

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station: KROD-AM

July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

Section I. Issues

KROD has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Arts:** The El Paso Times reported the City of El Paso Chamber of Commerce and Destination El Paso were active in the promotion of cultural performances in an effort help showcase the heritage and diversity of the region to counter any negative perceptions resulting from a national focus on El Paso resulting from the migrant crisis
- B. **Children's Advocacy:** The number of children living in El Paso declined by more than 20,000 between 2010 and 2020 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Continuing to focus on the El Paso Matters article noting possible factors and ramifications, experts are encouraging better services and more recreational programs to help improve quality of life for families, as a means to combat the declines.
- C. **Fighting Hunger:** The El Paso Food Bank struggled to keep up with demand both from local family needs, as well as organizations trying to assist the families legally arriving but forced to live on the streets as part of the migrant surge.
- D. **Immigration:** This continued to be a source of debate for how to address the surging number of migrants attempting to come to America through the Borderland. As Melissa M. Lopez, executive director of Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services in El Paso, which provides legal support for migrants, explained, "They're arriving here with no idea where to go, and with no resources to get them anywhere else." This resulted in thousands of people living on downtown streets with overflow into most areas of the city.
- E. **Politics –** Politicians were in the headlines because of commentary on the anniversary of the 2019 Aug. 3rd Wal-Mart Shooting and the sentencing which finally took place after a 4-year delay, as well as growing community safety concerns over the abundance of migrants filling the streets. Community leaders took the opportunity to discuss their, and their parties' stand on these issues and solutions.

Section II. Responsive Programs

| Date Aired | Time aired | Duration (Minutes) | Program Name | Issue Discussed. Description of Program |
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| 7/2/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Fighting Hunger: (Part 1) Susan Goodell, CEO of El Paso Fighting Hunger Food Bank, on the job experience and resume-building work that people can get from volunteering with EPFHFB. |
| 7/6/23 | 5:00 p.m. | 50-Minutes | SportsTalk with Steve Kaplowitz | Children's Advocacy: KJ Lewis, Arizona basketball player was our guest to discussed KJ's free youth basketball camp "Hoopin' with the Huskies," and gave information to parents on how to register their kid for the camp. |
| 7/9/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Fighting Hunger: (Part 2) El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank CEO Susan Goodell on the food bank's needs for volunteers and food. |

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| 7/12/23 | 4:20 p.m. | 20-Minutes | SportsTalk with Steve Kaplowitz | Children's Advocacy: Praise Amaewhule & Mo Westmoreland, UTEP players came on to talk about the free summer camp they hosted for youth members in El Paso at Canutillo High School. |
| 7/12/23 | 6:00 p.m. | 55-Minutes | SportsTalk with Steve Kaplowitz | Recreation: Margaret Redi, Salle De Long Fencing School— Discussed the National Fencing American Championship, the fencing school's non-profit initiative and interviewed a national competitor fencer for the local school. |
| 7/16/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Child Advocacy: (Part 1) Sandy Jackson of CASA of El Paso talks about the reward for those contemplating becoming a court appointed special advocate for El Paso children. |
| 7/20/23 | 4:20 p.m. | 25-Minutes | SportsTalk with Steve Kaplowitz | Arts: Local artist Patrick Gabaldon talked about the "Noche de Locos" alternate jersey for the El Paso Locomotive FC and why these variations are valuable for showcasing our culture and heritage. We also talked about his initiative for the August 3 rd memorial for El Paso. |
| 7/23/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Child Advocacy: (Part 2) CASA of El Paso volunteer coordinator Sandy Jackson on the importance of children being represented in courts of law. |
| 7/28/23 | 6:00 p.m. | 15-Minutes | SportsTalk with Steve Kaplowitz | Children's Advocacy: Gibbs Keeton, UTEP Soccer Coach— Previewed UTEP soccer youth summer camp that is provided to the city of El Paso and local recruits. Also previewed the upcoming season for soccer. |
| 7/30/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Politics: El Paso District Attorney Bill Hicks discussed the DA backlog in the aftermath of the debacle with his predecessor. He addressed how his office will move forward to prosecute some long awaiting cases and what it means for addressing those who were awaiting trial but were dismissed due to the delays. |
| 8/3/23 | 4:00 p.m. | 15-Minutes | SportsTalk with Steve Kaplowitz | Politics: Mayor Oscar Leeser stopped in to talk about the August 3 rd remembrance ceremonies about to take place honoring the 23 lives that were lost in the tragic mass shooting in 2019. He briefly thank local Law Enforcement officials for their continued efforts to keep El Paso safe. |
| 8/6/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Education: (Part 1) El Paso Community College's Sandra Ornelas talks about the new Family College Program at EPCC, offering classes and workshops for children of EPCC students. She also explained their role in the Cluster's upcoming annual Back-to-School Expo, encouraging students and parents to think beyond grades 1-12 and start planning for their future. |
| 8/8/23 | 5:00 p.m. | 45-Minutes | SportsTalk with Steve Kaplowitz | Recreation: Jesse Tovar, Prep 1; Beau Bagley, El Paso Sports Commission – Gave listeners information on the upcoming high school football, volleyball and cheer "media day" held at the El Paso County Coliseum. The event was open to the |

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| | | | | community and gave fans a chance to support their local high school teams at the media event. |
| 8/13/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Education: (Part 2) EPCC's Sandra Ornelas on the importance of helping parent-students by offering the Family College Program. She explained how this program was specially designed to advance a family's educational status and could be taken as a mutual bonding experience. |
| 8/20/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Immigration: El Paso Mayor Oscar Leeser was on to discuss how El Paso has been managing an increase in Migrant activity, and is preparing for an expected surge. |
| 8/23/23 | 5:00 p.m. | 30-Minutes | SportsTalk with Steve Kaplowitz | Education: We spoke with Mario Moccia, NM State Athletic Director about the Aggie Community Foundation and ways to contribute with season tickets for the non-profit initiative that supports athletes on campus. |
| 8/27/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Law Enforcement: EPCC Law Enforcement Training Academy recruiter and coordinator James Arbogast reflects on his own rewarding career in law enforcement and what prospective students can expect in their own careers. |
| 9/3/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Arts: Kimberly Wolfenberger-Nakamoto, artistic director for the Youth Opera of El Paso, along with young performers, on YOEP's upcoming performances, locally and in Alaska. |
| 9/8/23 | 4:30 p.m. | 12-Minutes | SportsTalk with Steve Kaplowitz | Employment: Ines Lopez Director of the Career and Transfer Services at EPCC discuss the Job Fair at the Valle Verde Campus, Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 9am - 1pm. Where employers will be looking to hire for full time, part time and internship positions. Some of the employers on site include the City of El Paso, GECU, Texas Tech Health Sciences, Chick Fil-A, Emergence Health Network, YWCA, Walmart, EPISD, Davit. The job fair is not just open to EPCC students but the general public as well. |
| 9/10/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Arts: (Part 1) El Paso Opera's Arianne Marcee spoke with us about the return of EPO's "Mozart By Moonlight", a live montage of some of Mozart's most famous operas performed under the stars at McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre. |
| 9/17/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Arts: (Part 2) Arianne Marcee of the El Paso Opera speaks about some of the world-class opera singers who will not only be a part of EPO's "Mozart By Moonlight", but who also call El Paso home. |
| 9/24/23 | 6:30 a.m. | 30-Minutes | El Paso Town Square | Arts: (Replay) Kimberly Wolfenberger-Nakamoto, artistic director for the Youth Opera of El Paso, along with young performers, on YOEP's upcoming performances, locally and in Alaska. |

In addition to the above programming, KROD airs the Compass Media nationally syndicated show InfoTrak Sundays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2023

Show # 2023-27

Date aired: July 2, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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: July 9, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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:

Length: 8:14

Veterans' Benefits

Military Service

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:

Length: 9:09

Crime
Identity Theft
Government

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:

Length: 5:05

Retirement Planning
Aging

Show # 2023-29

Date aired: July 16, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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:

Length: 9:05

Artificial Intelligence
Education
Career

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:

Length: 8:23

**Food Allergies
Minority Concerns**

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: July 23, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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:

Length: 5:06

**Railroad Safety
Child Safety
Parenting**

Show # 2023-31

Date aired: July 30, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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:

Length: 8:00

**Government Food Assistance
Poverty
Nutrition**

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:

Length: 9:22

**Auto Recalls
Consumer Matters
Transportation**

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:

Length: 4:58

**Personal Health
Nutrition**

Show # 2023-32

Date aired: Aug.6, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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: Aug. 13, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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 Babu 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: Aug. 20, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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: Aug. 27, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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: Sept. 3, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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:
Artificial Intelligence
Technology
Employment

Length: 9:29

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:
Disabilities
Employment

Length: 7:59

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:
Personal Health
Senior Citizens

Length: 5:06

Show # 2023-37

Date aired: Sept. 10, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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:

Length: 8:15

**Child Mental Health
Parenting**

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:

Length: 5:01

Consumer Matters

Show # 2023-38

Date aired: Sept. 17, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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:

Length: 9:22

Religion

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:

Length: 8:03

**Retirement Planning
Personal Finance**

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: Sept. 24, 2023 Time Aired: 6:00 a.m.

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:
Youth at Risk
Parenting Issues
Drug Abuse

Length: 4:54