



Weekly Public Affairs Program

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Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **Eric Sussman, PhD**, adjunct real estate professor at the University of California Los Angeles

Prof. Sussman explained the recent trend of "We buy houses" and "Cash for homes" signs on roadsides and other forms of advertising. He explained what types of real estate investors are behind the signs and how the transactions typically are structured. He also outlined the pluses and minuses for home sellers.

Issues covered:

**Consumer Matters
Real Estate**

Length: 7:16

2. **Shanna H. Swan, PhD**, Professor of Environmental Medicine and Public Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City, author of "*Count Down: How Our Modern World Is Threatening Sperm Counts, Altering Male and Female Reproductive Development, and Imperiling the Future of the Human Race*"

Prof. Swan's research has found that sperm counts among men in the industrialized world fell nearly 60 percent from 1973 to 2011, in part because of the hormonal effects of chemicals widely used in consumer products. She said if trends continue at the current rate, most couples may have to seek assisted reproduction by the year 2045. She believes that the chemical industry urgently needs to develop chemicals that can be used in everyday products that are non-hormonally active.

Issues covered:

**Personal Health
Reproduction
Consumer Matters
Environment**

Length: 9:55

3. **Matthew E. Rossheim, PhD, MPH, CPH**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Global and Community Health at George Mason University

Supersized alcopops are ready-to-drink flavored beverages that taste like energy drinks, but contain up to five standard alcohol drinks in a single serving. Prof. Rossheim led a recent study that found that 46% of all calls to U.S. poison control centers involving supersized alcopop consumption were made for consumers below the legal drinking age. He explained what regulatory and policy changes might help to address the problem.

Issues covered:

**Underage Drinking
Youth at Risk**

Length: 5:11