

## **Issues Programs List Quarterly Issues Programs List**

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**October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021**

### **Section I. Issues**

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

**A. Business:** Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, Yakima County has seen an increase in employers encountering a labor shortage in the market. Labor market indicators reflect steep shortages in the agricultural, hospitality, and healthcare industries in particular. The heavy burden of this labor shortage is especially felt in the healthcare industry, so much so that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had to be called in to the city of Yakima in order to provide emergency care workers serving COVID-19 patients at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital. Viewpoints asks the community to answer the question: what will eventually happen if job positions aren't filled.

**B. Culture:** Nearly 117,000 Koreans live in Yakima, making their cultural influence with business, food, art, and language a vital part of our changing community. Several new Korean restaurants have opened during the pandemic and foodies and patrons alike are in awe and excited to experience the new recipes and dishes. Viewpoints takes a look at Korean culture and the impact it continues to have for residents from all cultural backgrounds.

**C. Education:** In Yakima schools, around 77% of educators are White yet 78% of the students are Latino. Some schools are finding it grueling to locate substitute teachers to compensate for the lack of available instructors that have the appropriate credentials, including bilingual education. Many are feeling overwhelmed in their roles as leader, mentor, listener, and educator. Viewpoints investigates ways to support educators to make sure their needs are being met during the pandemic. We also examine how the student loan debt crisis continues to spiral out of control.

**D. Health:** Washington state has had 891,000 people who have had COVID-19 and nearly 10,000 deaths from the virus. Viewpoints considers ways we can stay healthy despite new looming coronavirus variants as well as the latest discoveries in modern Alzheimer's research.

**E. Poverty:** In 2019, Yakima County had a 14% poverty rate and the rate is even higher in 2021. The average median household income in the county is \$51,000. Viewpoints scrutinizes how modern culture stigmatizes and traps people stuck dealing with rising costs of food, rent, and basic necessities and the increase of homelessness. These conditions affects mostly minority populations in Yakima County.

**Program 21-40**      **Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:**      **Studio Production:**      **Jason Dickey**  
10/3/21

#### SEGMENT 1: STAYING HEALTHY THROUGH THE END OF 2021 WITH DELTA IN THE BACKGROUND

**Time**      **Duration**

**Synopsis:** I don't know if it's just us, but this year really has flown by. It's odd to think that 2022 is only three months away. Unfortunately, the Delta variant is causing the COVID-19 pandemic to still linger on this year, but many are optimistic that the worst is now behind us. Pediatrician Dr. Jenna Wheeler joins us this week to offer up some advice on holiday gatherings, keeping healthy through flu season and the importance of getting younger children vaccinated as soon as they're eligible.

1:47

9:26

**Host:** Gary Price

**Guests:** Dr. Jenna Wheeler, pediatric critical care physician, Arnold Palmer's Children's Hospital.

**Issues Covered:** Child Development, Parenting, Education, Pediatric Health, Travel

**Links:** [Holiday Tips from the CDC](#)

[Jenna J Wheeler, MD - Pediatric Critical Care Medicine](#)

#### SEGMENT 2: THE MYSTERIES OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

**Time**      **Duration**

**Synopsis:** Alzheimer's was first described in a female patient back in 1906. For many decades, scientists have been trying to decode this disease with no avail. Instead, more questions keep popping up as we learn more about this complex disease and face dead ends in treatment exploration. Two experts in the field join Viewpoints this week to shed some light on modern Alzheimer's research.

13:15

9:42

**Host:** Marty Peterson

**Guests:** Dr. Robert Vassar, scientific director, behavior neurology, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, director, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease at Northwestern University; Dr. Karl Herrup, professor, neurobiology, investigator, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, author, How Not to Study a Disease: The Story of Alzheimer's

**Issues Covered:** Disease, Science, Technology, Aging, Scientific Research

**Links:** [Alzheimer's Association](#), [Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Help](#)

[Inside the Brain - Brain Basics](#)

[Robert J Vassar : Faculty Profile: Faculty Profiles](#)

[Karl Herrup, PhD , Alzheimer's Disease Research Center](#)

[How Not to Study a Disease](#)

#### CULTURE CRASH: HALLOWEEN HORROR

**Time**      **Duration**

**Synopsis:** We explore one of our favorite horror franchises, *Scream*, now streaming on HBO Max.

23:57

2:30

**Host:** Evan Rook

**Issues Covered:** Film, Culture

**Program 21-41 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
10/10/21

SEGMENT 1: FANCY A BEER?		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	How long do you think beer has been around for? Well, archaeologists have recently discovered proof of beer-making in the Middle East dating back more than thirteen thousand years. While the rise of hard seltzers has been making headlines lately, beer has a rich cultural history and has evolved as a drink over thousands of years. Two brew experts join us this week to uncover some interesting facts about the beer world.	1:47	9:47
<b>Host:</b>	Gary Price		
<b>Guests:</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Pilcher, professor, history, University of Toronto; Rich Higgins, master cicerone.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b> Agriculture, Archaeology, Business, Culture, History, Science			
<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Master Cicerone Certification – The Ultimate Test of Beer — Cicerone.org</a> <a href="#">The Beer Archaeologist , History , Smithsonian Magazine</a> <a href="#">Jeffrey Pilcher , Department of History , University of Toronto</a> <a href="#">Rich Higgins: Virtual Beer Tasting , RichHiggins.com</a>			
SEGMENT 2: THE MODERN LIBRARY		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	When's the last time you visited your community library? If it's been awhile, there's a large chance a lot has changed in recent years. Many libraries have stepped up and evolved during the pandemic to offer more remote classes and resources, as well as a place to work and connect with others if you need to get out of the house. The best part? It's all free.		
<b>Host:</b>	Marty Peterson	13:21	9:10
<b>Guests:</b>	Joyce Cooper, director, branch library services, Los Angeles Public Library.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b> Career, Community, Education, Internet, Literature, Public Resource			
<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Los Angeles Public Library</a> <a href="#">LAPL Labs: Creativity Within Reach</a> <a href="#">Fund Libraries Campaign, Advocacy, Legislation &amp; Issues – American Library Association (ALA)</a>			
CULTURE CRASH: THE STAGGERED RISE TO STARDOM		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Dominic Fike, a popular, up-and-coming musician, performed recently at the Firefly Music Festival in Delaware. We discuss his performance at the highly anticipated event and the difficult task of becoming not only a great musician, but performer as well.	23:30	2:56
<b>Host:</b>	Evan Rook		
<b>Issues Covered:</b> Culture, Music, Music Industry			

**Program 21-42 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
10/17/21

**SEGMENT 1: THE MODERN PET: A MUCH-ADORED FAMILY MEMBER**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** You may have held out on getting a pet for years and years, but when the pandemic hit, it seemed like an opportune time to add a new furry member to the family. Today, more than 70 percent of Americans own one pet or more, and this number is only set to increase in coming years. We speak with two pet experts this week about the evolving sector and the pedestal we place our pets on in this country.

1:47 12:03

**Host:** Gary Price

**Guests:** Mark Cushing, founder, CEO, Animal Policy Group, author, Pet Nation: The Inside Story of How Companion Animals Are Transforming Our Homes, Culture, and Economy; Dan Rubenstein, CEO, PUPS Pet Club.

**Issues Covered:** Business, Personal Finance, Relationships, Culture, Animal Welfare

**Links:** ['The Future of Pet Care' - Today's Veterinary Business | An Official Journal of NAVC](#)  
['New ASPCA Survey Shows Overwhelming Majority of Dogs and Cats Acquired During the Pandemic Are Still in Their Homes' - The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#)  
[PUPS Pet Club - "Chicago's premier pet care provider"](#)  
[Pet Nation](#) by Mark Cushing | Penguin Random House publishing

**SEGMENT 2: THE HICCUPS IN FOOD MESSAGING & NUTRITION AT THE FDA**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** The FDA is a massive organization that handles a wide variety of regulations and responsibilities. However, some critics argue that the FDA has failed to evolve with the times, spending large amounts of resources on dated measures and messaging tactics. Former FDA employee Dr. Richard Williams joins us this week to highlight some of these issues within food messaging and nutrition guidelines.

15:38 6:58

**Host:** Marty Peterson

**Guests:** Dr. Richard Williams, former director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, author, Fixing Food: An FDA Insider Unravels the Myths and Solutions.

**Issues Covered:** Marketing, Nutrition, Food Science, Government, Technology, Health, Public Health

**Links:** [What We Do - U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#)  
['FDA renegade exposing the truth behind regulation' - richardawilliams.com](#)  
[The New Nutrition Facts Label: What's in it for You? education campaign- FDA](#)  
[Fixing Food](#) by Richard A. Williams, PhD

**CULTURE CRASH: THE VIEWING EXPERIENCE**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** We discuss the dilemma of cropping full screen shows and films to fit our modern, widescreen TV's. Many who are against this edit argue that changing the format ruins the originality and nostalgia of the media.

23:35 2:52

**Host:** Evan Rook

**Issues Covered:** TV, Film, Culture

**Program 21-43 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** **Studio Production:** Jason Dickey  
10/24/21

SEGMENT 1: THE RISE OF 'INFLUENCE' IN THIS WORLD		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Being an influencer has turned into a career option for some, and today, some college students are pursuing degrees in social media to work within the industry or try their hand at becoming an influencer themselves. We discuss the state of social media education and the larger implications of this shift in modern culture.	1:47	9:42
<b>Host:</b>	Gary Price		
<b>Guests:</b>	Dr. Robert Kozinets, Professor of Journalism and Marketing, University of Southern California Marshall School of Business; Dr. Grace Choi, assistant professor, social media, digital strategy, Columbia College Chicago.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Social Media, Business, Communication, Education, Career, Technology		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Robert Kozinets - USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism</a> <a href="#">PR 499 Influencer Relations Syllabus - USC Annenberg</a> <a href="#">Social Media Degree Program - Columbia College Chicago</a> <a href="#">Grace Choi - Columbia College Faculty</a> <a href="#">'Big 'gram on campus: At USC, students train to become influencers' - NBC News Article</a>		
SEGMENT 2: THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	It's been a century and a half since the fire that reshaped the Chicago landscape took hold across the city. Chicago History Museum curator Julius L. Jones joins us this week to discuss some interesting historical facts about the fire that you've probably never heard before.	13:31	9:06
<b>Host:</b>	Marty Peterson		
<b>Guests:</b>	Julius L. Jones, historian, curator, Chicago History Museum.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Public Safety, American History, Architecture, History, Urban Design		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Exhibitions at the Chicago History Museum</a> <a href="#">Julius L. Jones - Chicago History Museum Curator, 2021-present</a> <a href="#">'Everything went wrong' — remembering the Great Chicago Fire on its 150th anniversary - Chicago Sun Times Article</a> <a href="#">How the Great Fire changed Chicago architecture - Chicago Sun Times Article</a>		
CULTURE CRASH: THE SENSATIONAL "SQUID GAME"		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Netflix's new release, "Squid Game" has become an overnight sensation, garnering more than 111 million views from accounts in just its first few weeks on the platform. What makes the show just so good?	23:36	2:50
<b>Host:</b>	Evan Rook		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	TV, Culture		

**Program 21-44 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
10/31/21

SEGMENT 1: THE MENTAL TOLL OF TEACHING		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Across the U.S., many teachers are simply overwhelmed. In their careers, they're not only an educator, but a leader, listener and mentor. They play many other roles than simply teaching students the set curriculum. However, the pandemic has exacerbated these duties and some educators are perpetually stressed and leaving the field for good. We speak with two education experts about the current classroom landscape and what schools can do to fully support their teachers to make sure their needs are heard.	1:47	8:46
<b>Host:</b>	Gary Price		
<b>Guests:</b>	Dr. Olga Acosta Price, associate professor, Milken Institute of Public Health, George Washington University, director, Center for Health and Health Care in Schools; Sue Gaertner, director, Trinity Church Nursery School.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Mental Health, Health, Human Resources, Education, Career		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Olga Acosta Price, PhD - George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health in Washington, D.C.</a> <a href="#">Wilmette Illinois Preschool</a> <a href="#">Trinity Church Nursery School - Wilmette, Illinois Preschool</a> <a href="#">"Teacher shortages impacting schools nationwide" - Fox Business Article</a> <a href="#">"Why So Many Teachers Are Thinking of Quitting" - The Washington Post Magazine</a>		
SEGMENT 2: LIVING IN POVERTY IN THE RURAL U.S.		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Poverty exists, but it's hard to grasp what it's really like if you've never experienced it firsthand. Journalist Sarah Smarsh joins Viewpoints this week to share her story of growing up poor in rural America. She shares memories from her childhood and her perspective on how modern culture stigmatizes and traps people stuck in the cycle of poverty.	12:34	10:02
<b>Host:</b>	Marty Peterson		
<b>Guests:</b>	Sarah Smarsh, journalist, author, Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Public Assistance, Wealth Inequality, Inequality, Poverty, Wealth Gap		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Sarah Smarsh - Journalist &amp; Author of Heartland, Finalist for the National Book Award</a> <a href="#">Income and Poverty in the United States: 2020 - United States Census Bureau</a> <a href="#">Poverty increased amid the pandemic after years of decline, but government relief made a difference - Boston University News Service</a> <a href="#">Heartland by Sarah Smarsh - Official Publisher Page</a>		
CULTURE CRASH: THE NEVER-ENDING MOVIE FRANCHISES		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	We explore the long list of film franchises the seem to go on forever. Among these are the Star Wars franchise and the most recent installment in the Bond series, No Time to Die.	23:35	2:52
<b>Host:</b>	Evan Rook		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Film, Culture		

**Program 21-45 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
11/7/21

**SEGMENT 1: THE LANDSCAPE OF FOOD INSECURITY AS FOOD PRICES CONTINUE TO SOAR**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** In 2020, nearly 40 million Americans lived in food-insecure households. With food prices rising across the country, food insecurity is only set to worsen, disproportionately affecting minority populations. How can people help?

1:47

8:15

**Host:** Gary Price

**Guests:** Dr. Priya Fielding-Singh, sociologist, assistant professor, Department of Family and Consumer Studies, University of Utah, author, *How the Other Half Eats*; Zuani Villarreal, director, communication, Feeding America.

**Issues Covered:** Nutrition, Inequality, Government, Parenting, Poverty, Public Assistance, Health, Food Insecurity

**Links:** [Take Action - Help support Feeding America's initiatives](#)

[USDA Economic Research Service | Food Price Outlook, 2021 - Summary findings](#)

[New York Times - "Higher Food Prices Hit the Poor and Those Who Help Them"](#)

[Priya Fielding-Singh, Ph.D.](#)

[How the Other Half Eats: The Untold Story of Food and Inequality in America](#)

**SEGMENT 2: CRAFTING KOREAN FARE**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** Sharing a meal and trying something new is not only a way to expand your palate, but to learn about foreign cultures, customs and traditions. We speak with Korean cook, Joanne Molinaro about her early memories of food and family and the traditional Korean recipes and ingredients that make up the cuisine.

12:04

10:35

**Host:** Marty Peterson

**Guests:** Joanne Molinaro, lawyer, author, *The Vegan Cookbook*.

**Issues Covered:** History, Cuisine, Relationships, Personal Finance, Literature, Poverty, Culture

**Links:** ["The Korean Vegan Bridges Plant-Based Recipes with Her Cultural Identity" - Thrillist](#)

[The Korean Vegan - Veganize Korean Food. | Koreanize Everything Else.](#)

[Joanne Molinaro - Partner and trial lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP's Chicago office](#)

["Korean food: 40 best dishes we can't live without" - CNN.com](#)

**CULTURE CRASH: CULTURE CRASH: THE RELEASE OF "DUNE"**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** The popular book, "Dune" is now hitting screens in theatres and on streaming platform, HBO Max. We discuss the highly anticipated blockbuster release featuring male lead Timothee Chalamet.

23:39

2:50

**Host:** Evan Rook

**Issues Covered:** Culture, Film

**Program 21-46 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
11/14/21

SEGMENT 1: THE GREAT RESIGNATION' AS LABOR SHORTAGES CONTINUE		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Today, there are close to 11 million vacant jobs in the U.S. – a record-breaking number. Why are more Americans not filling these positions? How is this affecting businesses? What will eventually happen if these jobs go unfilled? We explore these questions and more this week as we're joined by hospitality entrepreneur, Ravindra Jayara, and senior labor economist, Dr. Abigail Wozniak.	1:49	9:33
<b>Host:</b>	Gary Price		
<b>Guests:</b>	Dr. Abigail Wozniak, senior labor economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, director, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute; Ravindra Jayara, owner, Chic Chef Catering.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Wage Inequity, Domestic Production, Business, Employment Issues, Technology, Labor, Productivity, Career, Economics, Wage Gap		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="https://minneapolisfed.org">Abigail Wozniak - minneapolisfed.org</a> <a href="#">Chic Chef Catering   Catering in Chicago, Wisconsin &amp; Indiana</a> <a href="#">Industries at a Glance: Leisure and Hospitality</a> <a href="#">'4.3 Million Workers Are Missing. Where Did They Go?' - Wall Street Journal</a> <a href="#">'Why the labor shortage may go on for much longer' - marketplace.org</a>		
SEGMENT 2: THE VAST EXPANSE OF SPACE		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	We've barely just scratched the surface of space exploration. Many scientists at NASA and in the private sector have set their sights on the eventual human mission to Mars – but what lies past the red planet? Will humans one day be able to travel outside of our solar system? Physicist Dr. Daniel Whiteson joins us this week to explain the strange and beautiful intricacies of the cosmos.	13:24	9:02
<b>Host:</b>	Marty Peterson		
<b>Guests:</b>	Dr. Daniel Whiteson, professor, astronomy, physics, University of California – Irvine, and author of Frequently Asked Questions About the Universe.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Science, Technology, Film, Physics, Culture, Astronomy, Space Exploration		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Daniel O. Whiteson, PhD - UCI Department of Physics &amp; Astronomy</a> <a href="#">Daniel Whiteson on Twitter</a> <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions about the Universe by Jorge Cham, Daniel Whiteson   PenguinRandomHouse.com</a> <a href="#">NASA's Mars Exploration Program</a>		
CULTURE CRASH: THE THANKSGIVING SITCOM CLASSICS		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	We explore some of our favorite Thanksgiving-themed episodes to get you in the holiday spirit. We touch on multiple "Friends" features to classic Thanksgiving installments of "The Simpsons" that never get old.	23:26	3:02
<b>Host:</b>	Evan Rook		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Culture, TV		



**Program 21-47 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
11/21/21

SEGMENT 1: A BREAKDOWN IN HOUSING		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	In some cities, people are seeing as high as 30 percent increases on monthly rent. For middle and low-income citizens already on a tight budget, it's impossible to make ends meet – especially as prices for food, gas and other basics keep ticking upwards. We speak with two housing experts about the complete lack of affordable housing in this country and the worsening homelessness epidemic.	1:48	9:06
<b>Host:</b>	Gary Price		
<b>Guests:</b>	Jaimie Ross, CEO, Florida Housing Coalition; Andrew Ross, professor, social & cultural analysis, New York University, and author of Sunbelt Blues: The Failure of American Housing.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Inequality, Affordable Housing, Government, Poverty, Career, Wage Inequity, Homelessness		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Nonfiction Book Review: Sunbelt Blues: Failure of American Housing by Andrew Ross. Metropolitan, (288p) ISBN 978-1-250-80422-8</a> <a href="#">Professor Andrew Ross - NYU Faculty webpage</a> <a href="#">More about the Florida Housing Coalition</a> <a href="#">Out of Reach 2021 - National Low Income Housing Coalition</a> <a href="#">Legislative Action Center - National Low Income Housing Coalition</a> <a href="#">Find Affordable Rental Housing - USA.gov</a>		

SEGMENT 2: REGAINING DIGITAL PRIVACY		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	While it may seem like people have some control over privacy settings, this is merely an illusion argues law professor Neil Richards. This week on Viewpoints - we highlight the lack of privacy online and why consumers should expect better from corporations and their government.	12:56	9:21
<b>Host:</b>	Marty Peterson		
<b>Guests:</b>	Neil Richards, Koch Distinguished Professor in Law, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, Director, Cordell Institute, author of Why Privacy Matters.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Advertising, Technology, Cybersecurity, Consumer Rights, Big Data, Business, Privacy, Law, Digital Law, Government		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Neil Richards - WashULaw</a> <a href="#">Neil Richards (@neilmrichards) on Twitter</a> <a href="#">Why Privacy Matters by Neil Richards - Powell's.com</a> <a href="#">The Boston Globe - 'Facebook's next privacy nightmare will be a sight to see'</a>		

CULTURE CRASH: A NEW PORTRAYAL OF PRINCESS DIANA		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Actress Kristen Stewart plays Princess Diana in the highly anticipated release, "Spencer". We highlight Stewart's performance and what we loved about this new take on the late royal.	23:17	3:09
<b>Host:</b>	Evan Rook		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Film, Culture		

**Program 21-48 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
11/28/21

**SEGMENT 1: THE MENTAL HEALTH EFFECTS OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT & IMPRISONMENT**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** The United States still has the highest number of inmates in the world, with more than 2 million people behind bars. For a segment of this population, spending weeks, months, or even years in solitary confinement is very much a reality. We speak with two criminal justice experts about the lasting effects of solitary confinement and the mental health crisis plaguing prisons.

1:47 8:57

**Host:** Gary Price

**Guests:** Dr. Keramet Reiter, Professor, Department of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California – Irvine; Tracy Velazquez, Manager, Public Safety Research, Pew Charitable Trust.

**Issues Covered:** Mass Incarceration, Law, Inequality, Government, Humane Treatment, Psychology, Criminology, Mental Health

**Links:** [Keramet Reiter - UCI School of Social Ecology Faculty](#)

[Meet the Team - Pew Charitable Trust](#)

[The research is clear: Solitary confinement causes long-lasting harm - Prison Policy Initiative](#)

['As Corrections Officers Quit in Droves, Prisons Get Even More Dangerous' - The Marshall Project: Nonprofit journalism about criminal justice](#)

['Groups put pressure on Biden to fulfill campaign pledge to end solitary confinement' - NBC News](#)

[Psychological Distress in Solitary Confinement: Symptoms, Severity, and Prevalence in the United States, 2017–2018 | AJPH | Vol. 110 Issue S1](#)

**SEGMENT 2: THE RICH HISTORY OF COMICS**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** There's nothing quite like comics. The art of illustration mixed with text takes on many forms, including comic strips, books, graphic novels and more. Columbia University professor and author of American Comics: A History Jeremy Dauber joins us this week to help highlight the interesting history of comics and how it's evolved into a multi-billion-dollar industry today.

12:46 10:06

**Host:** Marty Peterson

**Guests:** Jeremy Dauber, Professor, Jewish Literature & American Studies at Columbia University, and author of American Comics: A History.

**Issues Covered:** Writing, Business, Literature, Culture, Arts, Entertainment, History

**Links:** [American Comics | Jeremy Dauber | WW Norton & Company](#)

[JeremyDauber.com](#)

[Jeremy Dauber \(@JeremyDauber\) on Twitter](#)

[The Golden Age Of Comics | History Detectives - PBS.org](#)

**CULTURE CRASH: EXPLORING THE WONDER OF SCIENCE FICTION**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** The Forward is a science fiction series comprising of six short novellas written by prominent authors in the genre. We discuss what we like about this unique format.

23:52 2:34

**Host:** Evan Rook

**Issues Covered:** Literature, Culture

**Program 21-49 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
12/5/21

SEGMENT 1: GIVING BACK AS CASH TRANSACTIONS BECOME LESS COMMON		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Do you find yourself carrying less and less cash in recent years? You're not alone. Last year, cash payments made up about 18 percent of all transactions, according to a national study conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. For homeless populations and nonprofit fundraisers that rely on in-person cash giving, what's the outlook? How can the public help in different ways or donate through digital transactions?	1:47	10:52
<b>Host:</b>	Gary Price		
<b>Guests:</b>	Donald Whitehead Jr., Executive Director, National Coalition for the Homeless; Major Kevin Stoops, General Secretary, The Salvation Army Greater New York Division.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Personal Finance, Nonprofit, Inequality, Technology, Charitable Giving, Poverty, Homelessness		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">State of Homelessness: 2021 Edition - National Alliance to End Homelessness</a> <a href="#">How to Get Help If You Are Experiencing Homelessness - National Alliance to End Homelessness</a> <a href="#">Ways to Give - The Salvation Army USA</a> <a href="#">Homeless Shelters - The Salvation Army USA</a> <a href="#">The National Coalition for the Homeless</a>		

SEGMENT 2: TIS' THE SEASON TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Last minute emails. Gift buying. Traveling. Sometimes the holiday to-do list can feel never-ending. It can be a stressful period. We speak with psychiatrist Dr. Frank Anderson about the importance of setting boundaries and expectations this holiday season.	14:41	8:24
<b>Host:</b>	Marty Peterson		
<b>Guests:</b>	Dr. Frank Anderson, Psychiatrist, and author of Transcending Trauma: Healing Complex PTSD with Internal Family Systems Therapy.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Burnout, Relationships, Stress, Trauma, Communication, Mental Health		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Dealing With Holiday Depression and Stress – Cleveland Clinic</a> <a href="#">Frank Anderson MD: Trauma Specialist, Author, Psychiatrist</a> <a href="#">Transcending Trauma: Healing Complex PTSD with Internal Family Systems - Available on Amazon</a>		

CULTURE CRASH: A REVIEW OF "TICK, TICK... BOOM!"		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	We share why we think the new Netflix release, "Tick, Tick... Boom!" is perhaps the best musical movie of 2021.	24:05	2:23
<b>Host:</b>	Evan Rook		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Culture, Music, Film		

**Program 21-50 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
12/12/21

**SEGMENT 1: THE MOUNTING STUDENT LOAN CRISIS**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** Federal student loan debt has ballooned in recent years. In 2007, debt totaled \$642 billion dollars. Fourteen years later, this number has risen to close to \$1.7 trillion. More than 43 million Americans have student loan debt, with the average person owing around \$39,000.

1:47

10:11

**Host:** Gary Price

**Guests:** Josh Mitchell, student debt and economics reporter for The Wall Street Journal, Author of The Debt Trap: How Student Loans Became a National Catastrophe; Dr. Laura Perna, professor of education, vice provost for faculty, Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania; Executive Director of the Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy (AHEAD).

**Issues Covered:** Economics, Inflation, Student Loan Debt, Higher Education, Personal Finance, Government

**Links:** [Student Debt and the Federal Budget: How Student Loans Impact the U.S. Fiscal Outlook - Bipartisan Policy Center](#)

[The Debt Trap | Book by Josh Mitchell | Official Publisher Page – Simon & Schuster](#)

[Josh Mitchell \(@JMitchellWSJ\) – Twitter profile](#)

[Laura W. Perna – Faculty at University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education](#)

["Student Loan Payment Pause Ends In 60 Days, As Advocates Push For Cancellation. Here's The Latest." – Forbes](#)

**SEGMENT 2: DECODING THE ROSETTA STONE**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** The Rosetta Stone is an intriguing slab of rock. In short, it's a vital key to understanding the unique Egyptian language of illustrated text referred to as hieroglyphs. Writer Edward Dolnick joins us this week to shed some light on the artifact and how the cryptic message was finally decoded.

14:00

9:11

**Host:** Marty Peterson

**Guests:** Edward Dolnick, writer, author of The Writing of the Gods: The Race to Decode the Rosetta Stone.

**Issues Covered:** Middle East Culture, Civilization, Literature, Language, History, Archaeology

**Links:** [The Writing of the Gods: The Race to Decode the Rosetta Stone - Amazon.com](#)

[Explore the Rosetta Stone - The British Museum](#)

[Rosetta Stone Found - HISTORY.com](#)

**CULTURE CRASH: A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE FAB FOUR**
**Time Duration**

**Synopsis:** Exclusive to Disney+, the new documentary, "Get Back" follows The Beatles in their natural element as they record the album "Let It Be".

24:11

2:15

**Host:** Evan Rook

**Issues Covered:** Film, Culture, Music

**Program 21-51 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
12/19/21

SEGMENT 1: OUR DEEP RELIANCE ON SCENT		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	A familiar aroma has the ability to transport us back to a different time in life or remind us of a specific place or person. Smell is deeply connected to memory and emotion, playing a significant role in how we view the world around us. This week – we highlight the power of smell, how our noses process these scents and what it's like when you lose your sense of smell.	1:49	8:49
<b>Host:</b>	Gary Price		
<b>Guests:</b>	Sharan Sampath; Jude Stewart, journalist, author of Revelations in Air: A Guidebook to Smell.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Communication, Culture, History, Health, Memory, Senses, Literature		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Revelations in Air: A Guidebook to Smell: Stewart, Jude: 9780143135999: Amazon.com: Books</a> <a href="#">The Sense of Smell in Humans is More Powerful Than We Think , Discover Magazine</a> <a href="#">Human nose can detect 1 trillion odours , Nature</a> <a href="#">Q&amp;A: COVID-19 and loss of smell, taste - Mayo Clinic Health System</a>		
SEGMENT 2: THE BROKEN SCHOOL LUNCH SYSTEM		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	For too long, school lunches in the U.S. have been overlooked. Highly processed foods are often quickly thrown together with a hodgepodge of unhealthy ingredients. Brigaid founder Dan Giusti joins Viewpoints this week to share how he, along with hundreds of professional chefs, are redefining the school lunch landscape.	13:24	9:02
<b>Host:</b>	Marty Peterson		
<b>Guests:</b>	Dan Giusti, former head chef, Noma, founder, Brigaid.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Nutrition, Child Development, Culture, Education, Health, Cooking		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Brigaid</a> <a href="#">National School Lunch Program , Food and Nutrition Service - USDA.gov</a> <a href="#">This Is What America's School Lunches Really Look Like - NPR</a> <a href="#">About the restaurant: noma</a>		
CULTURE CRASH: TIS' THE SEASON FOR X-MAS MUSIC		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	We discuss some of our favorite festive tunes from over the years, including Frank Sinatra's, "Let It Snow" and Nat King Cole's classic, "Joy to the World".	23:56	2:31
<b>Host:</b>	Evan Rook		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Culture, Music		

**Program 21-52 Written & Produced by: Amirah Zaveri & Evan Rook**

**Air Week:** Studio Production: Jason Dickey  
12/26/21

SEGMENT 1: THE CONSEQUENCES OF VOTER ERROR		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	In 2006, Filipino immigrant Elizabeth Keathley mistakenly registered to vote while at a DMV in Illinois. After receiving her Voter ID in the mail, she ended up casting a ballot in the next election thinking she could do so. However, she wasn't a U.S. citizen at the time and, because of her actions, faced eventual deportation back to the Philippines. We speak with Keathley and the lawyer who helped her, Richard Hanus, about her years-long legal fight and the common confusion around the Motor Voter Law.	1:47	10:50
<b>Host:</b>	Gary Price		
<b>Guests:</b>	Elizabeth Keathley; Richard Hanus, immigration lawyer.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Legal Issues, Voter Eligibility, Immigration, Voting Rights, Law, Government		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">The Law Offices Of Richard Hanus</a> <a href="#">Immigrant who wrongly voted wins right to stay – Chicago Tribune</a> <a href="#">The National Voter Registration Act Of 1993 (NVRA)</a>		
SEGMENT 2: MANAGING YOUR PET'S HEALTH HEADING INTO 2022		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Thinking about adding a new furry member to the family to ring in the new year? Before saying yes, make sure you have enough time to dedicate to a new dog or cat. Veterinarian Dr. Carol Osborne joins us this week to share some helpful tips on adoption, pet health and how to keep your cat or dog happy and well-adjusted at home.	14:39	8:40
<b>Host:</b>	Marty Peterson		
<b>Guests:</b>	Dr. Carol Osborne, veterinarian, owner, Chagrin Falls Veterinary Center & Pet Clinic.		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	Training, Pet Health, Relationships, Animal Welfare, Diet, Pet Adoption		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">Chagrin Falls Pet Clinic</a> <a href="#">ASPCA</a> <a href="#">Why animals are not the perfect holiday gift , CNN</a> <a href="#">Dr. Carol Osborne</a>		
CULTURE CRASH: THE INTRIGUE OF "YELLOWJACKETS"		Time	Duration
<b>Synopsis:</b>	We discuss Showtime's new TV series, "Yellowjackets" which has a similar feel to the hit show, "Lost" and "Lord of the Flies".	24:19	2:08
<b>Host:</b>	Evan Rook		
<b>Issues Covered:</b>	TV, Culture		