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The following is a report on Public Affairs Programming for the First Quarter of 2021 during which time the top issues of community interest and concern in New Port Richey, Florida and the surrounding area were found to be:

Health  
Economy  
Education  
Public Safety  
Community Relations

This report summarizes a representative sample of programming that provided the most significant treatment of community issues during the past quarter. Programming frequently deals with more than one issue. To meet these issues, WDUV-FM airs a series of public affairs programs on Sunday mornings as well as weekday news updates.

“Radio Health Journal” airs Sunday mornings at 7:00 a.m. and “Sunday Morning” airs Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

WDUV-FM also helps meet community issues through daily programming. As traffic and transportation are often major issues for residents of Tampa Bay, WDUV-FM airs traffic reports four times hourly on weekdays from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. and twice hourly from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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## Health

Sunday, January 3, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Dr. Jay Van Bavel and Ashley Bernardi

Poor communication and mixed messages have contributed greatly to poor acceptance of anti-coronavirus actions such as masking and social distancing, and experts fear it may be the same with the new vaccines. Dr. Van Bavel and Ms. Bernardi discuss what we've done right in messaging and the lessons from what we've done wrong.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Donna Jackson Nakazawa

Researchers have found that severe emotional trauma in childhood triggers physical disease later in life and has a cumulative effect. Ms. Nakazawa who is an award-winning science writer has researched the topic and discusses findings.

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Sunday, January 10, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Andrew Bremer

Cars will soon be able to provide data as well as receive it. Mr. Bremer explains how cars can talk with roads, traffic signals and central computers, and how roads themselves may collect data on the cars they carry. In the future, autonomous cars may use these links to greatly speed travel and make it much safer.

2nd Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Leon McDougle and Dr. Jewel Mullen

Success of COVID-19 vaccines depends on about 75 percent of people getting them, but distrust of medicine and of vaccines among African Americans means they may not come close to that milestone. Dr. McDougle and Dr. Mullen discuss historical reasons for distrust, how the system will have to come through in ways it has not in the past, and how community leaders will make a huge difference in how the new vaccines are accepted.

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Sunday, January 10, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Dr. Julia Wilkinson - Women's Health Expert and Genetic Counselor.

The current pandemic has upended so many aspects of everyday life, but for people considering pregnancy or already pregnant, those changes can be very overwhelming. With medical appointments put off or moved to telemedicine sessions, many women feel uncertain about their healthcare. Is it a good time to try to plan for a baby and is genetic testing something women may want to look at? Dr. Wilkinson discusses women who may put off trying to conceive due to the pandemic. First, she reminds how the current strain of the coronavirus is spread and stresses that there is currently no evidence that shows a pregnant woman can pass the virus onto her unborn baby. However, if a pregnant woman tests positive for the virus it's very important for the patient to remain in contact with her doctor and follow all their recommendations. Dr. Wilkinson explains what precautions a pregnant woman needs to take during the pandemic. Also, what a woman who is planning to become pregnant should do. The doctor says, the first thing a couple needs to do is research their family's health history. Did anyone in the family have multiple miscarriages, children born with birth defects or any other severe medical issues? If so, that information needs to be discussed with a doctor. Would a genetic test be of value to a couple trying to have a baby? Dr. Wilkinson says this is something she recommends to all her patients as some parents may have a genetic condition that can be passed onto unborn children. A genetic test can also provide some very useful information to someone who was adopted and doesn't know anything about their family's health history. The tests are available online and can be done at home. It's important to share the results of the genetic test with the doctor. As to the question is it okay to try and get pregnant during the pandemic? Dr. Wilkinson says, "Absolutely" it's okay to try and get pregnant and couples who are thinking about starting a family should not be afraid to try and conceive.

Sunday, January 17, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Lawrence Gostin

Some Americans say there is no way they'll get a COVID-19 vaccine, yet some may have no choice if they want to keep their jobs. Law allows workplaces to require safety-related vaccines for workers. Businesses may even begin to require proof of vaccination among customers to maintain safe environments. Ms. Gostin who is an expert on health law discusses

2<sup>nd</sup> Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Rachel Herz

Scientists are discovering that our food preferences are much more than a matter of taste, and that taste itself is more complicated than we thought. Psychology also plays a role. Dr. Herz discusses what determines preferences, such as why some people like jalapeno peppers & black coffee, and some don't.

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Sunday, January 17, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Lisa Gable with FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) (foodallergy.org)

At the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak we were put on a stay at home order and most restaurants started cutting back their menus for delivery and take-out only. The shelves at grocery stores also started running low with many specialty items hard to find. This was a hard time for people who suffer from a food allergy. Ms. Gable with FARE discusses people living with food allergies. There are currently 32-million-americans living with life-threatening food allergies. Many people who suffer from food allergies continue to have problems with honest information on restaurant menus and finding certain food items at stores. Many people were afraid to go to the hospital during the pandemic and there is a fear that people who go into anaphylactic shock may hesitate to go to the emergency room for help. The new administration in Washington D.C. has already said they will pass the bipartisan "faster act" bill that will provide funding to fight food allergies in schools and would help support and provide resources to kids with allergies in low income areas. The new administration has also promised to help keep the cost of the life saving epi-pen at an affordable price.

Sunday, January 24, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Andrea Gurmankin-Levy and Dr. Maricella Moffitt

Surveys show that as many as 80 percent of people omit information, stretch the truth, or outright lie to their doctors. Dr. Gurmankin-Levy and Dr. Moffitt discuss why it happens, consequences, and methods that might reduce the amount of less-than-truthful answers to doctors' questions.

2<sup>nd</sup> Segment

Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Jessica Ter Haar

The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted people to clean and disinfect more than ever. However, experts believe that humans need a certain number of germs for our immune systems to work properly. Dr. Haar discusses her concern that we're living too clean in the pandemic, and how we can benefit from "good bugs" without danger from the bad ones.

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Sunday, January 31, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Robert Bollinger and Dr. William Schaffner

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts that a new, more contagious version of COVID-19 will become the predominant strain by March, testing the new vaccine's effectiveness. At the same time, researchers are trying to find ways to get the vaccine to more people more quickly by lengthening time between doses, with unknown results. Dr. Bollinger and Dr. Schaffner discuss where we are in the fight.

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Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Karen Bakies

During the Super Bowl, leftovers from gatherings, even small ones, may threaten to take over the refrigerator. Ms. Bakies discusses consumer-friendly how-to's. Including how to read labels that can lengthen food life and help avoid food waste.

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Sunday, January 31, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Dr. Seth Forman - Dermatologist with ForCare Medical Center in Tampa

February is National Cancer Prevention Month and February 4th is World Cancer Day. One of the most common cancers found in Florida is skin cancer. Dr. Forman talks about skin cancer and treatment. 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of

70, more than 2 people die of skin cancer in the U.S. every hour and when detected early, the 5-year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent. Having 5 or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma. There are different types of skin cancer and the current treatments available. Dr. Forman discusses what we can do to do a self-screen for skin cancer at home and what we need to look for. He gives some great tips on which sunscreens are the top rated and how to use them properly and has suggest if we spend a lot of time in the Florida sun how to shop for clothing that has fabric that works as a sunscreen.

Sunday, February 7, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Christopher Michos and Dr. Gabriel Lockhart

Healthcare workers in ERs and ICUs are in their 11th month of fighting COVID-19 and its exhaustion and depression. Two front line doctors describe how they're managing to stay optimistic amid so much chaos, and how the vaccine has given them a goal keeping them afloat.

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Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Stuart Vyse and Dr. Alex Lickerman

Professional athletes are among the most superstitious of all people. While we may be tempted to think these rituals have no effect on performance, psychologists say that if an athlete believes it helps, then it does. Dr. Vyse and Dr. Lickerman explain how superstitions work in sports and in life.

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Sunday, February 14, 2021 -Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Mitchell Doucette, Ken Kolash, and Dr. Sarah Kaufman

The number of cars on the road has been dramatically lower during the pandemic, yet the number of crash deaths has increased. That means the number of crashes and traffic deaths per mile driven have skyrocketed. Dr. Doucette, Dr. Kaufman and Mr. Kolash discuss this unprecedented scenario and what we can do about it.

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Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Paul Meyer

Proof of having received COVID-19 vaccine may soon be required for boarding a plane, going to a ball game, going to school, having a job, or eating in some restaurants. Mr. Meyer who is involved in the design of a passport app discusses how it would all work.

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Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Dr. Biree Andemariam

Ever since the coronavirus broke out last year, we've been hearing stories regarding African Americans were less likely to get tests for virus or seek help if they think they may have the virus. Now with the vaccine out health officials are saying they're seeing the same problem with African Americans not getting the vaccine. Dr. Andemariam discusses how the pandemic has affected people in the African American community and how the virus can do more harm due to other health issues that many African Americans suffer from. Dr. Andemariam tells us why there is a great mistrust between the African American people and white doctors. The main problem with getting people tested and vaccinated in the African American community is the lack of testing/vaccine sites. More churches and organizations are now opening sites in low income areas and now there are mobile vaccine centers that are scheduled to hold testing and vaccination events in the African American community. She talks about how the virus is hurting the African American community and she said that as a black doctor she wants to encourage all African Americans to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible.

Sunday, February 21, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Dr. Ray Dorsey and Dr. Michael Okun

Parkinson's disease has become one of the fastest growing diseases and causes of disability in the world. Evidence shows that environmental toxins such as pesticides play a role. Dr. Dorsey and Dr. Okun discuss what we know about Parkinson's and how we could curtail its rise, saving lives and restoring quality of life.

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Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Mark Pollack

People suffering from mental illnesses often go through several medications before they find one that works. A genetic test seeks to discover this information right away, so patients don't have to wait. Dr. Pollack discusses its uses.

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Sunday, February 28, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

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Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Dr. Kate Bahn, Dr. Jeff Hayes, and Michael Madowitz

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected women's employment much more dramatically than men, especially women of color, both because of the fields they work in and the need to take care of children who are distance learning. Dr. Bahn, Dr. Hayes and Mr. Madowitz discuss how this affects families, the workforce overall, and what can be done to ease the problem.

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Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Randi Hutter Epstein

Hormones were unknown until a little more than 100 years ago, and experts admit we still have a lot to learn. Dr. Epstein details the discovery of hormones and how our growing knowledge has shaped treatment of many diseases and conditions.

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Sunday, March 7, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

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Host: Reed Pence. Guests: Dr. Michael Jaffee, Dr. Muhammad, and Dr. Steve Hanke

The annual switch to Daylight Saving Time brings more accidents, heart attacks, and other health effects. Surprisingly, they don't completely go away until we go back to Standard Time in the fall. Experts discuss health and mental effects of body clocks not being in synch with the actual time, and how year-around consistency would help. But should it be Standard Time or DST? Dr. Jaffee, Dr. Muhammad and Dr. Hanke discuss alternatives.

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Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Ina Park

Despite social distancing, experts say people are increasingly “hooking up.” Sexually transmitted diseases are growing as a result. Dr. Park discusses STDs in a pandemic.

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Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Niket Sonpal and Dr. William Schaffner

Americans have waited anxiously for the COVID-19 vaccine. Now that it's being rapidly deployed, how much will it change life for those who've received it? Dr. Sonpal and Dr. Schaffner offer a primer on exactly how the vaccines work, what activities recipients can and can't safely do, and estimates of when masks won't be necessary.

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Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Kurt Eichenweld

Epilepsy affects 3.5 million Americans, yet stigma prevents many from speaking out, which in turn prolongs the stigma. Mr. Eichenweld who has epilepsy describes the discrimination faced by people with seizure disorders and dispels the many myths many people hold about them.

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Sunday, March 14, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

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Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Dr. Nichelle Threadgill - Chief Medical Officer with the Community Health Centers of Pinellas County. [www.chcpinellas.org](http://www.chcpinellas.org)

Florida is now getting a steady supply of coronavirus vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna and now the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been approved for use. However, a lot of people in lower income areas and people of color are not getting the vaccine. Dr. Threadgill talks about the vaccine rollout and why some people are not getting the shot. There is a great mistrust between the African American community and the medical community. Dr. Threadgill, who is African American, explains she has even had trouble talking her own relatives, mostly older, into getting the vaccine. There is a lot of false information being spread about the vaccine that has caused some confusion about getting the vaccine. Many of the people in low income areas don't have transportation

to a vaccine location. The community health centers of Pinellas are working with other counties health services to try to get the vaccine to those in underserved locations. Her office is getting a new shipment of the vaccine this week and they will be setting up mobile clinics in the areas where people say they have no access to the shot. She is also working local civic groups, churches, and organizations in the low-income areas to make sure people get informed and vaccinated. Also discussed is the various services offered by the community health centers of Pinellas to low-income people and families.

Sunday, March 21, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Dan Riddle, Dr. James Rickert, and Dr. Richard Berger

Knee replacements are successful for 80 percent of recipients, yet many assume the success rate should be higher. Those who are not successful often are bitterly disappointed. However, patients and physicians can take steps to avoid a bad result. New techniques also offer much faster recovery. Dr. Riddle, Dr. Rickert, and Dr. Berger discuss.

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Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Janice Nimura

Today, women outnumber men in medical school. But 175 years ago, women were unheard of in medicine. Ms. Nimura discusses the ingenuity it took for two sisters to break barriers in medicine for women.

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Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Peggie Sherry – Founder/CEO/Cancer Survivor with Faces of Courage Tampa Bay.

Faces of Courage, like most non-profit organizations, has suffered financially during the coronavirus pandemic. This Saturday is Faces of Courage's annual fundraiser and they are desperately in need of financial help. Ms. Sherry talks about the organization and the services they offer to people currently fighting cancer. She talks about her personal story fighting cancer and the toll it took on her and her family. How the coronavirus pandemic has changed the way they offer services. The pandemic has been a very stressful and difficult time for people currently fighting cancer due to their weakened

immune systems. Many cancer patients felt going to a doctor for continued treatment may comprise their health due to the virus. Doctors have been offering virtual counseling to these people and have coordinated appointments with the doctor or treatment centers. Faces of Courage is now back to hosting in person events for cancer patients and their family. It is also back to holding weekly camps for cancer patients and hosting in person services and camps for kids that are fighting cancer. They are glad to be back for in-person help/events. This weekend is their Run for Luck 5k which hopefully will be a big shot in the arm financially to Faces of Courage.

Sunday, March 28, 2021 – Radio Health Journal 7:00 a.m.

30:00

Host: Reed Pence. Guest: Dr. Abdul Lalkhen

Pain varies from person to person and is totally subjective. It can't be truly measured. This makes pain management one of the greatest challenges in healthcare. Dr. Lalkhen discusses how pain works and how doctors struggle to contain it.

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Host: Nancy Benson. Guest: Dr. Elisabeth Klodas

During the pandemic, millions of people have adopted diets full of comfort food and have wrecked their heart health in the process. Now as the world begins to return to a semblance of normal, they will face wildly conflicting dietary advice. Dr. Klodas discusses how people can cut through the confusion.

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Sunday, March 28, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

2 topics 15 mins each

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Bailey Nicholas - Executive Director of High Risk Hope

This Wednesday is the 5th annual day of giving at all Jersey Mike's subs in the Tampa Bay area where 100% of every sandwich sale goes to high risk hope Tampa Bay. Ms. Nicholas talks about the organization and how the money raised on Wednesdays will help local mothers with high risk pregnancy. She discusses all the programs offered to these mothers and their families and how the support/help continues after the baby's birth since most of the babies that are high risk often have prolonged stays in the hospital after birth. She also discusses how High Risk Hope works with the family while mom and baby are still in the hospital and how medical advancements have made it

possible for women who are considered high risk can carry a baby to term. Counseling services are available to both Mom and Dad and how High Risk Hope continues to help these families once the baby comes home. She gives a few examples of Moms here in the Tampa Bay area who never thought they could carry a baby to term who are now loving happy parents to a child.

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Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Alice Santana - Director of Education Straz Center for the Performing Arts

After High Risk Hope, Mr. Slater and Ms. Santana discuss how summer camps and other arts education programs are now back at the Straz Center after a year of a COVID-19 shutdown. Ms. Santana shares what safety features are now in place so kids can return for their continued arts education, how the kids acting classes are ready to perform their first play of the year, how many camps and performances involving the kids will be held outside the Straz Center on the Tampa River Walk and how to apply for a scholarship. With the vaccine being distributed, and the COVID-19 numbers are going down and she expects even more classes and camps to open during the summer and into the fall school year.

## **Economy**

Sunday, January 3, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Leigh-Margaret Stull - Career Counselor with Career Builder.

What are the hot jobs for 2021? Where and how should people apply for work? What are employers looking for in the new year? These are questions answered today with Ms. Stull. First discussed are the jobs lost in 2020 due to the coronavirus and how many companies and employees had to pivot. It is discussed which jobs will probably not be back in 2021 and what industries/roles are showing job growth. Ms. Stull explains how many Americans are expected to be hunting for a new job in 2021, what recruiters are looking for, why we should be looking for work in the skilled labor workforce or driving, how looking for a job has changed during the pandemic and why employers are more frequently asking candidates "Can you do it?" vs "Have you done it?" She gives some tips on how to stand out when applying for a job online and reminds that a job interview may be virtual and not in person. It's still important to present ourselves in a professional manner during a virtual interview. Another important reminder is to be careful about what we post on social media as many employers are looking at our social media and what you post online could cost you the job.

Sunday, February 21, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Lynnette Khalfani-Cox - Financial Planner/The Money Coach

Has the coronavirus pandemic caused people's credit score to fall? How about your fico score? If so, how can you repair your scores? Ms. Khalfani-Cox "The Money Coach" who has been seen on Oprah, Dr. Phil, the Dr. Oz show, good morning America, the today show and many more. She joins Mr. Slater to talk about how the coronavirus pandemic has caused damage to a lot of consumers credit & fico scores. Many people lost their jobs and fell behind in their mortgage/rent payments, their credit card payments, and other bills and yes this can cause your credit score/fico number to drop. Many people took a forbearance on their mortgage meaning they didn't pay the mortgage for months and now a total payment of past payments is due. Many people are going to be hit hard when they see the payment they're going to have to make. Always look at other options before deciding to choose forbearance. Many people didn't pay their credit card bills or they racked up a bunch of charges during the pandemic and she tells us this will cause your score to drop. Ms. Khalfani-Cox discusses how we can get our three free monthly credit reports and how to read them. She gives ways to correct something that may be false on our credit report and how to repair our credit and credit rating. If we're behind on our mortgage/rent or credit card payments, it's always best to contact the lender and try to work something out or discuss different payment options. Since interest rates are at an all-time low, it is also discussed how to shop for a loan, and she gave us some tips on some of the pitfalls people aren't aware of when they're shopping for a loan.

Sunday, March 7, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Alex Gonzales - Financial Planning Expert with Regions Private Wealth with Multiple Offices in Tampa and Across Florida.

Amid an ongoing pandemic, political transition, market volatility, and economic uncertainties in the U.S. and abroad, staying on track financially is a challenging task. Many people have shifted their strategy to protecting what they have, rather than focusing on building new wealth. Does there really need to be a trade off? Mr. Gonzales provides some insights and perspectives on how to craft an ideal strategy that combines protecting one's current assets while positioning oneself to build wealth in the future. He discusses how the coronavirus pandemic and loss of job or income has changed the way people are saving/investing their money. The difference between building wealth and merely preserving it. Is now the time to be aggressive or play it safe with our money? That depends on your personal age and situation and what you already have in savings and how that money is growing. Mr. Gonzales talks about the various savings

tools available to most people like a 401k, Roth IRA, or IRA. How you save and where you put your money depends on how much risk and loss, you're willing to take. Someone younger should take advantage of more aggressive growth funds/investments and someone who may be ten-years away from retirement should consider less aggressive growth and put what they have saved into funds/investments that offer protected growth. Also discussed is the growth of younger investors who have started day trading. If someone just decides to open a day trading account and they don't know what they're doing they could lose everything. As always, it is advised to listeners to get the opinion of a certified financial planner before investing money or moving money already saved into another fund/investment.

## **Education**

Sunday, January 24, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Danielle Bayard Jackson - Friendship Counselor/Consultant

The coronavirus has been difficult on all of us and it has affected our friendships. During the stay at home order and with less public places to go, many friendships suffered. Ms. Jackson discusses how the coronavirus has taken a toll on our friendships. Many people really felt like they were missing out on their friends lives as keeping up on Facebook and virtual get togethers are not the same as meeting face to face. She goes over how we can maintain our friendships without meeting in person and how it changes us when we can't see our friends. Also, is it a good time to take inventory of our friends and maybe decide some people really weren't our friends? What's the difference between a social media friend and a "real life" friend? And what are "silos?" (single individuals left out of society). She also talks about how now that we can go out and meet in public, how do we deal with a friend who is still worried about going out to public places. She also discussed how the political climate and the race protest last year cost many people friendships and how to deal with that.

## **Public Safety**

Sunday, February 7, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: David Glawe - President of the National Insurance Crime Bureau - NICB.org

Law enforcement agencies in Florida reported a record number of auto thefts and burglaries last year during the coronavirus pandemic. There's also been an increase of thefts of catalytic converters. Why is this happening and how does it cause your auto insurance to go up? Mr. Glawe talks about why we've seen a rise in auto thefts. It's a crime of opportunity due to the coronavirus. Many people left their cars parked in their driveway during the pandemic and the vehicle was an easy target. In most cases the cars being broken into were left unlocked and gangs of car thieves go through a neighborhood and try all the doors on the vehicle. An unlocked door is an easy target. Auto theft where someone steals the vehicle is another crime of opportunity. Again, people are leaving their cars unlocked and sometimes people leave the keys in the car and this makes it easy for a thief to steal the car. A lot of stolen cars are then used to commit other crimes. Sometimes cars are stolen in public parking lots when people leave their car running unattended while they run into the store. It is against Florida law to leave your car unattended with the engine running. Mr. Glawe discusses the top ten list of the most stolen vehicles in Florida and the rise of stolen catalytic converters in Florida. The converters are being stolen for the precious metals inside the converter. Most thieves get around \$200.00 dollars apiece for each catalytic converter they steal. He also discusses how all the auto break-in's and thefts can cause everyone's car insurance to go up.

## **Community Relations**

Sunday, February 28, 2021 – Sunday Morning 7:30 a.m.

30:00

Host: Jeff Slater. Guest: Freddy Williams – Boys and Girls Club of the Suncoast

The Boys and Girls clubs of the Suncoast is hosting Great Futures Reimagined: A Virtual Experience on Saturday March 6th, 2021. Mr. Williams talks about the event and how the annual fundraiser is going to be virtual this year due to the coronavirus. He discusses how the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast was able to still operate under the coronavirus pandemic. They were able to distribute nutritious meals to all kids in the Tampa Bay area at six different club locations during the pandemic and their food program is still ongoing. Also talked about are how the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast is also helping kids with their education by offering free virtual tutors/certified teachers to help kids with their homework, and something new that's being offered by the clubs is mental health counseling to help combat the trauma caused by COVID-19. Also discussed is how the pandemic has affected kids in the Tampa area both mentally and physically and how the clubs are now ready to open their doors to a limited number of kids. Now with more people getting access to the vaccine they'll be able to do more as we head into the summer months. Mr. Williams stresses they will continue their food

program to all families this summer since kids will be out of school and normally school lunch/snack time is the only time some of these kids get a hot meal.