

QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST

FOR STATION: KSCR-FM/KBMO-AM

JULY 1 – SEPT 30, 2023

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Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. CITY OF BENSON ISSUES/NEWS:** Issues relating to the city of Benson, our city of license.
- B. PUBLIC/COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Numerous community events that raise awareness and funds for local non-profits.
- C. EDUCATION:** Subjects related to education of children in our community.
- D. SELF IMPROVEMENT:** Programs that help mental health & personal improvement and stability.
- E. ANIMAL SAFETY & CARE:** Talk that promotes proper caring for animals.
- F. SOCIAL ISSUES:** A program dealing with various social issues affecting our communities - from drug use & eating disorders, to social networks & bullying in schools.

Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcasting programs dealing with each of the above referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

- A. CITY OF BENSON ISSUES/NEWS:**
"BENSON CITY ADMINISTRATOR" - JULY 1ST – SEPT 30TH, EVERY OTHER TUESDAY, 8:45AM, 8-10 MINUTES.
Talked with Benson City Administrator about city council minutes, projects around town, grants for town and improvements.
- B. PUBLIC/COMMUNITY EVENTS:**
"COMMUNITY CALENDAR WRAP-UP" – JULY 1ST – SEPT 30TH, WEEKDAYS, 10AM, 5 MINUTES.
Discusses various community events, gave info on how listeners could contact us regarding the events or how to submit events.
- C. EDUCATION:**
"SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT" – SEPT 1ST – SEPT 30TH, EVERY OTHER TUESDAY, 9:00AM, 5-8

MINUTES

Discussion with Benson School District #777 Superintendent (PreK-12th grade) about school board minutes.

"SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TALK" - SEPT 1ST - SEPT 30TH, EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:00AM, 5-8 MINUTES

Talk about specific events or subjects of learning from different departments within the Benson School District

"LOCAL SPORTS COACH'S CORNER" - SEPT 1ST - SEPT 30TH, VARIOUS DAYS, VARIOUS TIMES, 5-10 MINUTES

Talk with coaches for local sports in the district before and during the various sports seasons. Captains from teams advancing to sub sections, state, etc. come in to talk about their management of sports and education and the upcoming game(s).

D. SELF IMPROVEMENT:

"CHURCH TALK" - JULY 17TH, 8:00AM, 5-8 MINUTES

Talked with clergy from local churches about their upcoming events.

"FOCUS ON THE FAMILY" - JULY 1ST - SEPT 30TH, WEEKDAYS, 9:50AM AND 4:50PM, 1 MINUTE
Guided advice and talk about how to make the best of your family time in the 21st century.

"MAX LUCADO UPWORDS" - JULY 1ST - SEPT 30TH, WEEKDAYS, 12:50PM, 1 MINUTE
An uplifting and positive reinforcement for better mental health.

E. ANIMAL SAFETY & CARE:

"HUMANE SOCIETY TALK" - JULY 20TH, 8:00AM, 8-10 MINUTES.

Talk about upcoming event(s), what their needs are, and how to help.

F. SOCIAL ISSUES:

"INFOTRAK" - JULY 1ST - SEPT 30TH, SUNDAYS, 6:00AM, 30 MINUTES.
Subjects discussed listed on following documentation.

"ISSUES TODAY" - JULY 1st - SEPT 30th, SUNDAY, 6:30 AM, 30 MINUTES.
Subjects discussed listed on following documentation.

Issues Today Quarterly Summary-3rd Quarter, 2023

1. Health
2. Education
3. Economy
4. Youth
5. Environment
6. Consumerism
7. Racism
8. Homeless
9. Seniors
10. Veterans

There were a total of 37 issues covered this quarter.

Issues Today 23-27

Date Aired: ____7/2/23____ Time Aired: ____6:30am____
Length: 28 Min.

1. Dr. Michael Kiley, Nat. Program Director of Oncology, U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs

He detailed their cancer treatment programs for veterans. He also talked about new cancer research that is going on.

Issues covered:

1. Veterans
2. Health

2. Matt Howard, Senior Vice President of VIRTRU

He detailed security concerns with medical data being stored on the cloud. He also talked about consumer privacy.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Consumer Privacy

3. Carol Menaker, Author and Researcher

She talked about the need for jury reform. She also discussed her experiences in a murder trial and her misgivings about the guilty verdict.

Issues covered:

1. Justice System
2. Racism

Issues Today 23-28

Date Aired: 7/9/23 Time Aired: 6:30am
Length: 28 Min.

1. Dr. William Forstchen, Professor of History at Montreat College

He detailed the dangers of EMP strikes on the country. He also talked about the need for the U.S. to better prepare for military conflicts.

Issues covered:

1. Nuclear Disarmament
2. Environment

2. Laura Podesta, Public Relations Director for Fiverr

She talked about the plusses of freelancers on the economy. She also discussed the results of the Economic Impact Report survey.

Issues covered:

1. Unemployment
2. Economy

3. Irene O'Neal, Cheryl Barent, Comfort Danco, Members of Sarah's Oasis for Women

They talked about the relationship between domestic violence and homelessness. They also discussed the need for more housing programs for victims of trafficking and violence.

Issues covered:

1. Domestic Violence
2. Homelessness

Issues Today 23-29

Date Aired: 7/16/23 Time Aired: 6:30am
Length: 28 Min.

1. Jane Spinak, Clinical Professor of Law Emeritus at Columbia Law School

She talked about the shortcomings of the family court system. She also talked about how some of the court proceedings are based in racism.

Issues covered:

1. Legal System
2. Racism

2. June Gjata, Eating Disorders Expert and Author

She detailed symptoms of eating disorders. She also talked about foods that are bad for the diet.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Eating Disorders

3. Audra Fordin, ASE Certified Mechanic

She talked about how to save money on car repairs. She also gave pointers on what parts of the car need attention before summer travel.

Issues covered:

1. Auto Safety
2. Consumerism

Issues Today 23-30

Date Aired: 7/23/23 Time Aired: 6:30am
Length: 28 Min.

1. Aaron Turner-Phifer, Dir. of Health Policy, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation/Jimmy Jam, Rapper

They discussed the JDRF Children's Congress that convenes in Washington DC. They also talked about ongoing research into diabetes.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Youth

2. Sarah Lenz-Lock, Senior Vice President and Executive Director of Global Council on Brain Health

She discussed the six pillars of brain health. She also gave results of the Brain Health Report.

Issues covered:

1. Seniors
2. Health

3. Dr. Michael Garko, Nutritionist

He talked about the need to educate the public better about the good and bad effects of cholesterol. She also detailed the dangers of stress on the body.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Stress

Issues Today 23-31

Date Aired: 7/30/23 Time Aired: 6:30am
Length: 28 Min.

1. Richard Vague, Former Secretary of Banking and Securities, Pennsylvania

He commented on deficits and how they affect the economy. He also talked about the origins of economic problems in prior fiscal emergencies.

Issues covered:

1. Economy
2. Personal Debt

2. Michael Robbins, Chief Asset Officer, Larson Financial

He discussed the growing phenomenon of using AI for investments. He also talked about state of the economy.

Issues covered:

1. Economy
2. Artificial Intelligence

3. Meghan, Stroke Survivor/Dr. Sheryl Martin-Schlid, Stroke Medical Director at Touro Infirmary

Meghan described her experience of having a stroke at the age of 31. They also detailed symptoms of a stroke and some prevention procedures.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Education

Issues Today 23-32

Date Aired: ____ 8/6/23 ____ Time Aired: ____ 6:30am ____
Length: 28 Min.

1. Dr. Robert Okin, Chief of Psychiatry at San Francisco General Hospital

He gave some ideas on how to solve homelessness. He also called on governments to build more affordable housing.

Issues covered:

1. Homelessness
2. Affordable Housing

2. Matt Dibara, Affiliated with Contractors Consultants

He discussed the growing problem of worker shortages in the construction industry. He also commented on some new apprenticeship programs.

Issues covered:

1. Economy
2. Education

3. Dr. Julie, Co-Founder of Florida Wellness Institute

She gave tips on keeping foods safe during summer cookouts. She also defined some food borne illnesses.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Food Safety

Issues Today 23-33

Date Aired: ____ 8/13/23 ____ Time Aired: ____ 6:30am ____
Length: 28 Min.

1. Cheryl McCarron, Director of Community Relations, General Motors

She talked about the outreach that the auto industry has on the American economy. She also discussed local outreach programs that the industry has.

Issues covered:

1. Education
2. Economy

2. Edward Bartlett, Founder of SAVE

He detailed possible changes in rules for Title 9 programs. He also talked about the need for more parental involvement in local school policies.

Issues covered:

1. Youth
2. Education

3. Vish Chaton, Div. Vice President of Product Development, Abbott Laboratories

He discussed a new two heart valve mini pacemaker that is being released this year. He also talked about warning symptoms for possible heart problems.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Consumerism

Issues Today 23-34

Date Aired: ___ 8/20/23 ___ Time Aired: ___ 6:30am ___
Length: 28 Min.

1. David Crenshaw, Retired Master Sergeant

He discussed the K9's for Warriors Project that pairs up comfort dogs to vets.
He also detailed the extensive training program the dogs go through.

Issues covered:

1. Vets
2. PTSD

2. James Ruvalcaba, Special Ed. Educator

He talked about what parents can do to help kids adjust to a new school year.
He also gave some tips on managing emotions.

Issues covered:

1. Youth
2. Education

3. Jeffrey Stephens, Ronald Raymond, Co-Authors of "The Road to Splitsville"

They gave tips on how couples can have more-friendly divorces. They also talked about the need for better communication for all pairs.

Issues covered:

1. Divorce
2. Communication

Issues Today 23-35

Date Aired: ____8/27/23____ Time Aired: ____6:30am____
Length: 28 Min.

1. David Schenck, Former Director of Ethics, Univ. of South Carolina

He discussed the growing problem of healthcare worker burnout. He also talked about the need for better wages as well.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Mental Health

2. Brian Walsh, Student Loan Manager at Sofi

He gave some tips on how to save money on student loans. He also talked about work study programs that can help to ease the burden.

Issues covered:

1. Student Loans
2. Economy

3. Dr. Nikki McCullough, Respiratory Expert at 3M's Personal Safety Division

She commented on bad air that is being generated by wildfires around the country. She also talked about how to control indoor air pollution.

Issues covered:

1. Environment
2. Air Pollution

Issues Today 23-36

Date Aired: 9/3/23 Time Aired: 6:30am
Length: 28 Min.

1. Ron Fleming, Author of "Wuhan Unleashed"

He described his experiences with the Wuhan Lab in China. He also expressed concerns about possible lab testing in this country.

Issues covered:

1. COVID
2. Chemical Warfare

2. Jennifer Fitzpatrick, AI and Health Researcher

She detailed how the healthcare industry is using AI to enhance their services. She also talked about the public's reactions to new technology.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Artificial Intelligence

3. Sarika Jain, Love Strategist and Dating Expert

She discussed why some women have stopped dating. She also discussed dating strategies that women can use.

Issues covered:

1. Communication
2. Women

Issues Today 23-37

Date Aired: 9/10/23 Time Aired: 6:30am
Length: 28 Min.

1. Dr. Cheryl Green, Author of "Heal Your Daughter"

She talked about growing depression in teenage girls. She also detailed how parents can better cope with the growing problem.

Issues covered:

1. Women
2. Depression

2. Mike Malterre, Enviromentalist

He commented on how many chemical sunscreens are damaging the environment. He also talked about protecting kids from harmful rays.

Issues covered:

1. Environment
2. Pollution

3. Alana Best, Author of "Around the World in Black and White"

She talked about her worldwide experiences of being in a bi-racial marriage. She also discussed the effect on their children.

Issues covered:

1. Racism
2. Discrimination

Issues Today 23-38

Date Aired: ____9/17/23____ Time Aired: ____6:30am____
Length: 28 Min.

1. Trevor Wagner, Chief Economist of Research Center at the Computer and Communications Industry Assn.

He commented on how AI is aiding small business growth. He also talked about new apps that are developed daily.

Issues covered:

1. Economy
2. Consumerism

2. Afton Hassett, Assoc. Professor and Director of Pain and Opioid Research at Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center

She discussed her book "Chronic Pain Reset" which emphasizes pain reduction without drugs. She also talked about the growing drug abuse problem in the country.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Drug Abuse

3. Tom Kamber, Executive Director of Older Adults Technology Services (AARP)

He discussed how seniors can better plan for emergencies. He also talked about new technology that is available for seniors.

Issues covered:

1. Seniors
2. Disaster Preparedness

Issues Today 23-39

Date Aired: ____9/24/23____ Time Aired: ____6:30am____
Length: 28 Min.

1. Diane Gayeski, Professor and Higher Education Consultant

She commented on low-paying college degrees. She also stressed that some disciplines can help with other careers that aren't necessarily directly connected.

Issues covered:

1. Education
2. Student Loans

2. Dr. Mark Miller, Executive Vice President of Health Care at Arnold Ventures

He discussed rising medical costs. He also talked about Site Neutral bills and how they would lower hospital costs.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Consumerism

3. Caroline Schneider, Registered Dietician

She detailed why SNAP benefits should include payments for Vitamin D. She also talked about the benefits of Vitamin D.

Issues covered:

1. Health
2. Education



Weekly Public Affairs Program

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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2023

Show # 2023-27

Date aired: 7/2/23 **Time Aired:** 6:00am

Nora Volkow, MD, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health

Fentanyl overdoses are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 49, more than car accidents or suicides. On average, one person dies of a fentanyl overdose in the United States every seven minutes, and the number of Americans killed by the drug has jumped 94 percent since 2019. Dr. Volkow discussed why the problem has skyrocketed and what steps the federal government is taking to address it. She said that, while the epidemic was worse in certain rural areas of the US in past years, the problem has now overwhelmed every city and state. She talked about the importance of education and treatment programs, and also explained why fentanyl is a particularly troubling issue for pregnant women.

Issues covered:

Length: 17:52

**Substance Abuse and Treatment
Government Policies**

Sam Quinones, author of *"The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth"*

The opioid crisis' damage to US communities cost the economy \$1.5 trillion in 2020 alone, according to a congressional analysis. Mr. Quinones talked about steps that cities and towns can take to try to repair community bonds, most effectively on the neighborhood, school and church level. He believes that stronger law enforcement is necessary to force drug abusers into treatment, whether they want it or not.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:08

**Substance Abuse and Treatment
Community Rehabilitation
Law Enforcement
Homelessness**

Show # 2023-28

Date aired: 7/9/23 **Time Aired:** 6:00am

Paul R. Lawrence, former Under Secretary of Benefits at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, author of *"Veterans Benefits for You: Get What You Deserve"*

Mr. Lawrence offered tips for veterans to successfully apply for benefits they have earned from their service. He explained several ways that a veteran can document a service-related injury, and how they can request their medical records with help from the National Archives and Veterans

Administration. He also talked about the value of benefits not just to a veteran, but to his or her family, as well.

Issues covered:
Veterans' Benefits
Military Service

Length: 8:14

David Maimon, PhD, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Georgia State University

Prof. Maimon explained how criminals are increasingly targeting US Postal Service blue collection boxes and residential mailboxes to steal filled-out checks. He said the thieves sell the stolen checks via social media platforms, then buyers alter the payee and amount on the checks to rob victims' bank accounts of thousands of dollars. He recommends that consumers only hand mail directly to a clerk at a US Post Office, or use other methods to send payments.

Issues covered:
Crime
Identity Theft
Government

Length: 9:09

Lori R. Sackler, Senior VP and family wealth advisor at Morgan Stanley, author of *"The M Word: The Money Talk Every Family Needs to Have about Wealth and Their Financial Future"*

Conversations about money remain taboo for most U.S. households. Ms. Sackler said a staggering 70 percent of families lose their money, assets, and family harmony in the aftermath of estate transfers. She explained how to successfully talk about money matters. She said many people make the same money mistakes that their parents made.

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Aging

Length: 5:05

Show # 2023-29

Date aired: 7/16/23 **Time Aired:** 6:00am

Pam Baker, freelance journalist who focuses on emerging tech topics like artificial intelligence, data analytics, and edge computing, author of *"ChatGPT For Dummies"*

ChatGPT has garnered an amazing amount of attention in just a few months. Ms. Baker explained how the rise of artificial intelligence has already begun affecting our daily lives. She talked about the importance of learning to use AI in the workplace, and why learning how to prompt AI is both the easy part and the most difficult part of using it.

Issues covered:
Artificial Intelligence
Education
Career

Length: 9:05

Ruchi S. Gupta, MD, MPH, board-certified pediatrician and health researcher, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Clinical Attending at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, founding director of the Center for Food Allergy & Asthma Research

Dr. Gupta led a groundbreaking study of allergies in adults and found the prevalence of food allergy is highest among black, Hispanic and Asian individuals across all ages. She also found that food allergy

is lowest among households earning more than \$150,000 a year. She talked about potential reasons for these findings and the importance of getting a proper diagnosis.

Issues covered:

Food Allergies

Minority Concerns

Length: 8:23

Greg Keoleian, Director of the Center for Sustainable Systems at the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability

Environmentally-conscious consumers have probably heard that today's highly efficient dishwashers use less energy and water than traditional hand-washing techniques. However, Prof. Keoleian led a study that found that one manual washing technique--the two-basin method, in which dishes are soaked and scrubbed in hot water and then rinsed in cold water--that is associated with fewer greenhouse gas emissions than machine dishwashing. He offered numerous energy-saving tips related to the task of washing dishes.

Issues covered:

Environment

Energy

Consumer Matters

Length: 5:03

Show # 2023-30

Date aired: 7/23/23 Time Aired: 6:00am

Haywood Talcove, CEO of LexisNexis Risk Solutions' Government Group, a multinational information and analytics company based in Atlanta

Mr. Talcove outlined a frightening new wave of scams: next-gen thieves are utilizing sophisticated new artificial intelligence tools to steal millions of dollars from consumers. He discussed the use of AI-generated voices--that criminals can now clone from social media profiles--to easily con parents or grandparents out of significant sums of money. He said the schemes are almost impossible to detect, but he suggested three steps every family should take to defend themselves

Issues covered:

Crime

Identity Theft

Technology

Length: 8:49

F. Perry Wilson, MD, MSCE, Associate Professor of Medicine, Director, Clinical and Translational Research Accelerator at the Yale University School of Medicine, author of *"How Medicine Works and When It Doesn't."*

Dr. Wilson explained how and why the doctor-patient relationship has eroded in recent years. He believes that profit-driven companies—from big pharma to healthcare corporations—have corrupted what should have been medicine's golden age. He offered several potential solutions to restore trust between patients and doctors.

Issues covered:

Personal Health

Length: 8:15

Morag MacKay, Director of Research, Safe Kids Worldwide

Ms. MacKay said that an American child is killed every five days in a train collision, a preventable tragedy that most parents overlook. She outlined the most common scenarios for these incidents and explained how parents can teach their children to avoid dangerous situations with trains.

Issues covered:

Railroad Safety

Child Safety

Parenting

Length: 5:06

Show # 2023-31

Date aired: __7/30/23__ Time Aired: __6:00am__

Kate W. Bauer, PhD MS, Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Prof. Bauer recently led a study that compared beverage consumption in low-income households that utilize taxpayer-funded food assistance programs. She found that families that used just one of the programs were in the normal range, but those that participated in both the Supplementation Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), consumed high amounts of sugar-sweetened beverages. She explained why this is a concern.

Issues covered:

Government Food Assistance

Poverty

Nutrition

Length: 8:00

Patrick Olsen, Editor-in-Chief, CarFax

More than 2.5 million vehicles that have been issued a "Do Not Drive" or "Park Outside" safety recall remain unrepaired, Carfax data shows. Mr. Olsen talked about the most common reasons behind these serious recalls, and why consumers fail to take their cars to dealers to get the issue taken care of. He also explained how someone can check to see if their car is on a recall list.

Issues covered:

Auto Recalls

Consumer Matters

Transportation

Length: 9:22

Rachel Neale, PhD, Professor, Group Leader, Deputy Coordinator of the Population Health Department at QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute in Brisbane, Australia

Dr. Neale led a study that examined whether monthly vitamin D supplementation for older adults can prevent major cardiovascular events. She found that vitamin D did result in a small reduction for patients who were already at risk of a heart attack, and she believes further research is needed to better understand the link.

Issues covered:

Personal Health

Nutrition

Length: 4:58

Show # 2023-32

Date aired: 8/6/23 Time Aired: 6:00am

Bacall Hincks, Family Advocate and Program Coordinator at Children's Service Society of Utah

More than one million American children now live with grandparents, primarily because of their parent's addiction to opioids and other drugs. Ms. Hincks said this growing trend is causing grandparents to put off retirement and plow through savings to rescue their grandchildren from dangerous situations. She discussed how these difficult experiences can negatively affect children's mental and physical health.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:17

Parenting
Substance Abuse
Foster Care
Retirement

Maryanne Wolf, PhD, Professor of Child Development and Director of the Center for Reading and Language Research at Tufts University, author of *Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World*

Prof. Wolf discussed the latest research into the human brain as we become increasingly dependent on digital technologies, rather than the printed word. She expressed concerns for both children's and adults' ability to "deep read," as the brain is literally rewired by huge amounts of short bursts of information. She offered suggestions for how the nation's education system needs to adapt.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:04

Literacy
Education
Technology

David Michael Slater, teacher, author of *We're Doing It Wrong: 25 Ideas in Education That Just Don't Work—And How to Fix Them*

Mr. Slater explained why he believes that many current approaches in education simply aren't working—for students, for teachers, and for society at-large. He explained how teacher evaluations could be improved and why anti-bullying programs in schools don't work.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:50

Education

Show # 2023-33

Date aired: 8/13/23 Time Aired: 6:00am

Paul Pilibosian, a Houston attorney specializing in real estate law

It is a pattern being played out in many cities in the United States: squatters move into a home, refuse to leave, and homeowners have few options to evict them. Mr. Pilibosian explained why this trend is on the rise and what homeowners should do to try to discourage squatters from moving into a house in the first place.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:50

Crime
Home Ownership
Legal Issues

Anupam Bapu Jena, MD, PhD, Joseph P. Newhouse Professor at Harvard Medical School, physician at Massachusetts General Hospital, co-author of *"Random Acts of Medicine: The Hidden Forces That Sway Doctors, Impact Patients, and Shape Our Health"*

Dr. Jena explained how unexpected—but often predictable—events can profoundly affect our health. He offered several examples of how randomness affects medical decisions and treatment options. He said a healthy diet and exercise are the wisest choices to lead a healthy life.

Issues covered:
Personal Health

Length: 8:16

Sophie Kjærvi, doctoral candidate in communication at Ohio State University

Firearms contribute to the deaths of more children ages 1-17 years in the U.S. than any other type of injury or illness. While much of that total is gang-related teen shootings, sometimes younger deaths are tragic accidents after a child finds an unsecured gun. Ms. Kjærvi was the co-author of a recent study that found that a simple 60 second video on gun safety made a significant difference in whether kids ages 8 to 12 played with a found gun.

Issues covered:
Gun Safety
Parenting

Length: 5:04

Show # 2023-34

Date aired: __8/20/23__ Time Aired: __6:00am__

Karl Brauer, Executive Analyst at ISeeCars.com

The pain of inflation has hit every consumer's pocketbook in the past couple of years, but perhaps the impact has been greatest in the car buying market. Mr. Brauer shared research that found that while the value of used electric vehicles has been plummeting in 2023 (and the trend is accelerating), the price of used cars in general has jumped 47% since 2019. He added that more than half of today's used cars also have 20% or more miles than they did three years ago.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Transportation

Length: 9:01

LeRoy Hood, MD, PhD, biologist who has served on the faculties at the California Institute of Technology and the University of Washington, developed ground-breaking scientific instruments which made possible major advances in the biological and medical sciences, author of *"The Age of Scientific Wellness"*

Dr. Hood discussed the reasons that medicine is undergoing a major transformation from a reactive, hit-or-miss approach to a personalized, predictive, data-rich, and preventive one. He calls this new form of care "scientific wellness", which uses information from our blood and genes, as well as AI, to optimize our health and extend our "healthspan." He believes this new technology can eventually conquer heart disease, Alzheimer's disease and many other illnesses, with noticeable progress within five years.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Technology

Length: 8:15

Tobias Rose-Stockwell, author of *"Outrage Machine: How Tech Amplifies Discontent, Disrupts Democracy—And What We Can Do About It"*

The original internet was not designed to make us upset, distracted, confused, and outraged. But Mr. Tobias explained why something unexpected happened at the turn of the last decade, when a handful of small features were quietly launched at social media companies with little fanfare. Together, they triggered a cascading set of dramatic changes to how media, politics, and society itself operate. He explained what needs to happen to find a promising pathway back to a healthier online environment.

Issues covered:

**Social Media
Mental Health**

Length: 5:14

Show # 2023-35

Date aired: 8/27/23 **Time Aired:** 6:00am

Anna Mills, textbook author, English instructor at the College of Marin, member of a joint Artificial Intelligence task force with the Modern Language Association and College Conference on Composition and Communication

AI chatbots have triggered a panic among educators, who are flooding listservs, webinars and professional conferences to figure out how to deal with the technology in this new academic year. Ms. Mills explained why many professors are expecting chaos. She said few universities are offering clear guidelines for teachers or students. She also talked about the difficulty of detecting AI-generated cheating.

Issues covered:

**Higher Education
Artificial Intelligence**

Length: 7:50

J. Scott Roberts, PhD, Professor in Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Michigan, Associate Director of a poll from the University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation

Prof. Roberts led a poll of people age 65 to 80 and found that while 80% adults see the benefit of tests that can give an early warning of memory and thinking decline, 80% of older adults said they haven't had a cognitive test in the past year to look for early signs of dementia, and 59% reported never having had such a screening. He said the poll also found very low awareness of blood tests that can help detect Alzheimer's disease.

Issues covered:

**Personal Health
Technology**

Length: 9:17

Peter Clark, Applied Forest Ecologist at the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont

The US Forest Service has been given taxpayer funding to plant more than a billion trees across the country in the next nine years. Prof. Clark's research found a troubling bottleneck that could threaten these efforts: U.S. tree nurseries don't grow nearly enough trees—nor have the species diversity needed—to meet the unprecedented plans. He talked about the reasons behind the problem and what can be done to remedy it.

Issues covered:

**Environment
Government**

Length: 5:13

Show # 2023-36

Date aired: 9/3/23 Time Aired: 6:00am

ChatGPT, an artificial-intelligence (AI) chatbot

ChatGPT was launched as an artificial intelligence prototype on November 30, 2022, quickly gaining much attention for its detailed responses and articulate answers across many topics. It explained how was it trained and learns, and what its biggest weakness are. It acknowledged that the concerns about potential biases in its answers are legitimate. It also outlined the top 5 human endeavors in which it anticipates making the biggest impact.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:29

**Artificial Intelligence
Technology
Employment**

Andrew Houtenville, PhD, Professor of Economics at the University of Hampshire, Research Director of the UNH Institute on Disability

Prof. Houtenville discussed recent findings from the National Trends in Disability Employment report, issued semi-monthly by Kessler Foundation and the University of New Hampshire. He explained what is driving historic highs in employment of people with disabilities, and why disabled employment has outstripped the non-disabled since the start of pandemic lockdowns.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:59

**Disabilities
Employment**

Erin Dooley, PhD, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health

Prof. Dooley was the lead researcher of a study that measured the number of daily steps that may make a difference in the risk of heart problems in senior citizens. Her study of people ages 70 and older found walking an additional 500 steps per day, or an additional quarter mile of walking, was associated with a 14% lower risk of heart disease, stroke or heart failure.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:06

**Personal Health
Senior Citizens**

Show # 2023-37

Date aired: 9/10/23 Time Aired: 6:00am

Erica Eversman, President of the Automotive Education and Policy Institute in Akron, OH

Drivers are looking for ways to save money on auto insurance as premiums rise rapidly. Ms. Eversman explained a new offering from some insurance companies: usage-based car insurance programs, where the insured agrees to share detailed data about their driving habits with their insurer via a phone app or an in-vehicle device. She said the data does permit insurance companies to evaluate risk better and better match the price of the insurance for the risk, but at a steep cost to consumers' privacy and legal rights.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Auto Insurance
Legal Matters

Length: 8:55

Caroline Leaf, PhD, clinical and cognitive neuroscientist, author of "*How to Help Your Child Clean Up Their Mental Mess*"

Increasingly, children ages 3-10 are struggling with anxiety, depression, and mental health challenges. Dr. Leaf discussed the factors behind this trend and warning signs that parents should watch for. She said if left unaddressed, childhood mental health problems often follow kids into their teens and adulthood.

Issues covered:
Child Mental Health
Parenting

Length: 8:15

Edgar Dworsky, Founder & Editor of ConsumerWorld.com

Grocery costs for Americans have skyrocketed in the past two years. Mr. Dworsky discussed the subtle trend of "shrinkflation," in which many manufacturers shrink their packaging, rather than raising prices. He explained what products most commonly are affected, and ways that consumers can protect themselves against the tricky practice.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:01

Show # 2023-38

Date aired: 9/17/23 Time Aired: 6:00am

Ryan P. Burge, PhD, sociologist, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Eastern Illinois University, co-author of "*The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back?*"

The largest and fastest religious shift in US history is in progress. Prof. Burge co-authored a comprehensive study to learn who is leaving organized religion and why. He said the most common reason people stopped attending church was because they moved, and that lower-income people with a high school education or less are the most likely to leave. He also talked about societal effects when faith-based community services such as food banks, after-school programs and prison ministries disappear.

Issues covered:
Religion

Length: 9:22

Chris Carosa, MBA, Certified Trust & Financial Advisor, Senior Contributor to Forbes.com, author of *"Hey! What's My Number: How to Improve the Odds You Will Retire in Comfort"*

A recent New York Life survey found that Americans believe they need \$4.3 million stashed away to retire comfortably. Unfortunately, the average person has around \$135,000 saved. Mr. Carosa explained how to determine how much money will really be needed for a comfortable retirement, along with simple steps to get there.

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Personal Finance

Length: 8:03

Kevin Fiscella, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community & Preventive Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry

Dr. Fiscella discussed his groundbreaking research that found that the lives of nearly 8,000 black Americans could be saved each year if doctors could figure out a way to bring their average blood pressure down to the average level of whites. He talked about the reasons behind the gap between the races in controlling blood pressure, and the possible ways to reduce it.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Minority Concerns

Length: 4:50

Show # 2023-39

Date aired: 9/24/23 **Time Aired:** 6:00am

Diane Mullins, founder of Deborah's Voice, a national non-profit women's advocacy organization

Pastor Mullins said that child trafficking has become the 2nd largest criminal activity in the world behind illegal drug sales. She said most Americans are unaware of the existence of human trafficking and forced prostitution in their own towns, but it is surprisingly prevalent – not just on dimly lit street corners, but at music concerts, VIP dinners, and sporting events. She talked about techniques used by human traffickers to select their victims.

Issues covered:
Human Trafficking
Women's Issues
Crime

Length: 7:26

Dawn Graham, PhD, psychologist, employment and career expert, Director of Career Management for the Executive MBA Program at The Wharton School, author of *"Switchers: How Smart Professionals Change Careers -- and Seize Success"*

Dr. Graham offered job search advice, particularly for those in middle age who are considering career changes. She said a job search in a new field or occupation requires much more work than a typical job search. She offered suggestions on how to tailor a resume to sidestep age biases and other potential hurdles.

Issues covered:
Career
Aging

Length: 9:45

Susie Vanderlip, teen counselor, author of *"52 Ways to Protect Your Teen"*

Ms. Vanderlip has conducted school assemblies for more than 1 million teens and adults, aimed at helping youth make wise choices and seek help. She talked about the motivations of today's teenagers and why parents may be fearful of their kids. She offered tips to improve communication in a parent/teen relationship.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:54

Youth at Risk

Parenting Issues

Drug Abuse