

## Issues/Programs List

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Title of Program: Info Track

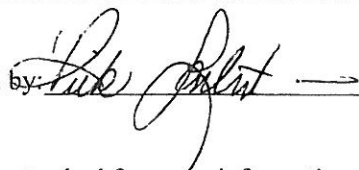
Time of Airing: See Below

Duration Program: 25 minutes

Stations & Airtime: WZZL – 5:00a; WREZ – 5:00a; WGKY – 5:00a

### Program Information

<b>Date</b>	<b>Guest/Topic</b>	<b>Issue</b>
1/4	Gaby Chapman, Jeff Reeves, Sarah Brokaw	Literacy; Retirement Planning; Women's Issues
1/11	Edward Hallowell, Jill Weisenberger, Jacquelyn Gamino	Mental Health; Nutrition; Poverty
1/18	Tony Lee, Kevin Shird, Sean Burch	Career; Crime; Personal Health
1/25	Andrew Eschtruth, Ellen Peters, Lee Bernal	Retirement; Education; Gambling Addiction
2/1	Cathy Steinberg, Chadwick Wasilenkoff, Megan Moreno	Crime; Counterfeiting; Substance Abuse
2/8	David Rabiner, Michael Thompson, Doug Goodman	Education; Youth At Risk; Parenting
2/15	Michael Moss, Debra Miller, Tim Lohrentz	Personal Matters; Employment; Poverty
2/22	Mark Underwood, Patty Osterberg, Susan Carpenter	Personal Health; Recycling; Environment
3/1	Catherine Collinson, Brian Wansink, Cami Walker	Career; Consumer Matters; Volunteerism
3/8	Tony Robbins, Andrew Sperling, Richard Lichenstein	Personal Finance; Mental Health; Traffic Safety
3/15	Tony Wagner, Raymond Francis, Darrell Gurney	Education; Nutrition; Employment
3/22	Peter Sacco, Jeff Speck, John Thyfault	Substance Abuse; Economy; Personal Health
3/29	Bill Thornton, Sharon Fowler, Regina Leeds	Mental Health; Senior Citizens; Consumer Matters

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**Weekly Public Affairs Program**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JANUARY-MARCH, 2015**

Show # 2015-01

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

**Gaby Chapman**, retired teacher, former school board president, author of *"Let Them Have Books: A Formula for Universal Reading Proficiency"*

Ms. Chapman offered advice for parents who want to encourage a love of reading in their children. She explained why youngsters who read for fun do better in school than those who do not. She also talked about the importance of allowing kids to choose their own reading material.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:48**

Literacy  
Education

**Jeff Reeves**, financial journalist, editor of InvestorPlace.com

Mr. Reeves outlined the most common mistakes investors make when handling their 401(k) investments. He explained how frequently an investor should do some housekeeping with their mutual fund portfolio and how to decide when to rebalance investments that have changed in value.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:19**

Retirement Planning  
Senior Citizens

**Sarah Brokaw**, author of *"Fortytude: Making the Next Decades the Best Years of Your Life"*

Age 40 is a harrowing milestone for many women. Ms. Brokaw talked about the reasons behind this, and how women can navigate the transition into midlife with more enjoyment. She said society sends women many conflicting messages about being their own person and yet conforming to traditional expectations.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:03**

Women's Issues  
Senior Citizens

Show # 2015-02

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

**Edward M. Hallowell, MD**, Child and Adult Psychiatrist who specializes in ADD and ADHD, author of "*Driven to Distraction at Work: How to Focus and Be More Productive*"

Many people in the workplace feel increasingly overwhelmed by a mix of nonstop demands and rapidly changing technology. Dr. Hallowell discussed the underlying reasons why people lose their ability to focus at work. He said the most common distraction is caused by electronic screens of all kinds. He offered suggestions on how to sustain a productive mental state at work.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:22**

**Mental Health  
Career**

**Jill Weisenberger MS, RDN, CDE**, Nutrition, Culinary & Diabetes Expert, Registered Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator, author of "*The Overworked Person's Guide to Better Nutrition*"

Ms. Weisenberger offered practical steps to plan, cook and eat better for a healthier lifestyle. She explained why meal planning is so important and why an organized kitchen is critical in that process. She explained how to ease a family into a lower-sodium diet.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:44**

**Nutrition  
Personal Health**

**Jacquelyn F. Gamino, PhD**, Research Scientist and Assistant Research Professor at the Center for BrainHealth at the University of Texas at Dallas

Growing up poor can affect a child's behavior and school performance. Dr. Gamino led a study that determined that intervention programs can help bring low-income adolescents up to speed with their more affluent peers. She explained how cognitive intervention could easily be integrated into a normal school setting.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:51**

**Education  
Poverty**

Show # 2015-03

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

**Tony Lee**, employment expert, publisher of CareerCast.com

CareerCast recently completed a study to determine the 10 most and least stressful careers. Mr. Lee explained the factors that his organization used to measure the stress in various jobs. He also discussed the growth potential of careers on the list and why stressful jobs can still be desirable for some people.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:22**

**Career  
Mental Health**

**Kevin Shird**, former drug dealer and convict, President and Co-Founder of the Mario Do Right Foundation, author of "*Lessons of Redemption*"

Mr. Shird shared his story of spending years as young drug-trafficker on the streets of Baltimore, and his eventual arrest and incarceration. He explained how he turned his life around, now working as a community leader, speaking to students about substance abuse prevention and helping children of addicted parents.

Issues covered:  
Substance Abuse  
Crime  
Minority Concerns

Length: 7:44

**Sean Burch**, multiple world record holder in extreme sports events, fitness and motivational expert, author of "*Hyperfitness: 12 Weeks to Conquering Your Inner Everest and Getting Into the Best Shape of Your Life*"

Mr. Burch shared the story of how he became the first solo climber of Mount Everest. He talked about the importance of diet and fitness, and offered tips on how the average person can lose weight and get into shape.

Issues covered:  
Personal Health

Length: 4:58

Show # 2015-04

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

**Andrew D. Eschtruth**, Associate Director for External Relations at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, co-author of "*Falling Short: The Coming Retirement Crisis and What to Do About It*"

Americans are not saving enough for retirement and most won't have enough to maintain their lifestyle, or retire when they want. Mr. Eschtruth explained the reasons behind the problem and what the average consumer can do to better prepare for retirement. He also outlined changes needed in the 401k system that could help avert a crisis.

Issues covered:  
Retirement  
Government Policies  
Personal Finance

Length: 10:54

**Ellen Peters, PhD**, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Behavioral Decision Making Initiative at The Ohio State University

Dr. Peters led a study that examined how people perceived their math abilities, then compared it to their actual math skills. About one in five people who say they are bad at math in fact score in the top half of those taking an objective test. But a third of people who say they are good at math actually score in the bottom half. She explained why math perceptions matter in everyday life and why it is important for parents to encourage their children's enjoyment of math.

Issues covered:  
Education  
Personal Finance

Length: 6:27



**Les Bernal**, Executive Director of Stop Predatory Gambling, a national grassroots citizen's movement concerned about predatory gambling

Americans in dozens of states can now buy lottery tickets in a growing number of ways. Mr. Bernal talked about the increasingly aggressive ways that governments are marketing new lottery products, and how the targets are typically lower income citizens. He believes that governments have created a mindset that discourages saving and personal responsibility and promotes state-sponsored wagering.

**Issues covered:**  
Gambling Addiction  
Government Policies

**Length: 5:07**

Show # 2015-05

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

**Cathy Steinberg**, personal safety expert and trainer, author of "*The Fabulous Girl's Guide to Being Fearless: What Every Girl Should Know*"

FBI statistics say that 1 in 4 females in the US will be a victim of violent crime. Ms. Steinberg talked about the most common types of violence directed at young women, and offered suggestions of how to avoid dangerous situations. She explained why it is so important for prospective college students to evaluate campus security before they make a decision on where to go to school.

**Issues covered:**  
Sexual Assault  
Crime  
Women's Issues

**Length: 8:18**

**Chadwick Wasilenkoff**, founder and CEO of Fortress Paper, a specialty paper company that produces secure paper for currencies around the world

Mr. Wasilenkoff discussed the measures that governments take to prevent counterfeiting of currencies. He said that a large percentage of counterfeit US bills are believed to be produced by state-sponsored operations in countries such as North Korea. He explained why recent measures, such as the improved \$100 bill, do slow down counterfeiters temporarily. However, he said criminals eventually adapt to such changes, so it is a never-ending battle. He explained how consumers can try to identify counterfeit bills.

**Issues covered:**  
Counterfeiting  
Crime  
Government Regulations

**Length: 8:55**

**Megan Moreno, MD**, researcher at Seattle Children's Research Institute and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington

Dr. Moreno recently conducted a study that found that teens who smoke cigarettes are 23 times more likely to smoke marijuana, compared to those who don't use tobacco. She talked about the reasons behind this finding. She also explained how the recent legalization of marijuana in several states may affect its use nationwide.

**Issues covered:**  
Substance abuse  
Government Regulations

**Length: 5:04**

Show # 2015-06

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

**David Rabiner, PhD**, Senior Research Scientist in the Department of Psychology & Neuroscience at Duke University

The use of "study drugs"-- prescription medications used illegally by college students improve their academic performance--is on the rise. Dr. Rabiner said the drugs of choice are those typically used to treat ADHD. He discussed the question of whether the practice is a form of academic cheating. He added that students who use these medications without a prescription typically have higher rates of drug and alcohol abuse, perform worse academically and are more stressed out about their grades.

**Issues covered:**  
Substance Abuse  
Education

**Length: 8:09**

**Michael Thompson**, Director of the Council of State Governments Justice Center

Mr. Thompson's organization conducted a study that examined whether juveniles who commit crimes fare better if they are sentenced to community-based supervision or state-run incarceration. The study found that youth who are locked up in state-run facilities are 21 percent more likely to be rearrested than those who remain under supervision closer to home. He said that community supervision programs are also far less expensive for taxpayers than state-secure facilities.

**Issues covered:**  
Youth at Risk  
Crime  
Government Policies

**Length: 8:55**

**Doug Goodman, PhD**, MPA Director, Associate Professor of Public Affairs in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences at The University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. Goodman co-authored a study that found that family-friendly employment policies tend to increase productivity of employees in public organizations. He said it appears that these policies reduce stress, and increase job satisfaction and employee loyalty.

**Issues covered:**  
Workplace Matters  
Parenting

**Length: 5:01**

Show # 2015-07

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**Michael Moss**, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The New York Times, author of "*Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us*"

Every year, the average American eats thirty-three pounds of cheese, seventy pounds of sugar and double the recommended amount of salt--most of it from processed foods. Mr. Moss said that the use of salt, sugar and fat increases sales of processed foods, reduces manufacturing costs, and enables these foods to sit in warehouses or on the grocery shelf for months. He offered suggestions for consumers on how to read product labels.

**Issues covered:**  
Personal Health  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 8:01**

**Debra Donston-Miller**, editor and writer for InformationWeek.com, expert in social networking and information technologies

Ms. Donston-Miller said social media has essentially become an online resume, and that job hunters who do not use it are at a huge disadvantage. She discussed the most effective strategies for using social media in job searches and networking with colleagues. She explained which social networks are the most useful and why. She also recommended sharing content on social networks, such as reports or videos, to demonstrate expertise and abilities.

**Issues covered:**  
**Employment**  
**Workplace Matters**

**Length: 8:59**

**Tim Lohrentz**, Program Manager of the Insight Center for Community Economic Development, a non-profit organization that focuses on policies to build economic health in lower income communities

Mr. Lohrentz recently conducted a study of payday loans and their net impact on the US economy. He found that the burden of repaying the high-interest loans results in \$774 million in lost consumer spending and 14,000 job losses annually. He outlined the alternatives to payday loans that are available to low-income borrowers.

**Issues covered:**  
**Payday Loans**  
**Poverty**  
**Government Regulations**

**Length: 5:10**

Show # 2015-08

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**Mark Underwood, PhD**, neuroscience researcher, expert on brain aging and cognitive function, President and co-founder of Wisconsin-based biotech company Quincy Bioscience

Dr. Underwood said most people start to experience mild memory loss by age 40. He explained the relationship of early memory problems to advanced forms of dementia as people enter their 70s and 80s. He outlined basic steps to take to keep the brain active, which may prevent or slow cognitive decline as a person ages.

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

**Length: 8:01**

**Patty Osterberg**, Education & Outreach Director of Sustainable Electronics Recycling International, an organization that sets standards for responsible electronics recycling

Ms. Osterberg discussed the most responsible ways to recycle unused mobile phones and other electronic gadgets. Her organization certifies recyclers with the R2 standard, which verifies that recycling companies perform their services in a responsible and ethical manner. She talked about the environmental impact of throwing a phone in the trash.

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

**Length: 8:59**

**Susan Carpenter**, Program Manager of the Insight Center for Community Economic Development, a non-profit organization that focuses on policies to build economic health in lower income communities

Ms. Carpenter spent two years and thousands of dollars transforming her California home into a test case for sustainable living. She talked about some of the most cost-efficient ways to go "green," along with some of the less successful projects. She outlined the easiest ways the average person can improve their environmental footprint.

**Issues covered:**

**Environment  
Consumer Matters**

**Length: 4:55**

Show # 2015-09

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

**Catherine Collinson**, President of the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies, a non-profit private foundation

Ms. Collinson talked about the option of "phased retirement," in which an employee begins to gradually put in shorter work weeks. She said the strategy permits workers to test out retirement to see if they enjoy it and can afford it, and allows them to avoid tapping into Social Security or savings until truly necessary. She said many employers welcome it, because it allows the senior employee to mentor younger colleagues and the organization to retain institutional knowledge.

**Issues covered:**

**Retirement  
Career**

**Length: 8:42**

**Brian Wansink, PhD**, behavior economist, food psychologist, John Dyson Professor of Consumer Behavior at Cornell University, Director of the Cornell Food and Brand Lab, author of "*Slim By Design, Mindless Eating Solutions for Everyday Life*"

Dr. Wansink discussed his research at Cornell, which examines how and why we make choices about the food we eat. He said the way a kitchen or other living environment is set up can encourage weight loss naturally. He outlined innovative but inexpensive steps restaurants, grocery stores and school cafeterias can make to encourage healthier dining choices.

**Issues covered:**

**Health and Nutrition  
Consumer Matters**

**Length: 8:34**

**Cami Walker**, author of "*29 Gifts: How a Month of Giving Can Change Your Life*"

At age thirty-five, Ms. Walker was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. As she battled depression about her illness, she received an uncommon prescription from an African medicine woman: Give to others for 29 days. She shared her story of finding small ways to help others, and how it made a dramatic difference in her own health and happiness.

**Issues covered:**

**Charitable Contributions  
Volunteerism  
Mental Health**

**Length: 4:24**

Show # 2015-10

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**Tony Robbins**, motivational speaker, author of "*Money, Master the Game: 7 Simple Steps to Financial Freedom*"

Mr. Robbins picked the brains of more than 50 of the world's most successful investors and money managers, and found dramatically different philosophies. He discussed lessons that anyone can use to improve their personal finances. He also talked about his efforts to feed the hungry and his personal reasons for being concerned about poverty and hunger in America.

**Issues covered:**  
Personal Finance  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 8:23**

**Andrew Spørling**, Director of Federal Advocacy, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Mr. Spørling discussed the cost of mental health treatment, and the options available to make treatment more affordable. He explained how the Affordable Care Act has affected mental health and substance abuse services. He outlined the most common forms of assistance provided to employees by larger employers. He also talked about the most common forms of mental illness.

**Issues covered:**  
Mental Health  
Substance Abuse  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 8:42**

**Richard Lichenstein MD**, Director of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine

Wearing earphones while walking, biking or driving can be much riskier than most people think. Dr. Lichenstein recently conducted a study that found that headphone-related deaths have tripled in the past several years. He explained who is most likely to become a victim and the reasons that this behavior is so dangerous.

**Issues covered:**  
Traffic Safety  
Personal Health

**Length: 4:55**

Show # 2015-11

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

**Tony Wagner, EdD**, First Innovation Education Fellow at the Technology and Entrepreneurship Center at Harvard University, Co-Director of the Change Leadership Group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, author of "*Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World*"

Dr. Wagner said that innovative thinking is today's most essential real-world skill. He believes that for the US to successfully compete in the global economy, America needs to make teaching innovation a top priority in schools, at home and in business. He explained the steps that teachers and parents can take to foster more creative problem-solving in youngsters.

**Issues covered:**  
Education  
Government Policies  
Employment

**Length: 9:28**

**Raymond Francis, MSc**, health expert, author of "*Never Be Sick Again*"

Mr. Francis shared his personal story of facing a life-threatening condition at age 48, and how he overcame it. He believes that nearly every disease or illness can be prevented or reversed. He talked about the common denominator of all diseases and the six potential causes. He also offered suggestions to improve health at any age.

**Issues covered:**  
Nutrition and Health  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 7:45**

**Darrell W. Gurney**, founder of CareerGuy.com, Certified Personnel Consultant, Certified Job & Career Transition Coach, Certified Career Management Coach, and Licensed Spiritual, author of "*Never Apply for a Job Again: Break the Rules, Cut the Line, Beat the Rest*"

Mr. Gurney talked about the critical importance of networking when searching for a job. He said the latest online tools can help, but they are not as effective as meeting and being known by as many people as possible within an industry. He offered advice to the long-term unemployed.

**Issues covered:**  
Employment

**Length: 5:03**

Show # 2015-12

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

**Peter A. Sacco, PhD**, psychologist who specializes in addictions, author of "*Right Now Enough Is Enough*"

Dr. Sacco discussed the biggest misconceptions about addictions and bad habits. He said pornography and gambling are the least recognized addictions among Americans today. He noted that addicts are frequently able to hide their behavior and lead seemingly normal lives. He also talked about the most effective routes to recovery.

**Issues covered:**  
Substance Abuse  
Mental Health

**Length: 8:04**

**Jeff Speck, AICP**, City Planner and Architectural Designer who advocates for smart growth and sustainable design, author of "*Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time*"

In the typical American city, the car is still king. Mr. Speck said that downtown areas and local economies can be dramatically improved by becoming pedestrian-friendly. He explained how simple decisions have cascading effects, and how citizens can influence their elected representatives to make wise choices for their communities.

**Issues covered:**  
Urban Planning  
Government Policies  
Economy

**Length: 9:14**

**John P. Thyfault, PhD**, Professor of Nutrition and Exercise Physiology, Director of the Health Activity Center at the University of Missouri

Statins, the most widely prescribed type of cholesterol-lowering drugs, have prevented millions of heart attacks and saved countless lives. But Dr. Thyfault conducted a study that found that statins may also counteract the benefits of exercise, the other tried-and-true way to boost cardiac health. He explained why doctors usually prescribe drugs, rather than recommending exercise or dietary change. He also talked about how much exercise can be effective for people dealing with high cholesterol.

**Issues covered:**  
Personal Health

**Length: 5:06**

Show # 2015-13

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

**Bill Thornton, PhD**, Professor of Psychology, University of Southern Maine

Dr. Thornton led a study that found that the mere presence of a smart phone, even if it is turned off, can make it difficult to perform complex tasks. He explained the likely reasons that a phone can be so distracting. He offered suggestions for parents who are concerned about phone usage affecting their child's schoolwork.

**Issues covered:**  
Mental Health  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 7:27**

**Sharon Fowler, MPH**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Ms. Fowler was the co-author of a study that found that diet soda consumption leads to expanding waistlines. She found that older adults who drank two or more diet sodas a day had waist size increases that were six times greater than those of people who didn't drink diet soda. She discussed the possible physiological reasons and offered suggestions for those trying to control calories.

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

**Length: 9:43**

**Regina Leeds**, professional organizer, author of "*The 8-Minute Organizer*"

Nearly everyone can use some help in getting organized. Ms. Leeds talked about the reasons that keeping order in our lives and possessions is so difficult. She offered small, step-by-step suggestions on how determine goals to get organized, and how to create positive routines for the long-term.

**Issues covered:**  
Consumer Matters  
Mental Health

**Length: 5:06**

### Issues/Programs List

Date Filed: APRIL 9, 2015  
 Quarter Date: 1ST Quarter, 2015  
 Title of Program: Community Needs  
 Time of Airing: See Below  
 Duration Program: 7 minutes  
 Stations & Airtimes: WZZL – 5:30a; WREZ – 5:30a; WGKY – 5:30a

### Program Information

<b>Date</b>	<b>Guest/Topic</b>	<b>Issue</b>
1/4/15	Allison Davis – Making Your Fire Cleaner	Environment
1/11	Susan Zepeda – Support for Smoke Free Law	Health
1/18	Vince Willmore – Concern of E-Cig	Health
1/25	Sara Porter – Your Government	Government
2/1	Janice Owens – Fracking in KY	Environment
2/8	Tom Wheeler – Internet Vitality	Communication
2/15	Julie Karant – Immigration Activists	Immigration
2/22	Laura Tarakam – Smoke Free Decision	Health
3/1	Mike Hiser – Voting Rights Issue	Voting
3/8	Matt Partymiller – Kentucky Solar	Energy
3/15	Mark Mehringer – Clean Elections	Elections
3/22	Dr. John Gallagher – Heart Care	Health
3/29	Fatima Graves – Women & Poverty	Poverty

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## EPA: Making Your Fire Cleaner Helps

Frankfort, KY - There are ways to burn a more efficient fire to help reduce wood smoke, which is harmful to human health and can be a major source of air pollution. Comments from Alison Davis, senior adviser in the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Image available: Photo of a wood-burning stove and Christmas tree.

**Intro:** Burning a cleaner fire in that wood stove or fireplace helps the health of Kentuckians and also benefits the state's climate, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Alison Davis with the E-P-A says a good way to burn the hottest and most efficient fire possible is to use only dry, seasoned wood.

*Cut 76250 :15 "The reason that this is important is that dry wood burns more completely, and that benefits you in two ways; one, you get more energy out of the firewood because it burns more of the actual wood itself, and the other is the fire then produces less smoke."*

**Tag:** Davis says you can easily tell if wood is dry by knocking two pieces together, which should produce a hollow sound. She adds that a moisture meter can determine wood's moisture level, which should be at 20- percent moisture or less. Davis says smoke coming from the chimney is a key sign that you're not burning an efficient fire.

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**Second Cut:** Davis adds that wood smoke produces fine particle pollution, which can be harmful to human health.

*Cut 77250 :14 "When you breathe in air that has fine particles in it, it can penetrate deep into the lungs where it can harm the heart, the blood vessels and the lungs. Fine particles are linked to heart attacks, strokes."*

**Tag:** Davis says particle pollution from wood smoke can be a major cause of air pollution in cities which have air-inversion problems during the winter months.

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**OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP:** uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: Burning a cleaner fire in that wood stove or fireplace is helpful to the health of Kentuckians and also benefits the state's climate, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. More from Greg Stotelmyer.

*Cut 78250 :32 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors: Reach Davis through Jennifer Colaizzi at (202) 564-7776.**

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January 6, 2015

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## Poll Shows Steady Support for Smoke-Free Law in Kentucky

Louisville, Ky - A new poll from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health finds that support remains steady for a statewide indoor smoke-free law. Comments from Susan Zepeada (zuh-PAY-dub), president/CEO, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky; Ellen Hahn, director, Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy. Image available: Photo of Smoke-free sticker on business door.

**Intro:** Support for a statewide indoor smoke-free law remains steady according to new poll results, with two out of three Kentuckians supporting a ban. This is the fifth year the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and the group Interact for Health has surveyed people on the idea of prohibiting smoking in workplaces, public buildings, restaurants and bars. Foundation president Susan Zepeda says 66-percent of Kentucky adults support a smoke-free law, while 29-percent are opposed.

**Cut 83250 :15** *"It's hit a level where you can clearly say that the majority of Kentuckians, the majority of Democrats, majority of Republicans, majority of Kentuckians in each geographic area of the state would like to see a smoke-free law."*

**Tag:** When Kentuckians were first polled in 2010 they were evenly split, with both support and opposition at 48-percent.

**Second Cut:** Zepeda says she's encouraged that even 40-percent of current smokers favor a law against smoking indoors.

**Cut 84250 :08** *"They're willing to go stand outside or forgo smoking inside a building to protect the health of others around them."*

**Tag 1:** Zepeda says the poll results are "an important reminder" to lawmakers that there is bi-partisan support on the issue.

**Third Cut:** Ellen Hahn, director of the Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy, says it's now up to the political leaders to "do the right thing."

**Cut 85250 :16** *"You know, if we can convince the legislature that this is a way to save lives and save money - which it is - hopefully they'll wake up and say 'look, let's do what the popular thing is in Kentucky and that is to protect everyone.'"*

**Tag 2:** A smoke-free bill has already been pre-filed in the Kentucky House. Lawmakers return to Frankfort today (January 6) to begin the organizational portion of their 2015 session.

**OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)**

**LEAD:** Support for a statewide indoor smoke-free law remains steady according to new poll results, with two out of three Kentuckians supporting a ban. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

**Cut 86250 :42** *Outcue... Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Zepeda through Doug Hogan at 502-326-2583; Reach Hahn at 859-323-4587. □□ Link to poll: <http://bit.ly/1Ag4Flw>. Link to pre-filed bill: <http://1.usa.gov/1wQ0IIA>.

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## Concerns Rise Over E-Cig Exposure

Frankfort, KY — Poison control centers fielded more than double the number of calls last year about e-cigarette exposure, and exposure to the nicotine liquids loaded into the devices, compared to 2013, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers. Comments from Vince Willmore, vice president for communications at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. Image available: Photo of e-cigarettes on store shelf.

**Intro:** The number of calls to poison control centers about electronic cigarette incidents more than doubled last year (compared to 2013), according to new data from the American Association of Poison Control Centers. Children under age six were the victims in more than half the cases. The rise in calls has the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids calling on the F-D-A to finalize its proposed rule to regulate the products. Campaign spokesman Vince Willmore says the agency also needs to crack down on companies' marketing and flavors, such as 'gummy bear' and bubble gum.

*Cut 91250 :11 "Given how they're being marketed, and given these sweet flavors, it's not surprising that more kids are using e-cigarettes, and that they're attracted to nicotine liquids and being poisoned by them."*

**Tag:** While there are no federal regulations to restrict the sale of electronic cigarettes and the nicotine liquids, most states, including Kentucky, require that purchasers be 18. According to a new Kentucky Health Issues Poll (released Thursday), six in ten adults in the Commonwealth (61 percent) want the F-D-A to regulate the sale and marketing of e-cigarettes.

**Second Cut:** Willmore says the colors and packaging of e-cigarettes also appeal to kids, yet nicotine is highly dangerous - and not only because of potential addiction.

*Cut 92250 :15 "Nicotine is a very toxic substance, and that exposure to even small amounts of nicotine – whether it's through the skin or through ingestion – can cause vomiting and seizures. And unfortunately, it can even be lethal."*

**Tag:** Willmore says the F-D-A should require childproof packaging, and adults need to keep the devices and supplies out of sight and out of reach of children.

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LEAD: The number of calls to poison control centers about electronic cigarette incidents more than doubled last year (compared to 2013), according to new data from the American Association of Poison Control Centers. Greg Stotelmyer has details.

*Cut 93250 :43 Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting*

**Note to Editors: Reach Willmore at 202-296-5469. American Association of Poison Control Centers data: <http://www.aapcc.org/alerts/e-cigarettes>. Link to Kentucky Health Issues Poll: <http://www.healthy-ky.org/sites/default/files/KHIP%20ecigs%20FINAL.pdf>**

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January 21, 2015

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### Your Government? Five Years After "Citizens United"

Frankfort, KY — It's been five years since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (FEC)* case, opening the floodgates to big money in government. In Kentucky, opponents of the decision rally in Frankfort today (Wednesday), calling for a 28th amendment to the U.S. Constitution to overturn the decision. Comments from Richard Beliles (buh-LILES), chair, Common Cause of Kentucky; and Sara Porter, steering committee, Central Kentucky Move to Amend. Image available: Photo of money and an "I voted" sticker.

**Intro:** It was five years ago today that a ruling from the nation's highest court opened the floodgates to major corporate campaign spending. The Supreme Court's ruling in the *Citizens United versus F-E-C* case gave special interest groups have the right to spend as much as they want on elections. Richard Beliles with Common Cause of Kentucky believes the voices of everyday Americans were silenced when the court essentially said corporations are people.

*Cut 14250 :07 "It's not a person, and it shouldn't have all the rights that individual citizens have."*

**Tag:** Beliles and others are rallying at the State Capitol (today) in support of an amendment to the U-S Constitution, giving Congress and the states control of political campaign spending.

**Second Cut:** Beliles says a new report from Common Cause – "Whose Government? Whose Voice?" – claims that unfettered special interest spending is blocking progress on five key issues important to the American people – the minimum wage, gun control, climate change, student loans, and net neutrality.

*Cut 15250 :05 "It's wrong, it's against the public good, it's against the public interest."*

**Tag 2:** But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky is among those who see political contributions as a form of free speech.

**Third Cut:** Sara Porter of Midway is with Central Kentucky Move to Amend, part of a nationwide coalition attempting to tamp down corporate rule. She says the U-S has become a "fragile democracy," in part because corporations now have more ammunition, in her words, to "tell us how we should live and what we should do."

*Cut 16250 :10 "Yes, big money has taken over. Banks run the government. We're controlled, and we don't even know we're controlled, because this just doesn't get through."*

**Tag 3:** But she adds more and more people are, as she puts it, "waking up slowly" to the problem, citing

formal legislative action in 16 states backing the idea of a constitutional amendment to get corporate money out of government.

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*Cut 17250 :42 Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors: Reach Beliles at 502-592-5381 (cell) or 502-228-1534; Porter at 859-846-9062. Link to Common Cause report: <http://www.commoncause.org/research-reports/whose-government-whose-voice/>.**



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## Fears of Fracking In the Foothills of KY

**Berea, KY - While the fracking boom hasn't reached Kentucky yet, current attempts by so-called "land men" to buy up mineral rights in several counties have spiked concerns. A grassroots citizens coalition has quickly organized in the foothills of central and eastern Kentucky. Sound from the meeting includes comments from Janice Owens, Rockcastle County landowner; Vicki Spurlock, Madison County landowner; and Tom FitzGerald, director, Kentucky Resources Council. Images available: Photos of citizens' meeting and fracking sign.**

**Intro:** Fears of fracking have reached the foothills of central and eastern Kentucky, prompting concerned citizens to quickly organize. Landowners in Madison, Rockcastle and Jackson counties say "land men" from energy companies have been hounding them to sign leases for their property's mineral rights. The worries about hydraulic fracking drew hundreds of people to an informational meeting in Berea this week, including Janice Owens, who owns 30 acres on Clear Creek in Rockcastle County.

*Cut 25250 :08 "It's emotional, it's emotional, it really is. We want to protect our home for our children."*

**Tag:** The natural gas industry's potential development of the deep shale formation, known as the Rogersville shale, has raised concerns about water and air pollution, truck traffic and a maze of pipelines. But, the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association defends the technology. Its statement is: "Horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing are proven and safe methods of maximizing oil and gas production."

**Second Cut:** Vicki Spurlock, who owns four a half acres in the Red Lick area of Madison County, says one of her neighbors has already signed a lease.

*Cut 26250 :12 "I came here worried and concerned and I'm leaving here scared. There are a lot of people that have signed that don't know the true, or the whole facts, of what damages can be done."*

**Tag:** Spurlock and others say they have been offered 30 dollars an acre for their land's mineral rights.

**Third Cut:** Tom FitzGerald, who heads the Kentucky Resources Council, an environmental advocacy group, told the citizens the leases were not drafted with the landowners' rights and protections in mind.

*Cut 27250 :11 "They were drafted to be as broad as possible, to require as little as possible and to shed as many responsibilities as possible in order to maximize the profit."*

**Tag:** FitzGerald says Kentucky's laws are not adequate to deal with fracking. He expects a bill will be



filed during this year's legislative session to close the "gaps in the regulations." The industry's association (Kentucky Oil and Gas Association) claims, "...state government has very strong regulations to protect fresh water aquifers and the environment."

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LEAD: Fears of fracking have reached the foothills of central and eastern Kentucky, prompting concerned citizens to quickly organize. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

*Cut 28250 :49 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors: Link to citizens' group: [www.frackfreefoothills.net](http://www.frackfreefoothills.net).**

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## Treating Internet as a Utility Called Step Forward for Rural Kentucky

Whitesburg, KY - Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler says he'll propose treating the Internet like telephone service - what's known as Title II authority. Rural advocates in Kentucky say it's a step forward for those who struggle to get any service at all. Comments from Whitney Kimball Coe, program associate, Center for Rural Strategies; and Mimi Pickering, Appalshop media producer, Whitesburg. Image available: Internet on computer screen.

**Intro:** The head of the Federal Communications Commission says the Internet should be treated like telephone service - a utility everyone is guaranteed access to. Chairman Tom Wheeler calls his proposal "the strongest open Internet protections ever proposed by the F-C-C." Mimi Pickering is a media producer in Whitesburg, a town situated in broadband-starved eastern Kentucky.

*Cut 38250 :08 "For us it's just even a first step of being able to get on the Internet lanes, let alone the fast lane."*

**Tag:** Pickering is a member of the National Rural Assembly Broadband Working Group,

**Second Cut:** She says nearly one out of every four households in Kentucky does not have access to the Internet - most of them in rural parts of the state. She says that's not acceptable.

*Cut 39250 :16 "We can't compete in the national, the state, national, international market with that kind of reality and I think it's just proven over and over that the big telecommunications companies are not going to invest in rural areas and poor communities."*

**Tag 1:** Pickering says that's why reclassifying the Internet is so important because it would require providers to build out in rural places.

**Third Cut:** Whitney Kimball Coe with the Center for Rural Strategies says of the 19 million Americans who don't have Internet access, more than 14 million are rural Americans, so reclassifying ...

*Cut 40250 :12 "Would really close that digital divide that exists between rural and urban, and it would also allow the FCC to regulate the Internet that would make sure that we have service, that rural areas have service"*

**Tag 2:** But, opponents argue the proposal is overreaching and would stifle investment and customer choice. The five-member commission is scheduled to vote on the proposed rules on February 26th.

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**LEAD:** The head of the Federal Communications Commission says the Internet should be treated like telephone service - a utility everyone is guaranteed access to. Greg Stotelmyer has more on what impact that may have in Kentucky.

*Cut 41250 :40 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Coe at 865-688-9546; Pickering at 606-633-0108. Link to FCC proposed regulations: <http://goo.gl/MkXHMS>.

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## Immigration Activists Occupy KY Senators' Offices

Washington, DC - Activists occupied dozens of congressional offices this week over what they call the "moral crisis" of the broken immigration system. Two of the offices targeted were those of Kentucky Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul. Comments from Julie Karant (KARE-ent), spokesman for 32BJ SEIU (Service Employees International Union); and 32BJ SEIU area director Jaime (Hl-may) Contreras. Images available: Photo of the occupation of one of a congressman's office.

**Intro:** Calling the nation's broken immigration system a "moral crisis," activists occupied scores of congressional offices Wednesday - including those of Kentucky Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul. A press release from one of the many groups taking part said it was targeting thirty-five "hard-line" Republican representatives and senators. Julie Karant with the Service Employees International Union was with a group occupying one of the offices. She spoke by cell phone as a migrant from El Salvador sang a psalm about justice for the poor in the background.

**Cut 64250 :12** "Hundreds of people flooding through Capitol Hill offices right now as we speak. They can no longer ignore it. It's hurting our economy and it's tearing hard-working families apart."

**Tag:** Opponents of immigration reform say amnesty would reward people who break the law. Some of the protest leaders were arrested by Capitol police, but most of the protesters were removed without incident.

**Second Cut:** Congress has been unable to pass comprehensive immigration reform, and Republican hardliners now also are threatening to block funding for the Department of Homeland Security over a presidential executive order. That order would remove the threat of deportation from many law-abiding migrants who are here without permission. Some of the immigration activists say the opposition to that is rooted in part in resentment. Jaime Contreras is with the Service Employees International Union.

**Cut 65250 :06** "We're not going anywhere. We're going to see this fight through, whether it's today, tomorrow or next year, or to fight until they do the right thing."

**Third Cut:** Contreras says the idea of refusing to fund the D-I-S is profoundly wrong

**Cut 66250 :08** "We're outraged that they're trying to undo this executive order by not passing a clean funding bill for the Department of Homeland Security. It's just un-American."

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**LEAD:** Calling the nation's broken immigration system a "moral crisis," activists this week occupied scores of congressional offices - including those of Kentucky Senators Rand Paul and Mitch McConnell. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

**Cut 67250 :41** Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer

**Note to Editors:** Contreras and Karant can be reached though Karant's number at 646-584-9001.

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## Smoke Free Decision Now in Senate's Hands

Frankfort, KY - After the historic vote in the Kentucky House to pass a statewide smoke free law, all eyes are now on the Senate. Advocates are pointing to the health impacts of secondhand smoke exposure, including to children, as a big reason why the law is needed. Comments from Laura Tarakam (TARA-cam), a mother from Brandenburg; and State Senator Julie Raque (ROCKY) Adams, R-Louisville. Images available: Photos of Tarakam speaking at smoke free rally at state capitol and Adams testifying during committee meeting. □□

**Intro:** Laura Tarakam has asthma and has lost one of her sons to an asthmatic attack. She wants Kentucky's Senate to do what the Kentucky House did a week ago - pass a statewide, indoor smoke free law.

**Cut 75250 :15** *"Someone with as sensitive lungs as my family has secondhand smoke causes a trigger and, you know, unfortunately seeing first hand how quickly asthma attacks turn fatal, that trigger can be the last trigger."*

**Tag:** Tarakam's son, Christopher Ledford, died in 2012 at the age of nine. Tarakam says it was seasonal allergies that killed her son, not secondhand smoke. But, she says smoke bothered him too and her family does everything it can to avoid places where smoking is allowed. Her 13 year old son Nicholas also has asthma.

**Second Cut:** On the same day the House passed its smoke free bill 51-46, Senator Julie Raque Adams filed a similar bill in the Senate. Adams, a Republican, is pushing the cost savings the law would deliver.

**Cut 76250 :13** *"I submit to you that saving taxpayer dollars is one of the most conservative things that we can do as members of the General Assembly. So I hope we can show leadership for the taxpayers of Kentucky."*

**Tag 1:** According to Smoke-Free Kentucky health care costs due to secondhand smoke top 100 million dollars annually.

**Third Cut:** But, several senators have voiced concerns that prohibiting smoking in work places and public places infringes on personal rights. Tarakam disagrees - citing the Smoke-Free Kentucky coalition statistic that an estimated 950 Kentuckians die each year from secondhand smoke.

**Cut 77250 :07** *"There are times that I can step away from it and there are times that I need my inhaler and I needed to just leave."*

**Tag 2:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the lead federal agency on tobacco control, says smoke free laws, "Can reduce the risk for heart disease and lung cancer among nonsmokers."

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LEAD: After the historic vote in the Kentucky House to pass a statewide smoke free law, all eyes are now on the Senate. Greg Stotelmyer has more  
**Cut 78250 :56** *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Tarakam at 270-422-5620. Link to SB189:  
<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB189.htm>. Link to HB145  
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**Voting Rights Issue at Familiar Crossroads in Kentucky Legislature**

Frankfort, KY - With the 2015 session of the Kentucky General Assembly now past its halfway point, one issue is at a familiar crossroads. Over the past decade, the House has repeatedly passed legislation (this year House Bill 70) calling for a constitutional amendment to automatically restore the voting rights of most former felons once they have completed their sentences. But, will this be the year the Senate agrees? Comments from Mike Hiser, a former felon from Bullitt County. Image available: Photo of voting machine.

**Intro:** Convicted of multiple nonviolent felonies, Mike Hiser spent four years in prison. Released in 2007, he says he's paid restitution and is off parole. Hiser says it's "un-American" that Kentucky does not automatically restore the voting rights of former felons like him.

**Cut 88250 :08** *"For us to say we live in a democracy but then to deny 250,000 people the right to vote, well, that's not democratic."*

**Tag:** The House passed legislation two weeks ago, on an 86 to 12 vote, to allow Kentuckians to decide the issue. It was the ninth such vote in the last eight years.

**Second Cut:** Hiser is among those rallying today at the state Capitol, hoping to convince the Senate the time has come to go along with the House. Last year the Senate did pass a bill, but made changes including adding a five-year waiting period. The House refused to accept that change, a decision Hiser agreed with.

**Cut 89250 :07** *"We don't need to reinvent the wheel. Parole already makes you wait. and if you mess up on parole they lock you back up."*

**Tag 1:** This year the House rejected an amendment during its own floor debate that would have added a three-year waiting period. The House bill would not give former felons who committed intentional murder or sex crimes automatic restoration of their right to vote.

**Third Cut:** Kentucky is one of four states that permanently denies the right to vote for everyone convicted of a felony, unless they receive a pardon from the governor. Hiser says he began that complicated process in 2012, but stopped, viewing it as unfair.

**Cut 90250 :06** *"Filling that thing out and asking for a right back is double jeopardy."*

**Tag 2:** (The Voting Rights Rally today, organized by Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, begins at 1 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda.)

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**LEAD:** With the 2015 session of the Kentucky General Assembly now past its halfway point, one issue is at a familiar crossroads. Greg Stotelmyer has more.  
**Cut 91250 :42** *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Hiser at 502-767-4328. Link to HB70: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB70.htm>. □ □



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**Report: Kentucky Solar Industry Plays Catch-Up**

Frankfort, KY – The latest Solar Jobs Census shows Kentucky remains near the bottom in terms of solar jobs per capita. The report from The Solar Foundation ranks Kentucky 44th. Two legislative committees in Frankfort are scheduled to hear testimony today (Thurs.) on ways to increase renewable energy through the Clean Energy Opportunity Act (HB 229). Comments from Matt Partymiller, operating manager, Solar Energy Solutions; and Josh Bills, program coordinator, Energy Efficient Enterprises. Image available: Photo of Kentucky sunset.

**Intro:** A dim finding on solar jobs in Kentucky The latest Solar Jobs Census places Kentucky 44th per capita in terms of work in the solar industries. Matt Partymiller owns Lexington-based Solar Energy Solutions, the oldest solar energy provider in a state, which he says "couldn't really get much further behind." □□

**Cut 15250 :11** *"Behind in terms of building an industry that can knowledgeably and cost-effectively install solar at scales from commercial through utility."*

**Tag:** Two House committees are hearing testimony on the proposed Clean Energy Opportunity Act. It's touted as a "jobs bill" by the Kentucky Sustainable Energy Alliance, a coalition of 53 organizations and businesses. Among those supporting the bill is an expert from North Carolina, where 37-thousand renewable energy jobs have been created since passing similar legislation in 2007.

**Second Cut:** The legislation would require power companies to expand clean energy and energy efficiency efforts - which supporters say would create jobs and lower utility bills. One of them is Josh Bills, who coordinates the Energy Efficient Enterprises program.

**Cut 16250 :07** *"By far the lowest-hanging fruits for reducing the cost of energy for everybody would be advancing energy efficiency."*

**Tag 2:** He says he thinks the Clean Energy Opportunity Act is needed because there's "no real state-backed mandate" for demand-side management by utility companies.

**Third Cut:** According to Partymiller, Kentucky law caps solar generation by customers, what's known as net metering, at 30 kilowatts. He says that's about three times as much solar energy as what the average home needs, but ...

**Cut 17250 :12** *"It certainly prevents us from having legitimate commercial, industrial, institutional market. And, it makes the chance to work on projects like a school or a military base essentially novel in the state of Kentucky."*

Partymiller notes neighboring Ohio allows unlimited net metering. (The House Economic Development Committee meets at 9 a.m. Thursday. The House Tourism Development and Energy Committee, which has House Bill 229, meets at 10 a.m.)

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**LEAD** A dim finding on solar jobs in Kentucky The latest Solar Jobs Census places Kentucky 44th per capita in terms of work in solar industries Greg Stotelmyer has more

**Cut 18250 :34** *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Reach Partymiller at 859-312-7456; Bills at 859-986-2373. Link to HB229:

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB229.htm>. Link to report: <http://pre.thesolarfoundation.org/solarstates>.

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**The Challenges of Campaign Cash vs. Clean Elections**

Frankfort, KY — The numbers are in: campaign money played a bigger role in 2014 than in any midterm election in history. But that isn't stopping civic and community organizations from working to keep elections clean. Comments from Mark Mehringer (MAIR-ing-urr), executive director, Clean Slate Now. Image available: Photo of "vote here" sign.

**Intro:** The corrupting influence of money in politics is getting worse, according to recent reports by Clean Slate Now and the Center for Responsive Politics. They show that last year's midterm election was the most expensive in history. Outside spending on U-S Senate elections has more than doubled since 2010, and campaign contributions from political action committees rose by 34 percent for U-S House candidates in 2014. But Mark Mehringer of Clean Slate Now sees a bright side in the growing movement for clean elections, and says an increasing number of candidates are choosing not to take PAC money.

**Cut 19250 :17** *"It's essentially a way of taking a principled stand and making it clear to voters that you care about not being bought, and you're going to do something, you're not going to come out with this line once again that everybody else does of, 'Well they can contribute to my campaign but they're not buying my vote.' Nobody believes that line."*

**Tag:** The League of Women Voters, with more than 150-thousand members nationwide, recently testified before the Federal Elections Commission, urging the agency to set new rules requiring full disclosure to help stem the tide of money flowing into elections in the wake of the U-S Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling.

**Second Cut:** Mehringer says disclosure is a key component for clean elections, and that making it possible for average citizens to play a bigger role in campaign finance could be a game-changer. Clean Slate Now recently endorsed the Government by the People Act, legislation to provide federal matching funds for candidates who refuse PAC money.

**Cut 20250 :12** *"Instead of congressional candidates relying on special interest groups for their funding, the matching funds from the Government by the People Act will ensure that individual contributions matter as much or more than those special interest group contributions."*

**Tag:** Another nonpartisan group, Represent Us, also is working to introduce Anti-Corruption Acts in states, cities and towns across the nation.

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**LEAD:** The numbers are in – campaign money played a bigger role in 2014 than in any midterm election in history. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

**Cut 21250 1:04** *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Center for Responsive Politics report is at <http://www.opensecrets.org>). Clean Slate Now report is at [http://www.cleanslatenow.org/feb\\_2015\\_clean\\_slate\\_now\\_report\\_on\\_pac\\_money\\_in\\_congress](http://www.cleanslatenow.org/feb_2015_clean_slate_now_report_on_pac_money_in_congress). Reach Mehringer at 720-840-8492.



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**For Your Heart Take the Ambulance, Not the Car**

Frankfort, KY – Those who decide to drive or have a family member get them to the hospital during a heart emergency may arrive sooner than going in an ambulance, but experts say it actually delays treatment, because it's time lost that could be spent on diagnosis and preparing for treatment. Nationally, about 36 percent of heart attack patients arrive at a hospital by private vehicle. Comments from Dr. John M. Gallagher, EMS medical director. Image available: Photo of emergency room entrance.

**Intro:** It may seem like the quickest option, but taking a private vehicle to the hospital in a heart-related emergency actually delays the start of treatment compared to calling 9-1-1. More than a third of heart attack victims nationwide drive themselves or get a ride to the hospital. Dr. John Gallagher says while that may seem like a time-saver, it's always best to call 9-1-1 and get an ambulance.

**Cut 30250 :19** *"When an ambulance comes to your home, they can begin their assessment, immediately recognize that you're having one of these heart attacks and put all of the downstream steps in the chain of survival into play, specifically setting up and bringing all of the people to the catheterization lab, where the actual intervention is going to occur."*

**Tag:** According to the American Heart Association, patients experiencing an acute heart attack have their blockage opened 25 minutes faster on average if they arrive by E-M-S instead of a private vehicle.

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**Second Cut:** In addition to the delay in treatment, Gallagher says using a private vehicle to get to the hospital also puts others on the roads at risk

**Cut 31250 :11** *"You can imagine if you were driving yourself to the hospital and your heart attack got to the point where you were no longer able to stay awake – not only would you be having a heart attack, but you'd also be having a car accident."*

**Tag 2:** Heart disease is the second leading cause of death in Kentucky, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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**LEAD:** It may seem like the quickest option, but taking a private vehicle to the hospital in a heart-related emergency actually delays the start of treatment compared to calling 9-1-1. The details from Greg Stotelmyer.

**Cut 32250 :41** *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

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**LGFT Women Face Higher Risk for Poverty**

Frankfort, KY - A new report finds LGBT women in Kentucky and around the country face lower pay, frequent harassment, compromised access to health care, and heightened violence that threatens their economic security. Comments from Fatima (fa-TEE-ma) Goss Graves, vice president for education and employment, National Women's Law Center; and Chris Hartman, director, Fairness Campaign. Image available: a woman standing on a street.

**Intro:** More than 19 percent of Kentuckians live in poverty, the fifth-highest rate in the nation. A new report finds lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender women are among those most at risk. The findings were released by a broad coalition of organizations, including the National Women's Law Center. Fatima Goss Graves, with that group, says the report highlights how those challenges undermine the economic security of L-G-B-T women.

**Cut 40250 :15** "Getting adequate wages, having the supports necessary to both work and care for families, having access to health care - those are concerns that LGBT women are facing and in some cases facing more acutely."

**Tag:** Goss Graves says those concerns are further magnified for L-G-B-T women of color, immigrant women, women raising children, and transgender women. According to the report, almost 30 percent of bisexual women and 23 percent of lesbian women live in poverty compared to 20 percent of heterosexual women.

**Second Cut:** Chris Hartman, director of the Fairness Campaign in Kentucky, says high poverty rates affect a community's economic health.

**Cut 41250 :15** "So we can either support them on the front end and help them get the wages they deserve or we're going to end up helping them on the back end where we're providing homeless shelters and food pantries, things of that nature. And, that's not good for the community, it's really not good for anyone."

**Third Cut:** There are over five million women in the U-S who identify as L-G-B-T, and Goss Graves says discriminatory laws, along with inequitable and outdated policies compromise their economic security. She adds some L-G-B-T women are unable to access job-protected leave to care for a sick partner, and others struggle to obtain official identity documents that match their lived gender.

**Cut 42250 :13** "Transgender women in particular have the problem of it being difficult to access appropriate ID when ID is so crucial in our society to access jobs, to access things like healthcare."

**Tag 2:** Goss Graves says policies at the state and federal level should be improved to allow L-G-B-T families the same protections and benefits available to others, such as health insurance, family leave, and childcare assistance.

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**LEAD:** More than 19 percent of Kentuckians live in poverty, one of the highest rates in the nation, and a new report finds lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender women are among those most at risk. The story from Greg Stotelmyer

**Cut 43250 :42** *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

**Note to Editors:** Goss Graves is available at 202-588-5180. The report was co-authored by the Movement Advancement Project and the Center for American Progress. It is online: [www.lgbtmap.org/unfair-price-lgbt-women](http://www.lgbtmap.org/unfair-price-lgbt-women).