

Issues/Programs List

File Date: April 4, 2013

Report Date: 15th Apr 2013

Program Information

Date	Time	Duration	Title	Issue	Station
1/6	5:30A	2 1/2 minutes	Kentucky connectin See Attached	Gun violence	WRBZ / WR2L
1/13				Heating Crisis	
1/20				Gun Safety	
1/27				Stalking	
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Program Information - Info Trak

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1/14	5:00 A	30 minutes	Info Trak Program	Parenting Energy Finance	WRIS2 WZZL
1/15			see attached		
1/20				Military, Education Family matters,	
1/27				Parenting Poverty, Adoption, Flu	
2/3				Abolition, Crime	
2/10				Citizenship Employment, Crime	
2/17				Cancer, Health Mental Health	
2/24				Redon Legal, poverty	
3/3				Energy, Work place, Healthcare	
3/10				Energy Poverty, Economy	
3/17				Bullying Nutrition, Energy	
3/24				Legal, Taxes, Parenting	
3/31				Discrimination Sub Abuse, Parenting	
				Employment, Minority, Cancer Personal Finance	

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Weekly Public Affairs Program

Call Letters: WRZL / WZZL / WGBY

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JANUARY-MARCH, 2013

Show # 2013-01

Date aired: 1/16 Time Aired: _____

Devra Davis, PhD, MPH, epidemiologist, Founding Director of the Toxicology and Environmental Studies Board at the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, visiting professor at Harvard University and Georgetown University, author of "*Disconnect*"

More than 90% of Americans use cell phones, and Dr. Davis believes this trend, particularly in today's young people, will result in a serious health crisis in the coming decades. She talked about the effects of cell phone radiation on the brain, damage to DNA and reduced sperm counts. Dr. Davis noted that the growing brains of children make them especially vulnerable, and she offered advice for parents. She explained the reasons that most studies of cell phone radiation have not found any cause for concern.

Issues covered:

Personal Health
Parenting

Length: 9:28

Elton B. Sherman, expert in energy technologies and "clean tech" companies, author of "*Addicted to Energy: A Venture Capitalist's Perspective on How to Save Our Economy and Our Climate*"

Mr. Sherman talked about the easiest ways the average homeowner can save energy and money. He also talked about the reasons behind vast differences in energy efficiencies in similar-looking commercial buildings. He offered suggestions for individuals and business that could reduce global warming and create American jobs.

Issues covered:

Energy
Environment
Employment

Length: 7:43

Vivien Schapera, author of "*How to Lose Weight and Gain Money: A Program for Putting Your Life in Order*"

Ms. Shapera talked about the similarities between weight problems and money problems, such as overconsumption, loss of control and comfort-seeking behaviors. She offered ideas on how to reverse the downward spiral of weight gain and the erosion of financial assets.

Issues covered:

Personal Health
Personal Finance

Length: 4:53

Show # 2013-02

Date aired: 1/13 Time Aired: _____

Nanette Sagastume, founder of a local support group for military families, author of *"We Also Serve: A Family Goes to War"*

Ms. Sagastume is the wife of a Vietnam War U.S. Marine and the mother of an Iraqi Freedom Marine. She discussed the myriad of challenges faced by today's military families and how it differs from the Vietnam era. She talked about the importance of support groups and what the average person can do to help military families.

Issues covered:
Military Issues
Family Matters

Length: 10:23

Lois P. Frankel, PhD, motivational speaker, expert in workplace behavior, author of *"Nice Girls Don't Get Rich"*

Ms. Frankel talked about basic steps that women can take to get ahead financially. She talked about the cultural and social reasons that may cause women to make financial missteps, and the quickest ways that women can begin to take control of their money.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Personal Finance
Education

Length: 6:47

Amy Knudsen, PhD, Senior Scientist at Massachusetts General Hospital, Lecturer at Harvard Medical School

Doctors have long recommended that people over the age of 50 should have a colonoscopy every ten years. Dr. Knudsen conducted a study that found that people who undergo that first colonoscopy at age 50 can be safely rescreened with one of three alternative methods in future years. She explained why screening for colon cancer is so important, and outlined the risk factors for those most at risk.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Government Spending
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:02

Show # 2013-03

Date aired: 1/20 Time Aired: _____

Randy Albelda, PhD, Professor of Economics and Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Social Policy at University of Massachusetts in Boston

Dr. Albelda recently co-authored a report called *"How Youth Are Put at Risk by Parents' Low-Wage Jobs."* She explained the special challenges faced by low-income parents who are in jobs that lack flexible hours and benefits like health insurance, paid sick days and vacation days. She said these factors impact a child's education, health and future prospects. She believes that lower wages are part of a long-term trend in the U.S..

Issues covered:
Poverty
Youth at Risk
Parenting

Length: 8:24

Adam Pertman, Executive Director of the non-profit Donaldson Adoption Institute, author of "*Adoption Nation: How the Adoption Revolution is Transforming Our Families--and America*"

Mr. Pertman discussed the rapidly changing process of adoption, largely driven by the Internet. He said social networking and other online tools have radically changed both the process of adoption and the expectation of privacy, because it is so easy to locate and reunite birth mothers and children years after an adoption. He added that the Internet has also aided the rise of scammers and predators offering to expedite the expensive and lengthy process of adopting a child.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:32

**Adoption
Parenting**

Rodlescia Sneed, Graduate Student in the Psychology Department of Carnegie Mellon University

Ms. Sneed was the co-author of a study that found that parents are 52 percent less likely to develop a cold than non-parents. She explained the possible reasons behind this surprising result. She said the health benefits for a parent appear to continue, even after the offspring has grown to adulthood.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:52

**Personal Health
Parenting**

Show # 2013-04

Date aired: 1/27 Time Aired: _____

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

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

Issues covered:

Length: 8:10

**Alcoholism
Personal Health**

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

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

Issues covered:

Length: 8:47

**Youth At Risk
Parenting
Date Rape
Crime**

Jeffrey Shaman, expert in infectious disease transmission, Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University

Dr. Shaman said that he and other researchers are working on mathematical models that will soon be able to forecast flu outbreaks, similar to weather forecasts. His project combines data from Google with weather tracking techniques. He explained how forecasts could be helpful to authorities in choosing where to distribute flu vaccines and other medications, and to warn people in the affected regions.

Issues covered:
Flu
Personal Health
Science

Length: 4:57

Show # 2013-05

Date aired: 2/3 Time Aired: _____

Brad E. Sachs, PhD, family psychologist, author of *"Emptying the Nest"*

Many young adults are struggling to get on their feet, and are often living at home with their parents much longer than what used to be considered normal. Dr. Sachs discussed this trend and the complex reasons behind it. He also outlined several ways that parents can encourage independence and self-reliance, to help their children.

Issues covered:
Parenting Concerns
Employment

Length: 9:16

Julie Ferguson, Vice President of Emerging Technologies at Ethoca.com, a fraud-prevention company, co-founder of Merchant Risk Council, nationally-recognized expert in the field of fighting online fraud

A new crime is rapidly increasing in popularity. It's called "friendly fraud," where shoppers buy items online, then claim they never got the order. Ms. Ferguson explained why the crime is so easy to commit, and why it is so hard for online merchants to prevent. She explained hidden incentives that encourage banks to ignore the problem.

Issues covered:
Crime
Consumer Matters

Length: 7:46

Kenneth Dautrich, PhD, Associate Professor of Public Policy, University of Connecticut

Dr. Dautrich conducted a survey of students to learn their attitudes toward the First Amendment. He found that schools are spending more class time on the First Amendment, but a sizeable number of students either do not view the First Amendment favorably or take its protections for granted.

Issues covered:
Citizenship
Education

Length: 4:57

Show # 2013-06

Date aired: 2/10 Time Aired: _____

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

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

Issues covered:
Cancer
Personal Health
Consumer Matters

Length: 9:21

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

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

Issues covered:
Mental Health
Domestic Violence
Workplace Matters

Length: 7:52

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

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

Issues covered:
Personal Health

Length: 4:58

Show # 2013-07

Date aired: 2/17 Time Aired: _____

Phil Price, PhD, physicist at the Airflow and Pollutant Transport Group of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, expert on indoor radon gas

The federal government says radon causes about 21,000 deaths from lung cancer each year. However, Dr. Price says the issue is more complex and the total number of radon deaths is uncertain. He explained why not every building or person is at equal risk. He also outlined how a homeowner can decide whether to be concerned and what to do about it.

Issues covered:
Radon
Community Health
Government Regulation

Length: 8:04

Michael G. Trachtman, attorney, author of "*The Four Mistakes: Avoiding the Legal Landmines that Lead to Business Disaster*"

Lawsuits can have severe consequences for businesses, both large and small. Mr. Trachtman outlined the most common legal vulnerabilities, and how employees can protect their jobs by helping their employer to steer clear of litigation.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:11

Legal Issues
Employment

Brian Elbel, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Health Policy at the New York University School of Medicine and Wagner School of Public Service

Fast food chains are now required to post calorie information on their menus, thanks to regulations in the federal health care law. Dr. Elbel conducted a study in lower-income neighborhoods in New York City and found that the added information made no difference in what a customer ordered. He talked about the possible reasons behind this, and offered suggestions that could help to lower obesity rates.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:37

Personal Health
Poverty
Government Regulation

Show # 2013-08

Date aired: 2/14 Time Aired: _____

Jennifer Urban, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Smart electric meters are being deployed at a rapid pace around the country, promising to help the power industry meet power demand, fix problems faster, and possibly help consumers lower their electricity bills. Prof. Urban said many privacy advocates are raising concerns about who could get access to the extensive household data collected by these new devices and how that access could be abused.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:20

Energy
Privacy
Government Regulation

Ron Pollack, Executive Director of Families USA, an advocacy organization

Some families will be priced out of health insurance due to what's being called a glitch in the federal healthcare reform law. Mr. Pollack said some families that can't afford coverage offered by their employer are not eligible for money from taxpayers to buy private health insurance on their own. Mr. Pollack outlined the problem, and said the number of families affected and the potential cost to cover them is unknown.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:53

Healthcare
Government Regulation

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

Employees can torpedo their own careers in many ways. CareerBuilder found that one of the most common is being late for work. Ms. Grasz talked about the reasonable and outlandish explanations that employers have heard for tardiness. She also offered suggestions for workers who struggle to be on time for work.

Issues covered:
Employment
Workplace Matters

Length: 4:43

Show # 2013-09

Date aired: 3/3 ~~3/3~~ Time Aired: _____

Ellen Vancko, Nuclear Energy & Climate Change Project Manager for the Union of Concerned Scientists in Washington, D.C., expert on nuclear power and electricity markets

Nuclear power provides 20% of the nation's electricity, but the Union of Concerned Scientists believes that a massive amount of subsidies exist that mask its true costs. Ms. Vancko explained how these subsidies are often overlooked by politicians and taxpayers. She talked about subsidies provided to other forms of energy. She also discussed renewable energy sources that could eventually be less expensive than nuclear.

Issues covered:
Energy
Government Spending

Length: 8:08

Erik Rush, online columnist and writer, author of "Negrophilia"

Mr. Rush said that the U.S. has made more progress in race relations than many will admit. He believes that race is too frequently used as a tool for political and financial purposes and that this often prevents honest conversation on the topic. He discussed the role of poverty and family in minority communities, and offered suggestions on ways to improve racial dialogue.

Issues covered:
Minority Concerns
Poverty

Length: 9:14

Brian Depew, assistant director of the Center for Rural Affairs, a nonprofit research group in Lyons, Nebraska

In rural America, only 60 percent of households use broadband Internet service, according to the Department of Commerce, 10 percent less than urban households. Mr. Depew talked about the difficulty of getting high-speed Internet service in many rural areas. He explained why this results in an economic and educational handicap. He explained how government action can help.

Issues covered:
Rural Concerns
Government Spending
Economy

Length: 4:55

Show # 2013-10 3/10 Date aired: 3/10 Time Aired: _____

Phil Reed, Senior Consumer Advice Editor at Edmunds.com, an automotive web site

As gasoline prices continue to rise, drivers are searching for ways to save money at the pump. Mr. Reed discussed some of the most common myths about gasoline and getting better mileage. He said today's cars can easily adapt to different blends of gasoline, so motorists should not worry about using "cheap" gas or trying a lower-octane fuel.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:19

Energy
Consumer Matters

William E. Copeland, PhD, Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University

Dr. Copeland was the lead author of a study that found that bullied children grow into adults who are at increased risk of developing anxiety disorders, depression and suicidal thoughts. He said every parent should discuss bullying with their children in order to proactively open the lines of communication on the topic.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:56

Bullying
Mental Health
Parenting

Lyn-Genet Recitas, expert in holistic medicine, author of a book called "*The Plan: Eliminate the Surprising "Healthy" Foods That Are Making You Fat--and Lose Weight Fast*"

Ms. Recitas said many foods that are considered healthy may not be. She said that when foods like salmon, cauliflower, and beans are combined with each person's unique chemistry, they potentially can cause a toxic reaction that triggers weight gain, premature aging, inflammation, and a host of health problems. She explained how a person can identify their hidden trigger foods.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:53

Personal Health
Nutrition

Show # 2013-11 3/17 Date aired: 3/17 Time Aired: _____

Amber Yearwood, consultant from Trial Behavior Consulting, a juror consultancy firm based in San Francisco

Facebook and other social networking sites are increasingly being used by prosecutors and defense attorneys to decide who is—and who isn't—suitable to serve on a jury. Ms. Yearwood talked about the types of information that can be gleaned about prospective jurors and how it can affect the traditional jury selection process. She also offered suggestions for social network users who are concerned about their personal privacy.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:25

Legal Issues
Government Policies
Privacy Concerns

Kelly Erb, Philadelphia-based tax attorney, blogger and tax expert for Forbes.com

A number of free and low-cost options for tax preparation and filing are now widely available, offered by both the IRS and commercial software companies. Ms. Erb said nearly 70% of tax filers are now eligible for free tax preparation. She explained the eligibility requirements and how to get information on the programs. She also discussed several scams related to tax preparation that have recently emerged.

Issues covered:

Taxes
Crime

Length: 7:49

Steven Lipshultz, MD, Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine

Dr. Lipshultz was the lead researcher of a study that examined the health effects of energy drinks on teenagers. The study found that though as many as 50 percent of teens report using the drinks, there is little evidence to show that they improve mental focus or physical energy levels. He talked about the potential health problems that can be caused by energy drink consumption, and offered advice for parents who are concerned.

Issues covered:

Personal Health
Parenting

Length: 4:49

Show # 2013-12 3/24
Date aired: _____ Time Aired: _____

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

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

Issues covered:

Women's Issues
Discrimination
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:29

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

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

Issues covered:

Substance Abuse
Mental Health

Length: 8:49

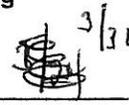
Amanda E. Staiano, PhD, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Division of Population Science at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, LA

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

Issues covered:
Children's Health
Parenting

Length: 5:02

Show # 2013-13

Date aired:  3/31

Time Aired: _____

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

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

Issues covered:
Discrimination
Minority Concerns
Workplace Matters

Length: 9:21

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

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

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Personal Finance

Length: 7:56

Joseph Ugrin, Assistant Professor of Accounting, Kansas State University

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

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Personal Productivity
Employment

Length: 4:49

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January 17, 2013

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Gun Safety Group Calls President's Proposals "Common Sense"

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Tag: The National Rifle Association says law-abiding gun owners shouldn't be blamed for the acts of criminals and madmen, and they claim the push is more about attacking the Second Amendment than keeping children safe.

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OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses First soundbite(s)
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Cut 48250 :35 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Martens is at 612-822-3322. More info about her group's positions at <http://www.protectmn.org>.

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Cold Means a Heating Crisis for Some

Frankfort, KY – The prolonged cold snap here in Kentucky is a chilly reminder to many that their heating bills could break the bank. Crisis help from the Low Income Federal Home Energy Assistance Program, commonly known as LIHEAP, is now available. Comments from Mike Moynahan (MON-uh-han), energy programs director with Community Action Kentucky; and from Nichole Simmons, a recipient of LIHEAP crisis funds. Image available of furnace.

Intro: For those who need help with keeping their heat on this winter now is the time to act. The window has just opened (Monday) for low-income families to apply for crisis home energy assistance. Nichole Simmons lives in Sheperdsville. She received help last year, and knows how critical the assistance can be.

Cut 35250 :03 *"Basically it was four kids and Christmas and that or rent."*

Tag: The federal program, commonly known as LIHEAP, helps those who face a disconnect notice from their utility company – or are about to run out of their bulk fuel, whether it's propane, coal, kerosene or wood. Community Action Kentucky, which administers the program, expects around 100-thousand Kentucky families to apply for crisis assistance, which provides up to 400 dollars to cover the utility bill. To be eligible you have to be at 130 percent of the federal poverty level or below. For a family of four that's an income of roughly 25-hundred dollars a month before taxes.

Second Cut: Last year was a mild winter in Kentucky, yet there was still a "large demand" for help according to Community Action's Mike Moynahan. He says people should apply early because the crisis funds are given out on a "first come, first served" basis.

Cut 36250 :10 *"Certainly with a cold winter we're going to see even a larger demand. People should realize that there are going to be lines starting early on."*

Tag: The program runs through March 31st or until the funds run out, which Moynahan says usually comes first. For more information on crisis heating assistance you can call 1-800-456-3452.

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I Love Mountains Day Echoes Call for Clean Energy

Frankfort, KY - The push for a transition to clean energy was the key message Thursday as hundreds gathered at the Capitol to speak out against mountaintop-removal coal mining. The theme of the annual "I Love Mountains Day" was "We believe in Appalachia's bright future." Comments from Carl Shoupe (SHOOP), a disabled coal miner from Harlan County. Image available of rally.

Intro: Thursday was Valentine's Day, but on the steps of the Capitol it was "I Love Mountains Day." The annual rally drew attention to the call by environmentalists to move away from mountaintop removal to a more diverse clean-energy approach in the heart of coal country. Among the speakers was Carl Shoupe, a disabled coal miner from Harlan County.

Cut 75250 :16 "People are starting to realize that if they're going to burn this coal, they're going to have to burn it clean, man. You know, I'm for that because I've got eight grandchildren that live here in Kentucky and I want 'em to have clean water and I want 'em to have great, fresh air and stuff."

Tag: The Kentucky Coal Association defends mountaintop mining, claiming it has been "very positive" for the state, creating level land "that has the potential for many other uses."

Second Cut: Shoupe backs the proposed Clean Energy Opportunity Act (House Bill 170), which would require retail electric suppliers to use increasing amounts of renewable energy. But, he says even getting lawmakers to vote on the bill will be an uphill battle, claiming most of them shy away from ideas such as wind and solar power.

Cut 76250 :14 "Anything you come up with like that that's a positive for Kentucky that's not associated with coal, they always say 'we can't, we can't, we can't.' They don't never want to try to do anything."

Tag 1: Shoupe says by speaking up for the environment he's been branded by the coal companies as trying to shut down coal mines. He says he's "not against coal," just for diversifying toward renewable energy.

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Report: Kentucky is Locking Up Fewer Kids

Louisville, KY - A national report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation shows a steady decline in the number of young people who are being locked up. However, the U.S. still leads the industrialized world in the rate of youth confined. Kentucky has the 18th lowest rate for incarcerating kids who get in trouble, but a child advocate says there is still more work to do. Comments from Tara Grieshop-Goodwin (GREE-shup GOOD-win), chief policy officer with Kentucky Youth Advocates; and Laura Speer, associate director of policy and research at the Casey Foundation. Image available: Photo of jail cell.

Intro: Mirroring a national trend, the percentage of Kentucky kids who are being locked up after getting in trouble with the law is steadily declining. A report released today (Wednesday) by the Annie E. Casey Foundation shows that Kentucky is below the national average for youth incarceration. Child advocate Tara Grieshop-Goodwin says there is work still to be done on what she calls "striking the right balance." She says less than four percent (3.8%) of young people in detention in Kentucky are there because of violent offenses.

Cut 15250 :14 "Which means that as a state, we are locking up children who don't pose a threat to community safety and so, we need to continue to look for solutions to find other ways of intervening. "

Tag: The Casey Foundation report shows that in 2010, Kentucky incarcerated 186 young people out of 100-thousand. That's down 21-percent from 1997. The national average has dropped to 225 youth per 100-thousand – still above Kentucky's rate, which is the 18th lowest in the country.

Second Cut: The report shows the 35-year low in youth incarceration has not led to a surge in crime. Instead, it says juvenile crime has fallen sharply. The Casey Foundation's Laura Speer says locking kids up is counterproductive because, nationwide, three-fourths of them were jailed for non-violent offenses.

Cut 16250 :11 "They have a chance to get their lives back on track, and so, we want to make sure they get put in the best possible program to get them back on track. "

Third Cut: Grieshop-Goodwin, with Kentucky Youth Advocates, says the state needs a greater focus on upfront services, especially for status offenders - kids who are runaways or skip school.

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Push to Restore Voting Rights in Kentucky

Frankfort, KY - Legislation to restore voting rights to most former felons (House Bill 70) is now in the Kentucky Senate, where supporters hope the idea will get a committee hearing for the first time in six years. Members of the Voting Rights Coalition will be in Frankfort tomorrow (Wednesday) to rally and lobby senators. Comments from the Rev. Damon Horton, a former felon. Images available of an American flag and Rev. Horton.

Intro: Convicted felons in Kentucky are not guaranteed their voting rights back once they've come off parole or probation. A bill proposing a constitutional amendment to restore that right to most ex-felons is now before the Senate. It's an idea the House has approved six straight years, but the bill has always died in the Senate. Former felon Damon Horton says that's keeping more than a quarter of a million Kentuckians from having the chance to vote.

Cut 23250 :10 "It's unacceptable. People pay their debt to society, and to take their voice away from them for the rest of their lives is absurd. It doesn't make any sense."

Tag: Horton spent two and a half years behind bars on a felony drug conviction. He got out of prison in 2006 and is now an ordained minister in Lexington.

Second Cut: Last August, Horton petitioned the governor to have his voting rights restored. The request was granted in January. Horton says he was "ecstatic."

Cut 24250 :05 "It's like I was given my voice back again, you know. I've been given a second chance now."

Tag 1: Horton is active with the Voting Rights Coalition, which will spend Wednesday (March 6) at the Capitol lobbying senators.

Third Cut: The voting rights bill passed the House 75-25 last month. It is now before the Senate's State and Local Government Committee. Horton hopes lawmakers will give former felons back their "voice" in government.

Cut 25250 :11 "My church family has forgiven me and accepted me who I am and feel in my heart that God has forgiven me, but society still looks at paper."

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Sliced by Sequester

Louisville, KY - Kentucky's lone Democrat in Congress says the sequester will damage an improving economy and have a negative impact on poverty based programs. Comments from U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Louisville; and Mike Moynahan (MAWN-uh-han), energy programs director with Community Action Kentucky. Images available of Yarmuth and a furnace.

Intro: Sequestration, the fancy word for automatic across-the-board cuts, would slice at least one point two trillion dollars from the federal budget over the next ten years. U.S. Representative John Yarmuth, Kentucky's lone Democratic congressman, says we need a "more sensible approach" than sequester.

Cut 31250 :14 "Arbitrary, heavy-handed and is indiscriminate. This was done without any regard to the impact that it would have on the programs that are supported and the people they serve."

Tag: Yarmuth says across-the-board cuts will mean fewer children will be vaccinated or enrolled in Head Start; some seniors won't receive Meals on Wheels and Kentucky universities will lose medical research dollars.

Second Cut: Community Action Kentucky, which administers several federal programs, is bracing for cutbacks. Mike Moynahan, who oversees the agency's energy programs, says sequestration could devastate heating assistance (LIHEAP) and weatherization.

Cut 32250 :12 "The sequester is not a pittance to these families. These programs are a helping hand for those in need, and it's a shame that in the economy that is still recovering we're leaving our own out in the cold."

Tag 1: According to Moynahan the federal government cut funding for heating assistance this winter by ten percent in anticipation of sequestration. Moynahan says Community Action helped 17,000 fewer families than during the previous winter.

Third Cut: Citing the February jobs report, where the economy added 236 thousand new jobs, Yarmuth says things are "moving in the right direction" - but he fears sequestration will damage the country's economic recovery.

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Landlines Hanging On in Kentucky

Frankfort, KY - Consumers are switching to wireless phone service and canceling their old, landline telephone – except for many seniors and those living in some rural areas. Advocates are monitoring the telecom industry to make sure consumers aren't going to be victimized by deregulation. In Kentucky, a deregulation bill failed to make it through the just ended 2013 session of the General Assembly. Comments from Olivia Wein (WINE), staff attorney at National Consumer Law Center; Ana Montes (mon-TEZ), director of organizing, The Utility Reform Network; and Berma Matthews, senior citizen from Letcher County. Image available: photo of telephone in trash can.

Intro: Millions of consumers have canceled their old landline telephone service and replaced it with wireless phones. But many seniors and people who live in rural areas still depend on landlines. Consumer watchdogs are making sure the traditional phone service will not disappear overnight. Olivia Wein is with the National Consumer Law Center.

Cut 53250 :05 "Over half of residential customers still have landline and wireless."

Tag: A Senate bill (SB 88) which would have unshackled phone companies from having to provide landlines in most areas of Kentucky died without a vote in the House. The 2013 legislative session ended Tuesday.

Second Cut: The fact that deregulation was rejected is welcome news to Letcher County senior Berma Matthews. She says cell service is "spotty" where she lives.

Cut 54250 :04 "If I don't have a telephone I'm isolated for reaching out."

Tag 1: Wein says much of the copper wire pathway that phone calls travel from one landline telephone to another is being replaced by Internet-based digital transmission. Telecom companies are trying to convince regulators these calls have transformed into an "information service" with much less need for government regulation.

Third Cut: But, consumer groups warn the result could be higher prices and almost no monitoring or enforcement against rip-offs. Ana Montes of The Utility Reform Network says new phones that are based on Internet-protocol or "I-P" can lose their battery charge in the event of an emergency-related power outage.