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# Kentucky News Connection

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December 31, 2015

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## Governor Bevin Claims Medicaid is Imploding Financially in KY

Frankfort, Ky - Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin says his plan to change how Medicaid is delivered in Kentucky will be ready by the middle of 2016. He claims Medicaid, which was expanded as part of health care reform in Kentucky, is "imploding financially." However, an economic policy analyst says expansion has been a "great deal" for Kentucky. Comments from Governor Matt Bevin, R-Kentucky; and Jason Bailey, Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Economic Policy.

**Intro:** Saying cost is the "primary" concern, Governor Matt Bevin says his administration will seek federal waivers to change how Medicaid is delivered in Kentucky. The new governor has been critical of Medicaid expansion, which has provided coverage to more than 400-thousand uninsured Kentuckians as part of health care reform. Bevin claims the current system, in which nearly 30 percent of the state's population is now on Medicaid, is "imploding financially."

*Cut 90250 :12 "That is literally not sustainable financially. The only way in which we are going to allow it to continue in any form, traditional, expanded or otherwise, is to transform the way in which it is delivered."*

**Tag:** Economic policy analyst Jason Bailey disagrees.

**Second Cut:** Bailey says Medicaid expansion is "a great deal" for Kentucky because jobs are being created and health care is improving, while the federal government is paying most of the costs.

*Cut 91250 :11 "We are saving, literally, hundreds of millions of dollars a year in monies we were spending previously on the uninsured, on public health, on mental health, and substance abuse."*

**Tag 1:** Governor Bevin said Wednesday he will have a plan in place by the middle of 2016 to customize Medicaid to Kentucky through waivers of federal rules on eligibility and coverage. Bevin cites Indiana's model as an example of the direction he wants Kentucky to head.

**Third Cut:** In Indiana Medicaid recipients pay either premiums or co-pays, sometimes both. Bailey, who heads the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, fears that approach will make it much harder for Kentuckians to get, keep or afford their coverage.

*Cut 92250 :12 "We will begin to move backwards on some of the progress that we've made in terms of getting people those cancer screenings that they need, and the cholesterol screenings and the other things that we know will pay off in a healthier population."*

**Tag 2:** Currently around one point three million Kentuckians receive Medicaid benefits.

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**LEAD:** Saying cost is the "primary" concern, Governor Matt Bevin says his administration will seek federal waivers to change how Medicaid is delivered in Kentucky. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

*Cut 93250 :53 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Bailey at 859-986-2373; Bevin through Jessica Ditto at 502-564-2611.

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aired 1/10 at 9:30A

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## Crisis Heating Assistance Signups Begin Monday

Frankfort, Ky - The window opens Monday for low-income families to apply for help with paying their heating bills. January 11th is the first day eligible families can sign up for the crisis phase of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP (LIE-heap). Comments from Pat Niceley, Energy Programs Director, Community Action Kentucky.

**Intro:** After an unusually warm holiday season, winter's cold temperatures have arrived in Kentucky. This coming Monday marks the first day low-income families can sign up for help paying their heating bills. The crisis phase of the government's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, commonly known as LIHEAP, is open to families who face having their heat shut off. Pat Niceley, who oversees the program for Community Action Kentucky – the agency which administers the funds – says the emergency money helps some of the state's most vulnerable residents.

**Cut 21250 :07** *"Older people and families with small children. It's so vital to keep the heat going."*

**Tag:** Niceley says to be eligible for assistance, a family's income has to be at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty level and they have to have a disconnect notice from their utility company, or if they heat with a bulk fuel, they have to be close to running out.

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**Second Cut:** According to Niceley the average crisis assistance last year was 229 dollars with around 173-thousand households assisted.

**Cut 22250 :09** *"Nothing is given directly to the applicants. The funds are paid directly to either the utility company or the propane company."*

**Tag 1:** Niceley says the program will last through March 31st or until all funds are expended. Community Action has offices in all 120 counties. (For more information, call 800-456-3452)

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**LEAD:** After an unusually warm holiday season, winter's cold temperatures have arrived in Kentucky. As Greg Stotemyer tells us, this coming Monday marks the first day low-income families can sign up for help paying their heating bills.

Cut 23250 :45 Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.

**Note to Editors:** Reach Niceley at 502-875-5863.

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January 21, 2016

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## Kentucky Gets Failing Grade on Reproductive Health, Rights

Louisville, KY – Kentucky is one of 19 states that has received an "F" on reproductive health and rights from the Population Institute, an organization which promotes access to family planning. The failing grade comes as an "informed consent" abortion bill moves from the Kentucky Senate to the House. Comments from Derek Selznick, director, Reproductive Freedom Project, ACLU of Kentucky; Patti Stauffer (STAW-fer), vice president of public policy, Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky. Additional pronouncer: Sen. Julie Roque (ROCKY) Adams.

**Intro:** Kentucky gets an "F" on a state-by-state report from the Population Institute on reproductive health and rights, while the nation as a whole received a "D-plus." The Population Institute failed Kentucky for its lack of prevention efforts and access to abortion. Tuesday the Kentucky Senate passed the so-called "informed consent" bill (SB 4), which would require a woman who wants an abortion to have a face-to-face consultation at least 24 hours before the procedure. Derek Selznick is with the A-C-L-U of Kentucky.

*Cut 42250 :05 "It's all part of a concerted effort to legislate abortion out of existence. "*

**Tag:** Currently an abortion consultation can be done by phone. Senator Julie Raque Adams claims her bill, which now goes to the House, does not restrict a woman's rights. In her words, "How could anyone consider the receiving of medical information as restrictive?"

**Second Cut:** But, Selznick says the informed consent bill is the latest example of lawmakers trying to make it more difficult to obtain a legal procedure – especially for those who live far away from one of the state's two abortion facilities

*Cut 43250 :17 "If you're driving from Pikeville, if you're driving from Paducah, you are looking at out-of-pocket expenses being doubled for that sort of trip. If you work an hourly wage, you're losing an additional day's wages. And, I think all of these things are intentionally designed to make it as hard as possible for a woman to obtain an abortion."*

**Third Cut:** In the Population Institute report Kentucky scored zero on both access to emergency contraception and sex education. Patti Stauffer with Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky says while many think Planned Parenthood only provides abortions, there's much more to it than that.

*Cut 44250 :15 "Access to family planning services, comprehensive sex education, and promotion of sexually-transmitted disease testing are all critical to promoting good public health and reducing unintended pregnancies, thereby also resulting in a decline in abortions."*

**Tag 2:** The A-C-L-U's Selznick says, despite the state's failing grade, federal funds for family planning still manage to prevent six-thousand abortions a year in Kentucky.

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**LEAD:** Kentucky gets an "F" on a state-by-state report from the Population Institute on reproductive health and rights, while the nation as a whole received a "D-plus." Greg Stotemyer has more.

*Cut 45250 :53 Outcue...Stotemyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Selznick through Amber Duke at 502-581-9746; Stauffer at 202-544-3303.

**Link to report:** <https://www.populationinstitute.org/resources/reports/reportcard/>. **Link to SB4:**

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB4.htm>

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## KY Lawmakers Hear of Economic Boost from Clean-Energy Standards

Frankfort, KY – State lawmakers were told Thursday that because Kentucky does not have a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS), the state is missing out on clean-energy jobs and the chance to lower electric bills. The testimony came in the House Economic Development Committee. Comments from Randy Strobo, environmental management and policy consultant; Daniel Brookshire (BROOK-shur), regulatory and policy analyst, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association; and Rep. Mary Lou Marzian (MAR-z-un), D-Louisville.

**Intro:** A Kentucky-based environmental consultant says the state can no longer afford to miss out on clean-energy jobs. The House Economic Development Committee was briefed Thursday on the need for a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard. The standard, which requires utilities to gradually increase their use and purchase of renewable energy, is law in 29 states. Consultant Randy Strobo, a Louisville attorney and professor, told lawmakers the standard, know as REPS, would ...

*Cut 56250 :05 "Create jobs, saves money, improves efficiency, improves public health and invigorates the economy."*

**Tag:** According to Strobo, Kentucky generates only three percent of its power from renewable sources. A REPS law would require investor-owned utilities and rural electric cooperatives to increase that to 12-and-a-half percent by 2026. Strobo claims the demand for electricity would shrink. and utility bills would be lower than without the standards.

**Second Cut:** North Carolina set standards in 2007. Daniel Brookshire with the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association told Kentucky lawmakers it's created thousands of jobs.

*Cut 57250 :09 "Most of the firms are in energy efficiency, so they're doing weatherizations. – that's the bulk of the sector – and then, that's followed by solar. "*

**Tag:** The 2015 North Carolina Clean Energy Industry Census, released this week, estimated the industry generated seven-billion dollars in revenue last year, a 45-percent increase over 2014. Brookshire says there were 26-thousand full-time jobs in clean-energy fields last year in North Carolina.

**Third Cut:** State Representative Mary Lou Marzian plans to model legislation to create a Kentucky standard on the North Carolina law. There, it's estimated that investing in clean energy over building new power plants will save North Carolina ratepayers 651-million dollars over a 20-year period – a figure not



lost on Marzian.

Cut 58250 :08 *"If you look at saving our ratepayers \$651 million, these are folks that'll be spending that money in your communities. "*

**Tag:** Marzian says she will introduce legislation in the near future.

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**LEAD:** A Kentucky-based environmental consultant says the state can no longer afford to miss out on clean-energy jobs. Greg Stotelmyer reports on Thursday's briefing at the House Economic Development Committee on the need for a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard.

Cut 59250 :36 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Strobo at 502-290-9751; Marzian at 502-564-8100, ext. 643; Brookshire at 919-832-7601.

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February 4, 2016

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## Coalition "Together" on Need for More \$\$ in KY

Frankfort, KY - Calling themselves the Kentucky Together Coalition, a wide-ranging group of organizations is advocating for an increase in revenue in Kentucky. The coalition emerged just days after Governor Matt Bevin proposed deep cuts to the state's budget. Comments from Kenny Colston, spokesman, Kentucky Together Coalition; Tom Shelton, executive director, Kentucky Association of School Superintendents.

**Intro:** A diverse alliance of education, economic and health organizations has formed to send Kentucky lawmakers a message – the state needs to increase revenue. The Kentucky Together Coalition comes just days after Governor Matt Bevin proposed deep budget cuts to many parts of state government. Coalition spokesman Kenny Colston says everyday life in Kentucky has been affected by multiple cuts since the recession hit in 2008.

*Cut 71250 :17 "And these groups are basically standing together and saying, 'You know, we have options besides these cuts that are hurting everyday Kentuckians. We have the option to invest in our communities, to build thriving communities, to invest in education and health and a lot of other vital public resources.'"*

**Tag:** Gov. Bevin says the cuts are necessary to provide money to help shore up the state's underfunded state and teacher pension systems. Colston says Kentucky currently loses more in tax breaks and loopholes than it receives in revenue.

**Second Cut:** Colston says the new alliance wants lawmakers to start building consensus on common-sense changes to Kentucky's tax laws – noting a multitude of tax reform ideas have been proposed over the last couple of decades.

*Cut 72250 :11 "It could be closing loopholes, it could be expanding the sales tax to various services. Right now, we're just coming together and telling lawmakers the time for studying is, is over."*

**Tag 1:** The 19 groups that formed the Kentucky Together Coalition include the state's two teachers' unions and the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents.

**Third Cut:** Tom Shelton, who heads the superintendents' association, says while the legislature has been able to keep total funding dollars for education relatively flat since 2008, rising costs and more students have led to a reduction in per pupil spending. He cites the need to get more students into early childhood education as one example of why more revenue is needed.

Cut 73250 :13 *"Only about 50-percent of our students are prepared for kindergarten when they come in and that's because we don't have a strong early-childhood system to make sure all those students have what they need in order to be prepared."*

**Tag 2:** The Kentucky Together Coalition has launched a website that includes stories highlighting the impact of budget cuts on communities and families. That's at "Kentucky-Together-dot-org."

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**LEAD:** A diverse alliance of education, economic and health organizations has formed to send Kentucky lawmakers a message - the state needs to increase revenue. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 74250 :57 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Colston at 502-938-1817; Shelton at 859-568-2140.

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February 11, 2016

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## Higher Ed Advocates: Stop Swiping Lottery Dollars from Scholarships

Frankfort, KY - Calling it an investment in Kentucky's future, advocates for higher education want state lawmakers to stop raiding millions of dollars in state lottery funds earmarked for financial aid. Comments from Ashley Spalding, research and policy associate, Kentucky Center for Economic Policy; and Eliza Jane Schaeffer, Henry Clay High School senior and Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence Student Voice Team member.

**Intro:** As Kentucky lawmakers begin to put together another two-year budget for the state, higher-education advocates want them to stop what they say is a troubling trend - taking state lottery funds away from need-based scholarships. For years, lawmakers have swept lottery profits earmarked by law for financial aid into the state's general fund. Ashley Spalding with the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy says the problem is causing the state to miss out on an important investment.

*Cut 83250 :11 "Financial issues are really a key reason that students might not enroll and certainly that they wouldn't finish their degree - that they might have to leave college in order to work."*

**Tag:** Spalding says since 2009 the amount of lottery profits taken from scholarships designed to help low-income students has steadily increased - reaching 34 million dollars this year. Under state law, after three million dollars is given to literacy programs, 55 percent of the lottery profits are supposed to pay for need-based financial aid, the other 45-percent for merit-based scholarships.

**Second Cut:** Eliza Jane Schaeffer, a senior at Henry Clay High School, is heading to college next fall. She believes pulling money from need-based scholarships creates an inequity.

*Cut 84250 :11 "I will not qualify for need-based aid, but I think it's unfair that I might have more options than some of my peers who have similar ambitions."*

**Tag 1:** Schaeffer is one of 80 middle-school through college students on the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence Student Voice Team.

**Third Cut:** That student group is part of the public outcry over lawmakers raiding lottery funds to plug holes in the state budget - a move Spalding says amplifies the problem.

*Cut 85250 :12 "Every year, thousands of students are turned away from these scholarships. In 2015, more than 62-thousand students who were eligible for need-based financial aid didn't receive it due*

*to a lack of funds."*

**Tag 2:** Spalding says if need-based scholarships had gotten all their lottery money, another 15-thousand students would have received help. While Governor Matt Bevin wants all of the lottery money to go to education, he has added another wrinkle to the debate, by proposing that some of the money go to workforce development scholarships.

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*Cut 86250 :53 Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Schaeffer at 859-388-0659; Spalding at 859-986-2373.

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## What's Next for Clean Power After Scalia's Death?

Frankfort, KY – Some legal experts say the death of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia reduces the odds the high court will derail the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power Plan. An investment analyst believes investment in clean energy has been so substantial that, no matter what the court decides, there's no turning back to coal. Comments from Julie Gorte ("Gordy"), senior vice president for sustainable investing, Pax World Management; and Heather Zichal (ZY-kull), former deputy assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change.

**Intro:** The sudden passing of U-S Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia could change the balance on the high court with regard to the Clean Power Plan. Justice Scalia voted with the majority in the 5-4 decision to stay the plan and its carbon-reduction goals. The vote was made along ideological lines, and some legal experts say Scalia's death improves the longer-term odds for the Clean Power Plan. Julie Gorte is a Senior Vice President for Sustainable Investing at Pax World Management. Even before Scalia's passing, she says, the high court was not likely to throw the plan out.

**Cut 91250 :16** *"It was the Supreme Court that actually affirmed that regulating greenhouse gas emissions is covered by the Clean Air Act, which is already U.S. law. So, for the Supreme Court to really kill the Clean Power Plan would mean that they'd have to reverse an earlier Supreme Court ruling – which they rarely do."*

**Tag:** The high court put a stay on the plan last week in response to a challenge by Kentucky and 26 other states. Governor Matt Bevin calls the decision "a victory" for the state's efforts to limit rising energy prices and save coal-industry jobs.

**Second Cut:** Gorte notes that American investment in clean energy was a record 330-million dollars last year. She says despite increased competition and sagging oil prices, the prospects remain positive.

**Cut 92250 :15** *"It is still at a record high, and it is going well. I think investors really do understand the need to change our energy infrastructure. Whatever the Supreme Court does, coal is pretty much dead – I mean, nobody's building any new coal plants. There haven't been any built for years."*

**Third Cut:** The E-P-A estimates the Clean Power Plan will produce 54-billion dollars in health and climate benefits. Heather Zichal, a former deputy assistant for Energy and Climate for President Obama says the prudent move is for states to move forward on reducing carbon emissions.

**Cut 93250 :13** *"As we have seen the growing body of scientific evidence showing that climate change is happening, the impacts are real in our communities and our states, it really does underscore that*

*the time to act is now."*

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**LEAD:** The sudden passing of U-S Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia could change the balance on the high court with regard to the Clean Power Plan. More from Greg Stotelmyer.

*Cut 94250 :59 Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors: Reach Zichal at 202-550-0207; Gorte 603-501-7353.**

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## Domestic Violence Census: In KY, Demand for Help Outstrips Funds

Frankfort, KY – A significant number of requests for help from domestic violence victims in Kentucky go unmet because of a lack of funding and staff in the state's shelter system, according to a new National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The annual census is conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Comments from Mary O'Doherty (oh-DOCK-erty), deputy director, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

**Intro:** The raw numbers from a single day last fall shine a glaring light on Kentucky's inability to help a significant number of domestic violence victims. According to an annual national census, on September 16th, Kentucky's 15 domestic violence shelters turned away 129 victims because of a lack of funding or staff. That's nearly one in five adults and children who sought help that day. Mary O'Doherty with the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence says the biggest unmet need was for emergency shelter, which was sought by 88 victims.

*Cut 18250 :08 "I mean, they just needed a roof over their heads, a bed to sleep in. And you know, 14 of those requests for help were from children."*

**Tag:** According to the census, conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, Kentucky's statewide network of domestic violence programs was able to help one-thousand-four victims that day.

**Second Cut:** O'Doherty says most of the unmet need is in Louisville, where the domestic violence program shelter is usually full, forcing some to see if there's room in a homeless shelter. If that isn't possible, O'Doherty says the choices are few.

*Cut 19250 :10 "If you don't have family to stay with, I think you're living on the streets, you're hanging out at the public library. If you're lucky enough to have a car, you might be living in your car."*

**Third Cut:** She says over the years, government funding has been stagnant and hasn't kept up with inflation. The census found the majority of the state's shelters have had to cut staff.

*Cut 20250 :15 "In many of our programs, there's only one person working at night, which is something we're very concerned about. There always ought to be more than one person on at night at a domestic violence program. I mean, our shelters are residential shelters."*

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**LEAD:** The raw numbers from a single day last fall shine a glaring light on Kentucky's inability to help a significant number of domestic violence victims. Greg Stotelmyer has more from the National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

*Cut 21250 :45 Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors: Reach O'Doherty at 502-209-5382. Link to census: <http://www.nnedv.org/census>.**

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March 3, 2016

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## Seeking Specifics from Presidential Candidates on Social Security

Frankfort, KY – With Super Tuesday past and Kentucky's Republican Presidential Caucus coming up on Saturday (Mar. 5), AARP Kentucky is pushing the candidates to lay out their plans for Social Security, to ensure that it will be financially sound for future generations, in a campaign called "Take A Stand." Comments from Deborah Turner, retiree and AARP Kentucky volunteer.

**Intro:** With Kentucky's Republican Presidential Caucus on Saturday, the state's leading advocacy group for voters over 50 is calling on the candidates to outline their specific plans for the future of Social Security. According to A-A-R-P, nearly a million Kentuckians receive Social Security, and 57-percent of them rely on it for more than half their income. Deborah Turner of Louisville says she is one of those Kentuckians.

*Cut 33250 :15 "It is a lifeline. I worked for 44 years contributing to Social Security and, like many people in Kentucky, that is our retirement. Social Security is all that's left."*

**Tag:** Turner is a volunteer for A-A-R-P. Nationally, the group has launched an online campaign to gather answers from the candidates about what they'll do to protect Social Security for future generations. The information is posted on the website 'takeastand.aarp.org.'

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**Second Cut:** Turner points to reports that say if changes aren't made to the Social Security system by 2034, benefit amounts will have to be cut. She thinks it's unlikely Congress will agree on those changes.

*Cut 34250 :15 "We're not saying what that plan ought to be. We're hoping that every candidate offers a plan so that then, voters can make a decision. We're pretty much convinced that without presidential leadership, nothing is going to happen."*

**Tag:** Forty-five delegates will be at stake Saturday in the newly-created G-O-P caucus. The traditional Democratic presidential primary in Kentucky is May 17th.

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**LEAD:** With Kentucky's Republican Presidential Caucus Saturday, the state's leading

advocacy group for voters over 50 is calling on the candidates to outline their specific plans for the future of Social Security. Greg Stotelmyer reports on one of many issues on the minds of Kentuckians as the presidential race reaches the Bluegrass State.

**Cut 35250 :48 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.***

**Note to Editors: Reach Turner at 502-499-0723. Link to website: <http://takeastand.aarp.org/>.**

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# Kentucky News Connection

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## KY Anti-Smoking Advocates React to California Smoking Legislation

Frankfort, KY - Public health advocates across the country are celebrating passage of a series of groundbreaking anti-smoking bills last week in California. But it's a benchmark advocates here in Kentucky say the Commonwealth is a long way from reaching. Comments from Ellen Hahn, Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy; and Beverly May, director of advocacy, Western Region, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

**Intro:** The California State Assembly took historic action last week to curb smoking in the Golden State, a level of prevention that anti-smoking advocates here in Kentucky say the Bluegrass State is far from reaching. California lawmakers overwhelmingly passed a series of bills in a special session on health care. The measures include regulating e-cigarettes similarly to tobacco, raising the smoking age to 21 and allowing counties to set their own tobacco taxes. Ellen Hahn with the Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy says state lawmakers here need to focus on changes that could have the most impact on Kentuckians' health - beginning with a statewide workplace smoke-free law.

*Cut 43250 :10 "We really need to do the things that are going to really reduce our tobacco use rate quickly because we have chronic, intractable health problems from tobacco in Kentucky."*

**Tag:** Hahn says also high on the list are raising the cigarette tax and increasing funding for programs that help people quit smoking or never begin.

**Second Cut:** Among the changes California lawmakers sent to their governor include requiring child-resistant packaging for vaping products and raising the smoking age from 18 to 21, except for active-duty military personnel. Beverly May is the Western Region director of advocacy for Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

*Cut 44250 :15 "You're able to intervene from the 15 or 16 year old being able to get that cigarette from the 19-year-old. It just takes them away further, and what we want to do is delay that onset of youth picking up that first cigarette."*

**Tag:** Hahn says while she supports raising the smoking age limit to 21, focusing on that in Kentucky could derail debate on other proposals.

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**Third Cut:** Lawmakers have filed bills in the current legislative session to raise the smoking age, implement a statewide smoke-free law and increase the tobacco tax, but all three bills are stuck in committee. Hahn says roadblocks at the statehouse persist despite polls showing rising support for tougher smoking laws in Kentucky.

*Cut 45250 :08 "The political will just has not been there and its not for lack of trying. I mean, there's plenty of people who want this kind of legislation."*

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LEAD: The California State Assembly took historic action last week to curb smoking in the Golden State, a level of prevention that anti-smoking advocates here in Kentucky say the Bluegrass State is far from reaching. Greg Stotelmyer reports.

*Cut 46250 :50 Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors: Reach Hahn at 859-257-2358; May at 801-824-0084. Links to KY bills - HB247:**  
**<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB247.htm>. HB299:**  
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## Heading Way South for Spring Break? Be Aware of Zika Virus

Frankfort, KY – As spring break arrives, and some Kentuckians head to the Caribbean or Latin America, state health officials are urging them to be pro-active about the Zika virus. Comments from Vicki Yates Brown Glisson (GLISS-un), Kentucky Health and Family Services Secretary; and Dr. Mary DiOrio (D-oreo), medical director, Ohio Department of Health.

**Intro:** As spring break arrives, and the travel plans of some Kentuckians include vacations or mission trips out of country, health officials are asking them to be mindful of Zika virus. The virus, transmitted by mosquitoes, is spreading through the Caribbean and Latin America. Kentucky's Health and Family Services Secretary, Vicki Yates Brown Glisson, urges those traveling to Zika-affected areas to take precautions, and for health workers in the state to be watchful.

*Cut 62250 :13 "We have developed a communication plan. We're also doing a lot more surveillance. We want to be mindful. We're reminding clinicians, hospitals and so forth, be watchful in your emergency rooms, be watchful about the patients that may end up in your offices."*

**Tag:** Kentucky's first case of Zika was confirmed last week - when a man who traveled to Central America tested positive. Health officials say pregnant women should not travel to areas where the virus is circulating because it can lead to birth defects.

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**Second Cut:** Glisson says at the behest of the C-D-C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) the state has been working on its response to the Zika virus for several months. She says educating the public is a big part of that response.

*Cut 63250 :06 "We do have a plan. We feel that we're prepared. We're going to continue to prepare. We're going to continue to refine that plan."*

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**Third Cut:** The same precautions are being taken in neighboring Ohio, where there are at least five travel-associated cases. Mary DiOrio, the medical director at the Ohio Department of Health, says there is no medicine to specifically treat the Zika virus, but hospitalizations and death are rare.

*Cut 64250 :16 "Right now it appears that most people who do get infected with Zika virus, about 80*

*percent, develop no symptoms whatsoever from the infection. About 20 percent of individuals will develop symptoms and the symptoms are a fever, a rash, headache, muscle aches, those kind of things."*

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**LEAD:** As spring break arrives, and the travel plans of some Kentuckians include vacations or mission trips out of country, health officials are asking them to be mindful of Zika virus. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

**Cut 65250 :44 Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.**

**Note to Editors:** Reach Glisson at 502-564-3106; DiOrio at 614-466-3543. Link to CDC info on virus: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>

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### Opponents Claim KY Legislation Chips Away at Coal Miners' Safety

Frankfort, KY – One of two bills in the Kentucky General Assembly that would scale back the state's mine safety laws is on what opponents fear is a fast track to passage. Senate Bill 224 would eliminate a requirement that mine foremen receive six hours of specialized training each year from the state's Division of Mine Safety. Instead, they could get the training from an independent trainer or the federal government. Comments from Tony Opegard (OH-puh-gard), a mine safety attorney in Kentucky; and Teri Blanton, a member of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth.

**Intro:** Legislation that would end mandatory state safety training for mine foremen is just a House vote away from passage in the Kentucky General Assembly. The upper chamber passed Senate Bill 224, 26-to-10, last week. It would allow mine foremen to get safety training from an independent trainer or the federal government. Attorney Tony Opegard says the bill relaxes the mine safety requirement. He says the current, annual training by the state's Division of Mine Safety is specialized, and tailored to Kentucky coal mining. □ □

**Cut 73250 :12** *"And I think it would put miners at a greater risk of death or serious injury. Foremen have to be specially trained because they have more responsibilities than the average miner."*

**Tag:** Both the Kentucky Coal Association and Governor Matt Bevin's administration support the bill as part of their efforts to reduce what they see as over-regulation of the coal industry.

**Second Cut:** The grassroots group Kentuckians For The Commonwealth opposes the bill. Member Teri Blanton comes from a family of coal miners.

**Cut 74250 :08** *"Putting dollars in front of men's safety is a big issue, and the safety of the miners should be number one in their minds."*

**Tag:** Blanton says her dad died from black lung disease, and her brother suffered what eventually was a life-ending injury in a coal mine.

**Third Cut:** Opegard sees the legislation as part of an ongoing effort to roll back parts of a landmark mine safety bill passed by Kentucky lawmakers in 2007 - including 14 provisions that exceed federal mine safety rules.

**Cut 75250 :10** *"We still have miners in Kentucky working under unsafe conditions every day. We don't need to be lessening any protections that miners have now."*

**Tag:** Another bill, which has also passed the Senate, would end state safety inspections of coal mines, leaving the job to federal inspectors. That bill, Senate Bill 297, is now in the House Labor and Industry Committee.

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**LEAD:** Legislation that would end mandatory state safety training for mine foremen is just a House vote away from passage in the Kentucky General Assembly. Greg Stotelmyer reports.

**Cut 76250 :49** *Quocue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Opegard at 859-948-9239; Blanton at 859-582-0312. Link to SB 224:

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB224.htm>. Link to SB 297: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB297.htm>.

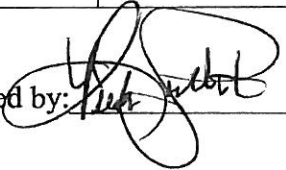


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**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JANUARY-MARCH, 2016**

Show # 2016-01

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**John A. Eterno, Ph.D.**, Professor, Associate Dean and Director of Graduate Studies in Criminal Justice at Molloy College, former Captain with the New York City Police Department, co-author of *"The Crime Numbers Game: Management by Manipulation"*

Dr. Eterno conducted the first scientific examination of crime statistics manipulation in the New York City Police Department. He explained how increasing pressure to show decreasing crime rates by any means necessary has affected police departments throughout the United States. He discussed how this affects crime victims and explained what citizens can do, to ensure that their local police department is reporting crime statistics in an honest manner.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:47**

Crime  
Government Policies

**Kristen Copeland, MD**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

75% of young children in the US are in some form of pre-school or daycare outside the home. Dr. Copeland conducted a study that found that most children in daycare get far too little exercise. She explained the reasons behind this trend and why parents should be concerned. She outlined the types of questions parents should ask when they are looking for a pre-school or daycare center.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:24**

Children's Health  
Parenting  
Education

**Phil Reed**, Senior Consumer Advice Editor at Edmunds.com

Today's cars no longer need to have their oil changed every 3,000 miles. Mr. Reed talked about design improvements in recent years, and how drivers can decide when it really is time for an oil change. He talked about the positive effects of this rapidly advancing technology for both the environment and consumers' pocketbooks.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:52**

Environment  
Consumer Matters

Show # 2016-02

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**Jane Bryant Quinn**, personal finance journalist, syndicated columnist, author of "*How To Make Your Money Last: The Indispensable Retirement Guide*"

Even with her decades of experience in the field, Ms. Quinn found planning her own retirement overwhelming, so she set out to find answers. She explained how to determine how much money may be needed for retirement, how to greatly simplify investment decisions, and why communication between a husband and wife is so important in retirement planning.

**Issues covered:**  
**Retirement Planning**  
**Personal Finance**

**Length: 9:06**

**Kate Carr**, President and CEO of Safe Kids Worldwide, a nonprofit organization working to prevent childhood injury

Last year, more than six million car seats were recalled for a safety defect, yet fewer than half of them were fixed. Ms. Carr outlined her organization's concerns and explained why so many recalled car seats were not repaired. She noted that 80 percent of parents believe car seat registration cards are important, but only 42 percent return the card.

**Issues covered:**  
**Children's Health**  
**Parenting**

**Length: 8:14**

**Roger Beckett**, Executive Director of the Ashbrook Center at Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio

For years, the teaching of history and civics has taken a back seat to STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) education. Testing has found that only 18 percent of 8<sup>th</sup> graders are deemed "proficient" or better in history; only 23 percent in civics or government. Mr. Beckett explained why he believes the founding documents of our country should be essential reading for every American, especially students.

**Issues covered:**  
**Education**  
**Government Policies**

**Length: 5:04**

Show # 2016-03

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**Stephen Kohn**, attorney, Executive Director of the National Whistleblower Center, author of "*The Whistleblower's Handbook: A Step-By-Step Guide To Doing What's Right And Protecting Yourself*"

Every year, criminals and fraudsters rip off the federal government by committing tax fraud—stealing billions of taxpayer dollars in the process. However, it's becoming much more difficult to do so, thanks to a massive increase in whistleblower disclosures. Mr. Kohn discussed recent changes in laws that have made it much easier to report wrongdoing. He also explained what steps to take to weigh the pluses and minuses of blowing the whistle.

**Issues covered:**  
**Whistleblowing**  
**Crime**  
**Government Regulations**

**Length: 8:53**

**Mary Norris**, longtime copy editor at "The New Yorker," author of *"Between You & Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen"*

Ms. Norris discussed the most common mistakes in spelling, punctuation and word usage, and why it is so important. She explained how new technologies and changes in our nation's education system have made proper grammar less "cool."

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:21**

**Education**

**Career**

**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 that gap.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:54**

**Personal Health**

**Minority Concerns**

Show # 2016-04

**Date aired:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time Aired:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maria Konnikova**, journalist, psychologist, author of *"The Confidence Game: Why We Fall for It . . . Every Time"*

Ms. Konnikova explained how the world's most talented con men can so easily use persuasion and exploit trust to swindle even the most cautious consumers. She said human beings are hardwired to believe, no matter how educated they are about scams and ripoffs. She talked about the most common methods used by crooks to lure their victims in.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:04**

**Crime**

**Consumer Matters**

**Elizabeth Levy Paluck, PhD**, Associate Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University

Curbing bullying has long been a focal point for parents and schools, but Dr. Levy Paluck found that the answer may not lie within rules set by adults. Her team of researchers from Princeton, Rutgers and Yale found that students themselves, particularly those most connected to their peers, were able to reduce and resolve conflicts 30% more effectively than traditional methods used by adults.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:51**

**Bullying**

**Youth at Risk**

**Alex Hutchinson, PhD**, contributing editor at Popular Mechanics magazine, author of *"Big Ideas: 100 Modern Inventions That Transformed Our World"*

Mr. Hutchinson consulted 25 experts at 17 museums and universities to determine the 100 greatest inventions of the modern era. He talked about the long-term trends of scientific research and government's role in it.

**Issues covered:**

**Science  
Government Spending**

**Length: 5:02**

Show # 2016-05

**Date aired:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time Aired:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Susan B. Roberts, Ph.D.**, Director of the Energy Metabolism Laboratory at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University in Boston

Most people think of fast food when they imagine the unhealthy effects of eating out. Dr. Roberts led a study that found that 92 percent of meals from both large-chain and non-chain local restaurants exceeded recommended calorie requirements for a single meal. She explained how to keep tabs on restaurant portion sizes and calorie information. She proposed local legislation to require restaurants to offer partial portions at partial prices.

**Issues covered:**

**Nutrition  
Personal Health  
Consumer Matters  
Government Regulations**

**Length: 8:31**

**Marc Goodman**, law enforcement and counterterrorism expert, author of "*Future Crimes: Inside the Digital Underground and the Battle for Our Connected World*"

Technology has improved our lives immeasurably, but Mr. Goodman said that a new tidal wave of tech advancements—from implantable medical devices to drones to WiFi thermostats—are all susceptible to hacking, with disastrous consequences. He explained some of the greatest concerns for the average consumer and how to attempt to keep devices secure.

**Issues covered:**

**Crime  
Online Security**

**Length: 8:45**

**Sissy Lappin**, veteran real estate agent, author of "*Simple and Sold: Sell Your House Fast and Keep the Commission*"

Selling a house can be expensive. Ms. Lappin said that sales commissions typically devour 40-60% of a home seller's equity. However, she believes that the Internet has made it far easier for a property owner to take control of their own home-selling process and save money. She outlined the basic steps and common pitfalls.

**Issues covered:**

**Consumer Matters  
Personal Finance**

**Length: 4:57**

Show # 2016-06

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**Brandi Britton**, District President of Office Team, a staffing service providing temporary administrative and office support staff

Ms. Britton discussed the most common social media mistakes that take job seekers out of the running for a position. She noted that negative or inappropriate comments and questionable photos are the most common social media issues. She said a job hunter should always assume that a company has combed through their social media profile before even scheduling an interview.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:28**

- Employment**
- Career**
- Social Media**

**Jennifer Bradley**, co-author of "Make it Zero: The Movement to Safeguard Every Child"

Ms. Bradley discussed the issue of human trafficking in the U.S. She said five main factors contribute to the problem, including poverty, abuse and isolation. She explained the shocking role that the foster child system plays in the issue, and she offered suggestions for individuals to make a difference in preventing and stopping human trafficking.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:43**

- Human Trafficking**
- Child Abuse**
- Poverty**

**Richard Thaler, PhD**, Professor of Behavioral Science and Economics at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, President of the American Economic Association

Prof. Thaler discussed what happens when economics meets psychology and how irrational human beings greatly influence the US and world economies. He explained how research is in progress to understand human miscalculations, with the goal of developing better decision making in business, government and life in general.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:49**

- Economics**
- Consumer Matters**
- Mental Health**

Show # 2016-07

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**Jamie Cooper**, Associate Professor in the University of Georgia Department of Foods and Nutrition

Prof. Cooper led a study that found that vacations often lead to small amounts of long-term gradual weight gain and contribute to 'creeping obesity'. She talked about the primary causes of weight gain during vacations and explained why it's important to lose the added weight as soon as possible upon returning from a trip.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Health**  
**Obesity**

**Length: 9:31**

**R. Douglas Fields, PhD**, Chief of the Section on Nervous System Development and Plasticity at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, a part of the National Institutes of Health, Adjunct Professor in the Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Program at the University of Maryland, College Park, author of "*Why We Snap: Understanding the Rage Circuit in Your Brain*"

Today's headlines are filled with examples of otherwise rational people with no history of violence or mental illness who suddenly snap in a domestic dispute, an altercation with police, or road rage attack. Dr. Fields explained the reasons behind these seemingly random episodes. He said every human has been hardwired with the potential to snap. He also said the same pathway in the brain that can result in a violent outburst can also enable us to act heroically and altruistically before our conscious brain knows what we are doing.

**Issues covered:**  
**Mental Health**  
**Domestic Violence**

**Length: 7:46**

**Thomas Nassif, Ph.D.**, Professorial Lecturer in American University's Department of Health Studies, researcher at the D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center

U.S. veterans often return home with multiple types of trauma, and suffer from one of the highest rates of chronic pain of any population in the U.S. Dr. Nassif led a study that found that veterans who practiced meditation reported a 20 percent reduction in pain intensity, and in how pain interferes with everyday aspects of life, such as sleep, mood, and activity level.

**Issues covered:**  
**Military Affairs**  
**Mental Health**  
**Personal Health**

**Length: 4:46**

Show # 2016-08

**Date aired:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time Aired:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rashmi Shetgiri, MD**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Dr. Shetgiri led a study of what factors influence teens to get involved with weapons. She said emotional distress and substance abuse both increase the odds for white, black and Hispanic youth to carry or use a gun or knife. She also discussed the importance of parents and positive role models in the prevention of youth violence.

**Issues covered:**  
**Youth Violence**  
**Youth at Risk**  
**Minority Concerns**

**Length: 7:47**

**Harold Pollack, PhD**, Helen Ross Professor of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, where he researches health and urban policy concerns, nonresident fellow at the Century Foundation, co-author of "*The Index Card: Why Personal Finance Doesn't Have to Be Complicated*"

Dr. Pollack believes that everything Americans need to know about managing their money could fit on a single index card. He explained why his nine simple rules outperform more complicated financial strategies. He also discussed the most responsible way to select a financial advisor and why he felt one of his most important rules should be to support the nation's social safety net.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:33**

**Personal Finance  
Charitable Contributions**

**Maria Corkern**, reading specialist, teacher, author of "*Doris Thesaurus*"

Recent studies have found that since 1950, the average teenager's vocabulary has dropped from 25,000 words to only 10,000. Ms. Corkern said that a limited vocabulary translates into a reduced ability to think critically and communicate effectively, which results poor educational performance. She offered suggestions for parents on how to help a child improve his vocabulary.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:02**

**Education  
Teen Concerns  
Youth at Risk**

Show # 2016-09

**Date aired:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time Aired:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Katy J. Harriger, PhD**, Chair and Professor, Department of Politics and International Affairs at Wake Forest University

Our nation's political climate is more polarized than ever, and voter turnout among young people is abysmal. But Dr. Harringer led a study that found that learning to talk about controversial issues while in college can inspire young adults to be more engaged citizens even ten years later. She explained what the students were taught and how it could be applied to voters of any age.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:34**

**Civic Participation  
Voting  
Youth Concerns**

**Matt Schulz**, Senior Industry Analyst at CreditCards.com

25 million credit cardholders haven't changed their go-to credit card in at least ten years. Mr. Schultz said that people are missing many rewards because card issuers are hotly competing for new customers and giving big sign-up bonuses. He outlined some of the methods savvy consumers use to get the most out of their credit cards. He also explained why many consumers are reluctant to switch cards.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:27**

**Personal Finance  
Consumer Matters**



**Phil Reed**, Senior Consumer Advice Editor at Edmunds.com

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Issues covered:  
**Environment**  
**Consumer Matters**

Length: 4:52

Show # 2016-10

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**Patty Ann Tublin, PhD**, author of "*Money Can Buy You Happiness: Secrets Women Need to Know To Get Paid What They Are Worth!*"

Dr. Tublin outlined ways women can close the gender wage gap and negotiate their true worth at work. She explained why women have a harder time accepting the emotional and financial value of money, and how to change that attitude. She also offered suggestions for women who would like to determine what the appropriate pay range is for a particular job.

Issues covered:  
**Women's Issues**  
**Career**

Length: 7:08

**Henry S. Gornbein**, attorney, author of "*Divorce Demystified: Everything You Need to Know Before You File for Divorce*"

Mr. Gornbein said next to the death of a loved one, divorce is one of the most traumatic of life's experiences. He discussed the sometimes complicated steps to take when deciding whether to proceed with a divorce. He talked about the significant ways divorce has changed in recent years, including the surprising influence of social media and changes in child custody arrangements.

Issues covered:  
**Legal Matters**  
**Marriage**  
**Parenting**

Length: 9:57

**Jerry Brewer, MD**, dermatologist and researcher at the Mayo Clinic

Dr. Brewer led a study that found that the risk of developing the most dangerous type of skin cancer is now more than six times higher among young adults than it was 40 years ago. He talked about the likely reasons behind this trend and why women under age 40 may be especially vulnerable.

Issues covered:  
**Cancer**  
**Personal Health**

Length: 4:51

Show # 2016-11

Date aired: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

**Brian Fleming**, combat veteran, co-author of "*Redeployed: How Combat Veterans Can Fight the Battle Within and Win the War at Home*"

Mr. Fleming discussed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other difficulties faces by combat veterans and their families. He noted that the suicide rate among veterans under the age of 30 has risen by 44% in the past several years. He said no one prepares veterans to successfully make the transition back home. He offered strategies for both vets and their families who are struggling with a return to civilian life.

Issues covered:

**Military Families Issues  
Government Policies  
Mental Health**

Length: 9:16

**Bradley F. Bale, MD**, heart attack and stroke prevention specialist, Medical Director of the Heart Health Program for Grace Clinic, Lubbock, TX, author of "*Beat the Heart Attack Gene: The Revolutionary Plan to Prevent Heart Disease, Stroke, and Diabetes*"

Heart disease affects 81 million Americans and is the culprit in one of every two deaths in the United States. Dr. Bale said most people think that they are not at risk of a heart attack if they control their cholesterol and blood pressure, but they aren't aware of other major risk factors. He outlined some relatively inexpensive lab tests than can uncover arterial inflammation and its underlying causes. He also talked about the importance of simple changes in lifestyle that can dramatically cut the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Issues covered:

**Personal Health**

Length: 9:16

**Alfie Kohn**, education watchdog, author of "*The Homework Myth: Why Our Kids Get Too Much of a Bad Thing*"

Mr. Kohn shared results of a study that found that more homework is being assigned to younger students each school year. He believes that homework provides no benefits in elementary school. He explained why homework is still so widely accepted, despite evidence against it.

Issues covered:

**Education  
Government Policies  
Children's Issues**

Length: 4:37

Show # 2016-12

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**Richard Retting, MS, FITE**, transportation consultant for the Governors Highway Safety Association

Pedestrian fatalities in the U.S. jumped last year, the largest annual increase ever measured. Mr. Retting said numerous factors may have contributed to the spike, including an increase in the number of miles driven, alcohol consumption, and the growing use of cell phones among walkers and drivers. He believes states and localities can apply the right mix of engineering, education and enforcement to counteract this troubling trend.

**Issues covered:**  
**Traffic Safety**  
**Government**

**Length: 7:09**

**Brandon L. Alderman, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Exercise Science and Sport Studies, Director of the Exercise Psychophysiology Lab at Rutgers University

Dr. Alderman led a study that examined whether a combination of activities can effectively treat depression. Participants who were asked to meditate for 30 minutes before exercising for 30 minutes twice a week had 40 percent less depressive symptoms than they did before the study began. He explained the likely reasons behind these results. He said that even study participants who were not depressed received noticeable benefits.

**Issues covered:**  
**Mental Health**  
**Personal Health**

**Length: 10:08**

**Paul Redman**, Executive Director of Longwood Gardens near Philadelphia, one of the leading public gardens in the country, co-chair of the Seed Your Future initiative, which promotes horticulture as a career path for young people

Mr. Redman is concerned about the increasing shortage of professional horticulturalists and horticulture programs at universities. He noted that enrollment in horticulture programs has declined dramatically at a time when the need for graduates of these programs is more important than ever. He outlined the wide variety of good jobs available and discussed possible reasons that horticulture is not considered by young adults preparing to enter college or the job market.

**Issues covered:**  
**Horticulture**  
**Education**  
**Career**

**Length: 5:03**

Show # 2016-13

**Date aired:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time Aired:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Michael J. Blaha, MD, MPH**, Preventive Cardiologist, Director of Clinical Research at the Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease at Johns Hopkins Hospital

Dr. Blaha recently led a study that suggests that people who exercise habitually are more likely to survive their first heart attack. He discussed the wide-ranging benefits of exercise and how much is enough. He said even older people can get in shape and get the heart-protective benefits of physical activity. He also offered ideas for how to get started.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Health**  
**Senior Citizens**

**Length: 9:03**

**Janette Sadik-Khan**, transportation and urban transformation expert, former transportation commissioner of New York City, author of "Streetfight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution"

Ms. Sadik-Khan discussed the importance of incorporating innovative transportation plans into modern urban environments. She explained how cities can add protected bike paths, improve crosswalk space, and provide visual cues to reduce speeding. She said redesigning streets can reduce congestion and increase foot traffic, which often improves the bottom line of local businesses.

**Issues covered:**  
**Urban Planning**  
**Public Transportation**

**Length: 8:16**

**Jason R. Wiles, PhD, Associate Professor, Biology, Syracuse University**

Dr. Wiles led a study that found that minority college students learn many science, technology, engineering, and mathematics lessons more effectively when they are taught by a recent minority student, rather than a traditional classroom instructor. He explained why STEM subjects are so important for today's students, and the possible reasons why this alternative method of teaching works so well.

**Issues covered:**  
**Education**  
**Minority Concerns**

**Length: 5:05**

