreement – a landmark international treaty adopted in 2015 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius this century. We speak with anthropologist and climate policy expert Naveeda Khan about the U.N. Climate Change Conference that took place this year and how smaller, developing countries are stepping up and demanding change.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Naveeda Khan, associate professor, chair, anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, author, *In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate from the Global South*

Compliance issues: Climate Change, Climate Policy, Developing Economies, International Relations, Natural Resources, Politics

SEGMENT 2: THE RISE OF SOUL MUSIC: STAX, MOTOWN & THE GENRE TODAY

Duration: 8:09

Synopsis: Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin. These are just some of the iconic soul artists that shaped the genre. We speak with two experts about the cultural relevance of soul music today and how current artists and organizations are carrying on the legacy of this music.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Mark Anthony Neal, James B. Duke Distinguished Professor, African American Studies, Duke University; Isaac Daniel Executive Director, Stax Music Academy

Compliance issues: American History, Civil Rights, Culture, Diversity, Equality, History, Music, Race

SEGMENT 3: A DEADLY BEACH DEATH – AND NO, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN IN THE WATER

Duration: 1:30

Synopsis: We cover the unexpected death of a 7-year-old girl late last month at a beach in Fort Lauderdale. What all parents should know about this deadly phenomenon.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Child Safety, Emergency Response, Public Health, Public Safety

SEGMENT 4: WHY WE LOVE GOING BACK TO WHAT WE KNOW

Duration: 2:31

Synopsis: We discuss why older, nostalgic TV shows often seem to outperform newer releases.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, History, TV

Broadcast Date: 3/10/2024

SEGMENT 1: CAN YOU JUGGLE IT ALL? NPR'S MARY LOUISE KELLY OPENS UP ABOUT HER STRUGGLES

Duration: 8:36

Synopsis: NPR journalist and co-host of "All Things Considered" Mary Louise Kelly joins us to share her story of balancing motherhood with a long-spanning, demanding career in journalism. She – like many mothers – has struggled to have it all and recounts the many tradeoffs over the years.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Mary Louise Kelly, co-host, "All Things Considered", National Public Radio

Compliance issues: Career, Media, Mental Health, Motherhood, Parenting, Psychology, Relationships

SEGMENT 2: FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE IN FRONT OF A PRISON PAROLE BOARD: THE ROAD TO REHABILITATION

Duration: 8:25

Synopsis: Parole from prison is one of the key aspects of the criminal justice system. The program incentivizes good behavior, promotes rehabilitation and a successful reintegration into society. But as rates of parole have plummeted in recent years in the U.S., experts are raising doubts about the subjective nature of the process and if prisoners have the adequate tools and resources to get parole.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Ben Austen, Journalist, Author of "Correction, Parole, Prison, and the Possibility of Change"

Compliance issues: Civil Rights, Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice History, Culture, Law Enforcement, Mass Incarceration, Society

SEGMENT 3: WHY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF VOTERS ARE CHECKING THIS BOX

Duration: 2:00

Synopsis: We cover this growing movement at the polls this year as several states hold election year primaries and caucuses.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Activism, Democracy, Elections, Government, Human Rights, International Policy, Politics, War

SEGMENT 4: CAN "VANDERPUMP RULES" REBOUND FROM A WILD SEASON 10?

Duration: 2:37

Synopsis: We review Season 11 of the reality TV series, "Vanderpump Rules".

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, TV

Broadcast Date: 3/17/2024

SEGMENT 1: WHY YOU SHOULD DROP WHAT YOU'RE DOING ON APRIL 8 & SEE THIS RARE EVENT **Duration:** 9:03

Synopsis: On Monday, April 8, a total solar eclipse will hit a large diagonal stretch of the U.S. The next event of this magnitude isn't set to happen again until 2044. We speak with eclipse expert and journalist David Baron about why a total solar eclipse is a can't-miss event worth the travel and traffic.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: David Baron, former science correspondent, NPR, author, *American Eclipse: A Nation's Epic Race to Catch the Shadow of the Moon and Win the Glory of the World*

Compliance issues: Astronomy, Astrophysics, Culture, History, Literature, Science, Space, Travel

SEGMENT 2: WHY DOES RUSSIA CONTINUE TO GET AWAY WITH THE WIDE-SCALE DOPING OF ITS ATHLETES? **Duration:** 8:38

Synopsis: The 2024 Paris Olympics is set to start in just four months. While Russian athletes have been barred from representing their country, they'll still be able to compete on a neutral, no-representation status. However, there are still many lingering questions about the efficacy of anti-doping tests and if the Olympics will once again be plagued by athletes who are retroactively banned.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Travis Tygart, CEO, U.S. Anti-Doping Agency; April Henning, assistant professor, International Sports Management, Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University

Compliance issues: Adolescent Health, Athletics, Career, Drug Abuse, Government, Health Policy, International Relations, Politics, Professional Sports, Sports, War

SEGMENT 3: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HAITI? **Duration:** 1:57

Synopsis: Close to 4,000 prisoners escaped from two of the biggest jails in Haiti after local gangs unleashed a massive jailbreak. We cover the unfolding chaos in the capital city and why the future looks uncertain for this Caribbean country.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Election, Government, History, Human Rights, International Policy, Politics, Violence, War

SEGMENT 4: OUR LOVE FOR SCI-FI **Duration:** 2:00

Synopsis: From "Interstellar" to "Solaris", we love a good sci-fi movie that transports us to a new dimension and time. We highlight some of our favorites and why the genre continues to grow.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, Film, Science, Technology

Broadcast Date: 3/24/2024

SEGMENT 1: EXPANDING INTO AGING: HOW TO OVERCOME OUR FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN

Duration: 9:03

Synopsis: Why do we fear the process of getting older so much? We speak with author Caroline Paul about gaining a new perspective on aging – one that embraces adventure, new relationships and keeps us curious and growing as we age.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Caroline Paul, author, Tough Broad: From Boogie Boarding to Wing Walking – How Outdoor Adventure Improves Our Lives as We Age

Compliance issues: Community, Health, Public Health, Relationships, Travel

SEGMENT 2: AMERICANS LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS FURRY ANIMAL

Duration: 8:34

Synopsis: In the early 1900's, deer almost went extinct after they were over-hunted for their meat, hides and antlers. Today, most parts of the country have a very different problem. We speak with wildlife expert Erika Howsare about our long and tangled relationship with the white-tailed deer.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Erika Howsare, author, The Age of Deer, Trouble and Kinship with Our Wild Neighbors

Compliance issues: Biodiversity, Culture, Human Development, Pop Culture, Societal Norms, Society, Wildlife Species

SEGMENT 3: WHY DO WE SUCK AT RECYCLING?

Duration: 1:47

Synopsis: If we spend effort recycling items, it's logical to assume that most of these bottles, cartons and boxes will be recycled and reused. However, for plastic, this is rarely the case. We talk about the plastic crisis and why it's important to cut down on the plastic you use in your daily life.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Climate Change, Consumerism, Environment, Materialism, Ocean Pollution, Pollution, Public Health

SEGMENT 4: EMMA STONE & HER METEORIC RISE IN HOLLYWOOD **Duration:** 2:14

Synopsis: Emma Stone just added another Oscar win to her resume. We discuss her evolution as an actress and what's next for this A-list star.

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Culture, Film

Broadcast Date: 3/31/2024

**SEGMENT 1: ‘2/3 OF STUDENTS ARE TESTING BELOW PROFICIENCY IN READING’:
WHY WE’RE FAILING THE NEXT GENERATION** **Duration:** 8:50

Synopsis: Millions of kids aren’t meeting current reading comprehension guidelines. With so many young people falling through the cracks, what’s broken within the current curriculum? What’s the best way to actually teach reading? Education expert Natalie Wexler joins us to share important insights on emerging research and what parents should know.

Host: Gary Price

Guests: Natalie Wexler, education expert, author, *The Knowledge Gap: The Hidden Cause of America’s Broken Education System - And How to Fix It*

Compliance issues: Child Development, Education, Education Policy, Literacy, Parenting, Reading Comprehension

SEGMENT 2: “UM, WHAT?”: THE HIDDEN PURPOSE BEHIND FILLER WORDS

Duration: 8:34

Synopsis: We’ve all been there. You’ve given a presentation or had a job interview and realized afterwards that you may have used too many words like “um”, “you know” or “like”. While these fillers are distracting if overused, when added in moderation, they do play a very specific purpose.

Host: Marty Peterson

Guests: Valerie Fridland, sociolinguist, professor, linguistics, English Department, University of Nevada-Reno, author, *Like Literally Dude: Arguing for the Good in Bad English*

Compliance issues: Culture, History, Intercommunication, Language, Linguistics, Personal Development, Public Speaking

SEGMENT 3: SICK OF CARDIO? NEW RESEARCH SUGGESTS THIS SHIFT IN EXERCISE

Duration: 1:41

Synopsis: Current exercise recommendations in the U.S. are the same for both men and women. New research published earlier this month in the “*Journal of the American College of Cardiology*” uncovers evidence that women may benefit much more from this type of exercise.

Host: Ebony McMorris

Compliance issues: Public Health, Scientific Research, Fitness, Cardiovascular Disease, Gender, Health Policy

SEGMENT 4: WILL 2024 BE A SLEEPER YEAR FOR MOVIES?

Duration: 2:33

Synopsis: The Writer’s Guild of America strike halted production in Hollywood for five months last year, creating a ripple effect into this year’s film and TV lineup. Will 2024 be a bust for movie lovers?

Host & Producer: Evan Rook

Compliance issues: Film, Culture, Labor, Workers’ Rights, Media