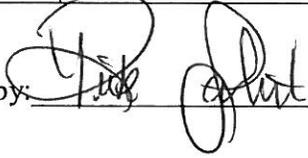


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KY Lawmakers Approve Leasing Protections for Domestic Violence Victims

Frankfort, KY – Gov. Matt Bevin has signed House Bill 309, which ensures new leasing protections for victims of domestic violence. The new law also replaces the state's outdated mandatory reporting law on spousal abuse with an 'education and referral' approach. Comments from Mary O'Doherty (o-DOCK-er-tee), deputy director, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Intro: A new Kentucky law removes a barrier that victims of domestic violence often face when making the difficult decision to leave their abuser. House Bill 309 gives people with a long-term protective order the ability to terminate a rental lease with 30 days notice to their landlord. Mary O'Doherty with the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence says without that protection, victims often stay in abusive homes and relationships.

Cut 22250 :09 *"If they leave their abusers and they break a lease, they've just damaged their rental history. They've just really hurt themselves, financially and economically."*

Tag: Governor Matt Bevin signed the bill last week and it takes effect in late June. House Bill 309 also makes it illegal to evict any victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse or stalking who has a civil or criminal protective order.

Second Cut: O'Doherty describes victim advocates as "thrilled" with the progress made in this year's legislative session. Lawmakers also replaced the state's outdated mandatory-reporting law for spousal abuse with a new, education-based approach. □□

Cut 23250 :08 *"We believe the old law was keeping survivors from seeking help. They were concerned that their abusers might find out that they had sought help."*

Tag: O'Doherty notes the law in no way eliminates the requirement that anyone who suspects child abuse report it to the state. She explains that when the mandatory-reporting law was passed in 1978, the state had only one domestic violence program. Now, there's an extensive statewide network. Under the new law, when a person discloses domestic violence to a therapist, doctor or other professional, that professional is required to provide information about domestic violence and sexual assault programs and how to access protective orders.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: A new Kentucky law removes a barrier that victims of domestic violence often face when making the difficult decision to leave their abuser. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 24250 :43 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Link to HB 309: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/HB309.htm>. Reach O'Doherty at 502-209-5382.

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Consumers Send Message in Tamping Down Utility Rate Hike

Frankfort, KY – Public opposition to the sizes of proposed rate hikes by sister companies Kentucky Utilities (KU) and Louisville Gas & Electric (LG&E) has led to a settlement that, if approved by the Public Service Commission, would trim the increases by nearly half. Some who intervened in the case say the public outcry sends a message in the ongoing battle over rising utility costs. Comments from Cathy Hinko, executive director, Metropolitan Housing Coalition; and Lexington resident Jim Thurman.

Intro: The battle to tamp down utility rate hikes in Kentucky produced a victory last week for intervenors, who challenged the sizes and types of increases sought by sister power companies K-U and L-G-and-E. Combined, they serve more than one-million electric and natural-gas customers across the state. The challengers ranged from big corporations to people on fixed-incomes – and they forged a settlement with the utilities that, if approved by the state Public Service Commission, would trim the increase from 210-million dollars to 120-million. Cathy Hinko with the Metropolitan Housing Coalition says vigilance paid off.

Cut 33250 :08 *"It's the cost of business. They were going to get a raise – but people were united, and all the intervenors were united."*

Tag: The P-S-C will review the settlement at a hearing on May 9th. Consumer advocates say the biggest victory was stopping K-U and L-G-and-E's attempt to double customers' basic service charge, known as the monthly meter fee. Intervenors say raising rates on a fixed charge instead of on usage would have hurt those most who could afford it the least.

Second Cut: Jim Thurman agrees. At 71, he lives on a tight budget in the Lexington home he's owned for 40 years and says he does every thing he can to conserve energy.

Cut 34250 :14 *"I would have incurred that rate even though I was using less of the product. The other thing is, those that are on fixed-incomes and those that are marginalized – income-wise, anyway – it would put an undue burden on them."*

Third Cut: Thurman is emblematic of the groundswell of resistance the rate case created. He says in the past, he always relied on the P-S-C to be the consumers' "guardian" – but this time, he decided to challenge the utilities himself.

Cut 35250 :12 *"And it just hit me the wrong way this time. I mean, they were guaranteeing their stockholders an increase in their dividends, almost to the point of the increase."*

Tag 2: Under the settlement, the utilities commit almost one-and-a-half million shareholder dollars annually for the next four years to support bill-payment programs that assist lower-income customers.

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LEAD: The battle to tamp down utility rate hikes in Kentucky produced a victory last week for intervenors, who challenged the sizes and types of increases sought by sister power companies K-U and L-G-and-E. Greg Stotemyer reports.

Cut 36250 :53 *Outcue...Stotemyer reporting*

Note to Editors: Reach Hinko at 502 584-6858; Thurman at 859-263-4101.

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Richest of Rich Support Saving Estate Tax

Frankfort, KY – President Trump's tax-overhaul proposal includes eliminating the estate tax, the only tax on inherited wealth in the United States and currently paid by less than 1 percent of taxpayers. More than 50 multi-millionaires who qualify for the tax have signed a letter calling for the White House and Congress to keep the policy in place. Comments from Chuck Collins, heir to the Oscar Mayer fortune and author of the book "Born on Third Base."

Intro: More than 50 multi-millionaires have signed a letter urging President Trump and Congress to abandon their attempts to abolish the federal estate tax, the only tax on inherited wealth in the U-S. Chuck Collins, heir to the Oscar Mayer fortune and author of the book "Born on Third Base," says the tax only applies to households with assets of more than 11-million dollars. He says the tax was put in place a hundred years ago to prevent the kind of inherited aristocracy the nation fought a revolutionary war over.

Cut 37250 :11 *"In that way, the estate tax is a fundamentally American tax. It's really the way in which we protect a level playing field and ensure that too much inequality doesn't sort of upend our democratic system."*

Tag: He says starting in the 1990s, a handful of wealthy families – including Mars, Walton, Gallo and others – invested millions lobbying to end the tax, a move that would save their heirs billions. Trump once called the tax a "burden on the American worker." But Collins notes that more than 99 percent of Americans will never be subject to the tax, and is confident the estates that will take a hit can afford it.

Second Cut: Supporters of Trump's proposed tax plan argue lowering taxes on corporations and the wealthy will lead to a revived economy and ultimately increase tax revenues. Collins acknowledges that cutting taxes for the middle class, along with increased wages, can boost the economy, but he says tax breaks for people with millions in the bank don't change their consumer behavior.

Cut 38250 :11 *"Cutting taxes for multi-millionaires and billionaires actually has very little positive economic impact. The rest of us have to pick up the slack, and "the rest of us" is the middle class."*

Tag: Collins says if Trump's claim to a ten-billion-dollar net worth is true, eliminating the estate tax would effectively transfer four billion dollars from U-S coffers to his heirs.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: A lot of people think the estate tax, sometimes referred to as a "death" tax, will apply to them. Turns out only a fraction of the top one percent of the nation's wealthiest taxpayers end up taking the hit. Mary Schuermann ('Sherman') has more.

Cut 39250 1:05 *Outcue...Mary Schuermann reporting.*

Note to Editors: Letter at <https://defendestatetax.com/> - Reach Collins at (617) 308-4433.

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National Nurses Week: KY Ranks in Top 10 for Pay

Frankfort, KY – Nurses serve on the front lines of care, and in Kentucky they are getting paid more than those in many other states. A new survey from WalletHub ranks the state in the top 10 for starting salaries for nurses. Comments from Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub.

Intro: Whether they're working in a hospital, physician's office or nursing home – Kentucky nurses can take comfort in knowing they're earning some of the best wages in the country. It's National Nurses Week (May 6-12), and a recent survey from finance website WalletHub ranked Kentucky 25th on its list of best states for nurses. But when it comes to wages, WalletHub analyst Jill Gonzalez says the state is in the top 10 for starting salaries for nurses.

Cut 44250 :16 *"They're making about \$2,500 a month. Also good for the annual salary for nurses at a growth projection; specifically, registered nurses, nurse anesthetists and midwives are all making just around the \$100,000 mark or more."*

Tag: The survey examined several metrics, ranking Kentucky 23rd nationally for "opportunity and competition" and 24th for "work environment."

Second Cut: The nursing industry is expected to grow at more than twice the rate of the average profession through 2024. And Gonzalez says nurses are facing several challenges as the industry adapts to changing dynamics.

Cut 45250 :14 *"So an aging U.S. population is one; a student loan crisis affecting what nurses are actually looking into is two; and three, the future of health care as we know it and key entitlement programs for nurses specifically."*

Tag: There are nearly 72-thousand professionally active nurses in the state, and during National Nurses Week Gonzalez encourages Kentuckians to say thanks to the nurses in their lives.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: Whether they're working in a hospital, physician's office or nursing home – Kentucky nurses can take comfort in knowing they're in a top-notch state for their profession. Mary Schuermann explains.

Cut 46250 :41 *Outcue...Mary Schuermann reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Gonzales at 202-750-7921. Survey: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-nurses/4041/>.

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Experts: Safety First as KY Kids Bike to School

Frankfort, KY - Today (Wed) is National Bike to School Day and safety advocates want to make sure schoolkids are wearing a helmet. In this country, fifty kids every hour are hurt from things like crashing on a bicycle, skateboard or scooter. Comments from Dr. Marcee (mar-SAY) White, pediatrician and medical adviser, Safe Kids Worldwide; Pam Sutton, Success Behavior Coach, McFerran Preparatory Academy in Louisville.

Intro: Today (Wednesday) is National Bike to School Day and before millions of kids in Kentucky and other states rush out the door, safety advocates are reminding parents to make sure they're wearing a helmet. Dr. Marcee White, medical adviser for Safe Kids Worldwide says preventable injury is the number one killer of children, and many are hurt on bicycles, skateboards and scooters. Her group surveyed parents about why kids aren't wearing helmets, which can protect against serious head injuries and concussions.

Cut 47250 :13 *"47 percent of parents think that the area where they are biking or scootering or skateboarding or skating is safe, or they view their child as experienced and don't think helmets are necessary."*

Tag: As for the kids, they said they don't wear them because their friends don't, or that the helmet doesn't fit correctly. White says countrywide fifty children are rushed to the emergency room every hour because of preventable injury.

Second Cut: McFerran Preparatory Academy in Louisville is among the Kentucky schools that are holding Bike to School Day activities that organizer Pam Sutton says focus on safety. They've set up a course where kids can learn the rule of the road while riding tricycles.

Cut 48250 :15 *"The kindergarten students are to learn how to stay within the line and know when to stop where there's red light, green light, yellow light. Learning how to cross the street, looking both ways, recognizing left and right. Also we're going to be talking about 'stranger danger.'"*

Tag: Over 27 hundred schools around the country signed-up to participate, including Potter Gray Elementary in Bowling Green and Simmons Elementary School in Versailles.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: Today is National Bike to School Day and before millions of kids across the country rush out the door, safety advocates are reminding parents to make sure they're wearing a helmet. More from Mary Schuermann.
Cut 49250 :35 *Outcue...preventable injury.*

Note to Editors: Reach White at: 201-689-7800; Sutton at 502-485-8297. Info at: <https://www.safekids.org/>

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President's Budget Slashes Critical Assistance for Kentuckians

Frankfort, KY – President Trump's proposed budget would slash \$192 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps. It would mean a 29 percent cut in assistance for 644,000 Kentuckians. Comments from Ashley Spaulding, research and policy associate, Kentucky Center for Economic Policy.

Intro: President Trump's proposed budget – according to many advocates for the poor – would make Americans weaker, sicker and hungrier. The four-point-one-trillion-dollar budget boosts military spending and doles out huge tax breaks, paid for by cuts to programs that millions of Americans rely on to survive. The president's proposal calls for slashing the federal nutrition program by 192-billion dollars over ten years. Ashley Spaulding with the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy says the cuts would put more than 650-thousand Kentuckians at risk of deep hunger.

Cut 64250 :16 *"The proposal at hand is truly a cruel budget for our country, and it would impact our state in a devastating way. Because we're a poor state and we have a lot of state budget troubles already, Kentucky's going to be especially hit hard, and in particular the more rural parts of our state."*

Tag: She says Kentucky's 5th Congressional District has the sixth highest number of households receiving SNAP benefits among all congressional districts in the country. The majority of SNAP participants are children, seniors or people living with disabilities. The Trump administration says the cuts will be balanced by stricter work requirements and reduced fraud.

Second Cut: But Spaulding says with persistent unemployment, the numbers just don't add up.

Cut 65250 :11 *"How's a person going to meet work requirements when there just aren't the jobs? Most of the counties in our state have waivers. Now, under the president's proposal, that would go down to just ten counties that qualify."*

Third Cut: She says the president's budget puts a number of other key federal programs that help low-income Kentuckians on the chopping block, including Medicaid, CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance.

Cut 66250 :14 *"Plus non-defense discretionary programs. These are federal programs that provide grants to states to do things like provide food through Meals on Wheels, to supplement educational services that we provide. These are really critical sources of funding."*

Tag: The budget proposes shifting 25 percent of the cost of SNAP to the states, which Spaulding contends Kentucky could not afford. And without full federal funding, she says the program would not be able to adequately respond to economic downturns.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: President Trump's budget would make Americans weaker, sicker and hungrier. That's the assessment of many advocates for the poor, as Mary Schuermann reports.
Cut 67250 1:02 *Outcue...Mary Schuermann reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Spaulding at 859-671-0216. Budget proposal: bit.ly/2qRsDnZ.



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CPR Training: Cardiac Arrest Survival Depends on It

Frankfort, KY – This is CPR and AED Awareness Week, observed by many organizations every year in June to remind people that CPR is easy to learn and can literally save lives. When a person has cardiac arrest, survival depends on quick administration of CPR. Comments from Dan Grejczyk (GRAY-check), whose life was saved by CPR and is now a CPR teacher; and Amber Youngblood, senior director of communications, American Red Cross Kentucky Region.

Intro: Every year more than 350-thousand Americans suffer cardiac arrest in a location other than a hospital, and for every one of them, their survival depends on someone stepping up to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation immediately. According to the American Heart Association, almost 90 percent of people whose heart suddenly stops will die because they don't get CPR. Dan Grejczyk and his family operate a business that teaches CPR.

Cut 72250 :16 *"CPR itself is not about reviving anyone. It's about keeping their brain and body oxygenated so advanced medical can deal with it down the road. So what you're doing is buying them time. It makes such a difference in recovery for everyone involved, just to do something."*

Tag: The vast majority of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen at home, so if you are called on to perform CPR you will most likely be helping save the life of someone you love. It's estimated that about one-in-three victims of cardiac arrest receives CPR from bystanders. For every minute that passes without it, the chances of survival drop more than seven percent.

Second Cut: The American Red Cross in Kentucky offers C-P-R classes both in-person and online, and spokeswoman Amber Youngblood says they train more than 300-thousand people a year. She says people should not be apprehensive about mastering the concept.

Cut 73250 :15 *"People have said they were at a business luncheon and a business associate was choking and having that training helped them help make a difference in someone else's life. They had this confidence because they felt competent because of the training."*

Third Cut: Grejczyk says some people worry they might push too hard on someone's chest and break ribs. He has a condition that requires a medication that has a nasty side-effect: sudden cardiac arrest. It happened to him, and he lived to tell about it only because a stranger gave him CPR.

Cut 74250 :14 *"I myself am a CPR survivor. Nine years ago on the eighth of May, so just past my nine-year anniversary, I had CPR done on me and it saved my life, and when I woke up I assure you I did not go to the guy and say, 'Did you have to push that hard?'"*

Tag: The American Heart Association, which introduced hands-only CPR in 2008, says there are really only two steps you need to follow: Call 9-1-1 or have someone do that, and press hard and fast on the center of the chest.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses Grejczyk 1 soundbite(s)

LEAD: CPR is easy to learn and could save a life. Mary Schuermann reports.

Cut 75250 1:02 *Outcue...Mary Schuermann reporting.*

Note to Editors: Grejczyk is at 608-575-1236; Youngblood at 502-759-1421. CPR training resources: redcross.org.

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Report Shows Poverty Continues to Plague Kentucky Kids

Frankfort, KY – Kentucky is ranked 34th nationally in an annual snapshot of child well-being. The Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2017 Kids Count Data Book ranked the Commonwealth among the worst states for economic stability for kids, although advocates point out some major improvements in several health indicators. Comments from Terry Brooks, executive director, Kentucky Youth Advocates; and Laura Speer, associate director, Policy Reform and Advocacy, The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Intro: A report released today (Tuesday) suggests Kentucky needs to do a better job to ensure its kids get the best start in life. The Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2017 KIDS COUNT Data Book ranks the Commonwealth 34th nationally for overall child well-being. Terry Brooks with Kentucky Youth Advocates explains economic well-being is a sore spot, with the state ranking 39th. And he says with one in four kids growing up in poor families Kentucky needs commonsense, common-ground solutions to address economic stability. □□□□

Cut 83250 :14 *"Kentucky doesn't put up with being in the bottom half of the nation when it comes to bourbon, or business or basketball, and we as a commonwealth can't put up with being in the bottom half of the nation when it comes to how our kids are doing."*

Tag: Brooks contends policies like a refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit or increasing child-care assistance eligibility to families with incomes up to 200 percent of the poverty level can help them without busting the budget in Frankfort. In other indicators, the report ranks Kentucky 24th in education and 22nd in health. □□

Second Cut: Improvements in children's health are a silver lining in the findings, says Brooks, including 96-percent of Kentucky kids now covered by health insurance.

Cut 84250 :14 *"Whenever Kentucky is batting 100 percent of improvement in any sector, we do need to hit the pause button and celebrate. It does give us the message that Kentucky can make a positive difference when there's a laser-like focus on an arena."*

Third Cut: Nationally, 95-percent of children have health insurance, which the Casey Foundation's Laura Speer says is a tremendous achievement that should not be jeopardized.

Cut 85250 :13 *"This is a real success story, and we want to acknowledge the fact that the country has made a significant investment and that we have the highest percent of kids with health-insurance coverage that we've ever had as a country – and we want to keep those gains."*

Tag: The report credits key provisions of the Affordable Care Act, as well as investments in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, for the historic number of kids with health insurance.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: A report released today (Tuesday) suggests Kentucky needs to do a better job in ensuring its kids get the best start in life. Reporter Mary Schuermann ("Sherman") explains.

Cut 86250 :58 *Oucue...Schuermann reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Speer through Ryan Fox at 410-223-2972; Brooks at 502-895-8167. The report: accf.org

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New Homes Provide Safety, Support for KY Domestic-Violence Survivors

Lexington, KY - The ribbon will be cut today (Tuesday) on 24 new supportive housing units for survivors of domestic violence in Kentucky. Besides a safe place to stay, KCADV Homes Lexington also offers residents access to public assistance, educational, financial and vocational supports. Comments from Amy Feltner, resident; and Darlene Thomas, executive director, GreenHouse17.

Intro: It's a celebration of support and survival, as two dozen apartments for survivors of domestic violence will be unveiled today (Tuesday) in Kentucky. Lexington Mayor Jim Gray and Senator Ralph Alvarado (R-Winchester) are among those expected at the ribbon cutting for K-C-A-D-V Homes Lexington. Twelve of the units are on the campus of GreenHouse17, where Amy Feltner is a resident. She says having a safe place to stay is helping her move toward self-sufficiency.

Cut 87250 :13 *"Peace of mind is priceless. Your living environment is very important. Just to be able to meditate and think and just be able to relax. Living here, I know that I have a support system so I'm not alone. □□"*

Tag: The remaining apartments are in buildings rehabbed at two locations inside New Circle Road. Eligible residents can access several supports to help them on their road to independence, including case management and access to public assistance, educational and employment services.

Second Cut: Executive director of GreenHouse17 Darlene Thomas says the project was the work of multiple local partners and stakeholders under the leadership of the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She says it's a blessing to have the support of the community in helping survivors.

Cut 88250 :15 *"It is a journey. Leaving intimate-partner violence is not enough. We have to be able to provide the infrastructure and the support services for families truly to move from that crisis situation into self-sufficiency."*

Tag: Similar apartment projects for survivors of intimate violence and their children were constructed in Louisville, Morehead, Murray and Paducah, and another project is planned for Hazard.

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LEAD: It's a celebration of support and survival, as two dozen apartments for survivors of domestic violence will be unveiled today (Tuesday) in Kentucky. Mary Schuermann ("Sherman") has the story.

Cut 89250 :48 *Outcue...Mary Schuermann reporting.*

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Henry A. Spiller, MS, D.ABAT., Director of the Central Ohio Poison Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH

Each day in the United States, Poison Control Centers receive an average of 32 calls about children exposed to prescription opioids. Dr. Spiller explained what child is most at risk, how adults can prevent children and adolescents from gaining access to these drugs, and how to properly dispose of unused prescriptions.

Issues covered:
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Drug Abuse

Length: 8:22

Mark K. Claypool, founder and Chief Executive Officer of ChanceLight Behavioral Health, Therapy and Education, a provider of therapy and special education programs, author of "*How Autism is Reshaping Special Education: The Unbundling of IDEA*"

Autism diagnoses have skyrocketed in recent years. Mr. Claypool discussed some of the underlying reasons for the increase. He also explained why it is important for children with autism to receive special intervention at an early age. He said support systems for parents have improved dramatically in recent years.

Issues covered:
Autism
Government Policies
Education

Length: 8:56

Susanna Janssen, language expert, newspaper columnist and the author of "*Wordstruck!: The Fun and Fascination of Language*"

Roughly 20% of American citizens are fluent in a second language. Ms. Janssen talked about the less obvious benefits of learning a second language, including enhanced abilities in focus and concentration, memory, interpersonal skills and problem-solving. She also noted that several recent studies have suggested that bilingualism may be a buffer against the development of Alzheimer's disease. She said bilinguals earn on average about 20% more than those who speak a single language.

Issues covered:
Bilingualism
Career
Mental Health

Length: 5:00

Show # 2017-15

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Sheryl Ryan, M.D., FAAP, Professor of Pediatrics at the Yale University School of Medicine, Chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics' National Committee on Substance Abuse

29 states and Washington, D.C. now allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes, recreational use or both. Dr. Ryan was one of the authors of a report titled "Counseling Parents and Teens About Marijuana Use in the Era of Legalization of Marijuana," which outlines why a relaxed attitude about the drug is dangerous and how parents should address the topic. She said marijuana is an addictive drug that can cause abnormal changes as teens' brains develop.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:48

Drug Abuse

Parenting

Government Policies

James Noble, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Neurology at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City

Dr. Noble was the co-author of a recent study that found that female athletes appear to be significantly more likely than men to suffer concussions. He noted that once concussions occur, men and women experience them in very similar ways. He also discussed why most media attention on concussions seems to focus on men, despite the greater risk to women.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:27

Concussions

Personal Health

Women

Heather Schafer, CEO for the National Volunteer Fire Council

Ms. Schafer said volunteers make up 80% of all fire services across the United States. She said the call volume in recent years has tripled, but volunteer fire departments are struggling to find younger recruits. She said younger people have less spare time to volunteer than previous generations. She outlined the many benefits of volunteering.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:53

Volunteerism

Fire Safety

Disaster Preparedness

Show # 2017-16

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 # 2017-17

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

Ric Edelman, Chairman/CEO of Edelman Financial Services, LLC, author of "*The Truth About Your Future: The Money Guide You Need Now, Later, and Much Later*"

Technology and science are evolving at a blistering pace. Mr. Edelman said the traditional paradigms of how Americans live, learn, and invest are shifting under our feet. He explained how smart investors can adapt and profit from today's changing environment. He offered advice for parents who want to guide their children into careers that will thrive in the future. He said within a few years technological advances will solve many of today's environmental concerns and humans will live dramatically longer lives.

Issues covered:
Personal Finance
Parenting
Environment

Length: 8:35

Susan Peirce Thompson, PhD, food addiction and weight loss expert, author of "*Bright Line Eating: The Science of Living Happy, Thin & Free*"

Dr. Thompson discussed food addiction and the role it often plays in weight loss efforts. She explained why fewer than .01% of dieters are able to reach their goal weight and maintain it long term. She offered several suggestions for those trying to lose weight. She also recommended that those who are losing weight should take a break from working out.

Issues covered:
Food Addiction
Personal Health

Length: 8:40

Steve G. Jones EdD, clinical hypnotherapist, President of the American Alliance of Hypnotists, author of 22 books on hypnotherapy

Dr. Jones discussed the most common misconceptions about clinical hypnotherapy. He outlined the problems that hypnotherapy can solve, and he explained why self-hypnosis may be useful. He said everyone can be hypnotized, although some are more suggestible than others.

Issues covered:
Hypnosis
Mental Health

Length: 4:54

Show # 2017-18

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

Richard Watts, personal advisor and legal counsel to the super wealthy, author of *Entitlement: How Not to Spoil Your Kids, and What to Do if You Have*

Mr. Watts said well-intentioned parents are creating a "me" generation of children who lack the wisdom and satisfaction of accomplishment that can only be learned through struggle and adversity. He offered examples of parental decisions that create a sense of entitlement in children in families of all income levels. He also outlined simple ways for parents to be a good example for children.

Issues covered:
Parenting
Education

Length: 9:53

Matt Schulz, Senior Industry Analyst at CreditCards.com

It pays for consumers to reach out to a credit card provider when faced with unwanted fees and high interest rates. Mr. Schulz said 87% of credit cardholders who asked for a late fee waiver were successful and 69% who requested a lower interest rate received one. His organization's study found that only about half of consumers have made any request at all for credit card leniency.

Issues covered:
Personal Finance

Length: 7:22

Dana King, MD, MS, Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine

Dr. King led a study that examined whether retired, late middle-aged adults led a healthier lifestyle than those who were still in the workforce. He found that the spare time found in retirement did not translate to healthier lifestyle choices. He said that 90% of Americans of any age are not making healthy choices. He explained discussed the possible reasons why.

Issues covered:
Senior Citizens
Personal Health
Retirement Planning

Length: 4:38

Show # 2017-19

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Robert T. Kiyosaki, investor, entrepreneur, author of *"Rich Dad Poor Dad: What The Rich Teach Their Kids About Money That the Poor and Middle Class Do Not"*

Mr. Kiyosaki discussed the difference in how wealthy people view and use money, compared to middle and lower income Americans. He said it is not necessary to earn a high income to become rich. He explained why he thinks it is such a problem that few students receive any financial education in school. He also discussed the best job categories for young people who are ready to choose a career.

Issues covered:
Personal Finance
Parenting
Education

Length: 10:03

Thomas Beckman, MD, Fellow in Advanced General Internal Medicine at the Mayo Clinic

Many patients seek a second opinion before treatment for a complex medical condition. Dr. Beckman led a study at Mayo that found that only 12 percent of second opinions confirm that the original diagnosis was complete and correct. He explained what illnesses should merit the pursuit of a second opinion.

Issues covered:
Personal Health

Length: 7:03

Dennis C. Miller, businessman, former CEO of a New Jersey hospital, author of *"Moppin' Floors to CEO"*

Mentors often make a huge difference in a young person's career. Mr. Miller explained why older generations may be key to enhancing the career prospects of Millennials. He offered ideas for how to locate a mentor. He also explained why volunteering may be a wise career move for older members of the workforce.

Issues covered:
Career
Senior Citizens
Volunteering

Length: 4:40

Show # 2017-20

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Gwendolen Wilder, domestic violence survivor, author of *"It's Ok To Tell My Story!: Surviving Common Law Domestic Violence"*

Ms. Wilder shared her story of years of domestic violence and her eventual escape. She talked about the hurdles that prevent women from leaving abusive relationships. She discussed the sources of help and support available to victims, and offered advice for how to take the difficult step of leaving.

Issues covered:
Domestic Violence
Women's Issues

Length: 9:15

Pamela Wisniewski, PhD, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at the University of Central Florida

Dr. Wisniewski led a study at Penn State that found that teens rarely talk to their parents about potentially risky online experiences. She said that parents and children often have much different perceptions of and reactions to the same online events, such as cyberbullying, sexual exchanges and viewing inappropriate content online.

Issues covered:

**Youth at Risk
Parenting
Online Security**

Length: 7:58

Richard M. Gersberg, PhD, Professor and Head of the Division of Environmental Health in the Graduate School of Public Health

Cigarettes are the most common form of litter in the world, with more than 5.6 trillion filters finding their way into the environment every year. Dr. Gersberg led a study that found that 50% of fish died when exposed to water polluted by cigarette butts. He talked about the reasons behind the findings and the overall environmental impact.

Issues covered:

**Pollution
Environmental Issues**

Length: 4:57

Show # 2017-21

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

Irwin Redlener, PhD, Director of Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness

Dr. Redlener said that a limited nuclear attack can be survivable. He said sheltering in place is the best way to avoid the radiation that would follow a nuclear detonation. He outlined emergency supplies that every household should have on hand, and he discussed the reasons that public officials are reluctant to discuss the topic.

Issues covered:

Disaster Preparedness

Length: 8:41

Olympia LePoint, mathematician, rocket scientist, author of "*Mathaphobia: How You Can Overcome Your Math Fears and Become a Rocket Scientist*"

Ms. LePoint was a professional rocket scientist for NASA programs from 1998 to 2007, and was involved in 28 successful shuttle launches. She discussed the shortage of females in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) careers and why it is important to encourage young women to enter these fields.

Issues covered:

**Women's Issues
Education
Career**

Length: 8:36

David M. Neyens, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Industrial Engineering at Clemson University

In a future filled with self-driving cars, how quickly will human drivers be able to regain control in the event of a system failure or sudden emergency? Dr. Neyens led a study that found that driver reaction times were poor. He said car designers will need to find ways to give drivers much earlier warnings. He added that driver education programs will also need to change significantly, once driverless cars hit the mass market

Issues covered:
Automotive Safety
Driver Education

Length: 5:08

Show # 2017-22

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

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
Alzheimer's Disease
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

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 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 # 2017-23

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Gregory Plemmons, PhD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University

Dr. Plemmons led a study that found the percentage of younger children and teens hospitalized for suicidal thoughts or actions in the United States has doubled over the past decade. He talked about the possible reasons for such a steep increase, what ages are at the greatest risk, and how parents can recognize signs of suicidal thoughts in their children.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:46

**Teen Suicide
Parenting**

Jeff Stalnaker, President and Co-Founder of First Orion, a provider of data and phone call transparency solutions

Mr. Stalnaker's company commissioned a survey that found that Millennials are more likely than any other generation to give away personal information to scammers over the phone. He said nearly 40 percent of those surveyed have been contacted by someone impersonating the IRS. He talked about other current scams, and offered advice on how to avoid falling prey to scammers.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:17

**Consumer Matters
Crime**

Kara Lusk-Dudley, Public Affairs Manager, Biomedical Communications, American Red Cross

Summertime is one of the most challenging times of the year for blood donations. Ms. Lusk-Dudley explained why, and outlined the process that a new blood donor can expect. She explained how to locate a donation center or blood drive nearby. She noted that the Red Cross is also in greater need of organizations to host blood drives during the summer months.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:10

**Blood Donation
Personal Health**

Show # 2017-24

Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

Elizabeth Rosenthal, MD, former reporter and senior writer at The New York Times, Editor in Chief of Kaiser Health News, former ER physician, author of "*An American Sickness: How Healthcare Became Big Business and How You Can Take It Back*"

Dr. Rosenthal discussed the rapidly rising costs of healthcare in the past few decades and the reasons behind them. She gave examples of some of the more egregious differences in healthcare costs in the US, compared to other countries. She explained how healthcare consumers can learn to negotiate with hospitals and doctors.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:39

**Personal Health
Consumer Matters**

Jodie Plumert, PhD, Professor in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at the University of Iowa

For adults, crossing the street by foot seems easy. Yet it is anything but simple for a child. Dr. Plumert led a study that found that perceptual judgment and motor skills are not fully developed in most kids until age 14. She explained what parents can do to help children learn these life and death skills as early as possible.

Issues covered:

**Traffic Safety
Parenting
Children's Issues**

Length: 8:27

Adriana Zuniga-Teran, architect, postdoctoral research associate in the University of Arizona's Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy.

Ms. Zuniga-Teran conducted a study that examined how the design of a neighborhood can affect health and wellness. She found that those who live in traditional neighborhoods do the most walking, while those who live in suburban developments report the highest levels of mental well-being.

Issues covered:

**Mental Health
Personal Health
Community Issues**

Length: 5:02

Show # 2017-25

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

Sally Erny, National Stakeholder Engagement Officer of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association

Ms. Erny explained how court-appointed special advocates (CASAs) look out for the interests of abused or neglected children. She discussed how CASA volunteers work with attorneys and other court officers to ensure the youngsters are in safe and healthy foster care, and eventually, permanent homes. She also outlined the training that these volunteers receive, and how someone can volunteer.

Issues covered:

**Child Abuse
Foster Care
Volunteerism**

Length: 8:26

Clint Emerson, retired Navy Seal, author of "*100 Deadly Skills: Survival Edition: The SEAL Operative's Guide to Surviving in the Wild and Being Prepared for Any Disaster*"

Mr. Emerson offered numerous tips on how to crime-proof a house and how to avoid becoming a victim of crime in other environments, as well. He explained the importance of being aware of your environment, in order to react to dangerous situations or avoid them in the first place. He also talked about the options available to people caught in active shooter incidents or terrorist attacks.

Issues covered:

**Crime Prevention
Terrorism**

Length: 8:46

Tracy Mehan, Manager of Translational Research for the Center for Injury Research and Policy at the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio

On an average day in the US, 13 children receive emergency treatment for a lawn mower-related injury. Ms. Mehan talked about the most common injuries and how they typically vary, depending on the age of the child. She offered suggestions for parents on how to prevent lawn mower-related injuries.

Issues covered:

**Child Safety
Product Safety
Parenting**

Length: 5:02

Show # 2017-26

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

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