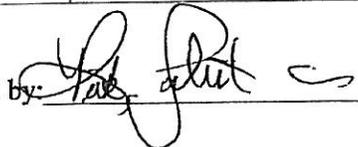


Issues/Programs List

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 Stations & Airtime: WREZ – 5a; WZZL – 5a; WGKY – 10a

Program Information

Date	Guest/Topic	Issue
07/03	Mike Gikas-Theft; Robert Morris-Water Supply; Lynsey Romo-Family Finances	Crime; Environment; Parenting
07/10	Richard Bolles-Careers; Jean Clark-Overindulge; Ron Montoya-Consumer Matters	Employment; Parenting; Personal Finance
07/17	Laura Bogart-Childhood Obesity; Susan Silbey-Opportunities; Dong Zhao-Energy Savings	Childhood Obesity; Discrimination; Energy
07/24	Christopher Wildeman-Public Policy; Cash Nickerson-Aging Workforce; Jeff Haig-Summer Activities	Government Policy; Senior Citizen; Education
07/31	David Casarett-Trauma; Greg McBride-Retirement Savings; Rick Maurer-Changes	Personal Health; Personal Finance; Employment
08/07	Anthony Comuzzie-Weight; Doug Lamov-Reading; James Kingsland-Healthy	Obesity; Literacy; Aging
08/14	Jennifer Johnston-Media Coverage; Brian Roe-Food Waste; Jan Stets-Cheating	Media; Food Safety; Work Place issues
08/21	Lisa Gill-Prescription Drugs; Tony Lee-Rating Jobs; Pam Mueller-Written Notes	Drug Abuse; Economy; Education
08/28	Bob Rusboldt-Ins Coverage; Tomas Hult-Green Program; Rachel Arocho-Delinquent Acts	Disaster; Recycling; Crime
09/04	Sally Satel-Kidney Trasnpant; James Betts-Breakfast; Monica Betson-Guide to Children	Organ Donation; Nutrition; Parenting
09/11	Michelle Mazurek-Password; Chris Voss-Negotiating; Christine Fahlund-Investing	Online Security; Parenting; Retirement Planning
09/18	Erica Reischer-Raising Children; Andrew Scot-100 Yr Life; Brian Fligor-Audiology	Parenting; Senior Citizen; Hearing Loss
09/25	Anna Mueller-Suicide Increase; Shola Richards-Bullying on Job; Rodger Friedman-Retirement Club	Teen Suicide; Bullying; Senior Citizen

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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2016

Show # 2016-27

Date aired: 7/3 Time Aired: _____

Mike Gikas, Senior Electronics Editor at Consumer Reports

Smart phone theft is on the rise. A projected 3.1 million were stolen last year, according to a Consumer Reports survey. Mr. Gikas outlined the sensitive information that many phones contain, and he offered security tips to both prevent thefts and to minimize the loss of personal data if a phone is lost or stolen.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:56

**Crime
Consumer Matters**

Robert D. Morris, MD, PhD, environmental epidemiologist, drinking water research scientist, author of "*The Blue Death: Disease, Disaster & the Water We Drink*"

Dr. Morris believes that despite better overall health conditions, the nation's water supply remains a serious health risk. He talked about potential disease pathogens, toxic chemicals, decaying pipes and cancer risks. He discussed the growing body of research linking the chlorine relied on for water treatment with cancer and stillbirths. He also talked about the history of water-borne pathogens like cholera and typhoid.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:17

**Community Health
Environment**

Lynsey Romo, Assistant Professor of Communication, North Carolina State University

Prof. Romo led a study of school-aged kids and what their parents tell them about family finances. She found that parents often make gender-based distinctions in what they choose to talk about, and kids pick up on what they're *not* being told — sometimes drawing incorrect conclusions that can have repercussions for them in the future.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:59

**Parenting
Personal Finance**

Show # 2016-28

Date aired: 7/10 Time Aired: _____

Richard Bolles, career development expert, author of *"What Color Is Your Parachute? Guide to Rethinking Resumes"* and *"What Color Is Your Parachute? Guide to Rethinking Interviews"* Mr. Bolles discussed the rapidly changing way companies locate and hire employees. He explained why the value of a resume has declined, and how job hunters can use more effective alternatives. He said prospective employees must be as up-to-the-minute in job hunting skills as they are in the work skills that they offer an employer.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:58

Employment
Career

Jean Illsley Clarke, PhD, internationally known parent educator, co-author of *"How Much Is Too Much?: Raising Likeable, Responsible, Respectful Children"*

Ms. Clarke believes that many of today's parents overindulge their children, often without even realizing it. She explained how to recognize overindulgence and why can be so damaging as kids grow into adulthood. She said assigning ongoing household chores to children is an excellent way to foster their responsibility and independence, and offered other tips for parents.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:13

Parenting Issues

Ron Montoya, Consumer Advice Editor at Edmunds.com

Mr. Montoya offered suggestions for shoppers who have poor credit to buy a new car. He said it is important for potential buyers to carefully check and clean up credit reports before applying for a car loan, and to try to get pre-approval before shopping. He also outlined other ways that buyers can demonstrate that they are a good credit risk.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:53

Consumer Matters
Personal Finance

Show # 2016-29

Date aired: 7/12 Time Aired: _____

Laura M. Bogart, PhD, Senior Behavioral Scientist at the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit research organization that develops solutions to public policy challenges

Dr. Bogart directed a five-week obesity prevention program for seventh grade students that helped obese students lose an average of nine pounds over the following two year period. She outlined the methods that were most effective, which included school-wide environmental changes and encouragement to eat healthy school cafeteria foods, along with a student-led education and marketing campaign.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:26

Childhood Obesity
Education
Parenting

Susan S. Silbey, PhD, Leon and Anne Goldberg Professor of Humanities, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Professor of Behavioral and Policy Sciences, Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The number of women enrolling in engineering school has increased steadily over the past four decades, but Dr. Silbey said one-third of women graduates soon leave the profession to pursue other careers. She said the reasons behind this problem are primarily related to the culture of engineering itself. She offered suggestions for women who are entering the profession, and explained why an engineering career should be such an attractive option for women.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Discrimination
Career

Length: 8:47

Dong Zhao, PhD, Assistant Professor of Construction Management, Michigan State University

Prof. Zhao led a study that found that more than 50 percent of potential energy savings from energy efficient homes can be lost if users don't know how to use the buildings properly. Dr. Zhao said this is a concern both for individual homeowners as well as for commercial property owners.

Issues covered:
Energy
Consumer Matters

Length: 4:57

Show # 2016-30

Date aired: 7/24 Time Aired: _____

Christopher Wildeman, PhD, Associate Professor of Sociology, faculty fellow at the Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course, faculty fellow at the Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale University

Dr. Wildeman recently conducted a study at Yale that found that approximately 12% of American children will suffer from neglect or physical, emotional, or sexual abuse before they turn 18 years old. He explained why his research yielded dramatically higher rates of maltreatment than official government figures. He offered suggestions for changes in public policy to deal with the problem.

Issues covered:
Child Abuse & Neglect
Government Policies
Parenting

Length: 9:10

Cash Nickerson, employment expert, attorney, author of "*BOOMERangs: Engaging the Aging Workforce in America*"

As nearly 80 million Baby Boomers approach the traditional age of retirement, Mr. Nickerson said many want to continue to work, and the economy needs them. He discussed the challenges that surround an aging working population and offered ideas on how older workers can make a gradual transition into retirement, rather than a sudden exit from the workforce.

Issues covered:
Senior Citizens
Employment

Length: 8:07

Jeff Haig, Chair of the UCLA Scholarship Admissions Committee, co-author of the book *"Unlock Your Educational Potential"*

Mr. Haig talked about the value of summertime activities as a strategic opportunity for students planning for college. He believes that many common summer activities can be used to broaden a student's horizons and get a leg up in the competitive college admittance process.

Issues covered:
Education
Children's Issues

Length: 5:02

Show # 2016-31

Date aired: 7/31 **Time Aired:** _____

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

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

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Emergency Medicine

Length: 8:20

Greg McBride, Chief Financial Analyst for Bankrate.com

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

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Senior Citizens
Personal Finance

Length: 9:00

Rick Maurer, author of *"Beyond The Wall Of Resistance: Why 70% of All Changes Still Fail – and What You Can Do About It"*

Seventy percent of all major changes in organizations fail - and that number hasn't changed since researchers started examining success and failure rates some fifteen years ago. Mr. Maurer talked about the most common reasons for failure and what leaders can do about it.

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Employment

Length: 5:03

Show # 2016-32 8/7 Time Aired: _____
Date aired: _____

Anthony G. Comuzzie, PhD, obesity researcher and scientist with the Department of Genetics at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute in San Antonio

Recent government data shows that since the late 1980s and early 1990s, the average American has put on 15 or more additional pounds without getting any taller. Dr. Comuzzie explained why this is such a grave health concern. He also discussed potential causes and solutions to the nation's epidemic of obesity.

Issues covered: **Length: 8:34**
Obesity
Personal Health

Doug Lamov, literacy and education expert, Managing Director of Uncommon Schools' Teach Like a Champion team, co-author of *Reading Reconsidered: A Practical Guide to Rigorous Literacy Instruction*

Mr. Lamov discussed the importance of teaching students to read with precision, rigor, and insight. He explained how Common Core curriculums are affecting reading programs across the country. He believes that most students are not given challenging enough assignments. He also offered suggestions for parents who want to instill a love of reading in their children.

Issues covered: **Length: 8:44**
Education
Literacy
Government Policies
Parenting

James Kingsland, Science Production Editor of the London newspaper "The Guardian," author of *Siddhartha's Brain: Unlocking the Ancient Science of Enlightenment*

Mr. Kingsland discussed the latest research by leading neuroscientists and clinical psychologists that suggests that mindfulness practice reconfigures the brains. He said meditation can make people healthier and happier, and that it can help treat stress, chronic pain, hypertension and substance abuse.

Issues covered: **Length: 4:56**
Mental Health
Aging

Show # 2016-33 8/14 Time Aired: _____
Date aired: _____

Jennifer B. Johnston, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Western New Mexico University

Dr. Johnston recently led a study that examined the role that media coverage may play in fueling the increase of mass shootings in the U.S. Her study concluded that one of the most effective ways of curbing mass shooting incidents may be to drastically change how news organizations cover them. She is in favor of an organized campaign to convince media organizations to focus more on the victims, rather than the killer, his weapons and his motivations.

Issues covered: **Length: 9:45**
Media
Mass Shootings

Brian Roe, PhD, McCormick Professor of Agricultural Marketing and Policy at Ohio State University

American consumers throw away about 80 billion pounds of food a year. Dr. Roe led a study that examined Americans' attitudes and misconceptions about food waste. He said many consumers think they have good reasons to throw food away, but those perceived benefits are often not real. He noted that food waste is the largest source of municipal solid waste in the U.S. and the most destructive type of household waste in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.

Issues covered:
Environment
Consumer Matters
Food Safety

Length: 7:28

Jan E. Stets, PhD, Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Riverside

Cheating to get ahead is likely to reduce your level of happiness, according to Dr. Stets' research. In her study, participants were given the opportunity to cheat to get ahead. The 30% who cheated were more likely to report a reduction in happiness, once they considered that others would not see them as moral persons.

Issues covered:
Mental Health
Workplace Issues

Length: 4:58

Show # 2016-34

Date aired: 8/21 Time Aired: _____

Lisa Gill, Prescription Drugs Editor at Consumer Reports

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

Issues covered:
Drug Abuse
Personal Health
Government

Length: 10:07

Tony Lee, Publisher of CareerCast.com and JobsRated.com

Mr. Lee outlined his organization's list of the most overrated and underrated jobs, based on factors such as pay, hiring outlook, work environment, stress and physical demands. He explained why certain jobs are not as attractive as they may seem, and why other great career choices are often overlooked. He also offered advice for those who are seeking to change careers or move up the ladder in their present industry.

Issues covered:
Employment
Economy

Length: 7:15

Pam Mueller, graduate student, Department of Psychology, Princeton University

Laptops, tablets and other electronic devices are commonplace in today's classrooms. But Ms. Mueller co-authored a study that found that taking notes by typing, rather than writing, interferes with students' ability to process and remember information. Her research indicated that students who take notes with pen and paper recall more material and perform significantly better in class.

Issues covered:
Education

Length: 4:51

Show # 2016-35

Date aired: 7/22 **Time Aired:** _____

Bob Rusbuldt, CEO of The Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America

A consumer survey commissioned by Mr. Rusbuldt's organization found that many homeowners lack adequate insurance coverage, do not fully understand their homeowners policies and do not have enough savings to support their households in the event of a disaster. He discussed the most common misconceptions consumers have regarding homeowners insurance and what to do about it.

Issues covered:
Disaster Preparedness
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:37

Tomas Hult, PhD, Byington Endowed Chair and Professor of Marketing in the Eli Broad College of Business, Director of the International Business Center at Michigan State University

From recycling to reusing hotel towels, consumers who participate in a company's "green" program are more satisfied with its service, according to Dr. Holt's research. He explained the reasons behind these feelings, and the surprising way consumer decisions are affected when companies offer additional participation incentives.

Issues covered:
Recycling
Environment
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:40

Rachel Arocho, PhD, Research Fellow in Human Development and Family Science at Ohio State University

Dr. Arocho led a study that found that teenagers and young adults who expected to get married within the next five years reported committing fewer delinquent acts in the next year than those who weren't thinking about wedding bells. She discussed the possible reasons behind this finding.

Issues covered:
Crime
Youth at Risk

Length: 4:45

Show # 2016-36

Date aired: 9/4 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:

Length: 8:28

**Organ Donation
Government Policies
Personal Health**

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 that examined whether people who eat breakfast are healthier or lose weight more effectively than those who skip it. He said 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 believes that while breakfast doesn't matter for adults, it still is important for children from a nutrition and learning standpoint.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:47

**Nutrition
Personal Health**

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:

Length: 4:57

**Education
Parenting**

Show # 2016-37

Date aired: 9/11 Time Aired: _____

Michelle Mazurek, PhD, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, University of Maryland College Park

Nearly everyone today struggles with a myriad of passwords for their online activities. Professor Mazurek was involved in research at Carnegie Mellon University that found that long passphrases are more effective and easier to remember than an incomprehensible string of letters, numbers and special characters.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:52

**Online Security
Crime
Consumer Matters**

Chris Voss, former FBI's lead international kidnapping negotiator, founder and principal of The Black Swan Group, author of *"Never Split the Difference: Negotiating As If Your Life Depended On It"*

Mr. Voss discussed the skills that helped him and his colleagues succeed where it mattered most: saving lives. He explained how of those same negotiating tactics and principles are critical in everyday life, in areas such as buying a car, negotiating a salary, buying a home, or parenting.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:25

**Career
Parenting**

Christine Fahlund, Senior Financial Planner and Vice President of Investment Services at T. Rowe Price Investment Services

Ms. Fahlund discussed the effect that today's economy has on retirement planning. She believes that many Baby Boomers have been naive when it comes to planning for retirement. She also explained why some employers are becoming more proactive in helping their workers save for their senior years.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:04

**Personal Finance
Retirement Planning
Senior Citizens**

Show # 2016-38

Date aired: 9/18 Time Aired: _____

Erica Reischer, PhD, psychologist, parent educator, author of *"What Great Parents Do: 75 Simple Strategies for Raising Kids Who Thrive"*

Children don't come with an owner's manual, but many parents wish they did. Dr. Reischer offered simple, action-oriented steps anyone can take to improve their parenting skills. She discussed the importance of empathy, how to distinguish between goals and methods, and why it's helpful for parents to view their kids as little explorers and scientists.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:51

Parenting

Andrew Scott, Professor of Economics at the London Business School, Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford University and the Centre for Economic Policy Research, co-author of *"The 100-Year Life: Living and Working in an Age of Longevity"*

Many Americans have been raised on the traditional notion of a three-stage approach to life: education, followed by work and then retirement. However, Prof. Scott said this well-established pathway is already beginning to collapse: life expectancy is rising, pensions are vanishing, and increasing numbers of people are juggling multiple careers. He offered suggestions for how to better plan for a productive, longer life and retirement in today's rapidly-evolving economy.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:23

**Retirement Planning
Senior Citizens**

Brian Fligor, Chief Audiology Officer at Lantos Technologies, Inc., former Director of Diagnostic Audiology and Children's Hospital in Boston

An estimated 2 million students in the US play in middle- and high-school marching bands. Dr. Fligor believes that parents should be concerned protecting their kids' hearing when they are exposed to loud sounds for long periods. He talked about the warning signs of hearing damage and explained the ways to prevent it.

Issues covered:
Hearing Loss
Parenting Concerns
Senior Citizens

Length: 4:58

Show # 2016-39
Date aired: 9/25 **Time Aired:** _____

Anna S. Mueller, PhD, Sociologist and Assistant Professor in Comparative Human Development, Research Associate at the Population Research Center at the University of Chicago

Teen suicide clusters are a recent discovery, and little is understood about their causes and how to prevent them. Prof. Mueller studied of the phenomenon in a small town. She found that intense pressure to succeed academically and athletically, plus the ease with which private information became public, due to social connectedness, left teens and their parents unwilling to seek help for mental health problems. She said suicide prevention strategies need to be tailored to fit the unique dynamics of individual communities.

Issues covered:
Teen Suicide
Mental Health
Parenting

Length: 7:57

Shola Richards, author of "*Making Work Work: The Positivity Solution for Any Work Environment*"

A surprising number of Americans have experienced bullying on the job. Mr. Richards discussed the reasons that some people become bullies, and offered suggestions for how to deal with bullying in an effective and positive way. He said documenting dates, times and details of incivility are crucial, and that approaching the HR department with an issue is the best place to start.

Issues covered:
Bullying
Workplace Matters

Length: 9:21

Rodger Alan Friedman, chartered retirement planning counselor and financial advisor with more than 30 years' experience, author of "*Fire Your Retirement Planner: You! Concise Advice on How to Join the \$100,000 Retirement Club*"

More than half of all Americans are not confident or just slightly confident when it comes to making the right retirement investment decisions. Mr. Friedman believes retirement planning is not a do-it-yourself exercise, but that professional help is vital. He explained how to find a competent financial advisor.

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Senior Citizens

Length: 5:04

Issues/Programs List

Date Filed: 10/6/16

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Title of Program: Community News Break

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Stations & Airtimes: WZZL-5:30a, WREZ-5:30a, WGKY-5:30a

Program Information

Date	Guest/Topic	Issue
07/03	Jim Scheff-KY Oil & Gas	Energy
07/10	Tim Fitzgerald-Radioactive Frack Waste	Energy
07/17	Anisha Patel-Drinking more water	Drinking Water
07/24	Wallace Taylor-Dumping Fracking Waste	Fracking
07/31	Debbie Williams-Donate School Supplies	Education
08/07	Craig Floyd-Police Officers Death	Deaths
08/14	Marilyn Brown-Clean Power	Energy Savings
08/21	Miranda Brown-Still Uninsured	Insurance
08/28	Josh Hoxie-Wealth Gap	Economy
09/04	Tara Ritter-Clean Power Incentives	Clean Power
09/11	Phyllis Platt-Medicaid Expansion	Health
09/18	Peggy Hinds-Moral Day	Morality
09/25	Irene Dwinnell-Prevention of Sexual Assaults	Crime

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Map Shows Toxic Risks in KY From Oil and Gas Operations

Frankfort, KY – Toxic emissions released by oil and gas facilities are linked to negative health effects. A new map correlates nearly 12,000 oil and gas operations in Kentucky with their proximity to neighborhoods, schools and hospitals. Comments from Jim Scheff, director, Kentucky Heartwood; and Conrad Schneider, advocacy director, Clean Air Task Force. □□

Intro: More than 151-thousand Kentuckians live near an active oil or gas operation - what the environmental organization, Earthworks, says is within the "threat radius" of toxic emissions. A new map created by Earthworks pinpoints nearly 12-thousand active oil and gas facilities that are within a half mile of neighborhoods, schools and medical facilities - potentially raising the risk for respiratory ailments, cancer and fetal defects. Jim Scheff with Kentucky Heartwood says the map is a helpful tool.

Cut 56250 :13 *"Because a lot of times we don't see these things. Sometimes you can smell them, sometimes you know they're there, but sometimes you don't. We can look at these maps and see where these things are clustered and what populations might be at increased risk."*

Tag: In addition to tens of thousands of Kentuckians, 282 schools and five medical facilities are close to active gas and oil wells, compressors or processor stations. The Earthworks map shows that people in eight Kentucky counties, all clustered in the far eastern part of the state, face a cancer risk that exceeds the E-P-A's level of concern.

Second Cut: The E-P-A recently finalized a rule to reduce methane emissions released by new or modified oil and gas operations by 2025. It's a good first step, says Conrad Schneider with the Clean Air Task Force. But he contends standards are needed for current facilities. □□

Cut 57250 :14 *"The lion's share of these emissions come from the existing oil and gas infrastructure. And EPA has committed to issue regulations on that portion of the industry, those existing sources. We'll need that in order to reduce these cancer risks."*

Third Cut: Scheff says the state and federal governments have done "a very poor job" monitoring and addressing toxic emissions from oil and gas operations. Plus, Kentucky forbids communities from restricting or regulating the placement of wells.

Cut 58250 :12 *"Kentuckians have no power to say, 'We don't want this in our community. We don't want to have to suffer the health impacts of this infrastructure.' It's forced upon us by the state and by the industry and that's a real problem."*

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: More than 151-thousand Kentuckians live near an active oil or gas operation - what the environmental organization, Earthworks, says is within the "threat radius" of toxic emissions to health and the environment. Greg Stotelmyer reports.

Cut 59250 :56 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Schneider at 207-721-8676; Scheff at 859-334-0602. Link to KY map: <http://oilandgasthreatmap.com/threat-map/kentucky/>

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Red Flags Raised Over Radioactive Frack Waste Company

Frankfort, KY – The paper trail of the company that dumped low-level TENORM (TEE-norm) radioactive waste – originating in West Virginia – into municipal landfills in Kentucky is raising red flags for some. Comments from Tom FitzGerald, director of the Kentucky Resources Council.

Intro: The paper trail of a company that dumped West Virginia radioactive frack waste into Kentucky landfills is raising serious questions. This spring, regulators cited Advanced TENORM Services for dumping the low-level radioactive waste in two municipal landfills. Not long after, the company disabled its website and moved its formal physical address to the West Liberty Public Library. But Tom FitzGerald with the Kentucky Resources Council says state records show Cory Hoskins, who runs the company, also is connected to at least one other firm involved in a similar situation at a separate state landfill.

Cut 64250 :13 "Cory Hoskins is also working in Ohio and has a couple of different company names. How much other stuff – these elevated levels of radionuclides – ended up in our landfills?"

Tag: Neither Hoskins nor Advanced TENORM Services has returned calls requesting comment. The Kentucky Attorney General's office is investigating.

Second Cut: TENORM is Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials. In this case, a sludge that contains concentrated radium and uranium that occurs naturally in the Marcellus and Utica shales. One West Virginia company tested the waste, and decided not to take the contract to deal with it. FitzGerald says the cutoff line in Kentucky law is five picocuries per gram of radium – just a fraction of what the West Virginia waste company seems to have found.

Cut 65250 :12 "We know that the waste tested in West Virginia had elevated levels of radionuclides. If it came across the border with a concentration of more than five picocuries per gram, it violated Kentucky law."

Third Cut: By law, low-level radioactive waste has to go to specialized facilities – at as much as ten times the cost of dumping it in a conventional landfill. Some in the waste-disposal industry argue that most TENORM is not that dangerous. But FitzGerald points out that landfill employees could face lung cancer from exposure to the radium.

Cut 66250 :11 "There's a number of workers out there who likely did not understand the nature of the material they were handling, and were exposed to elevated levels of radium 226, which is particularly a concern if it's inhaled."

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses the first soundbite(s)
LEAD: The paper trail of a company that dumped West Virginia radioactive frack waste in Kentucky landfills is raising serious questions. Dan Heyman (HI-men) has more.
Cut 67250 :57 Outcue...Dan Heyman reporting.

Note to Editors: FitzGerald can be reached at FitzKRC@aol.com. More on TENORM: www.epa.gov/radiation/technologically-enhanced-naturally-occurring-radioactive-materials-tenorm

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Key to Getting Kids to Drink More Water: Cold and in a Cup

Frankfort, KY - About 20 percent more students drink water in school or child-care settings if you serve it cold and give them cups. That's the conclusion of a new study from researchers at University of California-San Francisco (UCSF). Comments from Dr. Anisha Patel (a-NEE-sha pah-TELL), assistant professor, Division of General Pediatrics at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital.

Intro: A new study offers a simple solution for getting kids to drink more water in school or child-care settings – make it more convenient. Researchers from a California university did an intervention study in 12 middle schools – giving some schools cold water pitchers, some a cold water dispenser, and those two came with cups, signage and announcements. The rest just had their normal drinking fountains. The findings? Twenty percent more kids drank water in the schools that served it cold, with cups. Researcher Anisha Patel says it's an important finding, since most children don't drink enough H-2-O.

Cut 71250 :08 "Hydration status is associated with how students perform in school, their cognitive functioning. It has no calories, no added sugar: it's healthy."

Tag: Water also helps fight obesity and cavities. A study done five years ago showed very few schools offer free water apart from their drinking fountains.

Second Cut: Patel says a recent federal law requires all school cafeterias to offer water free of charge. She hopes this study helps districts help their students make a healthier choice.

Cut 72250 :12 "This wasn't a very expensive intervention. It cost, over time, about four cents per student, per day. So that was an important finding from our study, because we know that a lot of schools are really struggling and don't have funding to implement new programs."

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: A new study offers a simple solution for getting kids to drink more water in school and child-care settings – make it more convenient. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 73250 :46 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Patel at 415-476-9189. Study: https://www.cdc.gov/ped/issues/2016/16_0108.htm.

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Fallout from Unauthorized Dumping of Fracking Waste in KY

Frankfort, KY - State lawmakers on the Natural Resources and Environment Committee heard two hours of testimony Tuesday about the unauthorized dumping of out of state fracking waste at a Kentucky landfill. Frustrations were voiced over the lack of communication from state regulators and concerns were raised about the long-range impacts of the low-level radioactive waste. Comments from Wallace Taylor (R), Estill County Judge Executive; and Senator Robin Webb,(D) Grayson.

Intro: The fallout continues from the unauthorized dumping in a Kentucky landfill of fracking waste from West Virginia. Nearly two-thousand tons of the low-level radioactive waste was moved to the Blue Ridge Landfill near Irvine - a violation of Estill County's host agreement with the solid-waste facility. The county's judge executive, Wallace Taylor, voiced his frustrations Tuesday to lawmakers on the state's Natural Resources and Environment Committee.

Cut 82250 :03 *"I've lost all trust in the landfill. It's all about money."*

Tag: Taylor decried a lack of communication by state regulators, including waiting months to alert local officials that fracking sludge could be headed their way.

Second Cut: Last Friday the state's attorney general said there is insufficient evidence in the case to bring criminal charges. But, Taylor told lawmakers the county is considering filing criminal charges - noting concerns about exposure to the radioactive waste and the potential long-term impacts it could have on the watershed and peoples' health.

Cut 83250 :12 *"You do not jeopardize my public. If I felt in the first minute that my people was in any immediate danger I would have locked that landfill down."*

Tag 1: Taylor confirmed that independent testing ordered by the county found no immediate concerns of heightened radioactive levels at the landfill.

Third Cut: The county has already filed a civil lawsuit against the companies operating the landfill and those involved in moving the fracking waste from West Virginia to Kentucky. And, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services has indicated it will seek significant civil penalties over the disposal. Meanwhile, lawmakers, including Senator Robin Webb, waited their turn Tuesday to say ...

Cut 84250 :13 *"We don't want Kentucky to be a dumping ground for out of state waste. We don't want it to be a dumping ground for dangerous waste and we want to tighten up our regulatory protocol. And, I don't care if it cost money or not because we've got to protect our people and our environment."*

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first and second soundbite(s)

LEAD: The fallout continues from the unauthorized dumping in a Kentucky landfill of fracking waste from West Virginia. Greg Stotelmyer reports.

Cut 85250 1:11 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Taylor at 606-723-7524; Webb at 502-564-8100, ext. 676.

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They're Driven to Donate School Supplies

Louisville, KY - Across Kentucky, civic, faith and business groups are sponsoring school-supply drives to help families in need. In the Louisville metro area, one collection effort is focusing on helping those served by the domestic-violence shelter. Comments from Debbie Williams, involved in Driven to Donate; and Lisa Lontz, mother of five.

Intro: The calendar tells you all you need to know. The start of school is near and store aisles are filled with parents and their children buying school supplies. But, for some parents it's a huge financial burden. That's where civic, faith and business groups are stepping up. For example - in the greater Louisville area, more than a dozen Allstate agents banded together to organize Driven to Donate. Debbie Williams, who owns one of the offices, says the drive will help the Center for Women and Families supply the parents and kids served at the Center's domestic-violence shelter.

Cut 11250 :06 *"When you've got to get all those supplies that are on that list for back to school, you're wringing your hands, going, 'How do I do this?'"*

Tag: The National Retail Federation estimates last school year the average family with children in grades K-through-12 spent nearly 100 dollars on school supplies. Add in electronics and clothes, and the price tag reached 630 dollars.

Second Cut: Lisa Lontz is a domestic-abuse survivor; a single mom with five daughters in school. Living on one income, Lontz says of the school supply drive ...

Cut 12250 :05 *"It helps considerably. It frees up some money to maybe get them a little bit nicer school uniforms and stuff like that."*

Tag 1: Driven to Donate is gathering supplies through July 29th at Allstate offices in Jefferson, Bullitt, Shelby and Oldham counties.

Third Cut: Williams says gift cards are welcome along with ...

Cut 13250 :13 *"Glue sticks, washable markers, pencils; the backpacks are the big thing because they're a little bit more expensive. You can get a 24-pack of crayons right now for 50 cents, but a backpack is anywhere from 15 to 30 bucks."*

Tag 2: According to the School Ready Supplies Program, more than 16-million kids live in extreme poverty in the U-S and arrive on the first day of school without the supplies they need to learn - a statistic volunteer efforts such as Driven to Donate are trying to change.

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LEAD: The calendar tells you all you need to know. The start of school is near and the store aisles are filled with parents and their children buying school supplies. But, for some parents it's a huge financial burden. As Greg Stotelmyer reports, that's where civic, faith and business groups are stepping up.

Cut 14250 :46 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Williams and Lontz through Mary O'Doherty with the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 502-209-5382.

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More Law-Enforcement Deaths in Line of Duty in 2016

Frankfort, KY – A biannual report shows that 67 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty nationally during the first half of 2016, an eight percent increase from the same period last year. Comments from Craig Floyd, president and CEO, National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund.

Intro: The recent ambush attack that killed five Dallas police officers contributed to a spike in deaths of those across the country sworn to serve and protect their communities. A biannual review from National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund shows through July 20th, 67 federal, state and local officers had died on the job, an eight-percent increase from the same time period in 2015. The increase comes against a backdrop of high tension in some cities after high-profile, police-involved shootings. Craig Floyd with the Memorial Fund says people need to work with law enforcement to build safer communities. □ □

Cut 19250 :13 *"Law enforcement is clearly focused on the top priority – which is where trust has been lost, to restore that trust, to strengthen the partnership between law enforcement and the citizens that they serve."*

Tag: Despite the rise in deaths in the first half of the year, the report says police fatalities have steadily declined in the U-S in the past four decades. No officers have died on the job in Kentucky this year, but five died last year - two by gunfire, two in auto accidents and one suffered a heart attack.

Second Cut: The Memorial Fund is building the National Law Enforcement Museum in Washington, D-C. Floyd believes once it's open in 2018, it will help bridge the gap by hosting conversations between police and community leaders. □ □

Cut 20250 :10 *"Together with these discussions that will occur there, with the learning that will occur in that museum, we'll do better as a profession, working with the community to keep America safe."*

Tag: Nationally, the report says 14 of the officers fatally shot were victims of ambush-style attacks.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: The recent ambush attack that killed five Dallas police officers contributed to a spike in deaths of those across the country sworn to serve and protect their communities. More from Greg Stotemyer.

Cut 21250 :57 *Outcue...Stotemyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Floyd at 202-737-3400. More info: <http://www.nleomf.org/facts/research-bulletins/>.

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Path to Clean Power Could Lead to Commercial Energy Savings

Frankfort, KY – A new study by Georgia Institute of Technology finds that if the Clean Power Plan is followed, annual electricity savings in the nation's commercial sector could top 11-billion dollars by 2030. Comments from Marilyn Brown, professor at Georgia Tech's School of Public Policy and the report's author; and Elizabeth Beardsley, senior policy analyst, U.S. Green Building Council.

Intro: A new study finds that if states implement the Clean Power Plan, energy savings would be greatest in retail and office buildings and total more than 11-billion dollars a year nationwide in the commercial sector by 2030. The Obama administration's plan is to cut carbon emissions from existing power plants by 32 percent by 2030. The author of the Georgia Tech report, Marilyn Brown, says one big way big buildings could save money is by using air-source heat pumps.

Cut 30250 :16 *"This is a new generation. These are super-efficient. They're on the market, their return on investment is great. Right now they're so new we're not seeing a lot of them, but if by 2030 they were to take hold, as I think they're going to, they would make a very big difference."*

Tag: Brown says the air-source method heats, cools, dehumidifies and manages ventilation, making it much more efficient than a traditional rooftop system. The report estimates if the path to clean power is followed, commercial buildings nationwide would eventually save seven-percent a year on their electric bills and reduce their natural gas bills by ten percent. But, many political leaders in Kentucky maintain the plan would increase electricity rates and devastate the state's economy.

Second Cut: The Georgia Tech study predicts with business as usual the electric bills of commercial building owners and occupants in the U-S would rise by more than 21-percent over the next 15 years. Elizabeth Beardsley with the U-S Green Building Council says the biggest challenge for the commercial sector is finding capital to make improvements to their buildings' energy efficiency. □□

Cut 31250 :10 *"We know that they pay for themselves over the time, and sometimes actually a pretty rapid payback. It still takes that initial effort to make a project happen."*

Tag: Beardsley points to creative financing options that would help homeowners and businesses defray upfront costs. The Clean Power Plan includes programs like that, including one which helps low-income residents.

Third Cut: Brown says it's also important to track energy costs in commercial buildings – a technology known as benchmarking. □□

Cut 32250 :15 *"And that means that if a tenant wants to consider what the real cost of occupying a space in that building might be, it has some good sense of how efficient the office complex is. It's a way of making the market work more efficiently."*

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LEAD: A new study finds that if states implement the Clean Power Plan, energy savings would be greatest in retail and office buildings and total more than 11-billion dollars a year nationwide in the commercial sector by 2030 Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 33250 :50 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Brown at 404-385-0303; Beardsley at 202-595-3989. Link to report:
<http://cepl.gatech.edu/projects/ppcc/cpp%26b>

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A Closer Look at Who's Still Uninsured in Kentucky

Louisville, KY – A new report from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky details who is still without health insurance in the state, an estimated 300,000 residents. Comments from Miranda Brown, health outreach coordinator, Maxwell Street Legal Clinic; and Susan Zepeda (za-PAY-dah), president and CEO, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

Intro: While Kentucky has gained headlines for having one of the nation's largest drops in uninsured residents, 300-thousand Kentuckians still don't have health coverage. According to new survey results from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, people of Latino heritage are four times more likely to be uninsured. That doesn't surprise Miranda Brown at the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic in Lexington. She says immigrants face a lot of different challenges.

Cut 34250 :09 *"Communication is one. They may not hear about it. If they are immigrants, they may not understand that they qualify if they have some kind of status, and they may be just afraid to apply."*

Tag: Brown says even among documented workers, some are denied eligibility because of system errors, while others aren't eligible for coverage because they're on temporary work visas. The foundation says its goal is to help advocates improve their outreach programs.

Second Cut: Brown says the state's health benefit exchange, Kynect, still needs more in-person helpers who speak Spanish.

Cut 35250 :09 *"I get calls from western Kentucky, all the way out in Paducah, to help people sign up on Kynect over the phone, because there aren't people that they can go to locally."*

Third Cut: She says language barriers, along with the nuances of immigration, often lead to misunderstandings and errors in enrolling people who are eligible.

Cut 36250 :05 *"So, it has consequences for people. If they don't have an 'assistant' to help them through those glitches, it's tricky."*

Fourth Cut: The survey also found adults between ages 19 and 25 are twice as likely to be uninsured. Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky President Susan Zepeda says young adults often don't think about coverage until they have a health problem or a costly accident.

Cut 37250 :11 *"That speaks to how important it is to have as many Kentuckians as possible covered by insurance, so that the risk is spread across the broadest possible group."*

Tag: Zepeda says most of the uninsured are working in low-income jobs, often without sick leave, which raises another question – is the insurance process accessible to people working long hours?

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LEAD: While Kentucky has gained headlines for having one of the nation's largest drops in uninsured residents, 300-thousand Kentuckians still don't have health coverage. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 38250 :42 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Brown at 859-321-2722; Zepeda at 502-326-2583. Report: <http://bit.ly/2b1U7Qe>.

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Study Finds Widening Wealth Gap in America

Frankfort, KY – The average black or Hispanic family lags well behind the average white family in terms of wealth accumulation, according to a new study. Comments from Josh Hoxie, director, Project on Opportunity and Taxation at the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), the group that published the report.

Intro: If current trends continue, a new study says it will take the average African-American family 228 years to accumulate the amount of wealth the average white family has today. It will take the average Latino family 84 years to do the same. The "Ever-Growing Gap" report, by the Corporation For Economic Development and the Institute for Policy Studies or I-P-S, looked at trends in household wealth for families from 1983 to 2013. Josh Hoxie with I-P-S says widening racial gaps in home ownership and median incomes are part of the overall wealth gap.

Cut 39250 :09 *"The story we're seeing around wealth is that this problem has been growing for decades and is going to continue for decades, unless we take serious action."*

Tag: In Kentucky, African Americans' median incomes are 35-percent lower than whites', according to a survey by the online research group WalletHub. The I-P-S report says the wealth gap is far worse, with median wealth for Hispanics and blacks about 90 percent lower than for whites, nationwide.

Second Cut: Hoxie says home ownership is one of the biggest ways families build wealth, and minority families are far less likely to own homes after years of discriminatory housing policies. He says an "upside-down" tax system has also contributed to the disparity, by putting money in the pockets of the disproportionate number of white homeowners.

Cut 40250 :11 *"So, what we have is a system to incentivize wealth creation, which is a good thing. However, the bad thing is that that system is currently benefiting people who are already wealthy, and contributing to the racial wealth divide."*

Third Cut: The report says the minimum wage is another piece of the wealth puzzle. Hoxie says a low minimum wage can hurt families who are simply trying to stay above water.

Cut 41250 :12 *"When we don't raise the minimum wage for a long time, it's not just that people aren't creating new wealth – they're not creating a safety net to fall back on, on hard times. They're also going further into debt just to cover their basic expenses."*

Tag: While Lexington and Louisville have increased their minimum wages slightly, the statewide rate remains at seven-dollars-25 cents an hour. Earlier this year, a House committee approved a gradual increase to ten-dollars-ten cents, but the bill never came to a vote on the House floor

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LEAD: If current trends continue, a new study says it will take African-American families 228 years to accumulate the amount of wealth white families have today. Greg Stotelmyer reports.

Cut 42250 :57 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Hoxie at 508-280-5005. CFED study: bit.ly/2aMbsIS. WalletHub study: bit.ly/2aMcaJm.

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Clean-Power Incentives for Rural Areas

Frankfort, KY – The public comment period for the federal Clean Energy Incentive Program (CEIP) comes to a close today (Aug. 29), and some supporters say the program could help low-income communities the most. Comments from Tara Ritter, program associate for climate and rural communities, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP).

Intro: There's a federal plan to help install more renewable energy in low-income and rural communities in Kentucky and across the country. Public comment on the Clean Energy Incentive Program, or C-E-I-P, closes today. Supporters say the voluntary project will match state dollars for installing wind and solar power in areas that need financial help to make the transition to cleaner energy. Tara Ritter, with the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, says C-E-I-P could benefit areas that tend to have higher poverty rates and lower average incomes.

Cut 47250 :13 *"Rural communities have the potential to access a lot of these Clean Energy Incentive Program funds that will allow for energy efficiency upgrades, which then directly reduce energy bills and take off some of that burden."*

Tag: The Environmental Protection Agency will roll the plan out over the next two years.

Second Cut: Ritter's group is urging the E-P-A to remove a requirement that states use what are known as "Emission Rate Credits." She explains these basically allow states to purchase the right to emit more pollution. Ritter argues that ends up disproportionately affecting lower-income neighborhoods closest to the sources of pollution, including carbon-emitting power plants.

Cut 48250 :09 *"We think that the trading leads to rural and minority communities generally shouldering a lot of the pollution, which increases asthma and water pollution."*

Tag: The Clean Energy Incentive Program is part of President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which is on hold during a review from the U-S Supreme Court. The C-E-I-P is being allowed to move forward because it is a voluntary program.

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LEAD: There's a federal plan to help install more renewable energy in low-income and rural communities in Kentucky and across the country. As Greg Stotelmyer reports, public comment on the Clean Energy Incentive Program, or C-E-I-P, closes today.

Cut 49250 :40 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Ritter at 612-870-3424. IATP views about CEIP: <http://bit.ly/2bAQRsv>.

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Community Health Center Leaders Say Medicaid Expansion Helps Reduce Disparities

Louisville, KY - A new report documents how race and ethnicity impact the health of Kentuckians. "Health Disparities in the Commonwealth, A Report on Race and Ethnicity and Health in Kentucky" was generated by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. Comments from Phyllis Platt and Anne Peak from Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center. Platt is Chief Executive Officer; Peak is Director of Patient and Community Engagement.

Intro: A new report from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky finds race and ethnicity make a difference in how healthy you are. Phyllis Platt says she sees those differences every day at the community health center she helps run in the west end of Louisville - the patients enduring racial, economic and health disparities. Platt is the C-E-O at Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center, which serves a predominantly African-American neighborhood.

Cut 58250 :14 *"What we see significantly are high rates of diabetes, high rates of heart disease and hypertension, mental-health issues that go untreated because of lack of access to resources in the neighborhood."*

Tag: The Foundation's report also found that black and Hispanic Kentuckians are less likely to have health insurance than white Kentuckians, and that white Kentuckians are more likely to have a personal doctor and less likely to forgo medical care because of cost.

Second Cut: Platt says Medicaid expansion, which has allowed an additional 440-thousand Kentuckians to gain health coverage, has helped chip away at the disparities.

Cut 59250 :13 *"We know we've increased access to primary care. We know we've had higher numbers of folks accessing preventive care and starting to move the needle a little bit on those health outcomes as a result."*

Tag 1: Of the more than three-thousand patients served by the Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center 70-percent are on Medicaid, half of them through expansion.

Third Cut: Kentucky is seeking waivers from the federal government, which Governor Matt Bevin says will give those enrolled in Medicaid "ownership" in the program and make it more sustainable for the state. Shawnee's Anne Peak worries that the potential changes could create barriers and reverse the gains made.

Cut 60250 :07 *"We're concerned that the folks who have to jump through hoops to maintain their coverage are going to get lost in the system."*

Tag 2: The waiver request includes proposed work requirements, premiums and lockout periods, which critics say could disproportionately affect minorities and other vulnerable Kentuckians.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: A new report from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky finds race and ethnicity make a difference in how healthy you are. Greg Stotemyer has more.
Cut 61250 :58 *Outcue...Stotemyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Peak and Platt at 502-632-1747. Link to report:
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Moral Day of Action Reaches Kentucky Capitol

Frankfort, KY – Monday is "Moral Day of Action" at more than half of the nation's state capitol buildings, including Kentucky's, as the faith-based movement demands a move away from what are being described as "extremist" policies. Comments from Rev. Dr. Peggy Hinds (long 'i'), executive director, Kentucky Council of Churches; and Rev. Dr. William Barber II, architect of the Forward Together Moral Movement.

Intro: Today (Monday) is "Moral Day of Action" at the State Capitol in Frankfort, as well as other capitols across the country - with leaders of different faiths joining advocates and activists in a call for lawmakers and candidates to move away from what they see as "regressive, extremist" policies. The Reverend Peggy Hinds with the Kentucky Council of Churches helped organize the movement in the Bluegrass State.

Cut 65250 :08 *"Morality for us has more to do with equity and justice, particularly for people who don't often have a voice."*

Tag: Access to health care and criminal justice reform are among the issues Hinds says Kentucky's political leaders should approach as moral issues. A march at 10:30 will end with a rally at the Capitol building at 11 a.m.

Second Cut: Hinds says many conservative evangelical groups place their moral focus on individual sin.

Cut 66250 :09 *"We try to focus on some of the systemic issues that cause people to live in poverty, that cause people to not have the basic needs that they need."*

Third Cut: The architect of the Forward Together Moral Movement is Reverend William Barber II, a North Carolina pastor. Barber advocates for a "revolution of moral values" to resist what he claims is a divide-and-conquer strategy by extremists. Instead, he wants leaders to look at public policy through what he calls "the moral lens of justice for all."

Cut 67250 :10 *"How do your policies treat the poor, those on the margins? How are they fair to immigrants? How do they treat the least of these – women, children, workers, the sick?"*

Tag: Barber believes extremist policies are, in his words, "morally indefensible and economically insane." He is taking that message across the country, and is scheduled to speak in Louisville in early October.

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LEAD: Today (Monday) is "Moral Day of Action" at the State Capitol in Frankfort, as well as other capitols across the country. Greg Stotelmyer reports.

Cut 68250 :39 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Hinds at 859-269-7715; Barber through Joe Ward at joewardthethird@gmail.com.

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Prevention of Sexual Assaults "Everyone's Responsibility"

Louisville, KY – College campuses are in what's known as the "Red Zone," where risk of sexual assault is greater in the first few weeks of a new school year. Experts advise students to travel in groups and increase awareness of their surroundings. Comments from Eileen Recktenwald, executive director, Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs; and Irene Dwinnell (DWIN-nell,) executive director, Orange County (NC) Rape Crisis Center.

Intro: With college classes in full swing and dorms teeming with eager and excited students, there is one unwelcome part of the new academic year - the "Red Zone." That's the first six to ten weeks of the semester, when a higher percentage of sexual assaults occur on college campuses. Eileen Recktenwald with the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs says "bystander intervention" has become an important part of prevention, both on Kentucky's college campuses and in high schools.

Cut 85250 :15 *"These are the things we always used to say - 'Go with your friends.' Well, you know, if somebody is intent on sexually assaulting you, they will take you away from your friends; they will isolate you in some way. A bystander is taught what to look for, what kind of vulnerability."*

Tag: Recktenwald says bystander intervention can safely and effectively help reduce sexual assaults, and she points to the Green Dot program, which was created and first used at the University of Kentucky. A five-year study in more than two dozen Kentucky high schools found Green Dot reduced sexual violence by more than 50-percent.

Second Cut: The Red Zone warning is being sounded on college campuses across the country. Irene Dwinnell, who runs a rape crisis center in North Carolina, agrees with Recktenwald – that everyone can play a role in protecting fellow classmates.

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Tag: According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, nine out of 10 victims of rape or sexual assault know their attacker, and it's estimated that for every one-thousand women attending a college or university, there are 35 incidents of rape each academic year.

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LEAD: With college classes in full swing and dorms teeming with eager and excited students, there is one unwelcome part of the new academic year. Greg Stotelmyer reports on the "Red Zone," the first six to ten weeks of the semester when a higher percentage of sexual assaults occur on college campuses.
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