



**3RD QUARTER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER , 2023**

**LOCAL IN STUDIO GUESTS**

**NOTE: ### REBROADCAST THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY 8-9A**

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Central Louisiana Economic Update with Matt Ritchie ###  
7/3, 8/1, 8/22, 9/5, 9/25

Louisiana Central Industry Update  
And  
Central Louisiana Tech and Community College Update 8:30 – 9a \*\*\*  
7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27

Pineville Mayor Rich Dupree w/ The Pineville Call in and Update.  
07/11, 9/12 ###

**KSYL Topics 7/10 to 7/14/2023**

Thursday :  
7:30 a.m. US Senator John Kennedy

**KSYL Topics 7/17 to 7/21/2023**

Monday:  
7:20 – Dr Cade Brumley (State Supt. Of Education)  
8:07 – 8:30 a.m. State Rep Gabe Firment discussing upcoming state Veto Session

Wednesday:  
7:30 – 8 a.m. Rapides Parish School Supt Jeff Powell

**KSYL Topics 7/24 to 7/28/2023**

Monday  
8:00 a.m. Shawn Wilson – Democrat candidate for Governor

Thursday  
8:00 a.m. State Rep Lance Harris on run for the Bese Board

Friday  
7:45 a.m. Toby Brazzel candidate for BESE Board

### **KSYL Topics 7/31 to 8/4/2023**

Monday:

7:20-Talked about CBS poll on economy issues (pretty much for the whole hour)

8:05 - calls and general topics

Tuesday:

7:45 a.m. - Kim Lyons, Director of the Cenla Pregnancy Center, about this year's fundraising banquet.

8:05 - Matt Ritchie Economic update

Wednesday:

7:20 - Death of Pee Wee, indictment of Trump

7:50 - School Board vote on hair color; Rapides Board votes to allow hair colors

8:05 - Louisiana Central segment. Louisiana Central President & CEO, Jim Clinton, as well as VP & Executive Director of Industry Relations, Lafe Jones, discuss last week's BIG announcement about SunGas Renewables! The company is to invest nearly \$2 billion in Rapides Parish to construct a new green methanol production facility in Pineville, LA called Beaver Lake Renewable Energy (BLRE), and is expected to generate from the facility nearly 400,000 metric tons of green methanol per year for marine fuel while creating more than 1,150 jobs during construction and more than 100 local jobs during operation.

8:30 - Workforce Wednesday with Central Louisiana Technical Community College. Vice Chancellor of Workforce Solutions, Misty Slayter, will talk with Mignonne Ater about Fall Enrollment and will have updates on Lineman, Fiber Optic and other short-term classes.

Thursday:

7:20 - Governor's race, Buhlow breakfast

7:40 - National politics with Trump, Pence

8:05 - Public Education and LEAP test results

8:30 - Survey that shows more high school boys leaning conservative, girls liberal

Friday:

7:20 - Talked about International Beer Day

7:30 -Talked about Gov candidate form at LMA meeting in Alexandria

7:40 - Talked about Citizens for a New Louisiana poll about Gov's race, legislature

8:05 - More about gov's race, taking calls, etc.

8:40 to 9 - Interview with 5th District Congresswoman Julia Letlow

### **KSYL Topics 8/7 to 8/11/2023**

Monday:

7:20-Talked about all the conference changes for college football.

7:30 - interview with Dr. Cade Brumley, LA Schools Superintendent, about the latest LEAP scores.

:05 - Talked about this story from Louisiana Radio Network - A new study from the Consumer Federation of America finds that safe drivers with bad credit pay an average of 905 dollars more than drivers with excellent credit scores.

8:30 - Played clip of Mitch McConnell trying to speak while crowd chants "retire," and talked about how people are fed up.

8:40 - Played clip of Shawn Wilson talking about how Louisiana has gone from D- to D+ on roads during his term as DOTD head; Talked about being cautious about that clip and then a reminder of election qualifying this week.

8:50 - Caller called to ask why people don't like Mike Pence.

Tuesday:

7:20 - Talked about Anthony Davis' tax bill for his new contract, then talked about Monday's Gold Star Family hearing in Congress.

7:30 - More about Gold Star hearing.

7:45 - Wilbert Carmouche

8:05 to 9 - Pineville Mayor Rich Dupree

### **KSYL Topics 8/21 to 8/25/2023**

Monday:

At 7:30 a.m., we'll visit with the Executive Director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Loren Lampert. He'll talk about why the LDAA is expressing major concerns over the Louisiana Pardon Board's decision to schedule 20 clemency hearings over the next three months after Governor Edwards announced his personal opposition to the death penalty. Edwards has asked the Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole to return the 56 clemency applications filed by death-sentenced prisoners in Louisiana to its docket for consideration and set them for hearings.

Then at 8:20, we'll talk with U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy. Senator Cassidy will be in Alexandria Monday for a ribbon-cutting for his new district office and then as the guest speaker at the Central LA Regional Chamber Congressional Update Luncheon.

Tuesday:

Matt Ritchie with his Economic Update at 8:05 a.m. Matt will also have a guest in studio with him. Rick Ranson is the Director of Economic Development for the City of Alexandria. He'll tell us about the City's new economic development website [www.GrowWithAlexandria.com](http://www.GrowWithAlexandria.com).

Wednesday:

joined by Greg Walker for both hours, including his Talkback on Estate Planning at 8:30 a.m.

We'll also have Reddex Washington, Councilman, District #1 join us in the studio at 7:30 to talk about Tuesday's Alexandria City Council meeting.

Thursday:

7:45 a.m., Kim Lyons, Executive Director of the Cenla Pregnancy Center, will be back to tell us about how to get tickets for their upcoming Gift of Life Banquet on Sept. 12 at the Randolph Riverfront Center with guest speaker Leah Darrow.

Then at 8:30, we'll visit with Joe Rosier, President and CEO of The Rapides Foundation. The Foundation's 10th annual Symposium is set for 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center in downtown Alexandria. The public event will focus on the high number of young adults ages 16 to 24 who are neither in school nor working. The Symposium presentation, "The Promise of Opportunity Youth," will feature a panel of national experts who will discuss the challenges unique to this group, identify best practices and share what is working in other places.

Friday:

We're excited to have these two gentlemen on the show with us. Meteorologist Nick Mikulas and Meteorologist Tom Konvicka will join us at 8:05 in the studio to talk about their new venture, CenlaWeather.com. We'll learn more about the news website and app and how it will make a difference in your daily life with weather forecasts and a state-of-the-art platform for breaking weather coverage. Hope you'll join us for what should be a very fun interview!

### **KSYL Topics 8/28 to 9/1/2023**

Monday:

7:20 - Talked about the wildfires, bomb threats, Jacksonville shooting

7:30 - talked about Advocate article that trial lawyers are supporting Jeff Landry for governor

7:45 - talked with a couple callers about COVID, vaccines, etc.

8:05 - Guest was LCU Football Coach Drew Maddux about the upcoming football season and Thursday's opener with ETBU.

8:30 - Talked about Bob Barker's passing and recalled old game shows.

Tuesday:

7:20 - Talked about power outage in Grant Parish

7:30 - played a clip of Jeff Landry speaking at Monday's NRBIA meeting where he talks about his endorsement from Bill Cassidy

7:40 - caller asked about redistricting and how it would impact Julia Letlow

8:05 - talked about various things - Chicago news crew robbed (while reporting on robberies), shootings at White Sox game - into discussion about current conditions in many cities.

8:25 to 8:40 - talked about the welfare state and current conditions.

Wednesday:

7:20 - Study on how paper straws are environmentally bad.

7:30 - Update on Steve Scalise, Hurricane Idalia, several callers talked about staying engaged on issues, etc.

8:05 - Industrial Update with Louisiana Central. Vice President & Executive Director of Industry Relations Lafe Jones will provided a progress recap for 2023.

8:30 - Workforce Wednesday with Central Louisiana Technical Community College. Dr. Heather Poole, Executive Vice Chancellor of Academics and Students Services, and Ashley Duhon, Director of Student Financial Aid We talked about the unprecedented financial aid opportunities at CLTCC.

Thursday:

7:20 - chit chat about the hurricane, LCU football first game, Nebraska volleyball game (92,003 fans attend)

7:30 - mostly talked about Gov race

8:05 - talked economic development for the State of Louisiana with Louisiana Economic Development Secretary, Don Pierson at 8:05 a.m. We'll get his thoughts on what the prospects are for the state of Louisiana in the coming years, as well as the new SunGas Renewables project coming to Central Louisiana.

8:20-8:40 - talked more about infrastructure, including Calcasieu bridge

Friday:

7:20 - LCU football win; Tax-free holiday weekend

7:30 - Gubernatorial Debate (Landry bows out)

7:50 - age of Senators

8:05 - John Marcuse from Rapides Regional Medical Center joined at 8:05 a.m. Rapides Regional's Kick Cancer partnership with local high school football teams returns for the 2023 season. Provides the eight football-playing high schools in Rapides Parish the chance to earn money for their programs and for the American Cancer Society. Schools will earn \$20 for every field goal made during the regular season and postseason, and \$10 for every successful PAT following touchdowns. Each school will receive a minimum \$500 with a corresponding donation made to the American Cancer Society.

### **KSYL Topics 9/12 to 9/15/2023**

Monday:

7:20 - sports wrap

7:30 - Cassidy for a third party run?

8:05 - talked about last week's gubernatorial debate

8:20 - CNN poll about Biden's dropping popularity numbers

8:35 - Nick Mikulas stopped by to talk weather

8:45 - Talked about D'Mario Davis and what he said about his daughter's seizures

Tuesday:

7:20 - Aaron Rodgers injury; Zion Hill candidates forum

7:30 - EBR DA Hillar Moore to hold news conference about push for clemency for death row inmates.

8:05 - Pineville Mayor show - Chief of Staff Doug Gann filled in for Rich Dupree. Also had Chief Darrell Basco on the show to talk about the City's success in policing.

Wednesday:

7:20 - talked about Electric Vehicles

8:05 - Louisiana Central's Director of Healthcare Career Central, Krystal Rachal, and Program Coordinator, Keisha Hamilton, will talk about the launch of Healthcare Career Central. Talked about the purpose of Healthcare Career Central, and how this resource hub will support middle school and high school students, parents/guardians, teachers and counselors by linking them to the healthcare career paths and necessary resources in Central Louisiana.

8:30 - CLTCC Business Developer for Healthcare, Paula Butterfield and Vice President of Public Relations, Marketing and BusinessDevelopment for Rapides Regional Medical Center, Charla Ducote. They'll discuss the new Medical Billing and Coding Program at CLTCC that starts Oct. 23.

Thursday

7:20 - chit chat

7:30 - State of the economy, Mitt Romney

7:40 - John Kennedy was our guest from DC

8:05 - Pelican Institute study on Teacher's Unions preventing teachers from using school choice for their children.

Friday

7:20 - warm up talk

7:30 - Talked with with Renee Amar from the Louisiana Motor Transport Association, Inc. about their upcoming Legislative Dispatch event in Alexandria Tuesday. The event aims to foster a direct

dialogue between local candidates, lawmakers and members of the trucking industry, shedding light on the intricacies of running a trucking company in the state of Louisiana. Discussions will cover crucial topics such as lawsuits and insurance, regulatory issues, and the pressing workforce shortage. The event is Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 8 a.m. at Guillory Petroleum Transport, LLC in Lecompte.

8:05 - an update on the effort to have clemency hearings for death row inmates in Louisiana with Rapides Parish District Attorney's Office DA Phillip Terrell and Loren Lampert, Executive Director of the Louisiana District Attorney's Association. On Tuesday, East Baton Rouge District Attorney Hillar Moore filed for an injunction to slow that effort out of respect for families of the victims of death row inmates.

### **KSYL Topics 9/18 to 9/22/2023**

Monday:

7:20 - sports wrap

7:30 -Review of Friday's gubernatorial debate on NexStar stations

7:40 - talked about the Rapides Republican Party endorsements for state and local offices; also some of the campaign finances numbers

8:05 - took a lot of calls on various topics, Marksville home rule charter vote, not too much else local

Tuesday:

7:20 - Talked about Saints win

7:30 - talked about Phil Mickelson admitting to gambling addiction

8:05 - Dr. Jonahan Hunter was our guest; talked a lot about Covid, flu, other health concerns

8:40 - talked about Gray Media poll on governor's race, other state issues

Wednesday:

7:20 a.m., Rapides Parish District Attorney's Office D.A. Phillip Terrell will update us on the action his office is taking in the death row inmate clemency requests.

At 7:30, we'll be joined in studio by Rapides Parish School Board Superintendent Jeff Powell to get the latest on what's happening in the school system this month.

At 8:05, it's our "Business Beat" with the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Membership Director Angie Johnson will introduce us to two of the newest chamber members.

Kortney Loycano of Trio's and Kim Solomon from Les Amis.

Finally at 8:30, it's our bi-weekly visit with Greg Walker from the Walker Law Group, LLC, as we talk Estate Planning.

Thursday:

7:20 - various chit chat; promoted the Perfect Fit Foundation pancake breakfast.

7:30 - talked about the donation of playground equipment at Compton Park by the Martin Foundation. Talked about the work being done by the Rapides Journal.

7:40 - Update on the lawsuits against the death row inmate clemency hearings.

8:05 - had a discussion about some older Christian music artists; Also about the petition for a recall of Mayor Roy and councilmen Villard and Rubin.

8:20 - talked about the Times-Pic/Advocate endorsement of Stephen Waguespack for governor

8:30 - State Rep Mike Johnson news release about the vote for the next speaker of the house; Call for unity in the process.

Friday

7:20 - opening chit chat

7:30 - talked about the governor's race, interest in the election; Had a great caller talk about the lack of truthfulness among politicians

7:45 - continued the discussion about politicians

8:05 - open line calls; lots of different topics

8:40 - Marsissa Price from CASA was in to talk about their upcoming volunteer training.

### **KSYL Topics 9/25 to 9/29/2023**

Monday (Al was out; Sandra and Nathan did show):

8:05 a.m. - Matt Ritchie Economic Update

Tuesday (Al was out; Sandra and Nathan did show):

7:20 a.m. - visited with Rapides Parish Police Jury President Joe Bishop about his reelection bid in District B.

7:50 a.m. - Wilbert Carmouche from Travel Avoyelles will stop by the studio to give us a preview of what's happening in "The Parish" in the month of October.

8:05 a.m. - Deborah Randolph, President of the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce, had a special update on last week's joint Washington D.C. Fly-in in Lake Charles, which provided an opportunity for 20 business and community leaders to meet with Louisiana's Congressional Delegation to discuss critical issues for Central and Southwest Louisiana.

8:30 a.m. - Matt Henry with the Arts Council of Central Louisiana brought a preview of The Barricade Boys - Stars from the West End Cast of "Les Misérables" on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center!

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. - talked with Josh Pace for Rapides Parish Tax Assessor. Found out why he's in the race, and what he would do in office should he win.

8:05 a.m. - Our bi-weekly Industrial Update with Louisiana Central. Louisiana Central's Program Coordinator, Javonti Thomas, and Vice President & Executive Director of Industry Relations, Lafe Jones, talking about Manufacturing Month, the significance of celebrating our manufacturers throughout the month of October, and how Louisiana Central is participating.

Thursday

7:20 a.m. - Learned more about Alex Robertson for District C, a candidate for the Rapides Police Jury. He'll join us in the studio to talk about his campaign.

8:05 a.m. - Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office Sheriff Mark Wood was here to talk about his reelection campaign.

Friday

7:30 a.m. - Randy Wiggins for RPPJ Dist B joined us to talk about his campaign and what plans he would have for Rapides Parish as a police juror.

8:05 a.m. - joined in studio by Kris Cloessner for Rapides Parish Sheriff. Got his thoughts on the race to be the parish's top law man and what he would do should he get to lead RPSO.

**INFOTRAK :30 MINUTE PROGRAM BROADCAST SUNDAY AT 5:30AM ON KKST,  
KRRV, KQID & KZMZ. 7:30A ON KDBS & KSYL 8A.**

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**NOTE: NUMBER BEFORE ISSUES COVERED, INDICATES ACTUAL ISSUE**

Show # 2023-27

**Date aired: 07/02/23**

**Nora Volkow, MD**, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health

Fentanyl overdoses are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 49, more than car accidents or suicides. On average, one person dies of a fentanyl overdose in the United States every seven minutes, and the number of Americans killed by the drug has jumped 94 percent since 2019. Dr. Volkow discussed why the problem has skyrocketed and what steps the federal government is taking to address it. She said that, while the epidemic was worse in certain rural areas of the US in past years, the problem has now overwhelmed every city and state. She talked about the importance of education and treatment programs, and also explained why fentanyl is a particularly troubling issue for pregnant women.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 17:52**

**20 Substance Abuse and Treatment  
03 Government Policies**

**Sam Quinones**, author of *"The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth"*

The opioid crisis' damage to US communities cost the economy \$1.5 trillion in 2020 alone, according to a congressional analysis. Mr. Quinones talked about steps that cities and towns can take to try to repair community bonds, most effectively on the neighborhood, school and church level. He believes that stronger law enforcement is necessary to force drug abusers into treatment, whether they want it or not.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:08**

**20 Substance Abuse and Treatment  
11 Community Rehabilitation  
04 Law Enforcement  
11 Homelessness**

Show # 2023-28

**Date aired: 07/09/23**

**Paul R. Lawrence**, former Under Secretary of Benefits at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, author of *"Veterans Benefits for You: Get What You Deserve"*

Mr. Lawrence offered tips for veterans to successfully apply for benefits they have earned from their service. He explained several ways that a veteran can document a service-related injury, and how they can request their medical records with help from the National Archives and Veterans Administration. He also talked about the value of benefits not just to a veteran, but to his or her family, as well.



**Issues covered:**  
**19 Veterans' Benefits**  
**19 Military Service**

**Length: 8:14**

**David Maimon, PhD**, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Georgia State University

Prof. Maimon explained how criminals are increasingly targeting US Postal Service blue collection boxes and residential mailboxes to steal filled-out checks. He said the thieves sell the stolen checks via social media platforms, then buyers alter the payee and amount on the checks to rob victims' bank accounts of thousands of dollars. He recommends that consumers only hand mail directly to a clerk at a US Post Office, or use other methods to send payments.

**Issues covered:**  
**04 Crime**  
**04 Identity Theft**  
**03 Government**

**Length: 9:09**

**Lori R. Sackler**, Senior VP and family wealth advisor at Morgan Stanley, author of "*The M Word: The Money Talk Every Family Needs to Have about Wealth and Their Financial Future*"

Conversations about money remain taboo for most U.S. households. Ms. Sackler said a staggering 70 percent of families lose their money, assets, and family harmony in the aftermath of estate transfers. She explained how to successfully talk about money matters. She said many people make the same money mistakes that their parents made.

**Issues covered:**  
**17 Retirement Planning**  
**05 Aging**

**Length: 5:05**

Show # 2023-29

**Date aired: 07/16/23**

**Pam Baker**, freelance journalist who focuses on emerging tech topics like artificial intelligence, data analytics, and edge computing, author of "*ChatGPT For Dummies*"

ChatGPT has garnered an amazing amount of attention in just a few months. Ms. Baker explained how the rise of artificial intelligence has already begun affecting our daily lives. She talked about the importance of learning to use AI in the workplace, and why learning how to prompt AI is both the easy part and the most difficult part of using it.

**Issues covered:**  
**Artificial Intelligence**  
**09 Education**  
**01 Career**

**Length: 9:05**

**Ruchi S. Gupta, MD, MPH**, board-certified pediatrician and health researcher, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Clinical Attending at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, founding director of the Center for Food Allergy & Asthma Research

Dr. Gupta led a groundbreaking study of allergies in adults and found the prevalence of food allergy is highest among black, Hispanic and Asian individuals across all ages. She also found that food allergy is lowest among households earning more than \$150,000 a year. She talked about potential reasons for these findings and the importance of getting a proper diagnosis.

**Issues covered:**  
**02 Food Allergies**  
**12 Minority Concerns**

**Length: 8:23**

**Greg Keoleian**, Director of the Center for Sustainable Systems at the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability

Environmentally-conscious consumers have probably heard that today's highly efficient dishwashers use less energy and water than traditional hand-washing techniques. However, Prof. Keoleian led a study that found that one manual washing technique--the two-basin method, in which dishes are soaked and scrubbed in hot water and then rinsed in cold water--that is associated with fewer greenhouse gas emissions than machine dishwashing. He offered numerous energy-saving tips related to the task of washing dishes.

**Issues covered:**  
**07 Environment**  
**18 Energy**  
**06 Consumer Matters**

**Length: 5:03**

Show # 2023-30

**Date aired: 07/23/23**

**Haywood Talcove**, CEO of LexisNexis Risk Solutions' Government Group, a multinational information and analytics company based in Atlanta

Mr. Talcove outlined a frightening new wave of scams: next-gen thieves are utilizing sophisticated new artificial intelligence tools to steal millions of dollars from consumers. He discussed the use of AI-generated voices--that criminals can now clone from social media profiles--to easily con parents or grandparents out of significant sums of money. He said the schemes are almost impossible to detect, but he suggested three steps every family should take to defend themselves

**Issues covered:**  
**04 Crime**  
**04 Identity Theft**  
**16 Technology**

**Length: 8:49**

**F. Perry Wilson, MD, MSCE**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Director, Clinical and Translational Research Accelerator at the Yale University School of Medicine, author of "*How Medicine Works and When It Doesn't*."

Dr. Wilson explained how and why the doctor-patient relationship has eroded in recent years. He believes that profit-driven companies—from big pharma to healthcare corporations—have corrupted what should have been medicine's golden age. He offered several potential solutions to restore trust between patients and doctors.

**Issues covered:**  
**02 Personal Health**

**Length: 8:15**

**Morag MacKay**, Director of Research, Safe Kids Worldwide

Ms. MacKay said that an American child is killed every five days in a train collision, a preventable tragedy that most parents overlook. She outlined the most common scenarios for these incidents and explained how parents can teach their children to avoid dangerous situations with trains.

**Issues covered:**  
**14 Railroad Safety**  
**08 Child Safety**  
**13 Parenting**

**Length: 5:06**

Show # 2023-31

**Date aired: 07/30/23**

**Kate W. Bauer, PhD MS**, Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Prof. Bauer recently led a study that compared beverage consumption in low-income households that utilize taxpayer-funded food assistance programs. She found that families that used just one of the programs were in the normal range, but those that participated in both the Supplementation Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), consumed high amounts of sugar-sweetened beverages. She explained why this is a concern.

**Issues covered:**  
**11 Government Food Assistance**  
**11 Poverty**  
**Nutrition**

**Length: 8:00**

**Patrick Olsen**, Editor-in-Chief, CarFax

More than 2.5 million vehicles that have been issued a "Do Not Drive" or "Park Outside" safety recall remain unrepaired, Carfax data shows. Mr. Olsen talked about the most common reasons behind these serious recalls, and why consumers fail to take their cars to dealers to get the issue taken care of. He also explained how someone can check to see if their car is on a recall list.

**Issues covered:**  
**06 Auto Recalls**  
**06 Consumer Matters**  
**14 Transportation**

**Length: 9:22**

**Rachel Neale, PhD**, Professor, Group Leader, Deputy Coordinator of the Population Health Department at QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute in Brisbane, Australia

Dr. Neale led a study that examined whether monthly vitamin D supplementation for older adults can prevent major cardiovascular events. She found that vitamin D did result in a small reduction for patients who were already at risk of a heart attack, and she believes further research is needed to better understand the link.

**Issues covered:**  
**02 Personal Health**  
**02 Nutrition**

**Length: 4:58**

Show # 2023-32

**Date aired: 08/06/23**

**Bacall Hincks**, Family Advocate and Program Coordinator at Children's Service Society of Utah

More than one million American children now live with grandparents, primarily because of their parent's addiction to opioids and other drugs. Ms. Hincks said this growing trend is causing grandparents to put off retirement and plow through savings to rescue their grandchildren from dangerous situations. She discussed how these difficult experiences can negatively affect children's mental and physical health.

**Issues covered:**

**13 Parenting**

**20 Substance Abuse**

**08 Foster Care**

**17 Retirement**

**Length: 9:17**

**Maryanne Wolf, PhD**, Professor of Child Development and Director of the Center for Reading and Language Research at Tufts University, author of *"Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World"*

Prof. Wolf discussed the latest research into the human brain as we become increasingly dependent on digital technologies, rather than the printed word. She expressed concerns for both children's and adults' ability to "deep read," as the brain is literally rewired by huge amounts of short bursts of information. She offered suggestions for how the nation's education system needs to adapt.

**Issues covered:**

**09 Literacy**

**09 Education**

**16 Technology**

**Length: 8:04**

**David Michael Slater**, teacher, author of *"We're Doing It Wrong: 25 Ideas in Education That Just Don't Work—And How to Fix Them"*

Mr. Slater explained why he believes that many current approaches in education simply aren't working—for students, for teachers, and for society at-large. He explained how teacher evaluations could be improved and why anti-bullying programs in schools don't work.

**Issues covered:**

**09 Education**

**Length: 4:50**

Show # 2023-33

**Date aired: 08/13/23**

**Paul Pilibosian**, a Houston attorney specializing in real estate law

It is a pattern being played out in many cities in the United States: squatters move into a home, refuse to leave, and homeowners have few options to evict them. Mr. Pilibosian explained why this trend is on the rise and what homeowners should do to try to discourage squatters from moving into a house in the first place.

**Issues covered:**

**04 Crime**

**17 Home Ownership**

**Legal Issues**

**Length: 8:50**

**Anupam Bapu Jena, MD, PhD**, Joseph P. Newhouse Professor at Harvard Medical School, physician at Massachusetts General Hospital, co-author of *“Random Acts of Medicine: The Hidden Forces That Sway Doctors, Impact Patients, and Shape Our Health”*

Dr. Jena explained how unexpected—but often predictable—events can profoundly affect our health. He offered several examples of how randomness affects medical decisions and treatment options. He said a healthy diet and exercise are the wisest choices to lead a healthy life.

**Issues covered:**

**02 Personal Health**

**Length: 8:16**

**Sophie Kjærviik**, doctoral candidate in communication at Ohio State University

Firearms contribute to the deaths of more children ages 1-17 years in the U.S. than any other type of injury or illness. While much of that total is gang-related teen shootings, sometimes younger deaths are tragic accidents after a child finds an unsecured gun. Ms. Kjærviik was the co-author of a recent study that found that a simple 60 second video on gun safety made a significant difference in whether kids ages 8 to 12 played with a found gun.

**Issues covered:**

**13 Gun Safety**

**13 Parenting**

**Length: 5:04**

Show # 2023-34

**Date aired: 08/20/23**

**Karl Brauer**, Executive Analyst at ISeeCars.com

The pain of inflation has hit every consumer’s pocketbook in the past couple of years, but perhaps the impact has been greatest in the car buying market. Mr. Brauer shared research that found that while the value of used electric vehicles has been plummeting in 2023 (and the trend is accelerating), the price of used cars in general has jumped 47% since 2019. He added that more than half of today’s used cars also have 20% or more miles than they did three years ago.

**Issues covered:**

**06 Consumer Matters**

**14 Transportation**

**Length: 9:01**

**LeRoy Hood, MD, PhD**, biologist who has served on the faculties at the California Institute of Technology and the University of Washington, developed ground-breaking scientific instruments which made possible major advances in the biological and medical sciences, author of *“The Age of Scientific Wellness”*

Dr. Hood discussed the reasons that medicine is undergoing a major transformation from a reactive, hit-or-miss approach to a personalized, predictive, data-rich, and preventive one. He calls this new form of care “scientific wellness”, which uses information from our blood and genes, as well as AI, to optimize our health and extend our “healthspan.” He believes this new technology can eventually conquer heart disease, Alzheimer’s disease and many other illnesses, with noticeable progress within five years.

**Issues covered:**

**02 Personal Health**

**16 Technology**

**Length: 8:15**

**Tobias Rose-Stockwell**, author of *“Outrage Machine: How Tech Amplifies Discontent, Disrupts Democracy—And What We Can Do About It”*

The original internet was not designed to make us upset, distracted, confused, and outraged. But Mr. Tobias explained why something unexpected happened at the turn of the last decade, when a handful of small features were quietly launched at social media companies with little fanfare. Together, they triggered a cascading set of dramatic changes to how media, politics, and society itself operate. He explained what needs to happen to find a promising pathway back to a healthier online environment.

**Issues covered:**  
**16 Social Media**  
**02 Mental Health**

**Length: 5:14**

Show # 2023-35

**Date aired: 08/27/23**

**Anna Mills**, textbook author, English instructor at the College of Marin, member of a joint Artificial Intelligence task force with the Modern Language Association and College Conference on Composition and Communication

AI chatbots have triggered a panic among educators, who are flooding listservs, webinars and professional conferences to figure out how to deal with the technology in this new academic year. Ms. Mills explained why many professors are expecting chaos. She said few universities are offering clear guidelines for teachers or students. She also talked about the difficulty of detecting AI-generated cheating.

**Issues covered:**  
**09 Higher Education**  
**Artificial Intelligence**

**Length: 7:50**

**J. Scott Roberts, PhD**, Professor in Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Michigan, Associate Director of a poll from the University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation

Prof. Roberts led a poll of people age 65 to 80 and found that while 80% adults see the benefit of tests that can give an early warning of memory and thinking decline, 80% of older adults said they haven't had a cognitive test in the past year to look for early signs of dementia, and 59% reported never having had such a screening. He said the poll also found very low awareness of blood tests that can help detect Alzheimer's disease.

**Issues covered:**  
**02 Personal Health**  
**16 Technology**

**Length: 9:17**

**Peter Clark**, Applied Forest Ecologist at the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont

The US Forest Service has been given taxpayer funding to plant more than a billion trees across the country in the next nine years. Prof. Clark's research found a troubling bottleneck that could threaten these efforts: U.S. tree nurseries don't grow nearly enough trees—nor have the species diversity needed—to meet the unprecedented plans. He talked about the reasons behind the problem and what can be done to remedy it.

**Issues covered:**  
**07 Environment**  
**03 Government**

**Length: 5:13**

Show # 2023-36

**Date aired: 09/03/23**

**ChatGPT**, an artificial-intelligence (AI) chatbot

ChatGPT was launched as an artificial intelligence prototype on November 30, 2022, quickly gaining much attention for its detailed responses and articulate answers across many topics. It explained how was it trained and learns, and what its biggest weakness are. It acknowledged that the concerns about potential biases in its answers are legitimate. It also outlined the top 5 human endeavors in which it anticipates making the biggest impact.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:29**

**Artificial Intelligence**

**16 Technology**

**01 Employment**

**Andrew Houtenville, PhD**, Professor of Economics at the University of Hampshire, Research Director of the UNH Institute on Disability

Prof. Houtenville discussed recent findings from the National Trends in Disability Employment report, issued semi-monthly by Kessler Foundation and the University of New Hampshire. He explained what is driving historic highs in employment of people with disabilities, and why disabled employment has outstripped the non-disabled since the start of pandemic lockdowns.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:59**

**02 Disabilities**

**01 Employment**

**Erin Dooley, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health

Prof. Dooley was the lead researcher of a study that measured the number of daily steps that may make a difference in the risk of heart problems in senior citizens. Her study of people ages 70 and older found walking an additional 500 steps per day, or an additional quarter mile of walking, was associated with a 14% lower risk of heart disease, stroke or heart failure.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:06**

**02 Personal Health**

**05 Senior Citizens**

Show # 2023-37

**Date aired: 09/10/23**

**Erica Eversman**, President of the Automotive Education and Policy Institute in Akron, OH

Drivers are looking for ways to save money on auto insurance as premiums rise rapidly. Ms. Eversman explained a new offering from some insurance companies: usage-based car insurance programs, where the insured agrees to share detailed data about their driving habits with their insurer via a phone app or an in-vehicle device. She said the data does permit insurance companies to evaluate risk better and better match the price of the insurance for the risk, but at a steep cost to consumers' privacy and legal rights.

**Issues covered:**  
**06 Consumer Matters**  
**Auto Insurance**  
**Legal Matters**

**Length: 8:55**

**Caroline Leaf, PhD**, clinical and cognitive neuroscientist, author of *“How to Help Your Child Clean Up Their Mental Mess”*

Increasingly, children ages 3-10 are struggling with anxiety, depression, and mental health challenges. Dr. Leaf discussed the factors behind this trend and warning signs that parents should watch for. She said if left unaddressed, childhood mental health problems often follow kids into their teens and adulthood.

**Issues covered:**  
**08 Child Mental Health**  
**13 Parenting**

**Length: 8:15**

**Edgar Dworsky**, Founder & Editor of ConsumerWorld.com

Grocery costs for Americans have skyrocketed in the past two years. Mr. Dworsky discussed the subtle trend of "shrinkflation," in which many manufacturers shrink their packaging, rather than raising prices. He explained what products most commonly are affected, and ways that consumers can protect themselves against the tricky practice.

**Issues covered:**  
**06 Consumer Matters**

**Length: 5:01**

Show # 2023-38

**Date aired: 09/17/23**

**Ryan P. Burge, PhD**, sociologist, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Eastern Illinois University, co-author of *“The Great Dechurching: Who’s Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back?”*

The largest and fastest religious shift in US history is in progress. Prof. Burge co-authored a comprehensive study to learn who is leaving organized religion and why. He said the most common reason people stopped attending church was because they moved, and that lower-income people with a high school education or less are the most likely to leave. He also talked about societal effects when faith-based community services such as food banks, after-school programs and prison ministries disappear.

**Issues covered:**  
**Religion**

**Length: 9:22**



**Chris Carosa, MBA**, Certified Trust & Financial Advisor, Senior Contributor to Forbes.com, author of *"Hey! What's My Number: How to Improve the Odds You Will Retire in Comfort"*

A recent New York Life survey found that Americans believe they need \$4.3 million stashed away to retire comfortably. Unfortunately, the average person has around \$135,000 saved. Mr. Carosa explained how to determine how much money will really be needed for a comfortable retirement, along with simple steps to get there.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:03**

**17 Retirement Planning**  
**17 Personal Finance**

**Kevin Fiscella, MD, MPH**, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community & Preventive Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry

Dr. Fiscella discussed his groundbreaking research that found that the lives of nearly 8,000 black Americans could be saved each year if doctors could figure out a way to bring their average blood pressure down to the average level of whites. He talked about the reasons behind the gap between the races in controlling blood pressure, and the possible ways to reduce it.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:50**

**02 Personal Health**  
**12 Minority Concerns**

Show # 2023-39

**Date aired: 09/24/23**

**Diane Mullins**, founder of Deborah's Voice, a national non-profit women's advocacy organization

Pastor Mullins said that child trafficking has become the 2nd largest criminal activity in the world behind illegal drug sales. She said most Americans are unaware of the existence of human trafficking and forced prostitution in their own towns, but it is surprisingly prevalent – not just on dimly lit street corners, but at music concerts, VIP dinners, and sporting events. She talked about techniques used by human traffickers to select their victims.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:26**

**04 Human Trafficking**  
**15 Women's Issues**  
**04 Crime**

**Dawn Graham, PhD**, psychologist, employment and career expert, Director of Career Management for the Executive MBA Program at The Wharton School, author of *"Switchers: How Smart Professionals Change Careers -- and Seize Success"*

Dr. Graham offered job search advice, particularly for those in middle age who are considering career changes. She said a job search in a new field or occupation requires much more work than a typical job search. She offered suggestions on how to tailor a resume to sidestep age biases and other potential hurdles.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:45**

**01 Career**  
**05 Aging**

**Susie Vanderlip**, teen counselor, author of "*52 Ways to Protect Your Teen*"

Ms. Vanderlip has conducted school assemblies for more than 1 million teens and adults, aimed at helping youth make wise choices and seek help. She talked about the motivations of today's teenagers and why parents may be fearful of their kids. She offered tips to improve communication in a parent/teen relationship.

**Issues covered:**

**08 Youth at Risk**

**13 Parenting Issues**

**20 Drug Abuse**

**Length: 4:54**