

1Q2023 Issues and Programs

Issue: Legal Matters: Constitutional Rights: Due Process

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan discussed what the next steps will be for the man arrested and accused of brutally murdering several University of Idaho students. Someone speculated that he might attempt to use the insanity defense. Mister Sullivan explained the factors and methods involved in a insanity defense and added that such a defense is rarely successful. Sentencing and parole explained.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

1/4/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Discussion of issue: Role of DNA evidence in the University of Idaho students murder case as well as other cases. Exculpatory evidence explained, also verdicts overturned many years later due to new DNA science or evidence. Other topics are jury temperament and what Mister Sullivan focuses on during a trial.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

1/11/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Discussion of issue: A police chase ends in a fatal accident. Discussion involves the legal process of the warrant and subsequent arrest of the accused driver. Could there be a lawsuit against the police for their involvement in a car chase that resulted in the fatal accident? By state statute the standard concerning whether the police was at fault is: were the police negligent in performing their duties? Gun laws, legal vs illegal gun laws and sheriffs' reluctance to enforce the law was discussed.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

1/18/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Public Health: Healthcare

Discussion of issue: It is well documented how much more cost effective a Medicare for All system would be in the aggregate. But do you want to know how much money per year a Medicare for All system would personally save you? Listen to Dr. James Kahn, explain the calculator he developed to help you figure that out. Plus, we invite Dr. Fred Hyde and healthcare consultant, Kip Sullivan, back to answer the feedback you sent us on the topic of Medicare (dis)Advantage.

The Ralph Nader Radio Hour 1/8/2023 6:00am – 7:00am
Guests: Dr. James Kahn, Dr. Fred Hyde and healthcare consultant, Kip Sullivan

Issue: Ukraine War

Discussion of issue: Ralph welcomes back retired Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson to talk about American military policy, including the record \$816.7 billion Pentagon budget, the war in Ukraine, the insanity of nuclear weapons, potential conflict with China and what the right-wing caucus in the House of Representatives really wants when they say they want to cut military spending.

The Ralph Nader Radio Hour 1/15/2023 6:00am – 7:00am
Guest: Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, Ret.

Issue: Economy: Taxes

Discussion of issue: Best advice to avoid fraud is to file early. If someone else files a fraudulent return with your stolen identification they may claim a refund. Therefore make sure to file yours first. Changes to the tax laws discussed. Also delays with the IRS offices due to a lack of agents. Matt Waugh says it will take up to 10 years for the agency to get up to full employment and many of the new agents may not be very experienced. Also its better to file even if you can't pay because the penalty for not filing is 10 times greater than the penalty for late payment. Matt Waugh also discussed situations where he negotiated with the agency as well as the tax courts.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Matt Waugh, CPA

1/13/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters: Constitutional Rights: Due Process

Discussion of issue: The Alec Baldwin homicide case was discussed. Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan discussed involuntary manslaughter vs reckless homicide, which usually involves an automobile. Conscious disregard for the risk involved. DNA evidence discussed in the murder of University of Idaho students.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

1/20/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Economy: Taxes

Discussion of issue: In his state of the Union address the President said that people making less than \$400,000 would not see an increase in their taxes. He proposed hiring more agents to go after the tax cheaters with incomes above \$400,000. Also its better to file even if you can't pay because the penalty for not filing is 10 times greater than the penalty for late payment. Discussed tax evasion vs tax avoidance. He mentioned the lack of IRS agents which results in difficulties reaching anyone for clarification on a tax issue.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Matt Waugh, CPA

2/10/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Economy: Peoria Development

Discussion of issue: Councilman Chuck Grayeb was pleased to share the news of a new proposed \$57 Million hotel project with apartment units. Also an overdue maintenance project and an upgrade is coming to the Bob Michel bridge with enhanced safety for pedestrians. There will be some limited economic assistance from the city. Grayeb said that these projects will bring good paying jobs which will help grow and strengthen the economy of the Peoria community.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Chuck Grayeb 2nd Dist Peoria City Council

2/10/2023

8:30am – 9:00am

Issue: Public Health: Healthcare

Discussion of issue: Ralph welcomes Dr. Nason Maani, co-editor of The Commercial Determinants of Health, to explore the larger forces, forces beyond the power of an individual to control, that shape our environment and therefore our health.

The Ralph Nader Radio Hour
Guests: Dr. Nason Maani

2/12/2023

6:00am – 7:00am

Issue: Legal Matters: Constitutional Rights: Due Process

Discussion of issue: Admissibility of scientific evidence. Actually in many cases finger prints are difficult to pick up from a gun. How evidence is admitted or challenged. Validity of DUI tests discussed. Defense Attorney Sullivan described the process of an arraignment. Also Mr Sullivan updated us on the many Constitutional challenges being made to a new Illinois gun law.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

2/15/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Ukraine War

Discussion of issue: Former US Secretary of Transportation and US Representative Ray La Hood expressed his thoughts as to why Russia is not making much progress in its war with Ukraine. He mentioned the lackluster performance of the Russian military vs the resolve of the Ukrainian people. He supports Ukraine as a sovereign country with a democratically elected and functioning government.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Ray La Hood

2/21/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Economy: Peoria Development

Discussion of issue: 2nd Dist Peoria City Councilman Chuck Grayeb revealed how a new \$25 Million state grant will be used for maintenance and repairs on the Civic Center. A large portion of the money will go to replacing the ice plant for the ice rink. He reminded the audience of the controversial beginnings of the Civic Center and that it has benefited Peoria by bringing in dollars from outside the area to be spent locally. He added that the new \$57 Million hotel with apartment units coming to downtown will bolster the Peoria area economy. Also of note, there will be additional new medical development along the Main Street corridor.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends 3/3/2023
Guest: Chuck Grayeb 2nd Dist Peoria City Council

7:30am – 8:00am

Discussion of issue: 2nd Dist Peoria City Councilman Chuck Grayeb outlined some of the challenges to the economic development of Peoria. Education is always foundational to any economy. He emphasized the higher education requirements for the upcoming 21st century jobs. Peoria has a growing medical complex that will need to be staffed for many years to come. He noted the community's response to mental health needs is also a driver of improving the lives of those who are often left behind in an advancing economy.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends 3/13/2023
Guest: Chuck Grayeb 2nd Dist Peoria City Council

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters: Constitutional Rights: Due Process

Discussion of issue: Defense Attorney Kevin Sullivan updated us on the many challenges being made to a new Illinois law before the Illinois Supreme Court. The most controversial part of the new law is the elimination of cash bond. He believes there is a separation of powers argument that can be made. It may violate the single subject per piece of legislation act principle. It most likely would not be accepted by the the U.S. Supreme Court, meaning the Illinois Supreme Court is the last court of appeal.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

3/15/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Discussion of issue: A grand jury in New York has convened to determine if former U.S. President Donald Trump should be charged related to business fraud. He could face felony charges of improperly recording payments made to porn star Stormy Daniels to keep her silence. Since the grand jury proceedings are in secret, only information leaked to the press is getting out. Rules of pre-trial publicity was discussed. Privacy rights during a police stop of a driver were also discussed.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

3/22/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Economy: Taxes

Discussion of issue: Matt Waugh outlined the top 3 reasons to itemize on taxes: 1, high medical expenses, 2, high mortgage interest, and 3, large charitable contributions. Also its better to file even if you can't pay because the penalty for not filing is 10 times greater than the penalty for late payment. If you can't pay all your tax, its better to pay some to show you're making an effort. By not paying anything at all, the penalties are significantly higher. Matt Waugh also discussed situations where he negotiated with the agency as well as the tax courts.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Matt Waugh, CPA

3/14/2023

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Legal Matters: Constitutional Rights: More Gun Laws?

Discussion of issue: Do we really need more gun laws? Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan made the case for mental heal health services and closer tracking of gun purchases by those who are having mental health issues. Keeping a computer database for the police and the medical profession may be more effective than attempting to restrict gun purchases by members of the general public.

Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

3/29/2023

7:30am – 8:00am