



# CUMULUS

## KTOP-AM ISSUES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2015 thru MARCH 29, 2015

As compiled by:

Program Director

In our ongoing effort to serve the public interest, this station broadcasts programming responsive to issues and concerns of Topeka, Kansas, and the surrounding area. The following is a list of those issues, and of the station's most significant programming treatment of them.



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Call Letters: KMAJ KTOP

**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JANUARY-MARCH, 2015**

Show # 2015-01  
Date aired: 1/4/15 Time Aired: 0500

**Gaby Chapman**, retired teacher, former school board president, author of *"Let Them Have Books: A Formula for Universal Reading Proficiency"*

Ms. Chapman offered advice for parents who want to encourage a love of reading in their children. She explained why youngsters who read for fun do better in school than those who do not. She also talked about the importance of allowing kids to choose their own reading material.

**Issues covered:** **Length: 8:48**  
Literacy  
Education

**Jeff Reeves**, financial journalist, editor of InvestorPlace.com

Mr. Reeves outlined the most common mistakes investors make when handling their 401(k) investments. He explained how frequently an investor should do some housekeeping with their mutual fund portfolio and how to decide when to rebalance investments that have changed in value.

**Issues covered:** **Length: 8:19**  
Retirement Planning  
Senior Citizens

**Sarah Brokaw**, author of *"Fortytude: Making the Next Decades the Best Years of Your Life"*

Age 40 is a harrowing milestone for many women. Ms. Brokaw talked about the reasons behind this, and how women can navigate the transition into midlife with more enjoyment. She said society sends women many conflicting messages about being their own person and yet conforming to traditional expectations.

**Issues covered:** **Length: 5:03**  
Women's Issues  
Senior Citizens

Show # 2015-02

Date aired: 1/11/15 Time Aired: 0500

**Edward M. Hallowell, MD**, Child and Adult Psychiatrist who specializes in ADD and ADHD, author of "*Driven to Distraction at Work: How to Focus and Be More Productive*"

Many people in the workplace feel increasingly overwhelmed by a mix of nonstop demands and rapidly changing technology. Dr. Hallowell discussed the underlying reasons why people lose their ability to focus at work. He said the most common distraction is caused by electronic screens of all kinds. He offered suggestions on how to sustain a productive mental state at work.

Issues covered:  
Mental Health  
Career

Length: 7:22

**Jill Weisenberger MS, RDN, CDE**, Nutrition, Culinary & Diabetes Expert, Registered Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator, author of "*The Overworked Person's Guide to Better Nutrition*"

Ms. Weisenberger offered practical steps to plan, cook and eat better for a healthier lifestyle. She explained why meal planning is so important and why an organized kitchen is critical in that process. She explained how to ease a family into a lower-sodium diet.

Issues covered:  
Nutrition  
Personal Health

Length: 7:44

**Jacquelyn F. Gamino, PhD**, Research Scientist and Assistant Research Professor at the Center for BrainHealth at the University of Texas at Dallas

Growing up poor can affect a child's behavior and school performance. Dr. Gamino led a study that determined that intervention programs can help bring low-income adolescents up to speed with their more affluent peers. She explained how cognitive intervention could easily be integrated into a normal school setting.

Issues covered:  
Education  
Poverty

Length: 4:51

Show # 2015-03

Date aired: 1/18/15 Time Aired: 0500

**Tony Lee**, employment expert, publisher of CareerCast.com

CareerCast recently completed a study to determine the 10 most and least stressful careers. Mr. Lee explained the factors that his organization used to measure the stress in various jobs. He also discussed the growth potential of careers on the list and why stressful jobs can still be desirable for some people.

Issues covered:  
Career  
Mental Health

Length: 7:22

**Kevin Shird**, former drug dealer and convict, President and Co-Founder of the Mario Do Right Foundation, author of "*Lessons of Redemption*"

Mr. Shird shared his story of spending years as young drug-trafficker on the streets of Baltimore, and his eventual arrest and incarceration. He explained how he turned his life around, now working as a community leader, speaking to students about substance abuse prevention and helping children of addicted parents.

**Issues covered:**  
**Substance Abuse**  
**Crime**  
**Minority Concerns**

**Length: 7:44**

**Sean Burch**, multiple world record holder in extreme sports events, fitness and motivational expert, author of "*Hyperfitness: 12 Weeks to Conquering Your Inner Everest and Getting Into the Best Shape of Your Life*"

Mr. Burch shared the story of how he became the first solo climber of Mount Everest. He talked about the importance of diet and fitness, and offered tips on how the average person can lose weight and get into shape.

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

**Length: 4:58**

Show # 2015-04

**Date aired:** 1/25/15 **Time Aired:** 0500

**Andrew D. Eschtruth**, Associate Director for External Relations at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, co-author of "*Falling Short: The Coming Retirement Crisis and What to Do About It*"

Americans are not saving enough for retirement and most won't have enough to maintain their lifestyle, or retire when they want. Mr. Eschtruth explained the reasons behind the problem and what the average consumer can do to better prepare for retirement. He also outlined changes needed in the 401k system that could help avert a crisis.

**Issues covered:**  
**Retirement**  
**Government Policies**  
**Personal Finance**

**Length: 10:54**

**Ellen Peters, PhD**, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Behavioral Decision Making Initiative at The Ohio State University"

Dr. Peters led a study that examined how people perceived their math abilities, then compared it to their actual math skills. About one in five people who say they are bad at math in fact score in the top half of those taking an objective test. But a third of people who say they are good at math actually score in the bottom half. She explained why math perceptions matter in everyday life and why it is important for parents to encourage their children's enjoyment of math.

**Issues covered:**  
**Education**  
**Personal Finance**

**Length: 6:27**

**Les Bernal**, Executive Director of Stop Predatory Gambling, a national grassroots citizen's movement concerned about predatory gambling

Americans in dozens of states can now buy lottery tickets in a growing number of ways. Mr. Bernal talked about the increasingly aggressive ways that governments are marketing new lottery products, and how the targets are typically lower income citizens. He believes that governments have created a mindset that discourages saving and personal responsibility and promotes state-sponsored wagering.

**Issues covered:**  
**Gambling Addiction**  
**Government Policies**

**Length: 5:07**

Show # 2015-05

**Date aired:** 2/5/15 **Time Aired:** 0500

**Cathy Steinberg**, personal safety expert and trainer, author of "*The Fabulous Girl's Guide to Being Fearless: What Every Girl Should Know*"

FBI statistics say that 1 in 4 females in the US will be a victim of violent crime. Ms. Steinberg talked about the most common types of violence directed at young women, and offered suggestions of how to avoid dangerous situations. She explained why it is so important for prospective college students to evaluate campus security before they make a decision on where to go to school.

**Issues covered:**  
**Sexual Assault**  
**Crime**  
**Women's Issues**

**Length: 8:18**

**Chadwick Wasilenkoff**, founder and CEO of Fortress Paper, a specialty paper company that produces secure paper for currencies around the world

Mr. Wasilenkoff discussed the measures that governments take to prevent counterfeiting of currencies. He said that a large percentage of counterfeit US bills are believed to be produced by state-sponsored operations in countries such as North Korea. He explained why recent measures, such as the improved \$100 bill, do slow down counterfeiters temporarily. However, he said criminals eventually adapt to such changes, so it is a never-ending battle. He explained how consumers can try to identify counterfeit bills.

**Issues covered:**  
**Counterfeiting**  
**Crime**  
**Government Regulations**

**Length: 8:55**

**Megan Moreno, MD**, researcher at Seattle Children's Research Institute and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington

Dr. Moreno recently conducted a study that found that teens who smoke cigarettes are 23 times more likely to smoke marijuana, compared to those who don't use tobacco. She talked about the reasons behind this finding. She also explained how the recent legalization of marijuana in several states may affect its use nationwide.

**Issues covered:**  
**Substance abuse**  
**Government Regulations**

**Length: 5:04**

Show # 2015-06

Date aired: 2/8/15 Time Aired: 0500

**David Rabiner, PhD**, Senior Research Scientist in the Department of Psychology & Neuroscience at Duke University

The use of "study drugs"-- prescription medications used illegally by college students improve their academic performance--is on the rise. Dr. Rabiner said the drugs of choice are those typically used to treat ADHD. He discussed the question of whether the practice is a form of academic cheating. He added that students who use these medications without a prescription typically have higher rates of drug and alcohol abuse, perform worse academically and are more stressed out about their grades.

**Issues covered:**  
Substance Abuse  
Education

**Length: 8:09**

**Michael Thompson**, Director of the Council of State Governments Justice Center

Mr. Thompson's organization conducted a study that examined whether juveniles who commit crimes fare better if they are sentenced to community-based supervision or state-run incarceration. The study found that youth who are locked up in state-run facilities are 21 percent more likely to be rearrested than those who remain under supervision closer to home. He said that community supervision programs are also far less expensive for taxpayers than state-secure facilities.

**Issues covered:**  
Youth at Risk  
Crime  
Government Policies

**Length: 8:55**

**Doug Goodman, PhD**, MPA Director, Associate Professor of Public Affairs in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences at The University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. Goodman co-authored a study that found that family-friendly employment policies tend to increase productivity of employees in public organizations. He said it appears that these policies reduce stress, and increase job satisfaction and employee loyalty.

**Issues covered:**  
Workplace Matters  
Parenting

**Length: 5:01**

Show # 2015-07

Date aired: 2/15/15 Time Aired: 0500

**Michael Moss**, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The New York Times, author of "*Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us*"

Every year, the average American eats thirty-three pounds of cheese, seventy pounds of sugar and double the recommended amount of salt--most of it from processed foods. Mr. Moss said that the use of salt, sugar and fat increases sales of processed foods, reduces manufacturing costs, and enables these foods to sit in warehouses or on the grocery shelf for months. He offered suggestions for consumers on how to read product labels.

**Issues covered:**  
Personal Health  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 8:01**

**Debra Donston-Miller**, editor and writer for InformationWeek.com, expert in social networking and information technologies

Ms. Donston-Miller said social media has essentially become an online resume, and that job hunters who do not use it are at a huge disadvantage. She discussed the most effective strategies for using social media in job searches and networking with colleagues. She explained which social networks are the most useful and why. She also recommended sharing content on social networks, such as reports or videos, to demonstrate expertise and abilities.

**Issues covered:**  
**Employment**  
**Workplace Matters**

**Length: 8:59**

**Tim Lohrentz**, Program Manager of the Insight Center for Community Economic Development, a non-profit organization that focuses on policies to build economic health in lower income communities

Mr. Lohrentz recently conducted a study of payday loans and their net impact on the US economy. He found that the burden of repaying the high-interest loans results in \$774 million in lost consumer spending and 14,000 job losses annually. He outlined the alternatives to payday loans that are available to low-income borrowers.

**Issues covered:**  
**Payday Loans**  
**Poverty**  
**Government Regulations**

**Length: 5:10**

Show # 2015-08

Date aired: 2/22/15 Time Aired: 0500

**Mark Underwood, PhD**, neuroscience researcher, expert on brain aging and cognitive function, President and co-founder of Wisconsin-based biotech company Quincy Bioscience

Dr. Underwood said most people start to experience mild memory loss by age 40. He explained the relationship of early memory problems to advanced forms of dementia as people enter their 70s and 80s. He outlined basic steps to take to keep the brain active, which may prevent or slow cognitive decline as a person ages.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Health**  
**Senior Citizens**

**Length: 8:01**

**Patty Osterberg**, Education & Outreach Director of Sustainable Electronics Recycling International, an organization that sets standards for responsible electronics recycling

Ms. Osterberg discussed the most responsible ways to recycle unused mobile phones and other electronic gadgets. Her organization certifies recyclers with the R2 standard, which verifies that recycling companies perform their services in a responsible and ethical manner. She talked about the environmental impact of throwing a phone in the trash.

**Issues covered:**  
**Recycling**  
**Environment**  
**Consumer Matters**

**Length: 8:59**

**Susan Carpenter**, Program Manager of the Insight Center for Community Economic Development, a non-profit organization that focuses on policies to build economic health in lower income communities

Ms. Carpenter spent two years and thousands of dollars transforming her California home into a test case for sustainable living. She talked about some of the most cost-efficient ways to go "green," along with some of the less successful projects. She outlined the easiest ways the average person can improve their environmental footprint.

**Issues covered:**  
Environment  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 4:55**

Show # 2015-09

Date aired: 3/1/15 Time Aired: 0500

**Catherine Collinson**, President of the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies, a non-profit private foundation

Ms. Collinson talked about the option of "phased retirement," in which an employee begins to gradually put in shorter work weeks. She said the strategy permits workers to test out retirement to see if they enjoy it and can afford it, and allows them to avoid tapping into Social Security or savings until truly necessary. She said many employers welcome it, because it allows the senior employee to mentor younger colleagues and the organization to retain institutional knowledge.

**Issues covered:**  
Retirement  
Career

**Length: 8:42**

**Brian Wansink, PhD**, behavior economist, food psychologist, John Dyson Professor of Consumer Behavior at Cornell University, Director of the Cornell Food and Brand Lab, author of "*Slim By Design, Mindless Eating Solutions for Everyday Life*"

Dr. Wansink discussed his research at Cornell, which examines how and why we make choices about the food we eat. He said the way a kitchen or other living environment is set up can encourage weight loss naturally. He outlined innovative but inexpensive steps restaurants, grocery stores and school cafeterias can make to encourage healthier dining choices.

**Issues covered:**  
Health and Nutrition  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 8:34**

**Cami Walker**, author of "*29 Gifts: How a Month of Giving Can Change Your Life*"

At age thirty-five, Ms. Walker was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. As she battled depression about her illness, she received an uncommon prescription from an African medicine woman: Give to others for 29 days. She shared her story of finding small ways to help others, and how it made a dramatic difference in her own health and happiness.

**Issues covered:**  
Charitable Contributions  
Volunteerism  
Mental Health

**Length: 4:24**



Show # 2015-10

Date aired: 3/8/15 Time Aired: 0500

**Tony Robbins**, motivational speaker, author of "*Money, Master the Game: 7 Simple Steps to Financial Freedom*"

Mr. Robbins picked the brains of more than 50 of the world's most successful investors and money managers, and found dramatically different philosophies. He discussed lessons that anyone can use to improve their personal finances. He also talked about his efforts to feed the hungry and his personal reasons for being concerned about poverty and hunger in America.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:23**

**Personal Finance  
Consumer Matters**

**Andrew Sperling**, Director of Federal Advocacy, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Mr. Sperling discussed the cost of mental health treatment, and the options available to make treatment more affordable. He explained how the Affordable Care Act has affected mental health and substance abuse services. He outlined the most common forms of assistance provided to employees by larger employers. He also talked about the most common forms of mental illness.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:42**

**Mental Health  
Substance Abuse  
Consumer Matters**

**Richard Lichenstein MD**, Director of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine

Wearing earphones while walking, biking or driving can be much riskier than most people think. Dr. Lichenstein recently conducted a study that found that headphone-related deaths have tripled in the past several years. He explained who is most likely to become a victim and the reasons that this behavior is so dangerous.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:55**

**Traffic Safety  
Personal Health**

Show # 2015-11

Date aired: 3/15/15 Time Aired: 0500

**Tony Wagner, EdD**, First Innovation Education Fellow at the Technology and Entrepreneurship Center at Harvard University, Co-Director of the Change Leadership Group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, author of "*Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World*"

Dr. Wagner said that innovative thinking is today's most essential real-world skill. He believes that for the US to successfully compete in the global economy, America needs to make teaching innovation a top priority in schools, at home and in business. He explained the steps that teachers and parents can take to foster more creative problem-solving in youngsters.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:28**

**Education  
Government Policies  
Employment**

**Raymond Francis, MSc**, health expert, author of "*Never Be Sick Again*"

Mr. Francis shared his personal story of facing a life-threatening condition at age 48, and how he overcame it. He believes that nearly every disease or illness can be prevented or reversed. He talked about the common denominator of all diseases and the six potential causes. He also offered suggestions to improve health at any age.

**Issues covered:**  
**Nutrition and Health**  
**Consumer Matters**

**Length: 7:45**

**Darrell W. Gurney**, founder of CareerGuy.com, Certified Personnel Consultant, Certified Job & Career Transition Coach, Certified Career Management Coach, and Licensed Spiritual, author of "*Never Apply for a Job Again: Break the Rules, Cut the Line, Beat the Rest*"

Mr. Gurney talked about the critical importance of networking when searching for a job. He said the latest online tools can help, but they are not as effective as meeting and being known by as many people as possible within an industry. He offered advice to the long-term unemployed.

**Issues covered:**  
**Employment**

**Length: 5:03**

Show # 2015-12

**Date aired:** 3/22/15 **Time Aired:** 0500

**Peter A. Sacco, PhD**, psychologist who specializes in addictions, author of "*Right Now Enough Is Enough*"

Dr. Sacco discussed the biggest misconceptions about addictions and bad habits. He said pornography and gambling are the least recognized addictions among Americans today. He noted that addicts are frequently able to hide their behavior and lead seemingly normal lives. He also talked about the most effective routes to recovery.

**Issues covered:**  
**Substance Abuse**  
**Mental Health**

**Length: 8:04**

**Jeff Speck, AICP**, City Planner and Architectural Designer who advocates for smart growth and sustainable design, author of "*Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time*"

In the typical American city, the car is still king. Mr. Speck said that downtown areas and local economies can be dramatically improved by becoming pedestrian-friendly. He explained how simple decisions have cascading effects, and how citizens can influence their elected representatives to make wise choices for their communities.

**Issues covered:**  
**Urban Planning**  
**Government Policies**  
**Economy**

**Length: 9:14**

**John P. Thyfault, PhD**, Professor of Nutrition and Exercise Physiology, Director of the Health Activity Center at the University of Missouri

Statins, the most widely prescribed type of cholesterol-lowering drugs, have prevented millions of heart attacks and saved countless lives. But Dr. Thyfault conducted a study that found that statins may also counteract the benefits of exercise, the other tried-and-true way to boost cardiac health. He explained why doctors usually prescribe drugs, rather than recommending exercise or dietary change. He also talked about how much exercise can be effective for people dealing with high cholesterol.

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

**Length: 5:06**

Show # 2015-13

**Date aired:** 3/29/15 **Time Aired:** 0500

**Bill Thornton, PhD**, Professor of Psychology, University of Southern Maine

Dr. Thornton led a study that found that the mere presence of a smart phone, even if it is turned off, can make it difficult to perform complex tasks. He explained the likely reasons that a phone can be so distracting. He offered suggestions for parents who are concerned about phone usage affecting their child's schoolwork.

**Issues covered:**  
**Mental Health**  
**Consumer Matters**

**Length: 7:27**

**Sharon Fowler, MPH**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Ms. Fowler was the co-author of a study that found that diet soda consumption leads to expanding waistlines. She found that older adults who drank two or more diet sodas a day had waist size increases that were six times greater than those of people who didn't drink diet soda. She discussed the possible physiological reasons and offered suggestions for those trying to control calories.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Health**  
**Senior Citizens**  
**Consumer Matters**

**Length: 9:43**

**Regina Leeds**, professional organizer, author of "*The 8-Minute Organizer*"

Nearly everyone can use some help in getting organized. Ms. Leeds talked about the reasons that keeping order in our lives and possessions is so difficult. She offered small, step-by-step suggestions on how determine goals to get organized, and how to create positive routines for the long-term.

**Issues covered:**  
**Consumer Matters**  
**Mental Health**

**Length: 5:06**



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Weekly Public Affairs Program

## QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, APRIL-JUNE, 2015

Show # 2015-14

**Date aired: 4/5/15**

**Elizabeth Dunn, PhD**, behavioral scientist, Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of British Columbia, co-author of "*Happy Money: The Science of Smarter Spending*"

Dr. Dunn's research found that people can significantly improve their happiness if they change the way they spend money. She said material things like luxurious homes or new gadgets provide much less happiness than experiential purchases like trips or concerts. She said spending money on other people provides a bigger happiness boost than almost any other expenditure.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:07**

**Consumer Matters  
Mental Health**

**Eric Caine, MD**, John Romano Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Professor of Neurology, co-director of the Center for the Study of Prevention of Suicide at the University of Rochester Medical Center

Suicides among middle-aged Americans have increased dramatically in the past decade. Dr. Caine said the rate among white men and women in that age group jumped 40 percent, while it was essentially unchanged for most other racial groups. He said the recession and mortgage crisis may be an important factor in the increase. He added that Baby Boomers seem to have higher levels of depression than other demographic groups. He talked about potential warning signs for those at risk of suicide.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:07**

**Suicide  
Mental Health  
Substance Abuse**

**Adam Barry, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Health Education, University of Florida

Dr. Barry conducted a study that found that two in five designated drivers had been drinking before getting behind the wheel and that 18% had blood-alcohol levels high enough to impair their driving skills. He outlined the potential reasons that designated driver education campaigns have been less than successful.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:56**

**Drunk Driving**

Show # 2015-15

**Date aired: 4/12/15**

**Kevin Carey, PhD**, education researcher and writer, Director of the Education Policy Program at the New America Foundation, co-author of "*The End of College: Creating the Future of Learning and the University of Everywhere*"

The cost of college has exploded in recent years, and whole generations are sinking deeper into college debt. Mr. Carey discussed recent innovations in digital learning and why he believes that the current methods of higher education are woefully outdated. He said, more than ever, a college degree is required to secure even a middle class income for those entering the workforce, but he believes universities much be willing to adapt to online learning and other new technologies.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:30**

**Education**

**Government Policies**

**George King, MD**, Research Director and Chief Science Officer, Joslin Diabetes Center, Harvard Medical School, author of "*The Diabetes Reset: Avoid It. Control It. Even Reverse It. A Doctor's Scientific Program*"

Dr. King discussed the effect of diabetes on the nation's health. He said it's possible to prevent and even reverse type 2 diabetes, through appropriate lifestyle changes. He outlined the importance of diet, exercise and sleep in the prevention of diabetes.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:38**

**Diabetes**

**Personal Health**

**Christopher Ferguson, PhD**, psychology professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Texas A&M International University

Dr. Ferguson led a study into the effects of fast food advertising on children. His research found that while advertising target at children is highly effective, parental influence can lessen the impact of commercials and help young kids make healthier food decisions. He offered advice for parents.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:53**

**Children's Health**

**Nutrition**

Show # 2015-16

**Date aired: 4/19/15**

**Scott Sampson, PhD**, dinosaur paleontologist, Vice President of Research and Collections at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, host of the PBS Kids' television series, *Dinosaur Train*, author of *"How to Raise a Wild Child: The Art and Science of Falling in Love with Nature"*

Today's American children spend 4 to 7 minutes a day playing outdoors. Dr. Sampson explained why this disconnect between kids and nature is a problem that should concern parents. He offered tips for parents to help kids fall in love with nature, by enlisting technology as an ally and encouraging outdoor activities like the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 10:22**

**Parenting**

**Environment**

**David Ernst, PhD**, Chief Information Officer at the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development, creator of the Open Textbook Library

The cost of college textbooks has skyrocketed in recent years, but a new trend of free or low-cost "open source" textbooks is gaining momentum. Dr. Ernst said college students could save an average of \$128 a course if traditional textbooks were replaced with the new electronic versions. He explained why this new generation of textbooks is often of equal academic value compared to traditional printed textbooks.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 6:57**

**Education**

**Consumer Matters**

**Linda Gordon Howard**, attorney, author of *"The Sexual Harassment Handbook"*

Ms. Howard talked about progress in the battle against sexual harassment. She discussed how sexually inappropriate behavior in the workplace has evolved since attention was first focused on it. She believes many situations involving sexual harassment can be prevented or resolved if victims recognize what's happening and know what to do.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:13**

**Sexual Harassment**

**Workplace Matters**

**Women's Issues**



Show # 2015-17

**Date aired: 4/26/15**

**Laurence Kotlikoff, PhD**, William Fairfield Warren Professor at Boston University, Professor of Economics at Boston University, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, President of Economic Security Planning, Inc., a company specializing in financial planning software, co-author of *'Get What's Yours: The Secrets to Maxing Out Your Social Security'*

The Social Security system has more than 2,700 core rules, and ill-informed choices of how and when to sign up can cost senior citizens literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in benefits. Dr. Kotlikoff said delaying retirement is often helpful, but he also outlined several little-known Social Security benefits that frequently are unclaimed.

**Issues covered:**

**Social Security**

**Senior Citizen**

**Government Policies**

**Length: 10:57**

**Huntington Potter, PhD**, Professor, Department of Neurology and Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Dr. Potter explained why Alzheimer's disease is such an expensive disease for the nation's healthcare system. He discussed who may be most likely to develop the disease, whether things like crossword puzzles can really keep the brain healthy, and where current research is headed.

**Issues covered:**

**Personal Health**

**Senior Citizens**

**Length: 6:14**

**Leigh Thomas**, *"An Ordinary Journey: A User's Guide to Healing from the Abuses of Sex, Drugs, Rock 'N Roll And Attempted Murder"*

Ms. Thomas discussed her personal experience as a victim of domestic violence, including incest, rape and physical abuse. She has dealt with her trauma through hope and a sense of humor. She offered advice to others who are going trying to escape domestic violence.

**Issues covered:**

**Domestic Violence**

**Length: 4:44**

Show # 2015-18

**Date aired: 5/3/15**

**Jaron Lanier**, computer and digital network pioneer, author of *"Who Owns the Future?"*

Mr. Lanier explained why he thinks the rise of digital networks has led our economy into recession and decimated the middle class. He said people should be compensated for sharing their personal data with massive digital networks, such as Google, Facebook, Instagram, and in some cases, even the government. He said he is most concerned about the younger generations of Americans who have grown up with reduced expectations of privacy and success.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 10:25**

**Economy**

**Consumer Matters**

**Nate Cardozo**, staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which champions privacy rights in the digital world

Many Americans might be surprised to learn that the vast majority of new cars today contain a device that continuously monitors the driver's behavior and vehicle performance. Mr. Cardozo said his biggest concern is that consumers have no way to know what data their car is recording or how long it retains it. He explained why loss of privacy is becoming a greater issue today, and how the problem could be addressed.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 6:45**

**Privacy**

**Consumer Matters**

**Government Regulation**

**Rand Ghayad**, visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Ph.D. candidate at Northeastern University

Mr. Ghayad led a study that found that employers frequently screen out job candidates who have been unemployed for more than six months. He found that employers showed about four times more interest in applicants out of work for six months or less, even if they had less experience and fewer qualifications than candidates unemployed for longer periods. He said job seekers must be willing to take any kind of work after a few months of unemployment, to avoid large gaps in their resume that will damage future prospects.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:49**

**Unemployment**

**Career**

Show # 2015-19

**Date aired: 5/10/15**

**Bruce Schneier**, data security expert, author of "*Data and Goliath: The Hidden Battles to Collect Your Data and Control Your World*"

Americans' personal identity, interests and behavior are being monitored more than ever before. How concerned should we be about the loss of privacy? Mr. Schneier explained what can be done to reform government surveillance programs and shake up surveillance-based business models. He also outlined simple steps that consumers can take to protect their personal privacy.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:42**

**Privacy**

**Government Policies**

**Consumer Matters**

**Matthew Drayton**, motivational speaker, author of "*Succeeding While Black: A Blueprint for Success*"

Many African-American young men find themselves in prison, in gangs, and on the streets without opportunities to succeed.. Mr. Drayton shared his personal story out of poverty. He talked about the importance of mentoring, education and leadership for kids who otherwise face grim futures in the inner cities of America.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:32**

**Minority Concerns**

**Youth at Risk**

**Poverty**

**Peter Polos, MD, PhD**, specialist in sleep medicine at the Sleep Disorder Center of JFK Medical Center in Edison, NJ

Dr. Polos was the lead researcher in a study that examined how electronic media affects the sleep of teenagers. He found that teens lose a significant amount of sleep by sending an average of 34 texts after bedtime each night. He offered advice to parents, on how to take control of bedtime and set limits on their child's access to digital devices.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:01**

**Personal Health**

**Youth Issues**

Show # 2015-20

**Date aired: 5/17/15**

**Norman Bates**, attorney, expert on the prevention of sexual violence against children, co-author of *"Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Youth-Serving Organizations: Guidelines for Managers and Parents"*

Many parents will soon send their children off to summer camp, scouting events and sports activities. But without proper safeguards in place, these environments can provide opportunities for sexual misconduct and abuse to occur. Mr. Bates outlined the abuse prevention policies that youth-serving organizations need to implement, and the questions parents must ask to ensure that they are.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:12**

**Sexual Abuse**

**Youth At Risk**

**Parenting**

**Paul Sullivan**, NY Times financial columnist, author of *"The Thin Green Line: The Money Secrets of the Super Wealthy"*

Mr. Sullivan explained why some people, even "rich" people, never find true wealth, and why other people, even those who have far less are much wealthier. He offered tips on how middle-class consumers can make better financial decisions, and come to terms with what money truly means. He said changing how Americans think about wealth can lead to more secure and less stressful lives.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:02**

**Personal Finance**

**Consumer Matters**

**Maggie Cary**, National Board Certified Teacher, teacher with more than 20 years of experience, founder of ClassroomTalk.com

Ms. Cary said parents of high school students can save thousands of dollars in college costs if their child takes Advanced Placement courses in high school. She explained who is eligible for the classes and how prospective students can determine if a college accepts the credits. She also outlined other benefits for students who have completed AP courses.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:03**

**Education**

**Personal Finance**

Show # 2015-21

**Date aired: 5/24/15**

**Seth Godin**, workplace expert and marketing guru, author of "*Linchpin: Are You Indispensable?*"

Mr. Godin outlined the biggest reasons that employment security and the workplace have changed so dramatically in the past few years. He suggested ways for employees to increase their value to their company through creativity, innovation and risk taking. He also offered advice for bosses who must find remarkable people to give their company a competitive edge.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:28**

**Employment**

**Workplace Matters**

**James Goodwin, MD**, a geriatrician and researcher at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston

Current medical guidelines recommend that people over the age of 50 get a colonoscopy once every ten years. Dr. Goodwin said a surprising number of patients have them more frequently. He explained why this is a risky practice, and why as seniors get older, their need for colon cancer screening actually goes down.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:42**

**Personal Health**

**Senior Citizens**

**Government Spending**

**Joe Watson**, management consultant who specializes in diversity, author of "*Without Excuses*"

Mr. Watson talked about the importance of diversity in corporate America and why it has been such an elusive goal. He offered advice for minority job-seekers on how to demand fair opportunities in the workplace.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:52**

**Diversity**

**Minority Issues**

**Workplace**

Show # 2015-22

**Date aired: 5/31/15**

**Michael Schmidt**, Vice Chair of Cozen O'Connor's Labor & Employment Department in New York, publisher and editor of a blog devoted to the interplay between social media and employment law

Social media blunders can cost people their jobs. Mr. Schmidt talked about 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights in the workplace. He explained how to decide if a social media posting may be permissible. He said it's important for employers to formulate clear rules and policies regarding social media, to protect the interests of the company while not infringing on the rights of the employee.

**Issues covered:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Amendment**

**Employment**

**Length: 7:39**

**Daniel Leffler, MD**, Director of Clinical Research at the Celiac Center at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston

Gluten-free diets are popular today, but how many people should be concerned? Dr. Leffler discussed gluten sensitivity and its close cousin, Celiac disease. He said there is no benefit if a healthy person avoids gluten and, in fact, gluten free-diets may cause nutritional deficiencies. He outlined the symptoms of gluten sensitivity and explained how it can be diagnosed and treated.

**Issues covered:**

**Personal Health**

**Length: 9:20**

**Eric Finkelstein, PhD**, health economist, co-author of "*The Fattening of America*"

Over two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese. Dr. Finkelstein believes that America's growing waistline is a by-product of our long-term economic and technological success. He said that business and policy makers need to devise strategies to make it cheaper and easier to be thin.

**Issues covered:**

**Personal Health**

**Government Policies**

**Length: 5:00**

Show # 2015-23

**Date aired: 6/7/15**

**Donald Edmondson, PhD, MPH**, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center in New York

Dr. Edmondson's research has discovered that nearly one in four people who suffer a stroke also experiences symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder afterwards. He discussed other life-threatening illnesses that can also result in PTSD. He said the younger a person is who experiences a life-threatening event, the more likely they are to experience PTSD. He also talked about the potential treatments for the disorder.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:31**

**Personal Health  
Mental Health  
Senior Citizens**

**Kathryn Zickuhr**, Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project.

Ms. Zickuhr led a surprising study that found that Americans ages 16 to 29 are actually more likely than older Americans to have read a printed book in the past year and are more likely than their elders to use a library. She discussed the rapidly changing landscape of technology and literacy, and how libraries have adapted.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:44**

**Literacy  
Youth Concerns  
Technology**

**Guillermo Payet**, Founder and President of LocalHarvest.org, a non-profit organization that maintains a nationwide directory of small farms, farmers markets and other local food sources

Mr. Payet explained Community Supported Agriculture, where small farmers sell shares of their annual harvest to local families. The families then receive weekly deliveries of vegetables or fruit. He talked about the positive social and environmental impact of the "buy local" movement.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:02**

**Agriculture  
Environment  
Consumer Matters**

Show # 2015-24

**Date aired: 6/14/15**

**Jon D. Miller, PhD**, Research Scientist, Director of the International Center for the Advancement of Scientific Literacy at the University of Michigan

Dr. Smith's research found that 48 percent of Generation X (ages 37-48) are enrolled in continuing education courses or other job training. He explained why technology and the changing job market have made it necessary for midcareer professionals to pursue lifelong learning opportunities. He believes this is the new norm, particularly in technical fields, such as medicine, auto mechanics or information technology, and that workers will routinely return to school to stay up to date with changing technology and trends.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:26**

**Education**

**Career**

**Paul Offit, MD**, Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, author of book called "*Do You Believe in Magic? The Sense and Nonsense of Alternative Medicine*"

From visits to acupuncturists, chiropractors and naturopaths to the use of vitamins and supplements, half of the US population uses some form of alternative medicine. Dr. Offit said he believes that alternative medicine can be dangerous because it is an unregulated industry under no legal obligation to prove its claims or admit its risks. He explained why alternative medicine's popularity has grown so rapidly. He said he thinks some alternative treatments do work as a result of the placebo effect, enabled by the healing powers of the human mind.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:41**

**Community Health**

**Consumer Matters**

**Meghan Busse, PhD**, Associate Professor of Management and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University

Dr. Busse was the co-author of a study that found women frequently are quoted higher prices for car repairs than men. The research also found that consumers (of any gender) who do their homework about the cost of repairs usually pay less. She offered advice on how to avoid being ripped off.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:50**

**Women's Issues**

**Consumer Matters**



Show # 2015-25

**Date aired: 6/21/15**

**Jamin Brahmhatt, MD**, Urologist, co-director of the Personalized Urology & Robotics Clinic at South Lake Hospital, in affiliation with Orlando Health

Dr. Brahmhatt's organization commissioned a survey that found that far more men can remember their first car than those who can remember when they had their most recent health checkup. He discussed the reasons why an annual checkup is so important and the reasons that men avoid trips to the doctor. He also offered advice to wives who want to encourage their husbands to make health a greater priority.

**Issues covered:**

**Personal Health**

**Men's Issues**

**Length: 7:26**

**Lori LaCivita, PhD**, industrial and organizational psychologist

Thanks in part to older workers working past the traditional retirement age, four generations of workers are in the workforce at once for the first time. Dr. LaCivita said each generation prefers different leadership and communication styles, which can trigger challenges in the workplace. She outlined strategies for managers to build strong and effective teams with a diverse pool of employees.

**Issues covered:**

**Workplace Matters**

**Senior Citizens**

**Length: 9:47**

**Ted Labuza, PhD, Ph.D.**, expert in food safety, Professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota

Professor Labuza discussed how to interpret the expiration dates on food labels. Many of the dates don't mean what consumers think they do. He explained how to determine whether a package of food with a past expiration date is safe to eat.

**Issues covered:**

**Food Safety**

**Consumer Matters**

**Length: 5:09**

Show # 2015-26

**Date aired: 6/28/15**

**Michael Oswald**, author of "*Your Guide to the National Parks: The Complete Guide to all 58 National Parks*"

In researching his book, Mr. Oswald visited and camped in 48 of our national parks over the course of several years. He shared his thoughts on the importance of the national parks system, and offered advice for visitors regarding some on the lesser-known attractions. Based on his observations as a frequent visitor, he believes that the national park system is being managed and funded in a responsible way.

**Issues covered:**

**National Parks**

**Tourism**

**Government Spending**

**Length: 8:08**

**Stanton A. Glantz, Ph.D.**, Director of the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco

Dr. Glantz published a comprehensive study of the effect of laws that ban smoking in public places. He found that the restrictions result in a rapid decrease in hospitalizations for heart attack, stroke, respiratory diseases, including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He said he favors even stronger legislation to restrict smoking, because he found that the strictest laws resulted in the highest health benefits.

**Issues covered:**

**Public Health**

**Government Regulation**

**Length: 8:57**

**Roxana Soto**, journalist, co-founder of SpanglishBaby.com, co-author of "*Bilingual Is Better: Two Latina Moms on How the Bilingual Parenting Revolution is Changing the Face of America*"

Since the founding of the US, immigrants traditionally expected their children to embrace the American melting pot by leaving behind their heritage language and speaking only English. However, Mrs. Soto is part of a growing movement of Latino parents who want to maintain their language and cultural heritage, by encouraging their children to be bilingual. She talked about the obstacles faced by bilingual families and the benefits of speaking more than one language.

**Issues covered:**

**Latino Concerns**

**Language**

**Parenting**

**Length: 4:58**



# CUMULUS

## KTOP-AM ISSUES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE PERIOD

JULY 1, 2015 thru SEPT 30, 2015

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In our ongoing effort to serve the public interest, KTOP-AM broadcasts programming responsive to issues and concerns of Topeka, Kansas, and the surrounding area. Following is a list of those issues, and of the station's most significant programming treatment of them."



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## **QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2015**

Show # 2015-27

**Date aired: July 5, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Sonya Madison**, Workplace Attorney and Legal Analyst, based in Atlanta

Ms. Madison said a drunk driving conviction can severely damage a person's chances of finding or even keeping a job. She noted that most large employers typically conduct background checks on potential employees today. She explained why negatives such as a DUI conviction often will remove the applicant from consideration for a job opening.

**Issues covered:**

**Drunk Driving  
Employment**

**Length: 7:47**

**Jeff Strohl, PhD**, Director of Research at the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

Dr. Strohl co-authored a recent study that determined that although more Hispanics and African-Americans are going to college, their access to the most selective schools isn't keeping pace. He said there are major income differences between those with a top education compared to graduates of other schools. He explained the reasons behind this problem, and why it is so difficult to address.

**Issues covered:**

**Minority Concerns  
Education**

**Length: 9:21**

**Janet Champ**, co-author of "*Ripe: The Truth About Growing Older and the Beauty of Getting on With Your Life*"

Ms. Champ talked about challenges and myths faced by women as they age. She said many women feel discarded and undervalued as they reach their forties. She believes that this phase of life is rich in often underappreciated beauty and that women who adapt to these changes can offer much to society.

**Issues covered:**

**Women's Issues  
Aging  
Senior Citizens**

**Length: 4:39**

Show # 2015-28

**Date aired: July 12, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Nicholas Tatonetti, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Director of Clinical Informatics at the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center at Columbia University

Dr. Tatonetti's research uncovered a surprising correlation between the month a person is born and their risk of developing various health problems, including heart disease, viral infections and ADHD. His study found 55 diseases that correlated with the season of birth. He explained the time of year a person is born dictates many of the environmental factors they are exposed to during birth and early development.

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

**Length: 6:54**

**Michael H. Shuman**, economist, attorney, author, and entrepreneur, experts on community economics, author of "*The Local Economy Solution*"

Mr. Shuman believes the entire process of local economic development has become ineffective and unaffordable. He said the traditional method of chasing large companies with huge taxpayer subsidies creates very few new jobs. He is a proponent of alternative approaches in which states and cities encourage private ventures that help local businesses launch and grow.

**Issues covered:**  
**Economic Development**  
**Employment**

**Length: 10:12**

**Bill Bishop**, author of "*The Big Sort*"

America may be more diverse than ever, but Mr. Bishop believes that the nation's neighborhoods are becoming too divided—culturally, economically and politically. He said that the places where Americans live are becoming increasingly populated with people who live, think, and vote as they do. He explained what is behind this movement and why it is not a positive development.

**Issues covered:**  
**Community**  
**Diversity Issues**

**Length: 5:03**

Show # 2015-29

**Date aired: July 19, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**John Santa, MD**, Director of the Health Ratings Center for Consumer Reports

Heart health has become a highly profitable business. Dr. Santa talked about the growing wave of cardiac tests and treatments that are being marketed to aging baby boomers. He said the most dubious tests often result in costly, unnecessary and sometimes dangerous treatments. He also explained how health consumers can get accurate information on the proficiency and competence of heart doctors.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Health**  
**Senior Citizens**  
**Consumer Matters**

**Length: 8:32**

**Jonathan Levav, PhD**, Associate Professor of Marketing at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business

Wise decision-making is perhaps the greatest factor that determines success or failure in life and business. Professor Levav talked about his study of "decision fatigue." He explained the surprising influences on decisions, and how individuals can improve decision-making by recognizing and controlling those variables.

**Issues covered:**  
**Workplace Matters**  
**Mental Health**

**Length: 8:40**

**Bernard Biermann, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan, Medical Director of the Child/Adolescent Inpatient Unit at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI

Dr. Biermann recently completed a study that found that parents severely underestimate their teens' use of drugs and alcohol. While just ten percent of parents thought their kids drank alcohol in the past year, 52 percent of teens admitted to doing so. He talked about the possible reasons in the huge disparity, and offered advice for parents on how to recognize the signs of alcohol and drug use in their teenager.

**Issues covered:**  
**Substance Abuse**  
**Parenting**  
**Youth at Risk**

**Length: 5:07**

Show # 2015-30

**Date aired: July 26, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Armon B. Neel Jr., PharmD.**, consulting pharmacist, author of "*Are Your Prescriptions Killing You?: How to Prevent Dangerous Interactions, Avoid Deadly Side Effects, and Be Healthier with Fewer Drugs*"

Mr. Neel said that patients and doctors often don't recognize when prescription drugs may be interacting dangerously with one another. He discussed the financial costs to our nation's healthcare system, and explained how patients can reduce the number of medications they're taking.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Health**  
**Senior Citizens**  
**Consumer Matters**

**Length: 7:17**

**Catherine Steiner-Adair, EdD.**, clinical psychologist, school consultant, author of "*The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age*"

The digital world is here to stay, but what are families losing? Dr. Steiner-Adair believes that today's parents often pay more attention to their smartphones than their children. She discussed the emotional impact felt by kids, and outlined how parents can set boundaries on the use of hi-tech devices for both themselves and their children.

**Issues covered:**  
**Parenting**  
**Youth at Risk**

**Length: 10:00**

**Jack Canfield**, co-creator of the Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, author of "*The Success Principles*" series

Mr. Canfield talked about the keys to success and how to overcome self-defeating beliefs, fears and habits. He also offered principles on building good teams and better relationships at the office, and how to set goals to improve your life and finances.

**Issues covered:**  
**Workplace Issues**  
**Education**  
**Personal Finance**

**Length: 4:51**

Show # 2015-31

**Date aired: August 2, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Sheila Markin Nielsen**, career counselor with more than 25 years of experience, author of "*Job Quest: How to Become the Insider Who Gets Hired*"

The search for a job can seem intimidating and frustrating for most people. Ms. Markin Nielsen said the most critical component in any successful job search is to establish personal relationships. She outlined strategies to create personal connections and trust with key people. She discussed the usefulness of online tools such as LinkedIn, along with the value of resumes in today's employment environment.

**Issues covered:**  
**Employment**  
**Career**

**Length: 10:25**

**Jennifer Suor**, researcher, PhD candidate in clinical psychology at the University of Rochester

Ms. Suor's research found that children from low-income families are at risk of stunted cognitive functioning before they even start kindergarten. Her team found that young children with emotionally distant caregivers and who lived in an unstable home also had high levels of the stress hormone cortisol, which appears to significantly affect their cognitive abilities.

**Issues covered:**  
**Education**  
**Parenting**

**Length: 6:44**

**Andy Cohen**, CEO, Caring.com

In the past year, approximately 14 million drivers have been in a road incident caused by an elderly driver, according to a survey by Mr. Cohen's organization. He discussed how other motorists view the safety and competence of senior drivers. He also explained how to determine whether an older loved one is no longer fit to drive, and how to approach the topic with them.

**Issues covered:**  
**Senior Citizens**  
**Traffic Safety**

**Length: 5:10**

Show # 2015-32

**Date aired: August 9, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Deirdre Maloney**, author of "*Bogus Balance: Your Journey to Real Work/Life Bliss*"

These days, nearly everyone struggles to balance their work and home lives. Ms. Maloney said that no one can achieve a perfect balance. She said it is possible to find real balance and satisfaction by setting priorities and accepting that you can't have it all. She explained why it is important to analyze your own values and priorities on a regular basis.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:28**

**Career  
Parenting  
Mental Health**

**Doug Whiteman**, Insurance Analyst at Bankrate.com

37% of Americans with children under age 18 do not have any life insurance, according to a new Bankrate.com study. And about one-third of the parents who do have life insurance have no more than \$100,000 of protection. Mr. Whiteman explained why this is such a great concern. He also offered suggestions on how to shop for life insurance and how to determine how much coverage is necessary.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:46**

**Personal Finance  
Parenting**

**Richard Johnson, PhD**, Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute, an independent non-partisan organization that evaluates social and economic issues

Dr. Johnson studied Americans who change careers after age 50. He found that most take pay cuts and accept lesser health benefits, but are still happier in their new jobs. He explained why these workers decide to switch careers, and offered advice for older job hunters.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:50**

**Senior Citizens  
Workplace Matters  
Unemployment**

Show # 2015-33

**Date aired: August 16, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Nick Corcodilos**, employment expert, headhunter, founder of AskTheHeadhunter.com, author of "*Fearless Job Hunting*"

Mr. Corcodilos said that the way companies recruit, evaluate and hire employees is a disaster. He said employers misuse computer screening software and sites like LinkedIn, in the hope of finding a mythical perfect candidate, then complain that the American workforce is undertrained and unqualified for today's high tech jobs. He offered advice for people who are seeking a new job.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:57**

**Employment  
Job Training**



**Scott Barry Kauffman, PhD**, cognitive psychologist, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychology at New York University, author of "*Ungifted: Intelligence Redefined*"

Dr. Kauffman said that the traditional methods of measuring the intellectual potential of children, such as IQ and standardized tests, don't work. He shared his own story of being labeled as "learning disabled" as a child, yet eventually completing his PhD in cognitive psychology at Yale University. He noted that there are many paths to greatness, and argued for a more customized approach to achievement that takes into account each individual's goals, psychology, and developmental trajectory.

**Issues covered:**  
**Education**  
**Children's Issues**

**Length: 7:56**

**Gary Brienzo**, Communications Manager, National Arbor Day Foundation

Mr. Brienzo talked about the growing disconnect between children and nature, as youngsters spend more time indoors with smartphones, video games and the Internet. He talked about the benefits of encouraging children and families to spend time outdoors, including better awareness of the environment.

**Issues covered:**  
**Environment**  
**Community Health**  
**Parenting**  
**Volunteerism**

**Length: 4:42**

Show # 2015-34

**Date aired: August 23, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**David Gumpert**, food rights advocate, author of "*Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Food Rights*"

Mr. Gumpert believes that Americans should have the right to privately obtain foods directly from farmers, neighbors, and local producers, in the same way that previous generations did. He said government regulations are making it increasingly difficult for consumers who wish to get raw milk, custom-slaughtered beef and pastured eggs outside the government regulatory system. He outlined the potential health concerns about mass-produced, processed food sold at supermarkets.

**Issues covered:**  
**Food Safety**  
**Government Regulation**

**Length: 8:29**

**Noël Janis-Norton**, learning and behavior specialist, founder and director of The New Learning Centre in London, author of "*Calmer, Easier, Happier Parenting: Five Strategies That End the Daily Battles and Get Kids to Listen the First Time*"

Ms. Norton offered advice to parents who are tired of nagging, pleading or yelling just to get their kids to do simple tasks. She offered examples of how parents should use positive reinforcement to encourage children to cooperate. She also offered tips on how to make homework a more positive and pleasant task each day.

**Issues covered:**  
**Parenting**  
**Children's Issues**

**Length: 8:40**

**Virginia Reichert**, former director of the Center for Tobacco Control at North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System

Ms. Reichert talked about a study she conducted that discovered many smokers incorrectly believe that nicotine causes cancer. This misperception makes them less like to use nicotine patches or gum to help them stop smoking. She explained how comprehensive programs can greatly increase the success rate of smokers who want to quit.

**Issues covered:**  
Addiction  
Community Health

**Length: 4:58**

Show # 2015-35

**Date aired: August 30, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Emily Rogalski, PhD**, Neuroscientist, Research Associate Professor in Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Rogalski is in the early stages of a study of "SuperAgers" — men and women who are in their 80s and 90s, but with brains and memories that seem far younger. She explained what has been learned so far from these exceptional seniors, and what she hopes to discover as the study progresses. She said the research may eventually find ways to help protect others from memory loss.

**Issues covered:**  
Personal Health  
Senior Citizens

**Length: 8:01**

**Amanda Ripley**, investigative journalist, author of "*The Smartest Kids in the World--and How They Got That Way*"

Over the past fifty years, math and science skills have remained largely flat in the US, while soaring in Canada, Finland and many other developed countries. Ms. Ripley explained why some new "education superpower" countries have rapidly improved test scores, and how their policies differ from the US. She said teachers' college programs in the US should become much more selective, only accepting top students.

**Issues covered:**  
Education  
Government

**Length: 9:10**

**Dana Gunders**, Project Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council's Food and Agriculture program in San Francisco

Ms. Gunders recently co-lead a study with Harvard researchers that concluded that dates printed on packaged foods often confuse consumers, leading many to throw out food before it actually goes bad. She said the dates are intended to indicate freshness rather than whether a product is unsafe to eat. She would like to see new government regulations that would standardize food labeling and make it less confusing for consumers.

**Issues covered:**  
Food Safety  
Consumer Matters  
Government Regulations

**Length: 4:55**

Show # 2015-36

**Date aired: September 6, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Ann Dowsett Johnston**, award-winning journalist, author of "*Drink: The Intimate Relationship Between Women And Alcohol*"

Ms. Johnston said women have closed the gender gap in the past decade, not only in their professional and educational lives, but also in terms of alcohol abuse . She noted that corporations have developed marketing strategies and products targeted exclusively to women. She expressed particular concern that alcohol manufacturers are now using social media to target teenage girls for marketing messages.

**Issues covered:**  
**Substance Abuse**  
**Women's Issues**

**Length: 9:27**

**Kathryn Edin, PhD**, Professor of Public Policy and Management at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, co-author of "*Doing the Best I Can: Fatherhood in the Inner City*"

Dr. Edin studied fatherhood among inner city men who are sometimes called "deadbeat dads." She said the term does not accurately describe today's urban fathers, many of whom take pride in being involved in the lives of some of their children. She explained how economic and cultural changes have transformed the meaning of fatherhood among the urban poor.

**Issues covered:**  
**Inner City Issues**  
**Parenting**  
**Poverty**

**Length: 7:36**

**David L. Roth, Ph.D.**, Director of the Johns Hopkins University Center on Aging and Health

Dr. Roth's research found that caregivers assisting chronically ill or disabled family members had an 18 percent lower death rate than similar people who were non-caregivers. He talked about the possible reasons behind this surprising finding.

**Issues covered:**  
**Senior Citizens**  
**Personal Health**  
**Family**

**Length: 4:49**

Show # 2015-37

**Date aired: September 13, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Mark Rank, PhD**, Professor of Social Welfare at Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Rank led a study that found that, between the ages of 25 and 60, almost two-thirds of Americans will live in poverty for a year or more. He shared other statistics from his study that illustrate how common poverty is. He discussed the reasons behind the problem and why a surprising number of Americans move from poverty to the middle class or higher, then back to poverty again.

**Issues covered:**  
**Poverty**  
**Education**

**Length: 8:31**

**Sandeep S. Grewal, MD, MS**, nutrition and weight loss expert, co-author of "*Fat-Me-Not: Weight Loss Diet of The Future*"

Most parents believe preparing and packing a healthy lunchbox is a difficult task. Dr. Grewal explained why lunches parents send to school are so critical to their kids' development and learning. He talked about the worst things parents can include in a lunch, and why hot lunches at school are not always a better option. He also discussed the most effective ways to lose weight.

**Issues covered:**  
**Parenting**  
**Nutrition**

**Length: 8:33**

**Jim Quiggle**, Director of Communications at Coalition Against Insurance Fraud

Mr. Quiggle discussed Medicare fraud, which has become a multi-billion dollar industry. He explained how fraudsters rapidly evolve their techniques as investigators close in on a specific scam. He outlined common warning signs of a scam that senior citizens should recognize, such as cold-call solicitations and requesting Medicare numbers over the phone.

**Issues covered:**  
**Medicare Fraud**  
**Senior Citizens**

**Length: 5:00**

Show # 2015-38

**Date aired: September 20, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Meredith Jones**, author of "*Women of The Street: Why Female Money Managers Generate Higher Returns (and How You Can Too)*"

Ms. Jones said her research found that women typically make better investment decisions than men. She explained how women's and men's investment behaviors differ. She also offered advice to young women who may be considering a career as an investment professional.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Finance**  
**Women's Issues**

**Length: 10:32**

**Todd Herrenkohl, PhD**, Professor of Sociology, Interim Associate Dean for Research for the Office of Research, University of Washington

Dr. Herrenkohl led a study that found that troubling behaviors exhibited by abused children can predict criminal activity when they grow up. He explained what the most common indicators are and how they differ between boys and girls. He discussed the importance of recognizing kids at risk and getting treatment for them as quickly as possible.

**Issues covered:**  
**Child Abuse**  
**Crime**  
**Youth at Risk**

**Length: 6:38**

**Bruce Schneier**, internationally recognized security technologist, Chief Technology Officer of Resilient Systems, a fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center, and a board member of Electronic Frontier Foundation, author of "*Schneier on Security*"

Mr. Schneier discussed a recent study that examined the most commonly hacked computer passwords. Many people choose passwords that are far too easy to guess. He outlined ways to choose and remember a very secure password.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:14**

**Crime  
Consumer Matters**

Show # 2015-39

**Date aired: September 27, 2015 Time Aired: 0500**

**Brad J. Bushman, PhD**, Professor of Communication and Psychology, Margaret Hall and Robert Randal Rinehart Chair of Mass Communication at Ohio State University

Dr. Bushman's research found that gun violence in movies rated PG-13 has more than tripled since PG-13 was introduced in 1985. In fact, he found that today's PG-13 films depict more violence than R-rated movies. Dr. Bushman explained why parents should be concerned. He said the patchwork of different rating systems for TV, movies and video games is confusing for parents and should be standardized.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:01**

**Parenting  
Media**

**Stewart D. Friedman, PhD**, Professor at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Founding Director of the Wharton Leadership Program and Wharton's Work/Life Integration Project, author of "*Baby Bust: New Choices for Men and Women in Work and Family*"

Dr. Friedman studied two classes of Wharton School of Business students, and found stunning results: the rate of graduates who plan to have children has dropped by nearly half over the past 20 years. He outlined the reasons for this disturbing trend and explained why this could be a huge problem for our society. He also offered some potential solutions.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:04**

**Parenting  
Career  
Education**

**Chris & Toren Volkmann**, co- authors of "*Our Drink: Detoxing the Perfect Family*"

Chris and Toren offered their perspective on college drinking, as a mother and son who personally suffered the effects. They discussed warning signs of excessive drinking that both parents and college students should be aware of, and talked about the changing attitudes on college campuses.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:36**

**Substance Abuse  
Youth at Risk  
Parenting Matters**



# CUMULUS

## KTOP

### ISSUES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE PERIOD

October 2015 thru December 2015

As compiled by: Justin M. Luckie  
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In our ongoing effort to serve the public interest, this station broadcasts programming responsive to issues and concerns of Topeka, Kansas, and the surrounding area. The following is a list of those issues, and of the station's most significant programming treatment of them.



**Weekly Public Affairs Program**

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**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2015**

Show # 2015-27

**Date aired:** 10/4/15 **Time Aired:** 5:00AM

**John R. Baker, PhD**, Professor of Political Science at Wittenberg University, author of "*Government in the Twilight Zone: Volunteers to Small-City Boards and Commissions*"

97 percent of all American cities have a population fewer than 50,000 and Dr. Baker studies the workings of these smaller local governments. He discussed how local board systems operate, who the board members are and what motivates them to serve. He explained why it is important for citizens to understand how government functions, even in small towns.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 6:54**

**Citizenship  
Government Policies**

**Lennard J. Davis, PhD**, Professor in the English Department in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Professor of Disability and Human Development in the School of Applied Health Sciences of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Professor of Medical Education in the College of Medicine, author of "*Enabling Acts: The Hidden Story of How the Americans with Disabilities Act Gave the Largest US Minority Its Rights*"

Disabled Americans are the largest minority group in the country. Dr. Davis believes the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is the widest-ranging and most comprehensive piece of civil rights legislation in history. He explained the unusual path the law took to passage, some of the challenges in implementing it and the enormous impact of the ADA, 25 years after its adoption. He also outlined several potential reforms which he believes could improve it.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 10:21**

**Disabilities  
Civil Rights  
Government Policies**

**Michael A. Fischer, MD, MS**, Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Associate Physician at the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston

Dr. Fischer led a study that found that many people whose doctors start them on medications for conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure may never fill those prescriptions. He explained the reasons behind this problem and how doctors and patients can improve communication.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:00**

**Personal Health  
Medical Issues**

Show # 2015-41

Date aired: 10/11/15 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

**Michelle Garcia**, Director of the Stalking Resource Center at the National Center for Victims of Crime

Nearly 3.5 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States. Ms. Garcia talked about the most common stalker scenarios, and why the crime is so difficult to define. She also explained why new developments such as GPS and social networking sites have made it much easier for stalkers to target their victims.

**Issues covered:**

**Stalking  
Crime  
Women's Issues**

**Length: 9:43**

**John Izzo, PhD**, business consultant, author of "*Stepping Up: How Taking Responsibility Changes Everything*"

Mr. Izzo said that almost every problem, from personal and business challenges to social issues, can be solved if Americans looked to themselves to create change rather than expecting others to do it. He offered advice to employees who are afraid to speak up at work and how to encourage children to step up and improve problems they see in their community.

**Issues covered:**

**Workplace Matters  
Community Involvement  
Parenting**

**Length: 7:33**

**Ron Shevlin**, Senior Analyst with Aite Group, an independent research and advisory firm serving the financial services industry

Social media sites like Twitter and Facebook have empowered consumers in many new ways. Mr. Shevlin explained how these new tools have made it much easier to complain about a problem or to influence corporate policies. He offered advice for the best ways for consumers to use social media to interact with companies.

**Issues covered:**

**Consumer Matters  
Technology**

**Length: 4:55**

Show # 2015-42

Date aired: 10/18/15 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

**Phil Gaddis**, President, Executive Search at the Addison Group, a Chicago-based provider of professional staffing and search services

Recent statistics show that the average American changes careers seven times. Mr. Gaddis explained why the turnover has increased so rapidly in recent decades, and offered advice for people who are considering a career change.

**Issues covered:**

**Employment**

**Length: 8:04**



**Lance LoRusso**, Atlanta-based attorney, former law enforcement officer, author of *"When Cops Kill: The Aftermath of a Critical Incident"*

Mr. LoRusso said police officers are well-trained on when and how to use their weapons, but are ill-prepared for what to do in the aftermath. He explained how the investigation of a police shooting differs significantly from one involving a civilian. He estimated that 75% of officers involved in a deadly force incident are the target of a civil lawsuit, whether the shooting was justified or not.

**Issues covered:**  
**Police & Crime**  
**Violence**  
**Legal Matters**

**Length: 9:10**

**Jonathan T. Jefferson, PhD**, school administrator, author of *"Mugamore: Succeeding without Labels—Lessons for Educators"*

Dr. Jefferson said he believes that today's education system needs to change the way it handles problem students. He said zero tolerance policies and the application of labels to students who have behavioral or learning disorders causes many of them to be left behind. He believes that schools personnel need to exercise more patience with immature students to give them time to grow into productive students.

**Issues covered:**  
**Education**  
**Youth at Risk**

**Length: 5:07**

Show # 2015-43

**Date aired:** 10/25/15 **Time Aired:** 5:00AM

**Cary Funk**, Associate Director of Research at Pew Research Center

A recent survey by the Pew Research Center found that Americans' grasp of common science topics could be better. She outlined the results of the survey, including differences between genders, ages and education levels. She explained why a basic understanding of scientific principles is important for Americans to understand many of today's civic issues.

**Issues covered:**  
**Education**  
**Science**  
**Citizenship**

**Length: 7:07**

**Julie Lythcott-Haims**, former Dean of Freshmen and Undergraduate Advising at Stanford University, author of *"How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success"*

Ms. Lythcott-Haims believes that overparenting is out of control in America, and that it harms children, their stressed-out parents, and society at large. She explained how parents can allow children to make their own mistakes and develop the resilience, resourcefulness, and inner determination necessary for success.

**Issues covered:**  
**Parenting**

**Length: 10:11**

**Karina Davidson, PhD**, researcher and clinical psychologist at Columbia University Medical Center in New York

Dr. Davidson recently led a 10-year study that found that happiness may prevent a heart attack. She explained the science behind this finding and suggested ways that people can improve their outlook to improve their health.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Health**  
**Mental Health**

**Length: 4:30**

Show # 2015-44

**Date aired:** 11/1/15 **Time Aired:** 5:00AM

**Denise Pope**, Senior Lecturer, Co-Founder, Challenge Success at Stanford University Graduate, co-author of "Overloaded and Underprepared"

Dr. Pope explained why parents and teachers should be concerned that many America's students are stressed out or have given up. She outlined steps that schools can take to provide kids with academic, social and emotional skills needed to succeed in school now and as adults later. She talked about the Challenge Success program at Stanford and how the program is customized for each school in which it is applied.

**Issues covered:**  
**Education**  
**Parenting**

**Length: 9:53**

**Brooks Palmer**, professional organizer, author of "*Clutter Busting: Letting Go of What's Holding You Back*" and "*Clutter Busting Your Life: Clearing Physical and Emotional Clutter to Reconnect with Yourself and Others*"

Most Americans struggle with clutter and disorganization. Mr. Palmer talked about the emotionally suffocating effects of clutter and why people have problems letting go of items they no longer need or use. He offered suggestions for how to get started and how to look at items in a different way to assess whether they are worth keeping.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Productivity**  
**Workplace Matters**  
**Mental Health**

**Length: 7:27**

**Kevin Haley**, Director of Product Management for Symantec Security Response

Today's smartphones hold a wealth of personal, financial and work-related data that thieves would love to get their hands on. So what happens when a phone is lost or stolen? Mr. Haley led a research project that intentionally lost 50 phones to see what data was accessed by the finder and whether the phones would be returned to their owners. The results were Showoncerting. Mr. Haley offered advice for phone owners to protect their data.

**Issues covered:**  
**Crime**  
**Privacy**  
**Workplace Matters**

**Length: 5:04**

Show # 2015-45

Date aired: 11/8/15 Time Aired: 9:00AM

**Barry Schwartz, PhD**, Professor of Psychology at Swarthmore College, author of "*Why We Work*"

Dr. Schwartz discussed his research that examined why Americans work. He said the reasons are surprising and complex, but that the need for a paycheck is not the primary factor. He discussed the most common trends and patterns that lead to happiness in the workplace, and how employers can try to improve productivity and employee satisfaction.

**Issues covered:**  
**Workplace Matters**  
**Mental Health**

**Length: 9:27**

**William MacAskill, PhD**, Associate Professor in Philosophy at Oxford University, cofounder of the nonprofit organizations Giving What We Can and 80,000 Hours, author of "*Doing Good Better: How Effective Altruism Can Help You Make a Difference*"

Dr. MacAskill said Americans often base their decisions on where to donate money and what career to pursue on emotions and false assumptions. He outlined five key questions that may help consumers make wiser altruistic decisions. He explained how to use evidence and careful reasoning to chart the best course to help others.

**Issues covered:**  
**Charitable Giving**  
**Consumer Matters**  
**Career**

**Length: 7:58**

**Katie Liljenquist**, Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership and Strategy at Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Management, expert in behavior and decision making

Prof. Liljenquist led a study that found that the smell of cleaning products can make people act more virtuous. She explained the reasons behind the behavioral changes. She also talked about potential ways to smells could be used to reduce societal problems such as crime or vandalism.

**Issues covered:**  
**Health**  
**Parenting Issues**

**Length: 4:57**

Show # 2015-46

Date aired: 11/15/15 Time Aired: 9:00AM

**Dara Feldman**, award-winning teacher, Director of Educational Initiatives for The Virtues Project, author of "*The Heart of Education*"

Ms. Feldman noted that 50 percent of new teachers get burned out in their first five years on the job and end up leaving the profession. She explained why this is such a costly problem and how it damages our nation's education system. She offered suggestions for concerned parents who would like to help and encourage stressed-out teachers.

**Issues covered:**  
**Education**  
**Parenting**

**Length: 8:57**

**Sheldon Krantz**, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, former dean of the University of San Diego Law School, former law professor at the Boston University Law School, former federal prosecutor, author of "*The Legal Profession: What Is Wrong and How to Fix It*"

Mr. Krantz said legal services should be available to every American, whether they can afford it or not. He said attorneys do not provide nearly enough pro bono services. He said many of today's law students would be willing to work in the public interest, but are often mired down in student debt. He would like to see loan forgiveness programs or other new initiatives that would enable young lawyers to help lower-income litigants.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:09**

**Legal Matters**

**Poverty**

**Government Policies**

**Brenda Shields, M.S.**, research coordinator, Center for Injury Research and Policy, Columbus Children's Hospital in Ohio

Ms. Shields discussed a recent study into the increasing dangers for young people involved in cheerleading. Her research found that emergency room visits are becoming much more common as cheerleading routines have added complex gymnastic moves. She outlined the questions that parents should ask, to be sure coaches are properly qualified.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:45**

**Personal Health**

**Children**

**Parenting**

Show # 2015-47

Date aired: 11/22/15 Time Aired: 5:00AM

**Yasmin Hurd, PhD**, Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York

Dr. Hurd's research found that teenagers who smoke marijuana may make their future offspring more vulnerable to substance abuse problems. She believes that marijuana use causes structural changes in DNA that may last for generations. Dr. Hurd said much more research into the health effects of marijuana is needed. She also explained how parents can deal with the mixed messages society is conveying to young people about marijuana.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:22**

**Substance Abuse**

**Government Regulations**

**Parenting**

**Chris Malone**, Managing Partner of Fidelum Partners, a research-based consulting and professional services firm, author of "*THE HUMAN BRAND: How We Relate to People, Products and Companies*"

Mr. Malone explained why upstart businesses have surged in popularity while many traditionally dominant companies and brands have been falling behind. He outlined the reasons that social media has become such a valuable tool for both consumers and the companies they do business with. He said business schools fail to teach students how to nurture relationships with customers, causing much less loyalty to brands and products.

**Issues covered:**  
Consumer Issues  
Education

**Length: 7:52**

**Janet Larson**, Director of Research, the Earth Policy Institute

The US is the world's largest consumer of bottled water. Ms. Larson talked about the huge environmental impact of bottled water, both in its manufacture and disposal. She also explained how consumers can wisely decide whether to use bottled water.

**Issues covered:**  
Environmental Issues  
Consumer Issues

**Length: 4:54**

Show # 2015-48

**Date aired:** 11/29/15 **Time Aired:** 5:00AM

**Karl Pillemer, PhD**, Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development and Professor of Gerontology in Medicine at the Weill Cornell Medical College, Founder and Director of the Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging, author of "*30 Lessons On Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans*"

Dr. Pillemer interviewed more than 1,000 Americans over the age of 65 to seek their counsel on all of life's big issues: children, marriage, money, career and aging. He explained why younger people should take advantage of this rich resource of older Americans' wisdom. He recommends that young people talk to older members of their own family before it is too late.

**Issues covered:**  
Senior Citizens  
Personal Health  
Career

**Length: 9:17**

**Scott Bittle**, policy analyst, Senior Fellow and Founding Editor of PublicAgenda.org, a non-partisan public opinion research organization, author of "*Where Did the Jobs Go And How Do We Get Them Back?*"

The subject of unemployment remains the public's top concern in polls and is continually marked as the most damaging result of the Great Recession. Mr. Bittle explained why the issue is so complex and why the nation needs to take a long-term approach to resolving it. He also analyzed various solutions proposed by each side of the political spectrum.

**Issues covered:**  
Unemployment  
Government Policies  
Economy

**Length: 7:57**

**John Hayes, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Food Science and Director of the Sensory Evaluation Center at Penn State University

Nine out of 10 Americans get too much sodium in their diets. Dr. Hayes discussed a recent government report that found that just 10 foods are responsible for 44 percent of the sodium in the average diet. He outlined steps to cut sodium intake and the reasons why everyone should do it.

**Issues covered:**  
Personal Health

**Length: 4:54**

Show # 2015-49

Date aired: 12/6/15 Time Aired: 5:00AM

**Lisa J. Servon, PhD**, Professor and former dean at the Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy at The New School in New York

Alternative financial providers such as check cashers and payday lenders are often accused of preying on the poor, with high fees and interest rates. Dr. Servon conducted a study that examined why many lower income residents make the conscious decision to use these services, rather than traditional banks. She was surprised to find that the choice actually makes sense for many people who live paycheck to paycheck.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 11:05**

**Poverty**

**Government Regulations**

**Personal Finance**

**Dan McCue**, Research Manager, Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University

The cost of renting an apartment or house has jumped in the past decade, according to a study led by Mr. McCue. A rise in prices, combined with the drop in renter incomes, has made affordability a major concern. Much of the jump in prices is because of increased demand for rental homes as a result of the mortgage crisis. He said a quarter of all U.S. households are paying more than half of their income for housing, which is dangerously high.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 6:07**

**Affordable Housing**

**Poverty**

**Consumer Issues**

**Debbie Magids, PhD**, psychologist, author of "*All the Good Ones Aren't Taken*"

Dr. Magids discussed the trend of serial dating and why dating is so difficult for women in particular. She explained the most common dating errors and suggested ways that a person can analyze their own patterns of behavior, to clear the way for more fulfilling relationships.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:48**

**Mental Health**

**Women's Issues**

Show # 2015-50

Date aired: 12/13/15 Time Aired: 5:00AM

**Alvin E. Roth, PhD**, Craig and Susan McCaw Professor of Economics at Stanford University, Gund Professor of Economics and Business Administration Emeritus at Harvard University, author of "*Who Gets What — and Why: The New Economics of Matchmaking and Market Design*"

Dr. Roth is one of the world's leading experts on matching markets, where "sellers" and "buyers" must choose each other, and price isn't the only factor that determines who gets what. He explained how market designs affect many less obvious aspects of life, such as the chances of getting a job or whether a university accepts a prospective student.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:17**

**Economics**

**Career**

**Education**

**Joel Kahn, MD**, Clinical Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine and Director of Cardiac Wellness, Michigan Healthcare Professionals PC, author of "The Whole Heart Solution"

According to Dr. Kahn, more than 75 percent of cases of heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular disease events are preventable. He explained how lifestyle choices can make a huge difference in the development of heart disease and he said changes in diet and exercise can often reverse the disease.

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

**Length: 8:01**

**Paul Tough**, former editor at the New York Times Magazine, nationally recognized writer on poverty, education and the achievement gap

Mr. Tough discussed a groundbreaking anti-poverty initiative called the Harlem Children's Zone. The creator of the program theorized that in order for poor kids to compete with their middle-class peers, everything in their lives—their schools, neighborhoods, parenting practices—all must be changed at once.

**Issues covered:**  
**Poverty**  
**Education**  
**Minority Concerns**  
**Parenting**

**Length: 5:00**

Show # 2015-51

**Date aired:** 12/20/15 **Time Aired:** 5:00AM

**Russell E. Johnson, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Management in the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University.

Dr. Johnson's research has found that that people who check their work emails on smartphones at night could end up hurting their ability to work the following day. He found that smartphones appeared to have a greater effect on people's energy levels and sleeping abilities in comparison to other electronic screens. He offered several suggestions on how to control smartphone use at night.

**Issues covered:**  
**Personal Health**  
**Workplace Matters**  
**Career**

**Length: 7:24**

**Daniel J. Siegel, MD**, neuropsychiatrist, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the UCLA School of Medicine, Executive Director of the Mindsight Institute, author of "*Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain*"

Dr. Siegel said that between the ages of 12 and 24, the brain changes in dramatic and important ways. He believes this brain development is the explanation for sometimes erratic, unusual and creative behavior in teens. He said that if parents understand the science behind these changes, they can better help their teenagers navigate this challenging phase of life.

**Issues covered:**  
**Parenting**  
**Personal Health**

**Length: 9:36**

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

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

**Issues covered:**  
Citizenship  
Education

**Length: 4:52**

Show # 2015-52

**Date aired:** 12/27/15 **Time Aired:** 5:00 AM

**John M. Leventhal, MD**, Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Director of the Child Abuse and Child Abuse Prevention Program at Yale Medical School, expert in child abuse prevention

Dr. Leventhal has dedicated his career to the prevention of child abuse. He recently conducted a study that found that the first year of life is the most dangerous for children. He said that parents from any income, educational or social level can be the perpetrators of abuse, largely because they are unprepared to deal with infants' crying. He believes that educational programs for new parents could help reverse the trend.

**Issues covered:**  
Child Abuse  
Parenting

**Length: 8:31**

**Erin Botsford**, financial planning expert, author of "*The Big Retirement Risk: Running out of Money Before You Run Out of Time*"

For many baby boomers, the recession didn't wipe out their nests egg completely, but it did shrink it considerably. Ms. Botsford discussed the turbulence in today's economy and how it has changed retirement planning. She explained how people approaching their golden years can assess their financial needs and take steps to ensure a sound retirement.

**Issues covered:**  
Retirement Planning  
Senior Citizens  
Personal Finance

**Length: 8:41**

**Aaron W. Smith**, Senior Research Specialist with Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project

Mr. Smith surveyed 1,000 US adults and found that more half of consumers used cell phones in stores during the holidays. He outlined the most common ways that consumers use their phones as shopping tools. He also explained how brick-and-mortar stores may react to the trend by changing policies, products and prices.

**Issues covered:**  
Economy  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 5:01**