

Issues/Programs List

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Program Information

Date	Guest/Topic	Issue
10/5	Jeff Herten, Pat Brown, Michelle Budig	Alcoholism; Crime; Parenting
10/12	Sally Satel, James Betts, Monica Montgomery	Organ Donation; Nutrition; Education
10/19	Robert Neuman, Graeme Cowan, Dana Edelson	Education; Mental Health; Personal Health
10/26	Ann Marie Thomas, Valter Longo, Sara Bleich	Parenting; Personal Health; Nutrition
11/2	John Santa, Nathaniel Smith, Vaughan Dabbs	Cancer; Domestic Violence; Personal Health
11/9	Spencer Cowan, Anne Fletcher, Amanda Staiano	Discrimination; Substance Abuse; Parenting
11/16	Angela Garner, John Hartigan, Alan Ross	Legal Issues; Racial Issues; Traffic Safety
11/23	Aimee Morrison, Michael Harris, Karen Jones	Parenting; Technology; Poverty
11/30	Donald McCabe, Gary Small, Harris Stratyner	Ethics; Senior Citizen Issues; Youth At Risk
12/7	Anise Wiley-Little, Helanie Olen, Joseph Ugrin	Discrimination; Consumer Matters; Employment
12/14	Michael Harper, Jeff Blyskal, Frances Newton	Age Discrimination; Consumer Matters; Personal Finance
12/21	Felicia Cosman, Deborah Prothrow-Smith, Karen Simpson-Hankins	Women's Issues; Crime; Economy
12/28	Frederick Hess, Kristen Kirkpatrick, Lance Dodes	Education; Nutrition; Addiction

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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2014

Show # 2014-40

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

Jeff Herten, MD, author of "*The Sobering Truth: What You Don't Know Can Kill You*"

Dr. Herten was a high-functioning alcoholic for over 30 years. He talked about the widespread nature of hidden alcoholism in our society. He believes that alcohol is more addictive and destructive than drugs like heroin. He said alcohol consumption contributes to a surprising number of cancers and other health problems.

Issues covered:
Alcoholism
Personal Health

Length: 8:10

Pat Brown, author of "*How to Save Your Daughter's Life: Straight Talk for Parents from America's Top Criminal Profiler*"

Ms. Brown said no daughter is safe from harm in today's world, especially now that social media makes it so easy to connect with people we barely know. She discussed risky choices that teens make that can put them in harm's way, and how predators use that behavior to choose their victims. She said parents of teen girls need to be more proactive than ever about keeping their daughters safe.

Issues covered:
Youth At Risk
Parenting
Date Rape
Crime

Length: 8:47

Michelle Budig, PhD, sociology professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

For 15 years, Dr. Budig has studied the parenthood pay gap. She has found that mothers are less likely to be hired for jobs, to be perceived as competent at work or to be paid as much as male colleagues with the same qualifications. However, having a child is good for a man's career. She discussed the possible reasons behind this problem and potential solutions.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Workplace Matters
Parenting

Length: 4:57

Show # 2014-41

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Sally Satel, MD, Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, editor of *"When Altruism Isn't Enough: The Case for Compensating Kidney Donors"*

12 people die each day while waiting for a life-saving kidney transplant. Dr. Satel discussed the shortage of organ donations and shared her story of receiving a kidney donation in 2006. She believes that a program to compensate organ donors, through in-kind rewards, such as a contribution to a retirement fund, an income tax credit, or tuition vouchers for their children—rather than lump-sum cash payments—would eliminate the shortage of available organs.

Issues covered:

**Organ Donation
Government Policies
Personal Health**

Length: 8:28

James Betts, PhD, Senior Lecturer in Nutrition, Metabolism & Statistics at the University of Bath, England

Conventional wisdom has always maintained that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Dr. Betts led a study of whether people who eat breakfast are healthier or lose weight more effectively than those who skip it. His research found that breakfast eaters consumed more calories each day and were more physically active overall, but there was no difference in weight. He said that while breakfast doesn't matter for adults, it is still important for children for nutrition and learning.

Issues covered:

**Nutrition
Personal Health**

Length: 8:47

Monica Betson Montgomery, author of *"The Keys to College: A Roadmap for Parents to Guide Their Children"*

Ms. Betson-Montgomery read and scored over 20,000 freshman college applications throughout her career. She believes the process of preparing for college should begin in grade school or even earlier. She outlined possible strategies for parents navigate their way through their child's educational career.

Issues covered:

**Education
Parenting**

Length: 4:57

Show # 2014-42

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Robert Neuman, PhD, former associate dean of academic advising at Marquette University, author of *"Are You Really Ready for College?: A College Dean's 12 Secrets for Success - What High School Students Don't Know"*

Roughly 2/3rds of college students fail to earn a degree in four years, and Dr. Neuman believes the reason is that they are ill-prepared. He outlined several strategies that high school students can use to enter college with the knowledge, learning skills and work ethic required to succeed. He explained why extra-curricular activities are also quite important when submitting a college application.

Issues covered:
Education
Parenting

Length: 8:21

Graeme Cowan, corporate mental health consultant, author of "*Back from the Brink: True Stories and Practical Help for Overcoming Depression and Bipolar Disorder*"

One in five Americans takes at least one psychiatric medication, such as an anti-depressant or anti-anxiety drug. Mr. Cowan shared his own story of battling depression. He explained how depression can affect a company's workforce, and how managers and co-workers can help someone who is suffering for depression, stress or other mental health issues.

Issues covered:
Mental Health
Workplace Matters

Length: 8:48

Dana Peres Edelson, MD, Director of Clinical Research at the Emergency Resuscitation Center at the University of Chicago Medical Center

Dr. Edelson was a co-author of revised guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation for The American Heart Association. She outlined the current recommendations for CPR procedures, and said chest compression should be the top priority in a cardiac emergency.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Emergency Preparedness

Length: 5:00

Show # 2014-43

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

AnnMarie Thomas, PhD, Associate Professor, School of Engineering at the University of St. Thomas, author of "*Making Makers: Kids, Tools, and the Future of Innovation*"

Dr. Thomas said many of today's engineering students have few hands-on skills or the ability to actually make or fix something. She explained why it is crucial to encourage today's youth to think creativity and innovatively. She offered suggestions for parents who want to teach their children to be able to use their hands to make things.

Issues covered:
Education
Parenting

Length: 8:31

Valter Longo, PhD, biogerontologist and cell biologist, Professor at the University of Southern California-Davis School of Gerontology, Director of the USC Longevity Institute

Dr. Longo has led multiple studies examining the effect of fasting on life extension and cancer therapy. His latest study found that a three-day fast appears to significantly increase the effectiveness of chemotherapy treatments. He talked about the possible reasons behind this finding, and what people need to know before considering a fast.

Issues covered:
Personal Health

Length: 8:47

Sara Bleich, PhD, Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dr. Bleich believes consumers make poor nutritional choices because the concept of calories means very little to them. She conducted a study of urban teenagers in which signs were placed in convenience stores, informing patrons that it would take five miles of walking to burn up the calories from a soft drink. Soda sales declined, not only while the signs were posted, but even weeks after they were removed. She explained the importance of finding ways to communicate nutritional information in more useable formats.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Nutrition
Government Policies

Length: 5:16

Show # 2014-44

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

John Santa, M.D., M.P.H., Director of the Consumer Reports Health Ratings Center, which provides analyses and ratings to help consumers make informed health-care decisions

Dr. Santa and Consumer Reports recently evaluated the most frequently-used screenings for cancer. Of the eleven screenings evaluated, the organization only recommended three, cautioning that most consumers should avoid eight other common tests. Dr Santa explained the results of his study, and offered advice for health consumers.

Issues covered:
Cancer
Personal Health
Consumer Matters

Length: 9:21

Nathaniel D. Smith, M.A., LPC-S, NCC, Licensed Professional Counselor in suburban Dallas, specializing in anger management and domestic violence issues, author of "*Taming Your Temper: A Workbook for Individuals, Couples, and Groups*"

Mr. Smith said that anger is a growing problem in our society, caused in part by our nation's economic struggles in recent years. He discussed the typical causes of anger, and how out-of-control anger can harm a person's health, destroy relationships, and derail a career. He outlined several anger management strategies that he uses with patients in his practice.

Issues covered:
Mental Health
Domestic Violence
Workplace Matters

Length: 7:52

Vaughan Dabbs, DC, Chiropractor with more than 20 years of experience, author of "*This Is Why Your Back Hurts*"

Dr. Dabbs said Americans are 16 times more likely to experience back pain than someone who lives in a poorer country. He talked about the many choices of treatments for back pain. He also offered advice to improve poor posture, which he believes is one of the primary causes of back problems.

Issues covered:
Personal Health

Length: 4:58

Show # 2014-45

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Spencer Cowan, PhD, Vice President of Research at the Woodstock Institute, a Chicago-based nonprofit research and policy organization that focuses on fair lending and financial reform

Dr. Cowan led a study that examined fairness in the process of applying for a mortgage. He found that a home loan application listing a female applicant with a male co-applicant is less likely to be approved than one listing a male applicant with a female co-applicant. He discussed the possible reasons behind this issue and why it matters.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:29

**Women's Issues
Discrimination
Consumer Matters**

Anne Fletcher, health and medical writer, author of *"Inside Rehab: The Surprising Truth About Addiction Treatment—and How to Get Help That Works"*

Ms. Fletcher discussed treatment options for people with substance abuse issues. She visited 15 addiction treatment centers—from outpatient programs for the indigent to Alcoholics Anonymous to famous celebrity rehabs—to determine what forms of rehab are effective. She said it's common for people who struggle with addiction to require treatment multiple times, but she found that rehab centers often provide the same treatment over and over, rather than trying different approaches for repeat patients.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:49

**Substance Abuse
Mental Health**

Amanda E. Staiano, PhD, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Division of Population Science at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, LA

33% of American children are obese or overweight. Dr. Staiano was the lead author of a study that found that kids who have televisions in their bedrooms are twice as likely to be fat and nearly three times as likely to be at risk for heart disease and diabetes as those who don't. She recommended that parents limit a child's screen time to no more than two hours per day.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:02

**Children's Health
Parenting**

Show # 2014-46

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Angela Garner, MD, FACEP, emergency physician from Galveston, TX, President of the American College of Emergency Physicians

Many Emergency Room doctors say the fear of malpractice lawsuits results in extra blood tests and imaging scans that are not necessary. Dr. Gardner talked about this trend and why ER physicians are such an inviting target for legal action. She also offered suggestions on how to improve the situation.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:03

**Personal Health
Legal Issues
Government Policies**

John Hartigan, Jr., PhD, Director of the American Paredes Center for Cultural Studies and Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, author of *"What Can You Say?: America's National Conversation on Race"*

How do Americans know whether a remark or incident is racially biased? Dr. Hartigan discussed the state of race relations in America and the media's role in it. He discussed ways that the first black President has affected attitudes regarding race relations.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:08

**Racial Issues
Media**

Alan L. Ross, DMD, President of the National Coalition for School Bus Safety

Although automobile safety technology has improved dramatically in the past two decades, school bus designs have changed very little. Dr. Ross explained the reasons behind this lack of progress. He believes seat belts should be mandated in all school buses. He talked about the expenses involved to retrofit the nation's school bus fleet.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:43

**Child Safety
Traffic Safety
Parenting Concerns**

Show # 2014-47

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

Aimée Morrison, PhD, Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, University of Waterloo

Professor Morrison discussed the synthetic perfection in nearly every image we see today, and how that affects women and their self images. She explained why the Photoshopping of nearly every image we see in the media has caused an increase in body insecurity among women. She believes the trend has actually reached a tipping point, where consumers are starting to be turned off by the unattainable images in advertising messages.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:36

**Women's Issues
Consumer Matters
Parenting
Media**

Michael Harris, author of *"The End of Absence: Reclaiming What We've Lost in a World of Constant Connection"*

Mr. Harris believes that we now live in an age that lacks solitude, and the time we once used to be alone with our own thoughts is now filled with social media and technology. He explained his own story of going on a "technology fast," and why those moments of silence are so important.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:38

**Mental Health
Technology**

Show # 2014-49

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Anise Wiley-Little, expert in Human Resources, former corporate Chief Diversity Officer, author of *"Profitable Diversity: How Economic Inclusion Can Lead to Success"*

Ms. Wiley-Little said diversity is often ignored, although it can be a tremendous resource for businesses. She outlined the reasons that diversity and inclusion should matter to our nation's corporations and communities. She also said that in most cases, male managers and CEOs are ultimately in control of whether diversity succeeds or fails in a company.

Issues covered:
Discrimination
Minority Concerns
Workplace Matters

Length: 9:21

Helaine Olen, personal finance writer, author of *"Pound Foolish: Exposing the Dark Side of the Personal Finance Industry"*

Americans spend billions of dollars on personal finance products and advice. Ms. Olen discussed common myths purveyed by many of the nation's most respected financial gurus. She said the financial industry frequently sells products and services to consumers that offer little, if any, help in achieving financial security. She talked about the corrosive role that commissions and fees too often play in advice offered by money advisors.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Personal Finance

Length: 7:56

Joseph Ugrin, Assistant Professor of Accounting, Kansas State University

Professor Ugrin discussed his study of a trend called "cyberloafing," which is rapidly increasing in workplaces throughout the nation. He found that all employees – old and young alike – are spending large amounts of their workday on non-work-related activities online, such as social networking and managing their finances. He talked about the challenges that employers face in dealing with the problem.

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Personal Productivity
Employment

Length: 4:49

Show # 2014-50

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Michael C. Harper, expert in employment discrimination law, Barreca Labor Relations Scholar and Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law

Prof. Harper discussed the growing influence of age discrimination in today's job market. He explained the reasons that employers often avoid older job applicants. He said the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, which prohibits employment discrimination against anyone 40 or older, is highly ineffective. Prof. Harper believes the law should be reformed to make it at least as strong a deterrent as laws that prohibit discrimination on race or gender.

Issues covered:
Age Discrimination
Workplace Matters
Senior Citizens

Length: 8:41

Jeff Blyskal, Senior Editor at Consumer Reports

Americans are used to being monitored for security reasons as they shop, but Mr. Blyskal said an increasing number of walk-in retailers are taking spying to a whole new level. He said stores are installing hidden video cameras, video analytics software, smartphone tracking and wi-fi hotspots to gather a surprising amount of data about their individual customers. The goal of this intense surveillance is to target shoppers with customized marketing, to convince them to shop more and spend more.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Personal Privacy

Length: 8:29

Frances Newton, financial advisor, founder of Frances Insights

Ms. Newton said this is an excellent time of year for consumers to dig through credit card statements and bank receipts, and get their finances in order. She said getting organized will not only help a consumer to save money during the year, but it will also boost financial confidence.

Issues covered:
Personal Finance
Consumer Matters

Length: 4:58

Show # 2014-51

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

Felicia Cosman, MD, Senior Clinical Director and Chair of the National Osteoporosis Foundation, author of *"What Your Doctor May Not tell you about Osteoporosis"*

Recent medical studies about the use of calcium to prevent osteoporosis have had conflicting findings. Dr. Cosman explained that most experts are still unsure about the value of taking calcium supplements. She stressed the importance of getting calcium through the diet, and offered other advice on how to improve bone health and reduce a person's chance of developing osteoporosis.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Women's Issues

Length: 8:05

Deborah Prothrow-Stith, MD, expert in public health and youth/urban violence, Adjunct Professor at Harvard University, former Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health, former Henry Pickering Walcott Professor of Public Health Practice at the Harvard School of Public Health

Dr. Prothrow-Stith discussed the growing trend of youth violence and gang activity in America. She believes that youth violence should be approached as a public health issue, similar to the way that smoking and lung cancer were dealt with through public education. She talked about the value of school-based programs, which have resulted in decreases in aggressive behavior. She also outlined the common characteristics that link most young violent offenders.

Issues covered:
Youth Violence
Crime

Length: 9:01

Karen Simpson-Hankins, mortgage and real estate expert, author of "*Conquer Your Closing: Insider Secrets for Today's Savvy Home Buyer*"

Ms. Simpson-Hankins discussed the four biggest mortgage mistakes most consumers will make and the questions that consumers should ask lenders. She also explained why home inspections are crucial in the home-buying process, and how consumers can wisely shop for the best interest rate.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Economy

Length: 4:59

Show # 2014-52

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

Frederick M. Hess, Resident Scholar and Director of Education Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute, author of "*The Same Thing Over and Over: How School Reformers Get Stuck in Yesterday's Ideas*"

Mr. Hess believes that even bitter opponents who argue about how to improve schools agree on more than they realize. He suggested that uniformity frequently gets in the way of quality education and that the American education system must change radically. He also said that schools need to implement a much wider variety of schooling options that would better meet student needs.

Issues covered:
Education Reform
Government Policies

Length: 9:23

Kristen Kirkpatrick, MS, RD, LD, Dietician and Wellness Manager, The Cleveland Clinic Wellness Institute and The Cleveland Clinic Lifestyle 180 Program

Ms. Kirkpatrick said that consumers need to put more thought into the foods that they buy. She offered suggestions to help people read nutrition labels to make wiser choices. She explained how to find a local farm or produce supplier, which usually can provide information about their food more accurately than a supermarket.

Issues covered:
Nutrition
Personal Health

Length: 7:44

Lance Dodes, MD, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, author of "*Breaking Addiction: A 7-Step Handbook for Ending Any Addiction*"

Dr. Dodes explained how to identify an addiction and recognize key moments in addictive behavior. He said that every addictive act is normally preceded by a feeling of helplessness or powerlessness. He offered both long- and short-term advice for those dealing with an addiction.

Issues covered:
Addiction
Mental Health

Length: 4:46

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10/12			Seniors behind the wheel	public Safety	
10/19			Domestic Violence Colleg. Financial Educati	education	
10/26			Reduce fire deaths	fire Safety	
11/9			Voter Intimidati	Voting	
11/16			Hazardous Pipeline	Public Safety	
11/2			DNA/Death Penalty	Death Penalty	
11/23			Kentucky Caregivers	Stress	
11/30			Pipeline Battles	Public Safety	
12/7			Food Banks	Hunger	
12/14			Drilling on Public Land	fuel	
12/21			Parental Coaching	economy	
12/28			Executives in ky	death Penalty	

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September 30, 2014

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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.

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

Cut 94250 :36 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer 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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October 10, 2014

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Safety Behind the Wheel for Seniors

Louisville, KY - In an effort to help older Kentuckians keep up with new technology and new rules of the road, AARP Kentucky is encouraging drivers to refresh their skills. This is Drive Safely Work Week. Comments from Leon Morrow, state coordinator, AARP Kentucky Driver Safety Program; and Mary Tillman, state coordinator, AARP Missouri Driver Safety Program. Image available: Photo of a vehicle.

Intro: While many Kentuckians think of "driver's ed" as something just for teenagers, experts say a refresher course makes good safety and financial sense for even those who have had their driver's licenses for several decades. A-A-R-P Kentucky's Driver Safety Program coordinator, Leon Morrow, says driving a car today isn't the same as it was when many older Kentuckians first got behind the wheel.

Cut 18250 :14 "The roads have changed, the cars have changed, the laws have changed and most importantly, the senior citizen himself has changed. My eyesight is not what it used to be, my hearing is not what it used to be, and critically, the reaction time is way off."

Tag: In honor of "Drive Safely Work Week," A-A-R-P Kentucky is offering members and non-members alike a 30-percent discount on its online Driver Safety course. Morrow says to check with your insurance agent to see if they honor the online course.

Second Cut: Mary Tillman with A-A-R-P says brushing up on driving skills is first and foremost about saving lives by preventing accidents. But she says it can also save drivers money.

Cut 19250 :12 "We have found that in a lot of cases, your personal insurance agent may be willing to give you a discount because you have taken a defensive-driving course."

Tag: Since it first launched in 1979, 13 million drivers age 50 and older have completed the A-A-R-P Driver Safety program. (Details and registration are at "aarpdriversafety.org.")

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LEAD: While many Kentuckians think of "driver's ed" as something just for teenagers, experts say a refresher course makes good safety and financial sense for those who have had

their driver's licenses for several decades. Greg Stotelmyer reports.

Cut 20250 :37 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.

Note to Editors: The promotion runs through Sunday and is available by entering the code "DSWW30" at checkout. Reach Morrow at 502-409-2172; Tillman at 314-423-7085. More information at www.aarpdriversafety.org.

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Expanded Financial Education, Domestic Violence Services for KY College Students

Frankfort, KY - The Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System are collaborating to provide economic empowerment services to students. The expansion of the Coalition's Economic Empowerment Project is supported by two national foundations, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the FINRA Foundation. Comments from Mary O'Doherty (oh-DOCK-er-tee), Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Shreevia (SHREVE-ee-uh) Brown, Bluegrass Community and Technical College student. Image available: photo of Brown.

Intro: Extending financial and domestic violence support services to more college students is the goal behind a new collaboration. The Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence is partnering with the state's community and technical colleges. The Coalition's Mary O'Doherty says around two-thousand students in the Ready-to-Work, Work and Learn program will be helped.

Cut 25250 :06 "They'll get what we call economic empowerment services - learning how to budget and handle debt and build credit. "

Tag: The project is being funded with 400-thousand dollars in grants from two national foundations (the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the FINRA Foundation) and 300-thousand dollars from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Second Cut: O'Doherty says about 160 students will be able to open Individual Development Accounts in which a student's savings is matched four to one. Students who complete the program will have five-thousand dollars. Shreevia Brown, a student at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, has such an account. She says it is helping ease the economic stress of getting a college education.

Cut 26250 :12 "It's a stepping-stone to help better my financial situation for the future because this is something that I have just now learned: how to just be financially aware."

Tag 1: Brown is a survivor of domestic violence. She enrolled in college last year and says her goal is to get a degree in social work. Brown says she deposits 20 dollars a month from her job in the college's admissions office directly into her I-D-A.

Third Cut: Noting that one in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes, O'Doherty says the project is a way to "build a stronger bridge" between the colleges and the Coalition's

statewide network of domestic-violence programs. O'Doherty says that's vital because half the students participating in the project so far have said they are survivors.

Cut 27250 :16 "If we can make sure more students get referred for services and more staff members at the colleges understand what domestic violence is, how to recognize it and how to refer to our agencies for services, we really will help students finish college."

Tag 2: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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LEAD: Extending economic empowerment and domestic-violence services to more college students is the goal behind a new collaboration. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 28250 :31 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.

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Red Cross to Kentuckians: Take Steps to Reduce Home Fire Deaths

Frankfort, KY – A home fire can be the last thing on your mind, until it happens. This month the American Red Cross is working to educate Kentuckians and the rest of the country on ways to prevent fire-related injuries and death. It goes beyond just changing the batteries in your smoke detector. Comments from Anne Marie Borrego (bor-EGGO), spokesperson for the American Red Cross. Image available: photo of smoke detector

Intro: Nationwide, more than 23-hundred people die and nearly 13-thousand are injured in home fires. This month the American Red Cross is kicking off a national campaign to reduce deaths and injuries from house fires by as much as 25-percent over the next five years. While installing smoke detectors and changing their batteries is an important part of fire safety, the group's Anne Marie Borrego says your family's escape plan is just as important.

Cut 33250 :12 *"I would say if there's one thing that you can do today it's to go home and really practice that escape plan. I can't emphasize enough how important it is to sit down and talk with your family and actually see how long it's going to take you to get out of your home."*

Tag: A recent Red Cross survey found that people believe they have more time than they do to escape a burning home. Fire experts estimate people have as little as two minutes, while 62-percent of respondents believe they have at least five minutes.

Second Cut: According to the survey, nearly seven in 10 parents believe their children know what to do if their house caught on fire, but less than one in five families with children have practiced home fire drills, and less than half of them have talked with their children about fire safety. Borrego says fire safety is a conversation worth having with your kids.

Cut 34250 :12 *"My advice would be to do it in a very matter-of-fact manner. It's important to talk with them about the need to prepare just in case and to reassure them that mom and dad are doing this so that everyone stays safe."*

Tag: The National Fire Protection Association recommends smoke alarms installed inside of every bedroom and on every level of your home.

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LEAD: Nationwide, more than 23-hundred people die and almost 13-thousand are injured in home fires. This month, the American Red Cross is kicking off a national campaign to reduce deaths and injuries from house fires by as much as 25-percent over the next five years. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 35250 :34 *Outcue... Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Links to more information: <http://rdcrss.org/1v3UhJv> and <http://bit.ly/1z4LUBr>

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KY College Students Claim Voter Intimidation

Berea, KY - The Kentucky Attorney General's office confirms it has received a complaint of alleged voter intimidation of college students and is "actively reviewing" the situation. The complaint involves an anonymous, full-page ad in the Berea Citizen newspaper. Some Berea College students claim the ad attempts to intimidate students who are registered to vote. Comments from Jonah Cabiles (juh-BEE-lies), Berea College student and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth member; Jacob Burdette, vice president, Berea College Student Government; and Allison Martin, communications director, Office of the KY Attorney General. Images available: Photos of voting booth and a portion of the newspaper ad.

Intro The Kentucky Attorney General's office confirms it has received a complaint of alleged voter intimidation of college students. The A-G's communications director, Allison Martin, says the office is "actively reviewing the situation." At the heart of the complaint is an anonymous, full-page ad that was placed in last week's Berea Citizen newspaper. The vice president of Berea College Student Government, Jacob Burdette, says he was "shocked and disappointed" by the ad.

Cut 43250 :11 *"It did feel a little bit like an attempt at voter suppression. Our message is, if you consider Berea home and you've taken steps to make it such, with regards to voting, go vote."*

Tag: Burdette is from West Virginia, but is registered to vote in Kentucky, something he is allowed to do because he attends college in Berea. The ad singled out college students, noting their right to vote is "subject to be challenged" when they show up to vote Tuesday and that those found not to be eligible "could face significant penalties."

Second Cut: Jonah Cabiles, who is from Hawaii, is also registered to vote here. Cabiles is the campus organizer for Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, the grassroots organization which asked the Attorney General to look into the ad's alleged threats. □ □

Cut 44250 :09 *"They are kind of pulling in this really heavy legal term to intimidate students voters, especially those who don't actually know, who aren't really specific with the Kentucky Revised Statute."*

Third Cut Allison Martin with the Attorney General's office says college students have the right to choose where they vote.

Cut 45250 :15 *"They determine whether that residence is at college or in that home precinct where they grew up. So, if they're from out of state, but they now consider Kentucky their residence, then they can vote in Kentucky if they're registered to vote here."*

Tag: Because Kentucky law does allow political parties to station "poll challengers" at voting locations, Burdette says Berea College Student Government will provide students information on how to handle challenges.

Fourth Cut The controversial ad says it was paid for by "concerned citizens of Berea." Burdette says of those who placed the ad

Cut 46250 :11 *"The fact that someone is trying to disparage votes from students who are engaged and are informed, I think speaks poorly to their own understanding of our democratic form of government."*

Tag: The publisher of the Berea Citizen, Teresa Scenters, says the ad was placed by a "group of private citizens." She says she talked with the group's attorney and the paper does not turn down ads as long as they are not illegal.

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LEAD: The Kentucky Attorney General's office confirms it has received a complaint of alleged voter intimidation of college students. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 47250 :45 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

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Another KY Hazardous Pipeline Project in the Works

Lexington, KY - Less than a year after public opposition blocked the Bluegrass Pipeline project, another potentially hazardous pipeline is under consideration in Kentucky. The new project would repurpose the Tennessee Gas Pipeline from natural gas to natural gas liquids. Comments from Chris Schimmoeller (SHIM-uh-lur), citizen environmental advocate; and John Mattingly, Marion County Judge Executive. Image available: Map of pipeline path.

Intro: The alarm is ringing again for Kentuckians who already stopped one potentially hazardous pipeline project. Public backlash plugged plans for the Bluegrass Pipeline, which included building 180 miles of new pipeline to help transport natural gas liquids from the Northeast to the Gulf Coast. Now, less than a year later, another pipeline for the fracking industry is in the works - this time to repurpose the Tennessee Gas Pipeline to move natural gas liquids. Environmental advocate Chris Schimmoeller calls it "a far different beast" from natural gas.

Cut 55250 :13 "Natural gas liquids are 150 times more explosive than natural gas, and they carry dangers that natural gas doesn't. For example, when they leak, the natural gas liquids are colorless and odorless."

Tag: The Tennessee Gas Pipeline system currently travels just over one-thousand miles from Pennsylvania to Louisiana. Installed primarily in the 1950s, it runs 256 miles through 18 Kentucky counties. Campbellsville, Danville, Glasgow, Morehead and Richmond are among the towns near its path.

Second Cut: Energy conglomerates Kinder Morgan and MarkWest want to make the pipeline conversion to natural gas liquids by 2017. Marion County Judge Executive John Mattingly opposes the idea.

Cut 56250 :14 "Unless you have a refinery project or something that could harness and utilize those materials, it doesn't really offer local communities through which it passes anything positive."

Third Cut: With this second pipeline controversy brewing in Kentucky, citizens who united to stop the Bluegrass Pipeline are hosting a summit tomorrow (November 8) in Lexington about fracking. Schimmoeller, one of the summit's organizers, says there will also be a focus on how to move away from fossil fuels.

Cut 57250 :08 "It's time to really look toward energies that can sustain us rather than destroy us"

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DNA and the Death Penalty in Kentucky

Frankfort, KY - State lawmaker Robin Webb says more needs to be done to make the death penalty in Kentucky fair. She says she will file a bill again in the 2015 legislative session to do more to protect the collection and preservation of biological evidence for DNA testing. Comments from State Senator Robin Webb, D-Grayson; and Rev. Pat DeLahanty, Chair, Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Image available: Photo of Webb.

Intro: State Senator Robin Webb says more needs to be done to make sure Kentucky does not execute an innocent person. So, when lawmakers return to Frankfort in January, Webb says she will file a bill to address concerns about biological evidence, lineups, interrogations and mental health issues. Webb admits, she personally, is conflicted about the death penalty.

Cut 67250 :09 "You know, the thing is, we have it, I don't think it's going away and we've just got to make it fair and make sure that justice prevails."

Tag: It was three years ago, next month, that the American Bar Association released a report outlining the myriad of ways Kentucky does not "ensure the fair and efficient enforcement of criminal law in death penalty cases." The report found that there have been a number of cases where biological evidence sought for retesting "has been lost or unavailable."

Second Cut: Senator Webb, who represents three counties in northeast Kentucky, says a bill passed in 2013 (House Bill 41) did expand access to D-N-A testing. But, she says more needs to be done to protect the preservation of that biological evidence.

Cut 68250 :15 "And preserved for the entire period of incarceration for these individuals and even if a perpetrator has not been captured, or there's an open case, that this evidence has got to be maintained, and be maintained properly."

Tag: Webb filed a bill during last winter's legislative session (Senate Bill 202) but it did not come up for a vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Third Cut: The Reverend Pat DeLahanty chairs the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. He says while the Coalition is happy with efforts to reduce chances of executing the innocent - there's a better solution.

Cut 69250 :19 "The best thing to do is to repeal the death penalty and keep in place that very reasonable, common sense punishment of life without parole that protects all of us and ensures that

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Stressful Times for Kentucky Caregivers

LaGrange, KY – The holidays bring added stress for thousands of caregivers across Kentucky, as they balance the responsibilities of their own lives with caring for a family member or friend. November is National Family Caregivers Month, and AARP is reminding caregivers of the resources available to them. Comments from two caregivers: Charles Williams of LaGrange; and Bob Palombo, president, AARP North Carolina. Image available: Photo of a painting by Williams of his aunt.

Intro: As we head into the holiday season, there can be added stress, especially for thousands of Kentuckians caring for a loved one. For the past four years, Charles Williams of LaGrange has cared for his aunt Cookie, who turns 90 later this month, and uncle Raymond, who passed away in February. Williams says he handles their finances and routinely makes the ten-hour drive to their home in Virginia

Cut 85250 :04 *"I do it because I love them. I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for them."*

Tag: November is National Family Caregivers Month. According to A-A-R-P, Kentucky's 735-thousand family caregivers provide an estimated 704-million hours of unpaid care, and save the state just over seven-billion dollars a year.

Second Cut: Williams says his aunt and uncle, who didn't have children of their own, asked him back in the mid-90's to care for them when they got older – paying their bills and making sure they're in a safe environment. Williams says it was tough when he had to move them to an assisted living facility and eventually, a nursing home.

Cut 86250 :11 *"Oh good Lord, oh good Lord. You don't feel good about it, which I guess which is a part of the stress – you don't want to do it. Your rational mind trumps your emotional mind."*

Tag 2: Kentucky lawmakers have directed their research arm to deliver recommendations by next month on how to enhance support and services for caregivers.

Third Cut: Bob Palombo is a caregiver for his mother, and also president of A-A-R-P North Carolina, and says state lawmakers can do more to help. He points out that holidays can be particularly stressful for caregivers as they juggle work and family obligations, and says A-A-R-P is doing what it can to reach out to them.

Cut 87250 :14 *"Caregivers don't always ask for help. They do it because it's a service to their parent or relative, and they don't like to seek help in all cases. And we need to be able to provide the information and resources for them."*

Tag 2: This month, A-A-R-P launched a campaign and website for family caregivers to share their stories and find information. It is "AARP.org/iheartcaregivers."

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LEAD: As we head into the holiday season there can be added stress, especially for the thousands of Kentuckians caring for a loved one. Greg Stotelmyer has one man's story.

Cut 88250 :50 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Palombo through Steve Hahn at (919) 508-0271; Williams at 502-222-9617. Link to more info: <http://prn.to/10Mmrg5>. Link to Williams' story: <https://act.aarp.org/iheartcaregivers/stories/243/>.

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Kentucky Not Alone in Battles Over Pipelines

Frankfort, KY — Landowners in the Appalachian states say several pipeline companies have told them they have the right to survey on their land without permission. But legal experts say the companies don't yet have that power. Comments from Joe Lovett, an attorney at Appalachian Mountain Advocates, an organization he helped found. Image available: Photo of a pipeline under construction.

Intro: It was less than a year ago that a natural gas liquids pipeline project in Kentucky was stopped by widespread public opposition. Similar battles are brewing now in West Virginia and Virginia, where pipeline companies have told some landowners they can survey on their land without the landowners' permission. But some legal experts say the pipeline companies don't yet have that right. Joe Lovett is an attorney with Appalachian Mountain Advocates. He says a company can only claim eminent domain, and the right to survey without permission, when it proves its project serves a real public need.

Cut 93250 :15 *"The power of eminent domain is an extraordinary power, only granted for public purposes. And it's improper for a company just to assert that its project is for public use, without actually having had that determined."*

Tag: Before it was halted, the Bluegrass Pipeline was going to require 180 miles of new line to help transport natural gas liquids from the Northeast to the Gulf Coast.

Second Cut: In West Virginia and Virginia, Dominion has sent letters to landowners warning the company might sue them if denied permission to survey the route of its huge Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Lovett and other lawyers say that is bullying.

Cut 94250 :11 *"My best advice is, don't sign anything without a lawyer. No one should sell their land or go through the eminent-domain process, I think, unless they're represented, and there are plenty of good lawyers around to help represent them."*

Tag 2: Before the developers of the Bluegrass Pipeline (Williams and Boardwalk Pipeline Partners) pulled the plug on their project, they claimed they had eminent domain power, if needed, to acquire right-of-way from landowners. But, Len Peters, Kentucky's Energy and Environmental Secretary, told lawmakers the developers did not have that power.

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Fourth Cut: Still, Sandberg says the study shows how far the state has to go. Of the households that turned to food banks, 65 percent have at least one member with high blood pressure and 41 percent with diabetes.

Cut 21250 :16 "This is going to impact everybody in Kentucky long-term if we continue to allow a significant population like this to experience these chronic illnesses because of the poor food choices they're being forced to make based on their economic circumstances."

Tag: The state did put one-point-two million dollars in the current budget for the Farm to Food Banks Program, which provided more than three million pounds of Kentucky-grown produce to food banks this summer.

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LEAD: How hungry is Kentucky? A new report from Feeding America finds that more than three and a half million food distributions were made this year to to more than 209-thousand Kentucky households. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 22250 :29 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.

Note to Editors: Reach Sandberg at 859-358-6719; Edison through Rebecca Ewing at United Ministries, 859-727-0300. Link to study: <http://www.kafb.org/hunger/>

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Report: U.S. Loses Out on Royalties from Drilling on Public Land

Berea, KY — The group Taxpayers for Common Sense says the U.S. Treasury is losing out on millions of dollars a year in royalty payments from oil and gas developers. The group analyzed an eight-year period (2006-2013) to determine the cost of royalty exceptions that allow drillers to go without paying royalties on fuel that is vented and flared, or used to power their equipment at well sites. It estimates Kentucky's "lost" fuel at about two percent (1.9 percent). Comments from Jim Scheff ("CHEF"), director, Kentucky Heartwood; and (Ms.) Ryan Alexander, president, Taxpayers for Common Sense. Image available: Photo of trees in national forest.

Intro: Oil and gas developers are getting a sweet deal for their projects on public land, according to a new report that says taxpayers are losing out as a result. Taxpayers for Common Sense claims the government isn't collecting sufficient royalties, because current rules don't charge energy companies for the gas they use at drilling sites, or for what is lost through the burn-off process known as flaring. Ryan Alexander, who heads the watchdog group, says Kentucky's "lost" fuel is almost two percent – but in other states, it's much more.

Cut 39250 :15 "California was another state where there was really a high percent of gas that was extracted not brought to market – 17 percent of the gas in this eight-year period that was extracted was either used, or flared or vented into the atmosphere, and I think that's really troubling numbers."

Tag: The report, called "Burning Money," says from 2006 through 2013, oil and gas companies drilling on federal land either wasted or used gas for free worth 380-million dollars. The report recommends updating the rules on royalty payment exceptions that were made in the 1940s.

Second Cut: Jim Scheff with the environmental group Kentucky Heartwood, says it's more complicated in Kentucky because the federal government only owns 40-percent of the subsurface mineral rights on the Daniel Boone National Forest. Since the rest is privately owned, Scheff says the government doesn't have a good handle on the extent of oil and gas development in the forest, which covers 708-thousand acres from northeast Kentucky south to the Tennessee border.

Cut 40250 :13 "They have a pretty good handle on the amount of federal minerals that have been leased, but when it comes to the private oil and gas, they really don't know how many wells there are, how many active or abandoned wells."

Tag 2: Scheff says the Forest Service also "has no idea" how many miles of access roads there are.

Third Cut: It's known as "beneficial use" when an energy company powers its own equipment with fuel produced at a well site, and when gas is leaked or flared, it's termed "unavoidably lost." But Alexander points out during the study period, the total amount of gas that operators said they sold decreased by 26 percent – while their "unavoidable losses" increased by 23 percent.

Cut 41250 :14 "I think the idea of 'avoidably' or 'unavoidably' lost is a flawed concept. I think we really need to be thinking about reducing as much waste as possible, and making sure that the taxpayers are being paid for every single ounce of gas that's coming out of public lands."

Tag 3: She adds many people don't realize that royalties are among the biggest sources of revenue for the federal government, after taxes. But, according to Scheff, because most of the mineral rights in the Daniel Boone National Forest are private, the feds have oil and gas leases on only 62-thousand acres, or about one-tenth of the public land.

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LEAD: Oil and gas developers are getting a sweet deal for their projects on public land, according to a new report that says taxpayers are losing out as a result. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 42250 :50 Outcue... Stotelmyer reporting.

Note to Editors: Reach Scheff at 314-971-4023; Alexander at 202-546-8500, ext. 104. Report is at <http://bit.ly/1ylcrpM>.

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Parental Coaching Program Cheerleaders Seek Stable Funding

Frankfort, KY — When parents of young children struggle, the effects can have lifelong impacts on the child. That's the premise behind home visiting programs for families, which depend on funding through the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. The funding is set to expire in March, 2015. Comments from Karen Howard, vice president of early childhood policy at First Focus Campaign for Children; and Mike Hammons, director, Kentucky's Voice for Early Childhood. Image available: Photo of a mother and daughter.

Intro: The clock is ticking on federal funding that helps struggling parents with young children. The Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program expires in March, unless Congress takes action. A coalition of 750 organizations and elected leaders has sent a letter asking that the program continue as it has for decades. Karen Howard at First Focus Campaign for Children explains the home visiting idea began about 40 years ago and research has shown that voluntary home visits, usually conducted by nurses or social workers, can prevent serious problems and learning deficits.

Cut 59250 :12 "And is a real effective strategy for, particularly low-income families and women, building up their knowledge base and their self-esteem so that they can be capable parents."

Tag: There's also a pay-off. Howard points to a RAND Corporation report that found home visiting programs saved up to around six dollars for every dollar invested.

Second Cut: Mike Hammons, who heads Kentucky's Voice for Early Childhood, a statewide advocacy network, says there's "overwhelming evidence" that home visitation programs work - from limiting birth complications to reducing domestic violence.

Cut 60250 :18 "The importance of a healthy environment; the importance of a learning environment; the importance of interacting well with the children and reading to them as they get a little older; all of those are key pieces of a healthy development that will position a child later for success in school and life."

Tag: Kentucky's Voice for Early Childhood is one of seven Kentucky organizations that signed the letter to Congress. The American Academy of Pediatrics, Prevent Child Abuse America and Salvation Army are among the national organizations that signed the letter. Funding has been at about 400-million dollars a year.

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Cut 61250 :47 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.

Note to Editors: Reach Hammons at 859-431-2075, ext. 122; Howard at 202-302-5928. Download the letter: <http://goo.gl/Ve52bC>.

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Historic Lows for Executions Nationwide, Zero Last Six Years in KY

Frankfort, KY – The death penalty is still on the books as a possible punishment for the most extreme crimes in Kentucky, but no one has been executed the last six years. The state is following a national trend, according to a report from the Death Penalty Information Center. Comments from Gretchen Engel, executive director at the center; and Ed Monahan (MONN-a-han), public defender, Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy. Image available: Photo of Kentucky's execution chamber.

Intro: The close of 2014 marks six years without an execution in Kentucky. That's consistent with national trend, according to a new report from the Death Penalty Information Center. The last execution in Kentucky was in 2008. Nationwide, the 35 executions this year are the fewest since 1994. Gretchen Engel, who heads the Center for Death Penalty Litigation, says cases of botched executions prompt people to question the humanity of the punishment.

Cut 66250 :11 *"That really amounts to putting the state in the position of advocating human experimentation with drugs – and that's just unacceptable in a civilized society."*

Tag: Seven death row inmates were exonerated this year in the U-S.

Second Cut: Last month Kentucky announced it was dropping its two-drug execution protocol. A lawsuit by death row inmates has effectively halted executions since 2010. They claim the state's lethal injection procedures amount to cruel and unusual punishment. Ed Monahan is the state's top public defender.

Cut 67250 :13 *"The way we do things is so very, very important, and what we're learning through these botched executions is there is no good way for a state to kill somebody."*

Tag: Lawmakers have rejected bills in recent legislative sessions to make life without parole the maximum sentence in Kentucky - a move Monahan says would be a much more effective use of taxpayers' dollars. Since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, three inmates have been executed in Kentucky and 35 people are currently on death row.

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LEAD: The close of 2014 marks six years without an execution in Kentucky. That's consistent with a national trend, according to a new report by the Death Penalty Information Center. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 68250 :35 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Engel at 919-956-9545; Monahan at 502-564-8006. See the full report at <http://bit.ly/1uWz4gJ>.