

Issues/Programs List

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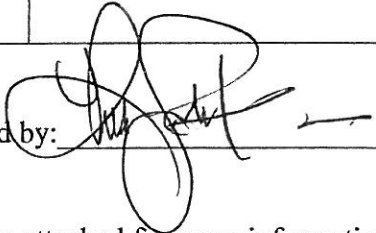
Time of Airing: See Below

Duration Program: 25 minutes

Stations & Airtime: WREZ - 5:00a, WZZL - 5:00a, WGKY - 5:00a

Program Information

Date	Guest/Topic	Issue
4/5	Elizabeth Dunn, Eric Caine, Adam Barry	Consumer Matters; Suicide; Drunk Driving
4/12	Kevin Carey, George King, Christopher Ferguson	Education; Health; Nutrition;
4/19	Scott Sampson, David Ernst, Linda Howard	Parenting; Education; Sexual Harassment
4/26	Laurence Kotlikoff, Huntington Potter, Leigh Thomas	Social Security; Senior Citizens; Domestic Violence
5/3	Jaron Lanier; Nate Cardozo, Rand Ghayad	Economy; Privacy; Career
5/10	Bruce Schneier, Matthew Drayton, Peter Polos	Privacy; Youth; Personal Health
5/17	Norman Bates, Paul Sullivan, Maggie Cary	Parenting; Personal Finance; Education
5/24	Seth Godin, James Goodwin, Joe Watson	Employment; Government Spending; Diversity
5/31	Michael Schmidt, Daniel Leffler, Eric Finkelstein	Employment; Personal Health; Government Policies
6/7	Donald Edmondson, Kathryn Zickuhr, Guillermo Payet	Mental Health; Literacy; Agriculture
6/14	Jon Miller, Paul Offit, Meghan Busse	Career; Health; Women's Issues
6/21	Jamin Brahmhatt, Lori LaCivita, Ted Labuza	Men's Issues; Workplace; Food Safety
6/28	Michael Oswald, Stanton Glantz, Roxana Soto	Tourism; Government Regulation; Language

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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, APRIL-JUNE, 2015

Show # 2015-14

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Elizabeth Dunn, PhD, behavioral scientist, Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of British Columbia, co-author of "*Happy Money: The Science of Smarter Spending*"

Dr. Dunn's research found that people can significantly improve their happiness if they change the way they spend money. She said material things like luxurious homes or new gadgets provide much less happiness than experiential purchases like trips or concerts. She said spending money on other people provides a bigger happiness boost than almost any other expenditure.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:07

**Consumer Matters
Mental Health**

Eric Caine, MD, John Romano Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Professor of Neurology, co-director of the Center for the Study of Prevention of Suicide at the University of Rochester Medical Center

Suicides among middle-aged Americans have increased dramatically in the past decade. Dr. Caine said the rate among white men and women in that age group jumped 40 percent, while it was essentially unchanged for most other racial groups. He said the recession and mortgage crisis may be an important factor in the increase. He added that Baby Boomers seem to have higher levels of depression than other demographic groups. He talked about potential warning signs for those at risk of suicide.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:07

**Suicide
Mental Health
Substance Abuse**

Adam Barry, PhD, Assistant Professor of Health Education, University of Florida

Dr. Barry conducted a study that found that two in five designated drivers had been drinking before getting behind the wheel and that 18% had blood-alcohol levels high enough to impair their driving skills. He outlined the potential reasons that designated driver education campaigns have been less than successful

Issues covered:

Length: 4:56

Drunk Driving

Show # 2015-15

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Kevin Carey, PhD, education researcher and writer, Director of the Education Policy Program at the New America Foundation, co-author of "*The End of College: Creating the Future of Learning and the University of Everywhere*"

The cost of college has exploded in recent years, and whole generations are sinking deeper into college debt. Mr. Carey discussed recent innovations in digital learning and why he believes that the current methods of higher education are woefully outdated. He said, more than ever, a college degree is required to secure even a middle class income for those entering the workforce, but he believes universities much be willing to adapt to online learning and other new technologies.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:30

**Education
Government Policies**

George King, MD, Research Director and Chief Science Officer, Joslin Diabetes Center, Harvard Medical School, author of "*The Diabetes Reset: Avoid It. Control It. Even Reverse It. A Doctor's Scientific Program*"

Dr. King discussed the effect of diabetes on the nation's health. He said it's possible to prevent and even reverse type 2 diabetes, through appropriate lifestyle changes. He outlined the importance of diet, exercise and sleep in the prevention of diabetes.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:38

**Diabetes
Personal Health**

Christopher Ferguson, PhD, psychology professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Texas A&M International University

Dr. Ferguson led a study into the effects of fast food advertising on children. His research found that while advertising target at children is highly effective, parental influence can lessen the impact of commercials and help young kids make healthier food decisions. He offered advice for parents.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:53

**Children's Health
Nutrition**

Show # 2015-16

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Scott Sampson, PhD, dinosaur paleontologist, Vice President of Research and Collections at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, host of the PBS Kids' television series, *Dinosaur Train*, author of "*How to Raise a Wild Child: The Art and Science of Falling in Love with Nature*"

Today's American children spend 4 to 7 minutes a day playing outdoors. Dr. Sampson explained why this disconnect between kids and nature is a problem that should concern parents. He offered tips for parents to help kids fall in love with nature, by enlisting technology as an ally and encouraging outdoor activities like the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts.

Issues covered:

Length: 10:22

**Parenting
Environment**

David Ernst, PhD, Chief Information Officer at the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development, creator of the Open Textbook Library

The cost of college textbooks has skyrocketed in recent years, but a new trend of free or low-cost "open source" textbooks is gaining momentum. Dr. Ernst said college students could save an average of \$128 a course if traditional textbooks were replaced with the new electronic versions. He explained why this new generation of textbooks is often of equal academic value compared to traditional printed textbooks.

Issues covered:

Length: 6:57

Education
Consumer Matters

Linda Gordon Howard, attorney, author of "*The Sexual Harassment Handbook*"

Ms. Howard talked about progress in the battle against sexual harassment. She discussed how sexually inappropriate behavior in the workplace has evolved since attention was first focused on it. She believes many situations involving sexual harassment can be prevented or resolved if victims recognize what's happening and know what to do.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:13

Sexual Harassment
Workplace Matters
Women's Issues

Show # 2015-17

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Laurence Kotlikoff, PhD, William Fairfield Warren Professor at Boston University, Professor of Economics at Boston University, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, President of Economic Security Planning, Inc., a company specializing in financial planning software, co-author of "*Get What's Yours: The Secrets to Maxing Out Your Social Security*"

The Social Security system has more than 2,700 core rules, and ill-informed choices of how and when to sign up can cost senior citizens literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in benefits. Dr. Kotlikoff said delaying retirement is often helpful, but he also outlined several little-known Social Security benefits that frequently are unclaimed.

Issues covered:

Length: 10:57

Social Security
Senior Citizen
Government Policies

Huntington Potter, PhD, Professor, Department of Neurology and Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Dr. Potter explained why Alzheimer's disease is such an expensive disease for the nation's healthcare system. He discussed who may be most likely to develop the disease, whether things like crossword puzzles can really keep the brain healthy, and where current research is headed.

Issues covered:

Length: 6:14

Personal Health
Senior Citizens

Leigh Thomas, "*An Ordinary Journey: A User's Guide to Healing from the Abuses of Sex, Drugs, Rock 'N Roll And Attempted Murder*"

Ms. Thomas discussed her personal experience as a victim of domestic violence, including incest, rape and physical abuse. She has dealt with her trauma through hope and a sense of humor. She offered advice to others who are going trying to escape domestic violence.

Issues covered:
Domestic Violence

Length: 4:44

Show # 2015-18

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Jaron Lanier, computer and digital network pioneer, author of "*Who Owns the Future?*"

Mr. Lanier explained why he thinks the rise of digital networks has led our economy into recession and decimated the middle class. He said people should be compensated for sharing their personal data with massive digital networks, such as Google, Facebook, Instagram, and in some cases, even the government. He said he is most concerned about the younger generations of Americans who have grown up with reduced expectations of privacy and success.

Issues covered:
Economy
Consumer Matters

Length: 10:25

Nate Cardozo, staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which champions privacy rights in the digital world

Many Americans might be surprised to learn that the vast majority of new cars today contain a device that continuously monitors the driver's behavior and vehicle performance. Mr. Cardozo said his biggest concern is that consumers have no way to know what data their car is recording or how long it retains it. He explained why loss of privacy is becoming a greater issue today, and how the problem could be addressed.

Issues covered:
Privacy
Consumer Matters
Government Regulation

Length: 6:45

Rand Ghayad, visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Ph.D. candidate at Northeastern University

Mr. Ghayad led a study that found that employers frequently screen out job candidates who have been unemployed for more than six months. He found that employers showed about four times more interest in applicants out of work for six months or less, even if they had less experience and fewer qualifications than candidates unemployed for longer periods. He said job seekers must be willing to take any kind of work after a few months of unemployment, to avoid large gaps in their resume that will damage future prospects.

Issues covered:
Unemployment
Career

Length: 4:49

Show # 2015-19

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Bruce Schneier, data security expert, author of "*Data and Goliath: The Hidden Battles to Collect Your Data and Control Your World*"

Americans' personal identity, interests and behavior are being monitored more than ever before. How concerned should we be about the loss of privacy? Mr. Schneier explained what can be done to reform government surveillance programs and shake up surveillance-based business models. He also outlined simple steps that consumers can take to protect their personal privacy.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:42

Privacy
Government Policies
Consumer Matters

Matthew Drayton, motivational speaker, author of "*Succeeding While Black: A Blueprint for Success*"

Many African-American young men find themselves in prison, in gangs, and on the streets without opportunities to succeed. Mr. Drayton shared his personal story out of poverty. He talked about the importance of mentoring, education and leadership for kids who otherwise face grim futures in the inner cities of America.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:32

Minority Concerns
Youth at Risk
Poverty

Peter Polos, MD, PhD, specialist in sleep medicine at the Sleep Disorder Center of JFK Medical Center in Edison, NJ

Dr. Polos was the lead researcher in a study that examined how electronic media affects the sleep of teenagers. He found that teens lose a significant amount of sleep by sending an average of 34 texts after bedtime each night. He offered advice to parents, on how to take control of bedtime and set limits on their child's access to digital devices.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:01

Personal Health
Youth Issues

Show # 2015-20

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Norman Bates, attorney, expert on the prevention of sexual violence against children, co-author of "*Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Youth-Serving Organizations: Guidelines for Managers and Parents*"

Many parents will soon send their children off to summer camp, scouting events and sports activities. But without proper safeguards in place, these environments can provide opportunities for sexual misconduct and abuse to occur. Mr. Bates outlined the abuse prevention policies that youth-serving organizations need to implement, and the questions parents must ask to ensure that they are.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:12

Sexual Abuse
Youth At Risk
Parenting

Paul Sullivan, NY Times financial columnist, author of "*The Thin Green Line: The Money Secrets of the Super Wealthy*"

Mr. Sullivan explained why some people, even "rich" people, never find true wealth, and why other people, even those who have far less are much wealthier. He offered tips on how middle-class consumers can make better financial decisions, and come to terms with what money truly means. He said changing how Americans think about wealth can lead to more secure and less stressful lives.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:02

**Personal Finance
Consumer Matters**

Maggie Cary, National Board Certified Teacher, teacher with more than 20 years of experience, founder of ClassroomTalk.com

Ms. Cary said parents of high school students can save thousands of dollars in college costs if their child takes Advanced Placement courses in high school. She explained who is eligible for the classes and how prospective students can determine if a college accepts the credits. She also outlined other benefits for students who have completed AP courses.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:03

**Education
Personal Finance**

Show # 2015-21

Date aired: _____ **Time Aired:** _____

Seth Godin, workplace expert and marketing guru, author of "*Linchpin: Are You Indispensable?*"

Mr. Godin outlined the biggest reasons that employment security and the workplace have changed so dramatically in the past few years. He suggested ways for employees to increase their value to their company through creativity, innovation and risk taking. He also offered advice for bosses who must find remarkable people to give their company a competitive edge.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:28

**Employment
Workplace Matters**

James Goodwin, MD, a geriatrician and researcher at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston

Current medical guidelines recommend that people over the age of 50 get a colonoscopy once every ten years. Dr. Goodwin said a surprising number of patients have them more frequently. He explained why this is a risky practice, and why as seniors get older, their need for colon cancer screening actually goes down.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:42

**Personal Health
Senior Citizens
Government Spending**

Joe Watson, management consultant who specializes in diversity, author of "*Without Excuses*"

Mr. Watson talked about the importance of diversity in corporate America and why it has been such an elusive goal. He offered advice for minority job-seekers on how to demand fair opportunities in the workplace.

Issues covered:

Diversity
Minority Issues
Workplace

Length: 4:52

Show # 2015-22

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Michael Schmidt, Vice Chair of Cozen O'Connor's Labor & Employment Department in New York, publisher and editor of a blog devoted to the interplay between social media and employment law

Social media blunders can cost people their jobs. Mr. Schmidt talked about 1st Amendment rights in the workplace. He explained how to decide if a social media posting may be permissible. He said it's important for employers to formulate clear rules and policies regarding social media, to protect the interests of the company while not infringing on the rights of the employee.

Issues covered:

1st Amendment
Employment

Length: 7:39

Daniel Leffler, MD, Director of Clinical Research at the Celiac Center at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston

Gluten-free diets are popular today, but how many people should be concerned? Dr. Leffler discussed gluten sensitivity and its close cousin, Celiac disease. He said there is no benefit if a healthy person avoids gluten and, in fact, gluten free-diets may cause nutritional deficiencies. He outlined the symptoms of gluten sensitivity and explained how it can be diagnosed and treated.

Issues covered:

Personal Health

Length: 9:20

Eric Finkelstein, PhD, health economist, co-author of "*The Fattening of America*"

Over two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese. Dr. Finkelstein believes that America's growing waistline is a by-product of our long-term economic and technological success. He said that business and policy makers need to devise strategies to make it cheaper and easier to be thin.

Issues covered:

Personal Health
Government Policies

Length: 5:00

Show # 2015-23

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Donald Edmondson, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center in New York

Dr. Edmondson's research has discovered that nearly one in four people who suffer a stroke also experiences symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder afterwards. He discussed other life-threatening illnesses that can also result in PTSD. He said the younger a person is who experiences a

life-threatening event, the more likely they are to experience PTSD. He also talked about the potential treatments for the disorder.

Issues covered:

**Personal Health
Mental Health
Senior Citizens**

Length: 8:31

Kathryn Zickuhr, Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project.

Ms. Zickuhr led a surprising study that found that Americans ages 16 to 29 are actually more likely than older Americans to have read a printed book in the past year and are more likely than their elders to use a library. She discussed the rapidly changing landscape of technology and literacy, and how libraries have adapted.

Issues covered:

**Literacy
Youth Concerns
Technology**

Length: 8:44

Guillermo Payet, Founder and President of LocalHarvest.org, a non-profit organization that maintains a nationwide directory of small farms, farmers markets and other local food sources

Mr. Payet explained Community Supported Agriculture, where small farmers sell shares of their annual harvest to local families. The families then receive weekly deliveries of vegetables or fruit. He talked about the positive social and environmental impact of the "buy local" movement.

Issues covered:

**Agriculture
Environment
Consumer Matters**

Length: 5:02

Show # 2015-24

Date aired: _____ **Time Aired:** _____

Jon D. Miller, PhD, Research Scientist, Director of the International Center for the Advancement of Scientific Literacy at the University of Michigan

Dr. Smith's research found that 48 percent of Generation X (ages 37-48) are enrolled in continuing education courses or other job training. He explained why technology and the changing job market have made it necessary for midcareer professionals to pursue lifelong learning opportunities. He believes this is the new norm, particularly in technical fields, such as medicine, auto mechanics or information technology, and that workers will routinely return to school to stay up to date with changing technology and trends.

Issues covered:

**Education
Career**

Length: 7:26

Paul Offit, MD, Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, author of book called "*Do You Believe in Magic? The Sense and Nonsense of Alternative Medicine*"

From visits to acupuncturists, chiropractors and naturopaths to the use of vitamins and supplements, half of the US population uses some form of alternative medicine. Dr. Offit said he believes that alternative medicine can be dangerous because it is an unregulated industry under no legal obligation to prove its claims or admit its risks. He explained why alternative medicine's popularity has grown so rapidly. He said he thinks some alternative treatments do work as a result of the placebo effect, enabled by the healing powers of the human mind.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:41

**Community Health
Consumer Matters**

Meghan Busse, PhD, Associate Professor of Management and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University

Dr. Busse was the co-author of a study that found women frequently are quoted higher prices for car repairs than men. The research also found that consumers (of any gender) who do their homework about the cost of repairs usually pay less. She offered advice on how to avoid being ripped off.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:50

**Women's Issues
Consumer Matters**

Show # 2015-25

Date aired: _____ **Time Aired:** _____

Jamin Brahmhatt, MD, Urologist, co-director of the Personalized Urology & Robotics Clinic at South Lake Hospital, in affiliation with Orlando Health

Dr. Brahmhatt's organization commissioned a survey that found that far more men can remember their first car than those who can remember when they had their most recent health checkup. He discussed the reasons why an annual checkup is so important and the reasons that men avoid trips to the doctor. He also offered advice to wives who want to encourage their husbands to make health a greater priority.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:26

**Personal Health
Men's Issues**

Lori LaCivita, PhD, industrial and organizational psychologist

Thanks in part to older workers working past the traditional retirement age, four generations of workers are in the workforce at once for the first time. Dr. LaCivita said each generation prefers different leadership and communication styles, which can trigger challenges in the workplace. She outlined strategies for managers to build strong and effective teams with a diverse pool of employees.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:47

**Workplace Matters
Senior Citizens**

Ted Labuza, PhD, Ph.D., expert in food safety, Professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota

Professor Labuza discussed how to interpret the expiration dates on food labels. Many of the dates don't mean what consumers think they do. He explained how to determine whether a package of food with a past expiration date is safe to eat.

Issues covered:
Food Safety
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:09

Show # 2015-26

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Michael Oswald, author of "*Your Guide to the National Parks: The Complete Guide to all 58 National Parks*"

In researching his book, Mr. Oswald visited and camped in 48 of our national parks over the course of several years. He shared his thoughts on the importance of the national parks system, and offered advice for visitors regarding some of the lesser-known attractions. Based on his observations as a frequent visitor, he believes that the national park system is being managed and funded in a responsible way.

Issues covered:
National Parks
Tourism
Government Spending

Length: 8:08

Stanton A. Glantz, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco

Dr. Glantz published a comprehensive study of the effect of laws that ban smoking in public places. He found that the restrictions result in a rapid decrease in hospitalizations for heart attack, stroke, respiratory diseases, including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He said he favors even stronger legislation to restrict smoking, because he found that the strictest laws resulted in the highest health benefits.

Issues covered:
Public Health
Government Regulation

Length: 8:57

Roxana Soto, journalist, co-founder of SpanglishBaby.com, co-author of "*Bilingual Is Better: Two Latina Moms on How the Bilingual Parenting Revolution is Changing the Face of America*"

Since the founding of the US, immigrants traditionally expected their children to embrace the American melting pot by leaving behind their heritage language and speaking only English. However, Mrs. Sota is part of a growing movement of Latino parents who want to maintain their language and cultural heritage, by encouraging their children to be bilingual. She talked about the obstacles faced by bilingual families and the benefits of speaking more than one language.

Issues covered:
Latino Concerns
Language
Parenting

Length: 4:58

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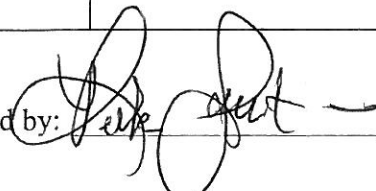
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Right to Farm or Right to Harm?

Frankfort, KY - When Kentucky's 2015 legislative session ended last week, so did any chance of passing a controversial right to farm bill (Senate Bill 57.) The Humane Society of the United States claimed victory for the failure of the proposed constitutional protection that the society called right to harm, but the bill's sponsor says the debate will continue. Comments from Matt Dominguez, public policy manager, The Humane Society of the United States; and Senator Robin Webb, D-Grayson. Image available: Picture of farm in Kentucky.

Intro: A controversial right to farm bill died with last week's end to the 2015 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, but the pros and cons of the legislation are still being argued and the bill's sponsor says it will not go away. Senator Robin Webb says her bill, which would have placed right to farm protections in the state's Constitution, is a way to protect a big part of the state's economy. But The Humane Society of the United States labeled it a right to harm, claiming that if passed the bill would have prohibited efforts to curtail animal abuse, food safety issues and industrial agriculture. Matt Dominguez, the Humane Society's public policy manager, says the bill would have shielded the worst practices on factory farms from the democratic process. □□

Cut 51250 :18 *"What you see is the industry desperately trying to keep people in the dark about animal abuse on these farms and the public and legislators have been standing up and winning over and over again. And, it's time for the agriculture industry to pull their head out of the sand and see that there should be more transparency in their industry, not darkness."*

Tag: The bill, which died without a vote in committee, proposed a constitutional amendment barring the legislature from passing any law that, quote, "unreasonably abridges the right of citizens ... to engage fully in the practice of farming, now and in the future."

Second Cut: Webb, a Democrat from Grayson, says the Humane Society's labeling of her bill as a right to harm is disingenuous rhetoric. □□

Cut 52250 :16 *"The language that I had was not extreme language. My measure is to make sure that individuals can feed themselves and sustain their families, whether it's your backyard beekeeper or fresh eggs for your family or fresh milk."*

Tag 1: Webb defends factory farms as part of a North American agriculture model that, in her words, is very efficient. She says right to farm protections would be subject to accepted animal welfare practices. □□

Third Cut: But, the Humane Society's newest report card on animal protection laws ranks Kentucky 43rd, which Dominguez says is shameful.

Cut 53250 :04 *"Kentucky can do better and the animals in Kentucky deserve better."*

Fourth Cut: A criticism which Senator Webb dismisses.

Cut 54250 :08 *"The Humane Society of the United States, their agenda is not to protect animals. Their agenda is to eliminate the utilization and ownership of animals."*

Tag 3: Webb says she doesn't look at the death of her bill as a defeat because the debate over constitutional protections for agriculture will continue.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first (:10-:18) soundbite(s)

LEAD: A controversial right to farm bill died with last week's end to the 2015 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, but the pros and cons of the legislation are still being argued and the bill's sponsor says it will not go away. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 55250 :49 *Outcue. Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Dominguez at 202-746-3803; Webb at 502-564-8100. Link to SB57: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB57.htm>

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Dating Violence Law Signed; Wait Continues for Protection

Frankfort, KY – Gov. Steve Beshear signed Kentucky's dating violence bill (House Bill 8) yesterday (Thurs.), but the law extending civil protective orders to victims of dating abuse, sexual assault and stalking does not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2016. Comments from Darlene Thomas, executive director, Green House 17 shelter; Sherry Currens, executive director, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Sen. Whitney Westerfield (R-Hopkinsville). Image available: photo of Gov. Beshear signing bill.

Intro: It took those who advocate for domestic violence victims seven years to convince Kentucky lawmakers to extend protections to dating partners. When the legislation finally made it out of the General Assembly, 137 of the 138 lawmakers voted for the bill. It extends civil protective orders to victims of dating abuse, sexual assault and stalking - the type of immediate help that has only been available to those who are married or living together, or who have a child together. Darlene Thomas, who runs the Green House 17 shelter in central Kentucky, says it will bring a voice to the unprotected

Cut 59250 :05 *"There will be no more shocked expressions of disbelief or tears of desperation."*

Tag: Governor Beshear signed the legislation into law yesterday (Thursday), but it will be a full nine months before the protections are put in place.

Second Cut: Sherry Currens, executive director of the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence, says the January first start date gives the court system time to make the necessary changes.

Cut 60250 :07 *"I hope that people will hang in there and not forget about it."*

Third Cut: Currens says the need to protect victims of partner abuse is immense, because Kentuckians under age 20 are four times more likely to be abused by a partner than others.

Cut 61250 :12 *"We're talking about a lifetime exposure of violence, so this will greatly expand our ability to protect younger victims, and older victims."*

Fourth Cut: Currently, dating partners have to file criminal charges to seek protection. Senator Whitney Westerfield says that's been too high a bar to clear for victims, who need help quickly. □□

Cut 62250 :11 *"These protections can help defuse a situation; may cool tempers. That's before you even get into the cost savings. If you wanted to talk about that, but we're talking about life savings. □□"*

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses second soundbite(s)

LEAD: It took those who advocate for domestic violence victims seven years to convince Kentucky lawmakers to extend protections to dating partners. While it passed with near-unanimous support, Greg Stotelmyer reports the immediate protections aren't going into place immediately.

Cut 63250 :45 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Thomas is at 859-233-0657; Currens 502-209-5382; Westerfield 270-885-7671. □□□□

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Insurance and Taxes in Kentucky

Frankfort, KY – Kentucky has opened a special enrollment period through April 30th for Kynect, the state-based health insurance exchange, in an effort to help those who have not signed up avoid possible tax penalties. Comments from Governor Steve Beshear; and Rob Jones, executive director, Community Action Kentucky. Image available: Photo of tax return.

Intro: Unlike some state's, Kentucky has embraced the Affordable Care Act, expanding Medicaid and aggressively pushing the state-based health insurance exchange, Kynect. The state has opened a special enrollment period through April 30th. In a message to Kentuckians without insurance, Governor Steve Beshear said it will give them another chance to avoid possible tax penalties.

Cut 67250 :07 *"Some Kentuckians may not have realized that not obtaining health coverage could mean significant tax penalties."*

Tag: If you don't have coverage in 2015 you'll pay the higher of these two amounts: two percent of your household income or 325 dollars per adult. According to Beshear the percentage of uninsured Kentuckians dropped from 20-point-four percent in 2013 to nine-point-eight percent last year. He says that moved Kentucky from 40th to 11th best in the country

Second Cut: Rob Jones, who heads Community Action Kentucky, a poverty fighting network, says the "biggest surprise" is that demand for the state-based health exchange has not fallen off in the second year.

Cut 68250 :10 *"The demand does not seem to be dwindling, especially when you consider in the low-income community that you have people that move in and out of various income brackets across the year."*

Tag: Community Action Kentucky is among the agencies that supplies trained helpers, known as "kynectors," who facilitate enrollment in the state-based health exchange. Jones says the agency has enrolled roughly 34-thousand people this fiscal year.

Third Cut: Jones says low-income Kentuckians who do not qualify for Medicaid need to realize that they can still get a subsidy to help cover the cost of their health insurance premium.

Cut 69250 :09 *"Which is what makes plans affordable for lower-income people that might otherwise have found insurance to be out of reach financially."*

Tag: For more information log on to kynect.ky.gov or call 1-855-4-kynect(1-855-459-6328.)

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LEAD: Kentucky has opened a special enrollment period through April 30th for Kynect, the state-based health insurance exchange. Governor Steve Beshear says it's an effort to help those who have not signed up avoid possible tax penalties. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 70250 :41 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Jones at 502-330-1271.

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Power Companies Won't Increase Customers' Basic Service Charge

Louisville, KY – Sister power companies Louisville Gas and Electric (LG&E) and Kentucky Utilities (KU), have agreed to drop their request for a 67-percent increase to customers' basic service charge. However, some usage rates will increase as part of a settlement reached with multiple parties that intervened in the rate case, including the Sierra Club and groups that advocate for low-income Kentuckians. Comments from Judy Lyons, chair of the Cumberland Chapter Sierra Club in Kentucky. Image available: Photo of power lines.

Intro: Customers of L-G-and-E and K-U will not be hit with a hefty increase in their basic service charge - the monthly fee they pay before even using a watt of electricity. The sister utilities have agreed to drop their request for a 67-percent increase to that flat monthly fee. The settlement was negotiated with groups that intervened in the rate case, including the Sierra Club and several poverty-fighting nonprofits. Judy Lyons chairs the Sierra Club in Kentucky.

Cut 79250 :08 *"You can't do anything about the fixed charge. so the fixed charge not increasing is a big victory in terms of low-income people."*

Tag: The agreement, which must still be approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, will increase some usage rates. The biggest hit will be on K-U customers, who will see their average electric bill go up about nine dollars a month. L-G-and-E customers will pay around a dollar-25 cents a month more for gas, but ten cents less for electricity.

Second Cut: The settlement is expected to give K-U an additional 125-million dollars in annual revenue, and another seven-million to L-G-and-E. Lyons calls it a fair compromise.

Cut 80250 :08 *"A lot of people said. 'I have some chance at cutting my usage, but I don't have any chance to save if they increase the fixed rate.'"*

Tag 2: K-U serves more than a half-million electric customers in 77 Kentucky and five Virginia counties L-G-and-E serves nearly 400-thousand electric customers and more than 300-thousand natural gas customers, in Louisville and 16 surrounding counties.

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LEAD: Customers of L-G-and-E and K-U will not be hit with a hefty increase in their basic service charge - the monthly fee they pay before even using a watt of electricity. Greg Stotelmyer reports the sister utilities have agreed to drop their request for a 67-percent increase to that flat monthly fee.

Cut 81250 :35 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Lyons through Alison Flowers at 303-246-6297; media contact for KU/LG&E at 888-627-4999.□□□□

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Study: Teamwork Helps Kids with ADHD

Frankfort, Ky – A collaborative, or team approach, makes a big difference when it comes to treating kids with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or ADHD. Those are the results of new study from the American Academy of Pediatrics, which echoes what many parents believe: that it takes more than medication to improve a child's behavior. Comments from Carla Allan, PhD, psychologist. Image available: photo of family in ADHD Clinic.

Intro: It's been said it takes a village to raise a child, and new research suggests that is the case when it comes to helping kids with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or A-D-H-D. A new study released by the American Academy of Pediatrics found that a team approach involving parents, clinicians, and doctors significantly improved impulsiveness, social skills, and overall behavior. Psychologist Carla Allan says the findings confirm what many parents often say: that they want more than just medication for their A-D-H-D children.

Cut 89250 :12 *"Treatments designed to teach their children new skills, ways of managing their behavior better, ways of making and keeping friends. those are kinds of things that parents really want for their kids to have."*

Tag: According to statistics posted on Healthline dot com Kentucky has the highest rate of A-D-H-D in the nation at 14 point eight percent. An estimated six point four million American children, ages four to 17, have been diagnosed with the disorder.

Second Cut: Allan says involving parents in A-D-H-D treatment is critical, no matter what sort of intervention is used.

Cut 90250 :15 *"Even if you're just using medication, it's dependent on the parent remembering to give the child the medicine every day, being able to get the child to take the medicine when the child maybe wants to do something else; it's dependent on parents being able to remember 'oh my gosh, their prescription's almost out.'"*

Tag: Kentucky has the second highest rate of treatment with medication at 10-point-one percent.

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LEAD: It's been said it takes a village to raise a child, and new research suggests that is the case when it comes to helping kids with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or A-D-H-D. Greg Stotelmyer has more'

Cut 91250 :43 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Allan via Jessica Salazar at 816-346-1346. Study is online at <http://bit.ly/1y9wz2H>.
ADHD facts: <http://www.healthline.com/health/adhd/facts-statistics-infographic#1>.

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Trio of Kentucky Corporations on Report's Tax Havens List

Louisville, KY – Dozens of U.S. multinational companies have admitted to using tax havens, avoiding \$600 billion in U.S. taxes according to a new report. At the end of 2014, 304 Fortune 500 companies, including three headquartered in Kentucky, collectively held \$2.15 trillion in countries like Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, and the Bahamas. Comments from Matt Gardner, executive director, Institute on Taxation and Public Policy - which issued the report. Image available: photo of money.

Intro: Congressional hearings in the past few years made headlines exposing how Apple and Microsoft moved money overseas to avoid paying U-S taxes. But a new report shows these name-brand companies aren't alone. Matt Gardner with the Institute on Taxation and Public Policy names names: Nike, Safeway, American Express, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and the pharmaceutical giant Amgen use off-shore tax havens, and the list goes on. He says the impact on the U-S Treasury is significant.

Cut 11250 :08 *"If these companies paid the U.S. taxes that they ought to be paying on this income, we'd be talking about 600 billion dollars."*

Tag: At the end of 2014, 304 Fortune 500 companies collectively held over two-trillion dollars in countries like Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, and the Bahamas. Three Kentucky-based corporations are on the list: Yum Brands, Ashland and General Cable.

Second Cut: Gardner points out that the tax havens provide very little in the way of real business opportunities for American corporations. He says that many corporations that fail to disclose whether their offshore holdings are tax havens are the same ones lobbying congress to enact a temporary tax holiday or a permanent exemption for offshore income. Gardner says both proposals would only reward companies for shifting profits overseas, and that average Americans would end up footing the bill. □ □

Cut 12250 :08 *"When corporations don't pay their fair share, really the impact is that the rest of us, middle income families and small businesses. pay more to make up the difference."*

Tag: The report recommends that Congress act sooner rather than later to put a stop to tax havens.

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LEAD: Dozens of U-S based multinational companies have admitted to using offshore tax havens, according to a new report. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 13250 :58 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Gardner at (202) 299.1066 x 29. Report at <http://ctj.org/pdf/pre0415.pdf>

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Minimum Wage Hike - Will Lexington Be Next?

Lexington, KY - With the idea of a minimum wage increase stalled at the statehouse, advocates for paying low-income workers more in Kentucky are turning to local city councils. A rally is scheduled for Friday (May 15) in Lexington in support of moving the minimum wage to \$10.10 over the next three years. Kentucky mirrors the \$7.25 federal rate. Comments from Sarah Thomas, restaurant server from Lexington; and Lilly May, works two minimum wage jobs, Lexington. Image available; Photo of \$7.25 in cash.

Intro: With Kentucky's minimum wage stuck at seven dollars, 25-cents an hour, the battleground to improve pay for low-income workers has shifted to the local level. In December, the Louisville Metro Council voted to gradually move the minimum wage in Jefferson County to nine dollars an hour by 2017. Now, the state's second largest city, Lexington, is considering an increase to ten dollars, ten cents an hour. Lilly May, a full-time college student who works two part-time, minimum-wage jobs in Lexington, says seven-25 tamps down access to higher education.

Cut 14250 :10 *"And if you're constantly trying to get that through a minimum wage job where you also have to pay bills, and possibly support a child, it's just never going to happen. So, it ends up being really cyclical."*

Tag: The Kentucky Senate killed a proposed statewide minimum wage increase in both the 2014 and 2015 legislative sessions. Republican leaders claim raising the floor on pay would lead to fewer jobs.

Second Cut: Sarah Thomas, a server in a Lexington restaurant, says an increase is "long overdue" and believes it would not be a job-killer.

Cut 15250 :16 *"All this is really doing is making sure that businesses aren't going to take advantage of their workers. That they're not going to be able to pay them less than a living wage, and ten-ten isn't even a living wage in Lexington. but it's a definite increase that will help workers."*

Tag: Thomas says she plans to attend a "Raise the Wage Rally" Friday afternoon (May 15, 4-6 p.m.) in downtown Lexington. The proposal to increase Fayette County's rate to ten dollars, ten cents over three years is now before a committee of the Lexington Urban County Council.

Third Cut: May wants to debunk the image she says some people have of the minimum wage - that it's for high school kids who need gas money. Her message to the council members ...

Cut 16250 :09 *"I would say we are all worth more, because currently my goals, right now, are to save up for graduate school because I feel it's a complete necessity and that's just not happening."*

Tag: According to the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, raising the minimum wage would impact more than 31-thousand workers in Lexington, because one out of every five is making below ten-ten an hour.

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LEAD: With Kentucky's minimum wage stuck at seven dollars 25 cents an hour, the battleground to improve pay for low-income workers has shifted to the local level. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 17250 1:03 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Raise the Wage Rally: Friday, May 15th, 4-6 p.m. at Triangle Park in Lexington.

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Centre College to Host Another Big Debate

Danville, KY - Centre College has extended invitations to Democratic nominee for governor Jack Conway and the winner of the Republican nomination to debate October 6th. Matt Bevin leads James Comer by 83 votes pending a canvass. The liberal arts college, which has hosted two vice-presidential debates, is partnering with AARP and WAVE 3 News to put on the event. Comments from John Rousch (ROWSH), president, Centre College; and Charlotte Whittaker, Hartford, AARP Kentucky volunteer. Image available: Photo of 2012 vice presidential debate.

Intro: Centre College has become synonymous with high-profile political debates including Lieberman-Cheney in 2000 and Biden-Ryan in 2012. Now the liberal arts college in Danville has extended invitations to Jack Conway, the Democratic nominee for governor, and his two potential Republican opponents, Matt Bevin or James Comer. Centre College President John Rousch says the October sixth debate it will be a "mirror image" of the two vice-presidential debates.

Cut 31250 :05 *"It will be in Newlin Hall, which is our 14-hundred seat facility right in the center of campus."*

Tag: Bevin finished 83 votes ahead of Comer in Tuesday's four-way G-O-P primary, but Comer has requested a canvass. According to debate organizers Bevin has accepted the debate invitation, while it is pending with Conway.

Second Cut: Centre College is partnering with A-A-R-P and WAVE 3 News to put on the event. The college hosted a debate in 2007 against then Governor Ernie Fletcher and current Governor Steve Beshear. Rousch says hosting debates is a responsibility the college owes the state and country, plus they can help shape the lives of students.

Cut 32250 :15 *"It becomes a rich educational opportunity for our students, and really for students in the region who are engaged, in some cases for the first time, with what they judge to be a really important election contest that will matter in their lives."*

Third Cut: Charlotte Whittaker lives in Hartford and is an A-A-R-P volunteer. She says she's anxious to hear the candidates debate important issues, especially how to serve the needs of family caregivers since she's been in that role since the mid '90's.

Cut 33250 :16 *"I feel like the eyes of the Kentucky caregivers will be on the candidates. We want to know 'what are they going to do for the caregivers of Kentucky?' There just is not enough help, there's not enough respite. You know, caregivers need a time out."*

Tag 2: Whittaker says A-A-R-P is involved in the debate because, as she puts it, "senior citizens vote." The event will be aired live on a statewide network of television and radio stations. WAVE 3 News anchor Scott Reynolds will be the moderator. The general election is November third.

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LEAD: Centre College has extended invitations for an October 6th gubernatorial debate to Democratic nominee Jack Conway and the winner of the Republican nomination. Matt Bevin leads James Comer by 83 votes pending a canvass. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 34250 :52 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Rousch through Michael Strynick, Centre College Director of Communications, at 859-238-5710; Whitaker at 270-298-4388.

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Medical Bills “Surprise” Many

Frankfort, KY – It can be a costly problem, and according to a new survey, nearly one in three privately insured Americans has received a “surprise” medical bill. Comments from Chuck Bell, programs director, Consumers Union. Image available: Photo of emergency room.

Intro: Nearly one in three Americans has experienced the pain of a “surprise” medical bill in the past two years, according to a new national survey. Chuck Bell with Consumers Union says these unexpected medical bills can range anywhere from 25 dollars to ten thousand dollars and more.

Cut 39250 :12 "And it's not always easy for patients to avoid these bills. Despite your best efforts to stay in-network, sometimes you are going to get an out-of-network provider and be slapped with a fee that you didn't really expect and can't really control."

Tag: Bell says only 28 percent of those responding to their national survey were satisfied with how their issue was resolved.

Second Cut: Bell says 87 percent of people in their survey did not know which agency in state government handles complaints about health insurance.

Cut 40250 :15 "What we are trying to do is to hook consumers up with resources that can help them, and so we created an on-line complaint tool, so consumers can easily find their state insurance departments; and also a nonprofit consumer assistance program, if their state has one."

Tag: The survey of more than two-thousand adult U.S. residents was conducted by the Consumer Reports National Research Center. (Help tool on web at ConsumersUnion.org/insurance-complaint-tool)

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LEAD: Nearly one in three Americans has experienced the pain of a “surprise” medical bill in the past two years, according to a new national survey. More from Greg Stotelmyer.

Cut 41250 :36 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.

**Note to Editors: Reach Bell at 914-830-0639. Survey results:
ConsumersUnion.org/Research/Surprise-Bills-Survey.**

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Money and Energy Savings Waiting in Affordable Housing

Frankfort, KY – Upgrades to affordable multi-family housing could save everyone money and really reduce energy usage. Comments from National Housing Trust Executive Director Michael Bodaken (bow-DOCK-en); and Deron (der-AHN) Lovass (lob-VAHS) with Urban Solutions at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Photo of apartments available.

Intro: Basic upgrades at affordable housing will have a huge energy efficiency payoff, according to two new studies. The National Housing Trust and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) are part of a broad coalition looking at the issue. Michael Bodaken with the housing trust says basic measures such as compact fluorescent bulbs, low-flow faucets, double-pane windows and better insulation would yield big results in existing affordable apartments - 21 billion dollars in energy savings in eight states over the next twenty years. He says in many areas the return is more than three times the cost.

Cut 46250 :09 *"I don't know about you, but tripling my investment in something that actually helps make people more energy-efficient, healthier and more comfortable seems like a good thing to consider."*

Tag: More details on the studies and on how to make the improvements at energyefficiencyforall.org.

Second Cut: The studies found families in affordable-housing apartments could cut as much as a fifth of their natural gas and electricity consumption. Deron Lovass with the N-R-D-C says this is big, low-hanging fruit. He says energy states like Kentucky might have low rates for gas and electricity - but often they don't have low energy bills, because there's very little attention paid to energy efficiency.

Cut 47250 :09 *"And that's something to remember, is that consumers pay bills and rates are just one factor that determine the bills. How much energy they have to use is the other factor."*

Third Cut: For utilities, Bodaken says the upgrades mean fewer unpaid bills and lower collection costs. For the owners of affordable housing like the housing trust, he says they mean keeping units on the market longer and keeping rents down. Bodaken calls that "ground breaking."

Cut 48250 :11 *"Literally billions of dollars of energy efficiency potential in existing affordable multifamily housing. And again from an owner's perspective, this is really a game-changer."*

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LEAD: Basic upgrades at affordable housing will have a huge energy efficiency payoff, according to two new studies. Dan Heyman (HI-men) has the details.

Cut 49250 :50 *Outcue...Dan Heyman reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Bodaken 202-333-8931, and Lovass at dlovaas@nrdc.org The research:

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Snapshot: KY Domestic-Violence Programs Straining From Cuts

Frankfort, KY – A one-day snapshot of Kentucky domestic-violence services taken last fall shows requests for help going unmet. Sherry Currens, executive director of the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence (KCADV), says that relates to a budget gap. Picture of KCADV housing available.

Intro: A snapshot of Kentucky domestic-violence services shows shelters straining under the pressure of budget cuts and the need to lend life-or-death assistance to victims and survivors. In a single day – last September tenth – the state's fifteen domestic-violence programs provided services such as safe shelter, counseling and legal services in nearly a thousand instances. But Sherry Currens with the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence says they could not meet nearly a hundred requests for help. She says two of the largest shelters were facing repairs that reduced available space by a third.

Cut 54250 :11 *"Our shelter in Ashland had to have a complete renovation, so they went from fifty to about seventeen for most of last year."*

Tag: Currens says the maintenance issues are related to budget pressure that's also squeezing staff levels. The national domestic-violence hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE

Second Cut: The snapshot results come from the National Network to End Domestic Violence's ninth national one-day census. According to the Kentucky coalition, federal budget tightening has meant less money at the same time as building-repair costs and personnel expenses are going up. Currens says right now they have an eighteen-million-dollar budget gap.

Cut 55250 :12 *"The problem that our programs are facing is that our staffing expenses have skyrocketed and we've been able to access fewer federal grants."*

Third Cut: Most domestic-violence shelters hate turning people away. Currens says they know their services can be a matter of survival for people who might be in a dangerous and volatile situation.

Cut 56250 :11 *"We try really hard. We may put them in a hotel, work with a homeless shelter. Most of our shelters operate at capacity all the time."*

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LEAD: A snapshot of Kentucky domestic-violence services shows shelters straining under the pressure of budget cuts and the need to lend life-or-death assistance to victims and survivors. Dan Heyman (HI-men) has more.
Cut 57250 :54 *Outcue...Dan Heyman reporting.*

Note to Editors: Currens can be reached at 502-209-5382. The National Census of Domestic Violence Services is available online at <http://www.nnedv.org/census>.

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Summer Break Often Brings Child-Care Challenges

Frankfort, KY - During your child's summer break, it can be a crunch for Kentucky parents in need of back-up child care. Experts say there are many items to consider when finding a program or person to fill in or when determining if a child is old enough and responsible enough to be home alone. Comments from Karen Fogolin (FOH-goh-lin), associate director, Child Care Aware. Image available: photo of children playing.

Intro: Kids are on summer break, and that often means a challenge for parents to find back-up child care. Karen Fogolin with Child Care Aware says there are some options through schools and park-and-rec programs, while other parents may seek out a local teenager or college student. She says when doing so, parents should check on things such as first-aid skills, C-P-R training and ...

Cut 61250 :16 *"Certainly if they're hiring a teenager or a college student, 'Is that the only person that will be there? Will they have their friends over?' They just need to know who's around their children, how they're being supervised, what activities are happening and to check in throughout the day."*

Tag: Fogolin says with any type of care, the key is to be informed.

Second Cut: Some parents may consider leaving their older kids at home alone if care is not available. Fogolin says knowing when a child is ready to be alone can be a tricky question.

Cut 62250 :17 *"It's really knowing how responsible is your child? Do they know when to call 911? Do they know basic first aid, not to answer the door to strangers, sort of those household safety rules? And the other thing too to think about is are they comfortable with it?"*

Tag 1: Kentucky law does not provide a specific age a child must be before he or she may be left home. However, the National SAFEKIDS Campaign recommends that no child under the age of 12 be at home alone.

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LEAD: Kids are on summer break, and that often means a challenge for parents to find back-up child care. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 63250 :47 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Fogolin is at 651-290-9704 x110 or karenf@childcareawaremn.org. Back-up care advice at <http://www.childcareawaremn.org/families/successful-child-care/back-up-care>. Home alone guidelines at <http://childcareawaremn.org/at-home-alone>.

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Net Neutrality Order Under Threat in GOP Budget

Frankfort, KY – Congressional Republicans are banking on the budget bill to block the Federal Communications Commission from implementing its net-neutrality rules. The FCC's order treats the Internet the same as telephone service, which supporters say helps guarantee consumers a level playing field. Comments from Dee Davis, president, Center for Rural Strategies. Image available: Photo of computer keyboard.

Intro: When the Federal Communications Commission decided earlier this year to treat the Internet like telephone service, it was hailed by supporters of net neutrality as a way to close the digital divide between rural and urban. But, Republicans in Congress have buried a provision in their budget to prevent the F-C-C from enforcing an order aimed at preserving an open Internet. Dee Davis, president of the Center for Rural Strategies, says the budget maneuver is an "end run" by the big telecommunications companies around the F-C-C.

Cut 64250 :13 *"But, I'm glad that we've got a regulatory agency that cares more about consumers than they do about the big companies who are making all the money on this process."*

Tag: According to the Rural Broadband Policy Group, of the 19 million Americans who don't have Internet access, more than 14 million live in rural parts of the country.

Second Cut: Ironically, the threat to net neutrality comes from the House Appropriations Committee, which is chaired by Congressman Hal Rogers, a Republican from rural Kentucky. Rogers says the policy provision would "rein in ... overreach" by the Obama administration. Davis, who is based in Whitesburg, says the problem is, the market is not working in most of rural America.

Cut 65250 :13 *"Congressman Rogers knows that if places like east Kentucky are going to compete, we're going to have to have access to high-speed, affordable Internet."*

Tag 2: The House budget legislation would prohibit the F-C-C from implementing net neutrality until certain court cases are resolved. Almost four million Americans contacted the F-C-C voicing their support for net neutrality. Advocates say net neutrality makes it more likely that broadband will come to rural areas.

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