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July 10, 2014

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Senate Vote on Campaign Spending Limits Expected

Lexington, KY - A Kentucky chair of the Move to Amend movement is worried what message will be sent if U.S. senators support a proposed constitutional amendment to give Congress and states control of political campaign spending. The Senate's Judiciary Committee is expected to vote today (Thursday) on Senate Joint Resolution 19. Comments from Jonah Minkoff-Zern, campaign co-director at Public Citizen; and Joy Arnold, chair, Central Kentucky Move to Amend. Photo available of American flag.

Intro: A vote is expected today (Thursday) on Capitol Hill on whether or not to support a constitutional amendment that would give Congress and states control of political campaign spending. The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider Senate Joint Resolution 19, which is co-sponsored by more than 40 senators. Jonah Minkoff-Zern with Public Citizen says it would help reverse the effect that big money has had on elections following multiple U-S Supreme Court rulings that have increased campaign spending limits.

Cut 60250 :11 *"Across political lines, people are saying that they want a constitutional amendment, that they want big money out of our political system - and that they see that they're no longer in control of the people who are supposed to represent them."*

Tag: Minkoff-Zern says Supreme Court rulings have determined that spending money on elections is a form of speech or opinion, making campaign contributions, not simply campaign messages, a First Amendment issue.

Second Cut: Even though Move to Amend has led a campaign across the country to end what it sees as the deterioration of democracy, it's central Kentucky chair, Joy Arnold, says passage of the amendment would send a false message that the problem has been solved.

Cut 61250 :21 *"Because most of Congress has been put where they are by large contributions from corporations and the wealthy, we don't think they're in any position to regulate campaign finance. We need to have it clearly declared that money is not speech."*

Tag: Arnold says a constitutional amendment should also make it clear corporations are not people. A Senate subcommittee approved Senate Joint Resolution 19 last month, and passage today would likely lead to a full Senate vote later this summer.

Third Cut: Minkoff-Zern says the fact that the Senate is considering a constitutional amendment is a win for the American people.

Cut 62250 :12 *"For the over 550 local municipalities that have called for a constitutional amendment, for the 16 states that have called for a constitutional amendment, it's a huge victory, the fact the U.S. Senate is taking it up for a vote."*

Tag: Passage of a constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote in Congress, and support from three-quarters, or 38, of the states.

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LEAD: A vote is expected today (Thursday) on Capitol Hill on whether or not to support a constitutional amendment that would give Congress and states control of political campaign spending. Yet, as Greg Stotelmyer explains, you may be surprised who believes the amendment does not do enough to get big money out of politics
Cut 63250 :53 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Text of SJR 19 at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c113:S.J.RES.19>: □ □ Reach Arnold at 859-846-5085; Minkoff-Zern at 510-225-8491.

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Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation in KY

Louisville, KY - Kentucky and other states are doing a better job of getting nutritious meals to lower-income students on summer vacation who typically eat them at school. However, a new report from the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) says more can be done. Comments from Signe (SIG-nee) Anderson, FRAC senior child nutrition policy analyst; and Susan Zepeda (ZUH-pay-duh), president and CEO, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. Image available: Summer food poster.

Intro: School's out, but hunger doesn't take a vacation. A new report finds more low-income kids, in Kentucky and across the nation, are getting meals in the summer that they usually get when school is in session. A Summer Nutrition Status Report says last summer marked the first major increase in 10 years – but it also points out that Kentucky's improvement lags behind all but four states. Susan Zepeda is with the Kentucky Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

Cut 71250 :14 *"It is a big concern because we don't want any Kentucky child to go hungry. The logistics obviously of reaching kids when they spread to the winds – the challenges are the ones who are staying home with their family or visiting relatives."*

Tag: The report from FRAC, the Food Research and Action Center, shows that in Kentucky, just under eight percent (7.8 percent) of kids in the school lunch program also participated in Summer Nutrition Programs last year. That ranks Kentucky 46th and well below the national average of about 15 percent.

Second Cut: Signe Anderson with FRAC says one way to increase those numbers is greater school involvement during the summertime. □□

Cut 72250 :16 *"During the economic downturn, a lot of schools shut their doors and no longer offered summer school. And so, along with that, the summer means disappeared. If there's funding available for summer school or just summer programming in general, that would go a long way."*

Tag 2: Anderson says they also would like to see more involvement from cities, parks and recreation departments, Y-M-C-As and Boys and Girls Clubs. Kentucky has seen some innovations – for example, some school buses have been outfitted to travel around communities and provide kids with meals at more sites. There also are efforts in some towns to provide meals at farmers' markets.

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LEAD: School may be out, but hunger isn't taking a vacation in Kentucky. Greg Stotelmyer explains.

Cut 73250 :51 *Outcue... Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Zepeda at 502-326-2583; Anderson at 209-986-2200, ext. 3036. More info at www.frac.org.

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Child Health and Education Improve In Kentucky, but Poverty Prevails

Jeffersontown, KY - The annual (25th edition) National KIDS COUNT Data Book compiled by the Annie E. Casey Foundation shows that while Kentucky has achieved steady improvement in child health and education, more kids are living in poverty. Comments from Terry Brooks, executive director, Kentucky Youth Advocates. Photo available of children reading.

Intro: A year-by-year indicator of child well-being shows steady improvement in the health and education of Kentucky's children. However, the number of kids living in poverty is getting worse, not better. The results, published in the 25th annual National KIDS COUNT Data Book, were released today (Tuesday) Terry Brooks, who heads Kentucky Youth Advocates, says a bright spot is that over the last two decades (1990 to 2011) the number of children without health insurance has been cut in half.

Cut 78250 :07 *"Health is an unqualified win -- kids who are now covered with health insurance who previously were not."*

Tag: The annual report is based on 16 indicators of child well being. According to the state-by-state rankings Kentucky is 28th in health and 30th in education

Second Cut: Brooks says it's a classic 'good news, bad news situation' with Kentucky's schools. Over the past quarter-century reading and math proficiency have improved, more children are attending pre-school and high school graduation rates have increased. But, Brooks says, Kentucky still faces persistent problems with student achievement.

Cut 79250 :11 *"We will have two out of three kids who can't read at proficiency in fourth grade. We have seven out of ten kids who still can't do math at proficiency at eighth grade."*

Third Cut: According to KIDS COUNT, poverty is Kentucky's "albatross." The percentage of children living in poverty has grown by 13 percent since the first report in 1990. Brooks says for the past four years more than one in every four kids has lived in poverty. He says that's a "crisis" state lawmakers could do something about.

Cut 80250 :20 *"There are common sense, bi-partisan solutions on the table, like a refundable state earned income tax credit. Like increasing child-care supports to 200-percent of poverty level. Like tackling predatory lending, which is really a plague across the Commonwealth."*

Tag 2: Despite the state's economic troubles, this year's KIDS COUNT ranks Kentucky 35th in the nation for overall child well-being. Brooks notes that's an improvement from what, for many years, was a perennial ranking in the bottom ten.

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LEAD: A year-by-year indicator of child well being shows steady improvement in the health and education of Kentucky's children. But, the number of kids living in poverty is getting worse, not better. Greg Stotelmyer has more on what's inside the 25th annual National KIDS COUNT Data Book.

Cut 81250 :33 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Brooks at 502-895-8167, ext. 113. □ □ Link to KIDS COUNT Data Book:

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New Guide for Voters Traveling the Campaign Trail

Fancy Farm, KY - With Fancy Farm Picnic, the state's most recognized annual political event, coming up tomorrow (Saturday, Aug. 2), AARP Kentucky has chosen that venue to debut its voters' guide for the U.S. Senate race. Comments from Ron Bridges, AARP Kentucky state director. Photos available of a "vote here" sign and the AARP voters' guide image.

Intro: As this year's costly, pitched battle for the U.S. Senate heads into its stretch run, the state's leading seniors organization for Kentuckians age 50 and older has come out with something to help voters make up their minds. A-A-R-P Kentucky will debut its voters' guide on financial security issues at tomorrow's Fancy Farm Picnic, the annual event that serves as the unofficial kickoff of the fall political campaigns. A-A-R-P's Ron Bridges says you don't have to be retired or a baby boomer to put the guide to use.

Cut 11250 :12 *"At some point the younger individual here in Kentucky is going to be looking to those sort of safety net programs that they have maybe paid into all of their lives."*

Tag: The incumbent, Republican Senate Minority leader Mitch McConnell, and his challenger, Democrat Secretary of State Allison Grimes, will both speak at Fancy Farm

Second Cut: A-A-R-P has researched public statements both candidates have made on three topics - how to protect and strengthen Social Security, how to put Medicare on a stronger financial footing and how to help Americans save so they can live independently as they age.

Cut 12250 :13 *"We'll only publish public statements that offer prospective solutions to those issues. We're not going to be publishing something that is a criticism of their opponent's or the opposing party."*

Tag 1: Bridges says the guide will also include A-A-R-P's principles on each of the financial security issues. The organization posts all of its general election voters' guides, including the closely watched U.S. Senate race in Kentucky, on its web site (www.aarp.org/yourvote).

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LEAD: As this year's costly, pitched battle for the U.S. Senate heads into its stretch run, the state's leading seniors organization for Kentuckians age 50 and older is coming out with something that could help you sort out McConnell versus Grimes. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 13250 :42 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Bridges at 502-394-3422. □ □ Link to voters' guides: aarp.org/yourvote

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A Call for Cutting Cost of Child Care

Frankfort, KY - With the growing cost of child care in the nation, efforts are under way in Washington to provide more financial supports for low-income and working families. One bill (S.2565) would expand the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit. Another bill (H.R.5000), co-sponsored by Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Ky., would increase grant money for federal child-care programs. Comments from Carla Moquin (MOH-kwin), president, Parenting in the Workplace Institute. Image available: Photo of a mother and baby.

Intro: As the cost of child care in this country continues to grow, so does the chorus of voices calling on Congress to take action. For many working families, the cost of child care is one of their biggest monthly expenses and legislation to help ease that burden has been introduced in both the U-S House and Senate. Among those urging passage is Carla Moquin, president of the Parenting in the Workplace Institute.

Cut 14250 :17 *"A lot of parents are in a position where child care is so expensive that it makes it almost impractical for them to even work - especially for minimum-wage, low-income employees - and so I think it's really critical on a societal scale and on an individual family scale to provide more options to these families."*

Tag: The cost of center-based day care does vary widely from state to state, but the U-S average is now nearly 12-thousand dollars a year.

Second Cut: The bills working through the committee process include a Senate plan to increase the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, along with a House proposal to put more funding into federal child-care program grants. Moquin says it's also critical to provide other support, because there's been a growing number of moms opting out of the workforce over the past decade, citing reasons such as the high cost of day care and limited job opportunities.

Cut 15250 :20 *"We need to look at lots of options to make it workable for families: telecommuting options, on-site child care, making it easier for mothers to breastfeed. (:09) We need to look at the bigger picture and all of the different components that go into supporting families and making it possible for them to take care of their kids and have an income at the same time."*

Tag 1: Moquin says having access to stable and high-quality child care is also vital for lifelong success for kids since the vast majority of a child's brain development happens by age five.

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LEAD: As the cost of child care in this country continues to grow, so does the chorus of voices calling on Congress to take action. Greg Stotelmyer reports.

Cut 16250 :45 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Moquin is at 801-897-8702 or carla@babiesatwork.org. House bill at <http://1.usa.gov/1rnksdL>. Senate bill at <http://1.usa.gov/1njMmp7>. Working mom study at <http://bit.ly/1lcEX5g>.

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Robin Williams Suicide Shines Light on Depression

Lexington, KY – The death by suicide of actor and comedian Robin Williams is prompting a national discussion about depression. Comments from Kelly Gunning, Director of Advocacy and Public Policy, NAMI Lexington (National Alliance on Mental Illness); and Betsey Westuba, who lost a brother to suicide. Image available of Williams.

Intro: Family members and friends of Robin Williams, who died by suicide Monday, acknowledge he was suffering from a long battle with depression. Many Kentucky families suffer the same anguish. Betsey Westuba, who lost a brother to suicide in 2007, says she hopes Williams' death serves as a reminder to help people who may be suffering from depression.

Cut 29250 :10 *"It's a biological disease. Just as we have bodily diseases, we have brain diseases. And so often, people don't want to acknowledge that."*

Tag: According to the American Association of Suicidology there are more than 42 suicide attempts every day in Kentucky, and two people die from suicide.

Second Cut: Kelly Gunning, with the Lexington chapter of NAMI, short for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, says Williams died of a medical condition - when you have depression it doesn't matter if you're a star or someone on the street. □□

Cut 30250 :11 *"Depression doesn't discriminate. It doesn't care how brilliant you are, how amazing you are or how many people love you and support you. It just doesn't care."*

Tag 2: Gunning says she has suffered from life-long, chronic depression and has lost her mother and a sister to suicide. The National Suicide Prevention Hotline has help available 24 hours a day at 1-800-273-8255.

Third Cut: Gunning says the behavioral system in America is "in shambles", especially its ability to care for people with serious mental illness.

Cut 31250 :07 *"We tend to build our system around what's billable instead of what's effective. That's the crack in the system."*

Tag 2: Gunning says we "pulled the rug out from under" our system of community-based care without having another system in place to care for people.

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LEAD: The death of Robin Williams is prompting a national discussion of the issues of depression. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 32250 :39 *Outcue. Greg Stotelmyer reporting*

Note to Editors: Reach Gunning at 859-420-6507; Westuba at 813-951-1271. □□ More information at http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/event_materials/KY%201-7%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf

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A Push for Protecting Wildlife from Polluted Water

Louisville, KY - A coalition of conservation groups has turned to the federal courts to compel the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to protect wildlife threatened by polluted water from coal mining and agricultural operations. They are asking the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky to order the EPA to reassess the dangers posed by its new set of water quality standards. Comments from Alice Howell, executive committee member, Sierra Club, Cumberland Chapter. Image available: photo of a farm.

Intro: A coalition of conservation groups claims recently weakened federal water quality standards pose a threat to wildlife in Kentucky - both from coal mining and agricultural pollution. The conservation groups are asking the U-S District Court to order the E-P-A to reassess the dangers of its new regulations - claiming they violate the Endangered Species Act. Alice Howell is with the Sierra Club in Kentucky, one of the groups involved in the court battle.

Cut 36250 :10 *"They want to compel the E-P-A to do an endangered species assessment of endangered species in the action area, in other words, the waters of Kentucky."*

Tag: Last November the E-P-A changed its water quality standards for nutrient pollution from agricultural runoff and from selenium, a pollutant commonly released during mountaintop removal of coal.

Second Cut: Howell says while much of the debate in Kentucky is over the impact of coal mining on the state's waterways, agricultural runoff also has an impact because it can cause a rapid increase in algae.

Cut 37250 :11 *"These algal blooms have health impacts for people that come in contact with them and they're slowly choking the waters of, not just Kentucky, but our nation."*

Tag 1: Howell says that hurts tourism linked to our state's popular lakes and streams.

Third Cut: In addition, algae depletes the oxygen needed to support most aquatic life which Howell says reduces the biodiversity of species.

Cut 38250 :06 *"You know, not just aquatic species but all of the animals that feed on aquatic species."*

Tag 2. The Sierra Club was one of four Kentucky groups that filed a lawsuit immediately after the weakened water quality standards were issued, claiming the rules are insufficient to protect waterways and wildlife under the Clean Water Act. Last week two national wildlife conservation groups, Defenders of Wildlife and Center for Biological Diversity, joined the case, as the impact on the Endangered Species Act was added to the lawsuit.

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LEAD: A coalition of conservation groups claims recently weakened federal water quality standards pose a threat to wildlife in Kentucky - both from coal mining and agricultural pollution. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 39250 :56 *Outcue... Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

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Report: Many in KY Still Working to Find Work

Berea, KY – A new report from the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy (*The State of Working Kentucky 2014*) finds that many workers in the state are still struggling, five years after some economists said the recession ended. Comments from one of the report's authors, Jason Bailey, director, Kentucky Center for Economic Policy. Image available: Photo of people at supermarket checkout counters.

Intro: Five years after the recession officially ended, Kentucky workers are still grappling with a scarcity of jobs and continued declines in wages, according to a new report. The Kentucky Center for Economic Policy finds there's a substantial gap between jobs and job-seekers that still needs to be closed. Jason Bailey is one of the report's authors.

Cut 47250 :09 *"And the jobs that we're seeing created and the jobs people have aren't necessarily good jobs. People are seeing their real wages decline or stagnate."*

Tag: According to the report, Kentucky is nearly 81-thousand jobs short of getting back to the same unemployment rate the state had when the recession began in December 2007.

Second Cut: Bailey notes that, while the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has reported the Recovery Act created three-and-a-half million jobs nationwide, in his view, the nation "pulled the plug" on that approach too early.

Cut 48250 :13 *"It stopped us from descending into another Great Depression – but then we stopped, you know. And we actually put the car in reverse, when we should have been moving forward with further investments that help spur faster growth."*

Third Cut: In its report, the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy urges the federal government to avoid prematurely raising interest rates. And Bailey says the eroding value of the minimum wage has to be stopped.

Cut 49250 :17 *"It has not kept up with inflation. It's far below its peak in the 1960s, and increasing the minimum wage back up to at least \$10 an hour would help about one in four Kentucky workers increase their take-home pay and better afford their family's basic needs."*

Tag 2: An attempt earlier this year to increase the state minimum wage failed in the Kentucky Legislature. Bailey says one positive development for the working poor in Kentucky has been expanded access to health insurance

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Cut 50250 :31 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting*

Note to Editors: Reach Bailey at 859-986-2373. Link to report:

<http://kypolicy.org/dash/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/State-of-Working-KY-2014-final.pdf>

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Program Finds Success in Reducing Sexual Violence in KY High Schools

Frankfort, KY - Preliminary findings from a five-year research trial show that a bystander intervention program significantly reduced dating violence, sexual violence and sexual harassment in Kentucky high schools. The "Green Dot" program, created and first used at the University of Kentucky, was tested using students from 26 high schools across the state. Comments from Eileen Recktenwald, executive director, Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs; and Jane Beshear, Kentucky's First Lady. Image available of green dot buttons.

Intro: Kentucky's First Lady calls it a "game changer" - using a program based on bystander intervention to reduce sexual violence among high school-age kids. The "Green Dot" program, which was created and first used at the University of Kentucky, is now being tried in more than a dozen of the state's high schools. First Lady Jane Beshear says it's a "huge step forward" in changing the culture toward sexual violence, dating violence, sexual harassment and stalking.

Cut 60250 :13 *"How are we to stop the cycle of violence and influence on our children? Answers - early intervention, early education. access to treatment and laws that protect our young people."*

Tag: Over the last five years, more than 100-thousand students from 26 high schools across the state have participated in a research trial. According to the research trial's primary investigator, Ann Coker, preliminary results show that "Green Dot" has reduced sexual violence perpetration by more than 50-percent.

Second Cut: The primary prevention strategy is based on empowering students to reduce violence with their social networks. The idea for the program's name comes from dots on a map, each symbolizing "any behavior, choice, word, or attitude that promotes safety for all ... and communicates utter intolerance for any form of violence." Eileen Recktenwald, who oversees the state's network of rape crisis centers, says the students' involvement in the project has been invaluable.

Cut 61250 :18 *"They are the future of a violence-free world. May they carry and share, and the sharing is the important part, the active bystander skills they have learned with them wherever they go. And maybe, just maybe, within their lifetime sexual violence will only be in history books."*

Tag 1: Those involved with the project say they hope to implement "Green Dot" in more high schools around the state.

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LEAD: Kentucky's First Lady calls it a "game changer" - using a program based on bystander intervention to reduce sexual violence among high school-age kids. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 62250 :53 *Outcue... Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Contact Recktenwald at 502-226-2704, Beshear at 502-564-2611, ☐☐Link to the UK "Green Dot" program: http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/VIPCenter/learn_green_dot.php

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Census Bureau Report Shows Slight Improvement in KY Poverty Rate

Frankfort, KY - Poverty declined across the country in 2013, according to the latest Census Bureau report, but Kentucky's rate remains well above the national average. The annual report finds that more than a quarter of Kentucky's children still live in poverty. Comments from Jason Bailey, director, Kentucky Center for Economic Policy; Robert Greenstein (green-STINE), president, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Image available of pen and calculator.

Intro: The latest Census Bureau report shows an improving economy in 2013 - but some experts caution the recovery is too slow to help the living standards of many middle- and low-income Americans. Here in Kentucky, 18-point-eight percent of the people lived in poverty last year. That's down from 19-point-four percent in 2012. Jason Bailey, director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, says too many people are still struggling to afford the basics.

Cut 75250 :08 *"Paying for housing, paying for transportation, paying for child care, being able to go back to school and get the education you need - all of these things are very difficult."*

Tag: Nationwide, the poverty rate was at 14 and a half percent last year - more than four full percentage points lower than in Kentucky.

Second Cut: The census report also shows a substantial decline in child poverty nationwide - dropping from nearly 22 percent (21.8%) in 2012 to below 20 percent (19.9%) last year. Robert Greenstein is president of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Cut 76250 :09 *"The census data indicate that the child poverty drop in 2013 was driven largely by a rise in employment and earnings among parents."*

Tag 1: But, in Kentucky more than a quarter of the children, 25 point three percent, lived in poverty last year. The Census report prompted Kentucky Youth Advocates to renew its call for a state Earned Income Tax Credit. The advocacy group says that would allow working families to keep more of their income which could be "a first-step solution to move kids out of poverty."

Third Cut: Bailey, with the nonprofit Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, says increasing the state's minimum wage is another way to enhance economic security for the working poor.

Cut 77250 :08 *"The minimum wage has lost about one fourth of its value because it's not been kept over the years. It's not been increased to keep up with inflation."*

Tag 2: While Bailey calls it a "no brainer" to increase the minimum from seven-25 an hour to ten-ten, the conservative think tank, Bluegrass Institute, disagrees. In the words of economist Eric Schansberg, who is on the institute's Board of Scholars, "The minimum wage makes it more expensive to hire people."

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: The latest Census Bureau report shows an improving economy in 2013 - but some experts caution the recovery is too slow to help the living standards of many middle- and low-income Americans. Greg Stotelmyer has more on what the data finds in Kentucky.

Cut 78250 :37 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Bailey at 859-986-2373; Greenstein through Regan Lachapelle at 202-408-1080; Schansberg through Jim Waters at jwaters@freedomkentucky.com. Pronunciation of Dr. D. Eric Schansberg: (SHAWNS-berg)

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"Purple Purse Challenge" to Help Survivors of Domestic Violence

Frankfort, KY - The Kentucky Domestic Violence Association (KDVA) is participating in the Purple Purse Challenge, a nationwide fundraising campaign to help survivors of domestic violence regain their independence. Comments from Michelle Fiore (fee-OAR-ee), challenge director, Kentucky Domestic Violence Association. Image available: Purple Purse Challenge logo.

Intro: High-profile cases of domestic violence have fueled the public's demand that the crime carry serious consequences. The avalanche of pressure was triggered in part by the case of suspended N-F-L player Ray Rice. Michelle Fiore with the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association says it shines a light on the complicated reasons so many survivors stay in violent relationships - finances being the biggest obstacle.

Cut 85250 :08 *"They feel like if they leave, they'll have nothing. Economic abuse is present in 98 percent of cases of domestic violence."*

Tag: The K-D-V-A is participating in the "Purple Purse Challenge" now through October third. Organized by the Allstate Foundation, it's a national fund-raising campaign to help women who have left abusive relationships as they regain their independence. Fiore explains purple is the color that represents domestic violence awareness, and the purse represents a woman's financial domain.

Second Cut: Fiore says the video of Rice hitting his future wife and dragging her out of a hotel elevator has been shocking to many, but it also has given the problem of domestic violence the increased attention she says it deserves.

Cut 86250 :13 *"KDVA is one of 140 organizations that are in the Purple Purse Challenge. That's kind of cool that this has just gotten so much national effort, of people trying to raise awareness about economic abuse."*

Tag: All the funds raised in the Purple Purse Challenge will be used to provide emergency assistance to domestic violence survivors. K-D-V-A has 15 shelters across the state.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: High-profile cases of domestic violence have fueled the public's demand that the crime carry serious consequences. Greg Stotemyer has more on the impact of those cases and how a nationwide fundraising campaign fits in.
Cut 87250 :44 *Outcue...Stotemyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Fiore at 502-209-5382. More info about the KDVA portion of the fund-raiser is at: <http://www.crowdrise.com/purplepurse-kdva>.

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Something to Frown About: KY Low on List of "Happiest" States

Frankfort, KY - Kentuckians aren't very happy, according to analysis of statistics by state about income, health, depression and other factors by WalletHub.com, a financial information provider. Analysts rank the Bluegrass the fifth least happy state in the country. Comments from Jill Gonzalez, spokesperson for Wallethub.com; and Kelly Gunning, director of advocacy, Lexington chapter, National Alliance on Mental Illness. Image available: Graphic of "frownie face."

Intro: Here's something that could put a frown on your face. Kentucky is the fifth least happy state in America, according to an analysis by WalletHub.com. Researchers took a look at state-specific figures about income, health, divorce rates and other factors to come up with the list. Jill Gonzalez, spokesperson for WalletHub, says their results prove that money isn't everything.

Cut 92250 :11 *"We saw that health had more of a factor on happiness than wealth, so that's one thing that money can't buy. So really, being healthy is what leads to being – overall – happy."*

Tag: While Kentucky ranked 33rd in work factors, its physical health index was ranked 49th and it had the worst depression rate in the country.

Second Cut: Kelly Gunning says she has suffered from "life-long" chronic depression for which she has sought care. Gunning is the director of public advocacy for the Lexington chapter of NAMI - the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She says depression can be deadly.

Cut 93250 :16 *"We don't have enough awareness; there's too much stigma; there's stigma even existing in the treatment system; we criminalize mental illness. It's just an illness like any other illness but we don't treat it the same."*

Tag 1: Neighboring West Virginia was the least happy state in the country. Its folks in Utah, Minnesota, North Dakota, Colorado and Nebraska who are smiling today Their states were ranked, in that order, the five happiest.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: This will make you frown. Kentucky is the fifth least happy state in the country according to a new report. Greg Stotemyer has more.

Cut 94250 :36 *Outcue...Greg Stotemyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Gonzalez at 202-223-0005. Link to study results:
<http://wallethub.com/edu/most-least-happy-states-in-america/6959/>.

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Show # 2014-27

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Mark Hyman, Adjunct Instructor, Sports Management, the George Washington University, author of *"The Most Expensive Game in Town: The Rising Cost of Youth Sports and the Toll on Today's Families"*

More than 41 million American kids participate in sports, and the fastest growing category is travel leagues. Mr. Hyman explained why he is concerned about the advent of year 'round leagues, including the huge commitment of time and money, and the higher risk of injury. He also talked about the value of traditional rec sports leagues in local communities and neighborhoods.

Issues covered:
Youth Sports
Parenting
Children's Health

Length: 9:55

Suzanne Rowan Kelleher, family travel expert, co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of WeJustGotBack.com

The higher cost of flying this summer may ground some family vacations. Ms. Kelleher outlined several policies that airlines have recently implemented that make travel significantly more expensive and inconvenient for families. She also offered tips for traveling with kids.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Family
Travel

Length: 7:22

Bob Ragazzo, Certified Defensive Driving Instructor, Founder and President of Save Your Teen Driver, LLC, author of *"Save Your Teen Driver: 7 Things Every Parent Must Teach Their Young Driver Before Handing Over The Car Keys"*

Motor vehicle accidents are the top cause of death among 15 to 20 year olds. Mr. Ragazzo discussed several crucial safety tactics that drivers' education courses are not teaching students. He talked about the increasing number of distractions in the car, leading to higher accident rates.

Issues covered:
Highway Safety
Government Policies
Youth at Risk

Length: 5:06

Show # 2014-28

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Kate Tulenko, MD, MPH, physician and director of clinical services for the US Agency for International Development, a global health nonprofit, author of *"Insourced: How Importing Jobs Impacts the Healthcare Crisis Here and Abroad"*

Dr. Tulenko said 25% of physicians in the US are foreign-trained and foreign-born. She contends that this has caused tens of thousands of high-paying local jobs in the healthcare sector to effectively vanish from the reach of US citizens, weakened the healthcare systems of developing nations, and constricted an American university system that should be educating healthcare professionals.

Issues covered:

**Healthcare
Education
Government Policies**

Length: 10:20

Ulrich Boser, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, expert in education, criminal justice, and other social policy issues

Almost a third of eighth-grade students report reading less than five pages a day, either in school or for homework. Mr. Boser conducted an analysis that found that millions of students believe they are not being challenged enough in school. He discussed the reasons behind this trend and what can be done to improve education in America.

Issues covered:

**Education
Government Policies
Children's Issues**

Length: 6:42

Uchendi Nwani motivational speaker, former cocaine dealer and prison inmate, CEO of International Barber and Style College, author of *"The Millionaire Ex-Convict"*

Mr. Nwani shared his inspirational story. He came from a middle-class family but ended up in prison after a conviction for cocaine trafficking. He talked about the importance of faith in his life and how he became a millionaire businessman after this release from prison.

Issues covered:

**Crime
Drug Abuse**

Length: 4:52

Show # 2014-29

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Ruchi Gupta, M.D., M.P.H., Health Services Researcher and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Northwestern University and Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago

Dr. Gupta was the lead author of a study that found that children in urban areas have much higher rates of food allergies than those in rural America. Her research found that city kids also are allergic to different foods than rural kids. She talked about the theories as to why population density and environment may have such a large impact. She offered advice to parents who have a child with food allergies. She also discussed the reasons why people often do not treat allergies as the life-threatening conditions they are.

Issues covered:

Allergies
Personal Health
Parenting

Length: 9:24

Tammi DeVille, author of "*Changing the World on a Tuesday Night*"

44 percent of adults volunteer, and many others would consider it, if they thought they had the time and skills needed. Ms. DeVille said that ordinary people can make a difference by volunteering as little as five minutes a day. She offered examples of opportunities to contribute time, often online, to non-profit organizations in their own community or across the globe.

Issues covered:

Volunteerism
Community Involvement

Length: 7:44

Bruce Anderson, Cybercrime Expert and Director of Investigations of Cyber Investigation Services in Tampa

Free Internet wi-fi access is everywhere these days—and so are computer hackers. Mr. Anderson talked about the dangers of using public Internet connections, what the riskiest locations are, and how the average computer user can protect himself.

Issues covered:

Crime
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:02

Show # 2014-30

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

Danica McKellar, actress, education advocate, author of "*Girls Get Curves: Geometry Takes Shape*"

Ms. McKellar majored in mathematics at UCLA, and now encourages middle-school girls to excel in math. She explained the reasons that girls mistakenly believe that they cannot be both popular and smart, and how math skills can improve their overall self-confidence. She also explained how basic geometry can apply to everyday life.

Issues covered:

Education
Women's Issues

Length: 8:35

Charles Duhigg, investigative reporter for the New York Times, winner of the National Academies of Sciences, National Journalism, and George Polk awards, author of "*The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business*"

Habits shape every aspect of our lives, often in ways we do not recognize. Mr. Duhigg summarized the results of recent scientific research that explains why habits exist and how they can be changed. He said tweaking even one habit, as long as it's the right one, can have staggering effects. He also explained how and why companies carefully study consumer habits.

Issues covered:

Health & Fitness
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:26

Jonathon Kozol, writer, educator, public education activist, author of *"Fire in the Ashes: Twenty-Five Years Among the Poorest Children in America"*

Mr. Kozol has been working with low-income children in inner-city schools for nearly fifty years. He talked about his experiences at a school in one of the poorest sections of New York City. He believes that because of vast differences in funding from one area to another, the nation's schools remain unequal and deeply segregated.

Issues covered:
Poverty
Education
Government Spending

Length: 4:54

Show # 2014-31

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

Timothy J. Mohin, environmental advocate, author of *"Changing Business from the Inside Out: A Treehuggers Guide to Working in Corporations"*

American corporations are gradually becoming more socially responsible. Mr. Mohin outlined the reasons behind this trend, and explained how "treehuggers" working inside the system can lead the effort. He said young professionals now view "having an impact" as a much more important career goal than many other more traditional priorities.

Issues covered:
Environment
Workplace Matters

Length: 7:49

Madeline Levine, PhD, psychologist, co-founder of Challenge Success, a education reform project at the Stanford School of Education, author of *"Teach Your Children Well: Parenting for Authentic Success"*

Dr. Levine said while parents, educators, and the media express concern about the soaring rates of emotional problems, and poor learning skills in America's children, there are ways to reverse these trends. She believes many parents need to shift their focus from good grades, high test scores, and college acceptances to developing a sense of purpose, connection, and meaning in their children's lives.

Issues covered:
Parenting
Education

Length: 9:18

Miriam Rafailovich, PhD, materials engineering researcher, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Director of the Garcia Center for Polymers at Engineered Interfaces at Stony Brook University on Long Island

Dr. Rafailovich led a study that found that many compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs emit high levels of ultraviolet rays. She said that despite their large energy savings, consumers should avoid using compact fluorescent light bulbs at close distances.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Environment
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:04

Show # 2014-32

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Jonah Engle, freelance journalist based in Washington, DC

Mr. Engle discussed civil asset forfeiture, a part of the War on Drugs which allows the government to seize property— even if it doesn't have enough evidence to convict or even charge someone with a drug offense. He explained how the forfeiture process works and why it is so difficult to recover property after it is seized. He said many law enforcement agencies include projected revenue from asset forfeitures in their annual budgets.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:03

**War on Drugs
Crime
Legal Issues
Government Policies**

Alexandre Montagu, attorney, expert in intellectual property law, international commercial transactions and new media commercial and corporate law, author of "*Intellectual Property: Money and Power in a New Era*"

Mr. Montagu talked about intellectual property law, how it has changed with new technology, and why nearly everyone should understand the basics. He explained potential pitfalls for both the average consumer, and small and medium-sized businesses. Among the examples he cited: knock-offs of brand-name products on Internet auction sites and the indiscriminate use of photographs found online.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:12

**Legal Issues
Consumer Matters**

Jennifer Grasz, Vice President, Corporate Communications at CareerBuilder.com

Ms. Grasz outlined the results of a recent survey conducted by her organization that found that 69% of full-time workers regularly search for new job opportunities. She said that new online tools available to job seekers have made it much easier to do in-depth research on potential employers. She also discussed the reasons that such a high percentage of the workforce is interested in changing jobs.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:07

**Employment
Workplace Matters**

Show # 2014-34

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

David Casarett, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine Director of Hospice and Palliative Care, University of Pennsylvania Health System, author of "*Shocked: Adventures in Bringing Back the Recently Dead*"

New government data says there has been a 54 percent drop in drinking and driving among high school teens during the past two decades. Ms. Hyde discussed the reasons behind the decline, and offered advice for parents who are concerned about their teenagers.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:53

**Drinking and Driving
Youth Issues
Parenting**

Janet Tomiyama, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at UCLA

Dr. Tomiyama conducted a study that examined the roles that stress and race play in the epidemic of obesity among teenage girls. She found that although stressed-out black girls and white girls tend to gain weight, stress appears to have a greater effect on the weight of black girls. And surprisingly, black girls reported less stress overall than white girls. Dr. Tomiyama talked about the racial disparity and why obesity is such an important public health concern.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:28

**Public Health
Minority Concerns
Women's Issues**

Brian Fikkert, PhD, Associate Professor of Economics at Covenant College in Georgia, co-author of *"When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor"*

Dr. Fikkert talked about the challenges faced by faith-based organizations and other groups when seeking to help poor or homeless Americans. He said aid efforts often end up perpetuating poverty, rather than solving the problem. He believes that building personal relationships with aid recipients and giving them a sense of self-worth is more effective than simply providing food or other materials.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:58

**Homelessness
Poverty
Faith-based Initiatives**

Show # 2014-34

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David Casarett, MD, MA, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine Director of Hospice and Palliative Care, University of Pennsylvania Health System, author of *"Shocked: Adventures in Bringing Back the Recently Dead"*

Most people don't survive cardiac arrest or significant trauma. Dr. Casarett discussed the latest developments in resuscitation and just how far science has come in the past few years. He talked about the ethical dilemma posed by reviving a person who may not have a good quality of life in the aftermath. He talked about the impressive survival rate of those who receive competent CPR treatment.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:20

**Personal Health
Emergency Medicine**

Greg McBride, Chief Financial Analyst for Bankrate.com

Mr. McBride's organization recently conducted a study that found that a third of all Americans have nothing saved for retirement. He said the one encouraging aspect of the survey is that more people in their 20s are saving for retirement than ever before. He explained why this issue should be such a serious concern and what someone can do if they believe they are starting to save too late in life.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:00

**Retirement Planning
Senior Citizens
Personal Finance**

Show # 2014-36

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Robert Cantu, MD, Chief of Neurosurgery, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, and Director, Service of Sports Medicine at Emerson Hospital in Concord Massachusetts, Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery and Co-Director of Boston University's Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy, senior consultant to the National Football League, author of "*Concussions and Our Kids: America's Leading Expert on How to Protect Young Athletes and Keep Sports Safe*"

Concussions are a not-so-silent epidemic among school-age athletes. Dr. Cantu discussed the most common causes of concussions and explained which sports are the most dangerous. He talked about the long-term ramifications of brain trauma injuries and offered ideas for reforms that would reduce concussions in youth sports.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Youth Sports
Parenting Concerns

Length: 9:10

Dana Gunders, Project Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council's Food and Agriculture program in San Francisco

Ms. Gunders was the lead author of a report that found that 40 percent of the nation's food supply--valued at \$165 billion--goes uneaten each year. She outlined the economic and environmental impacts of food waste, and what can be done to fight this growing problem. She discussed misconceptions surrounding expiration dates and said most of them actually are indicators of food quality, not necessarily food safety.

Issues covered:
Hunger
Food Safety
Consumer Matters
Environment

Length: 8:09

Roger Leslie, award-winning teacher, author of "*Success Express for Teens*"

Mr. Leslie believes that teens need to set goals in order to succeed in later life. He talked about the importance of young people learning the value of good citizenship and time management. He offered suggestions of how teens can determine their personal strengths and take smart risks.

Issues covered:
Teen Issues
Youth at Risk
Parenting Issues

Length: 4:52

Show # 2014-37

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Lisa Gill, Prescription Drugs Editor at Consumer Reports

Prescriptions for opioids have climbed 300% in the past decade and more than 46 Americans die each day from legal pain pills, such as OxyContin, Percocet and Vicodin. Ms. Gill discussed the reasons behind this trend. She also talked about the little-known dangers posed by over-the-counter painkillers like acetaminophen. She offered advice to patients who are dealing with pain. She also explained how the federal government is trying to deal with the issue.