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ISSUES AND PROGRAMS
FOR THE PERIOD

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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

Call Letters: **KTOP**

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2016

Show # 2016-40

Date aired: 10/09/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

James J. Duane, Professor at Regent Law School in Virginia Beach, VA, author of "*You Have the Right to Remain Innocent*"

Prof. Duane explained the importance of the Fifth Amendment. He believes it is a constitutional right not clearly or widely understood by the average American. He explained why he advises everyone to never answer questions from law enforcement officers without legal representation. He believes when someone is wrongfully convicted of a crime they didn't commit, often it is because of information they voluntarily gave to investigators.

Issues covered:
Constitutional Rights
Legal Matters
Crime

Length: 9:03

Frank Lalli, investigative journalist, author of "*Your Best Health Care Now: Get Doctor Discounts, Save With Better Health Insurance, Find Affordable Prescriptions*"

Mr. Lalli shared his personal story: after he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a treatable form of blood cancer, he put his reporter's instincts to work and got the wonder drug he needed at an affordable price—thousands of dollars less than he was told he would have to spend. He explained how to negotiate doctors' fees and how to search for assistance in paying for medications.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:11

Alan Cook, Licensed Contractor, author of "*A Trip to the Number Yard*"

America's math proficiency is rated 24th out of 29 math-tested countries. Mr. Cook talked about the problem of mathematic illiteracy for both do-it-yourselfers and trade professionals, and the mishaps that sometimes occur as a result. He explained which math skills are crucial to these blue-collar endeavors. He believes the main problem is that that our nation's schools have failed to teach math in an engaging manner.

Issues covered:
Education
Workplace Matters

Length: 4:41

Show # 2016-41

Date aired: 10/16/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Philip Moeller, author of "*Get What's Yours for Medicare: Maximize Your Coverage, Minimize Your Costs*"

Health costs are the biggest unpredictable expense for older Americans, who are turning 65 at the rate of 10,000 a day. While Medicare guarantees them affordable health insurance, few Americans know what Medicare covers and what it doesn't, what it costs, and when to sign up. Mr. Moeller explained why Medicare has become so confusing, and how people approaching retirement can understand these complex and important choices.

Issues covered:

**Medicare
Senior Citizens
Healthcare**

Length: 9:13

Caitlin Shetterly, author of "*Modified: GMOs and the Threat to Our Food, Our Land, Our Future*"

GMO products are among the most consumed and the least understood substances in the United States today. Ms. Shetterly shared her personal story of how GMOs affect her family's health. She explained why consumers should learn more about GMOs and why organic foods can be a sensible choice.

Issues covered:

**Food Safety
Personal Health
Consumer Matters**

Length: 8:01

Ken Redcross, MD, board-certified internal medicine physician in New York state

Cold and flu season is here, but Dr. Redcross said there are actually three major viruses that people should be concerned about. He explained how to identify the symptoms of each virus, and what the treatment options are.

Issues covered:

**Influenza
Personal Health**

Length: 4:58

Show # 2016-42

Date aired: 10/23/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Karin Slaughter, bestselling author, Founder of the "Save the Libraries"

Ms. Slaughter's organization raises funds for libraries in underprivileged communities. She said libraries are the backbone of our nation's educational infrastructure, and they are being slowly dismantled by financially-troubled municipalities and apathetic politicians. She explained the crucial relationship between libraries and schools. She offered suggestions of what the average citizen can do to help their local library.

Issues covered:

**Libraries
Local Government
Education**

Length: 8:11

William Schiemann, PhD, organizational psychologist, CEO of Metrus Group, author of "*Fulfilled! Critical Choices – Work, Home, Life*"

One out of five men in their twenties without a college degree has not worked at all in the past 12 months. Dr. Schiemann noted that these younger, lower-skilled men are now less likely to work, less likely to marry and more likely to live with parents, yet many of them feel fulfilled. He has found that success does not necessarily equal fulfillment. He explained the key drivers of fulfillment, both at home and at work, and why it is so important.

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Career
Mental Health

Length: 9:06

Costantino Iadecola, M.D., Anne Parrish Titzell Professor of Neurology and Director of the Brain and Mind Research Institute at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York

Dr. Iadecola authored a report for the American Heart Association which found that high blood pressure, especially in middle age, is associated with an increased risk of cognitive impairment later in life. He outlined steps to deal with high blood pressure.

Issues covered:
Alzheimer's Disease
Personal Health

Length: 4:58

Show # 2016-43

Date aired: 10/30/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Robert Cialdini, PhD, social psychologist, Regents' Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Marketing at Arizona State University, former visiting Professor of Marketing, Business and Psychology at Stanford University and the University of California at Santa Cruz, author of "*Pre-Suasion: A Revolutionary Way to Influence and Persuade*"

Dr. Cialdini talked about the science behind persuasion. He said it's not so much about the message, but what happens in the moment before the message is delivered. He explained how consumers can recognize when they are the target of this sales technique. He also discussed how it can be used in job interviews and other common daily activities.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Career

Length: 9:54

Ateev Mehrotra, MD, Senior Investigator and Associate Professor of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School

Increasingly powerful computers are playing a greater role in our lives every year. Could a computer match, or even outperform, human physicians in diagnosing illnesses? Dr. Mehrotra led a study that found that humans still have the upper hand--for now. He outlined several possible ways that computers may play a greater role in future healthcare scenarios.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Technology

Length: 7:11

Nicholson Baker, teacher, author of "*Substitute: Going to School With a Thousand Kids*"

Mr. Baker worked as on-call substitute teacher in a Maine public school district. He discussed the state of public schooling in America: children swamped with assignments, overwhelmed by social media and educational technology, and staff who struggle with overly ambitious curriculums.

Issues covered:
Education
Youth at Risk

Length: 5:00

Show # 2016-44

Date aired: 11/06/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Adam Levin, founder of security management and resolution company IDT911, author of "*Swiped: How to Protect Yourself in a World Full of Scammers, Phishers, and Identity Thieves*"

With online breaches of massive databases becoming increasingly common, identity theft is a fact of life. Mr. Levin explained the most common schemes used by scammers, to steal consumers' private information. He said beyond simple identity theft, other forms such as medical-related, tax fraud-related and child identity theft are all increasing rapidly. He offered suggestions for consumers on how to avoid becoming a victim.

Issues covered:
Identity Theft
Consumer Matters

Length: 9:29

Deborah Carr, PhD, Professor of Sociology, Interim Director of the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research at Rutgers University

A recent federal report noted that, no matter how advanced their age, older men are far more likely to be married than older women. Dr. Carr said life expectancy explains only part of this gray gender gap. She discussed the economic, social and health effects of this issue. She also explained why many older women are content to be single anyway.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Senior Citizens
Retirement

Length: 7:40

Jonathan Dirlam, doctoral student in Sociology at Ohio State University

Mr. Dirlam was the lead author of a study that found that job satisfaction in a worker's late 20s and 30s has a link to mental health 15-20 years later. He said those less than happy with their work early in their careers reported that they were more depressed and worried and had more trouble sleeping in their 40s.

Issues covered:
Mental Health
Career

Length: 4:57

Show # 2016-45

Date aired: 11/13/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Robert Neuman, PhD, former associate dean of academic advising at Marquette University, author of "*Are You Really Ready for College?: A College Dean's 12 Secrets for Success - What High School Students Don't Know*"

Roughly 2/3rds of college students fail to earn a degree in four years, and Dr. Neuman believes the reason is that they are ill-prepared. He outlined several strategies that high school students can use to enter college with the knowledge, learning skills and work ethic required to succeed. He explained why extra-curricular activities are also quite important when submitting a college application.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:21

**Education
Parenting**

Graeme Cowan, corporate mental health consultant, author of "*Back from the Brink: True Stories and Practical Help for Overcoming Depression and Bipolar Disorder*"

One in five Americans takes at least one psychiatric medication, such as an anti-depressant or anti-anxiety drug. Mr. Cowan shared his own story of battling depression. He explained how depression can affect a company's workforce, and how managers and co-workers can help someone who is suffering for depression, stress or other mental health issues.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:48

**Mental Health
Workplace Matters**

Dana Peres Edelson, MD, Director of Clinical Research at the Emergency Resuscitation Center at the University of Chicago Medical Center

Dr. Edelson was a co-author of revised guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation for The American Heart Association. She outlined the current recommendations for CPR procedures, and said chest compression should be the top priority in a cardiac emergency.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:00

**Personal Health
Emergency Preparedness**

Show # 2016-46

Date aired: 11/20/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Jonathon Wai, PhD, Psychologist, Research Scientist at the Duke University Talent Identification Program

Dr. Wai is one of the researches involved in a 45 year study of intellectually gifted children. He noted that kids who test in the top 1% tend to become the nation's eminent scientists and academics, Fortune 500 CEOs and federal judges, senators and billionaires. He said, because of the focus on lower performing students, youngsters who show an early aptitude for subjects like science and math tend not to receive the help they need. He offered several simple steps schools can take to help gifted students reach their full potential.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:00

**Education
Parenting**

Joann S. Lublin, Management News Editor for the Wall Street Journal, author of *"Earning It: Hard-Won Lessons from Trailblazing Women at the Top of the Business World"*

Ms. Lublin said that, although career prospects have improved, progress is still frustratingly slow for women hoping to break the glass ceiling in large companies. She explained what it takes for women to climb to corporate heights in America, such as finding a career mentor.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Workplace Matters

Length: 8:13

Sage R. Myers, MD, MSCE, Assistant Professor in Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Attending Physician in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Contrary to what many believe, living in the city is far less risky than in the country, according to a study Dr. Myers recently completed. She said that although homicides in cities still outpace those in rural areas, the risk of dying from some form of accident or injury is 20 percent greater in rural counties. She explained how this research can be used for future planning of trauma centers and other improvements to the medical system.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Crime
Government

Length: 4:55

Show # 2016-47

Date aired: 11/27/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Melanie Cullen, management and technology consultant, author of *"Get It Together: Organize Your Records So Your Family Won't Have To"*

Ms. Cullen said disorganization can be a nightmare for those who need to step in to help an elderly person as a caregiver or estate executor. She offered simple ways to organize important records like passwords, financial records, insurance policies, funeral arrangements, and other personal information.

Issues covered:
Senior Citizens
Retirement Planning

Length: 8:36

Peter Mazareas, PhD, worked with the U.S. Congress on legislation to create 529 savings plans, co-author of *"Plan and Finance Your Family's College Dreams: A Parent's Step-By-Step Guide from Pre-K to Senior Year"*

Planning and paying for a college education is a daunting task for most parents. Dr. Mazareas discussed the merits and complexities of 529 savings plans, which allow parents to save tax-free for higher education expenses. He said that there are numerous free and easy-to-access tools for parents to plan for the costs of college.

Issues covered:
Education
Consumer Matters
Parenting

Length: 8:38

Pamela Rutledge, PhD, Director of the Media Psychology Research Center, Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, CA, author the "Positively Media" column for PsychologyToday.com, Editor-in-Chief of the academic journal Media Psychology Review

Dr. Rutledge talked about the effect of selfies, Instagram and other social media phenomenon on girls' self-esteem. She believes that parents should not be overly concerned, that selfies are just the latest form of exploration and identity experimentation in teenagers' formative years.

Issues covered:
Girl's Issues
Parenting

Length: 5:01

Show # 2016-48

Date aired: 12/04/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

AnnMarie Thomas, PhD, Associate Professor, School of Engineering at the University of St. Thomas, author of "*Making Makers: Kids, Tools, and the Future of Innovation*"

Dr. Thomas said many of today's engineering students have few hands-on skills or the ability to actually make or fix something. She explained why it is crucial to encourage today's youth to think creativity and innovatively. She offered suggestions for parents who want to teach their children to be able to use their hands to make things.

Issues covered:
Education
Parenting

Length: 8:31

Valter Longo, PhD, biogerontologist and cell biologist, Professor at the University of Southern California-Davis School of Gerontology, Director of the USC Longevity Institute

Dr. Longo has led multiple studies examining the effect of fasting on life extension and cancer therapy. His latest study found that a three-day fast appears to significantly increase the effectiveness of chemotherapy treatments. He talked about the possible reasons behind this finding, and what people need to know before considering a fast.

Issues covered:
Personal Health

Length: 8:47

Sara Bleich, PhD, Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dr. Bleich believes consumers make poor nutritional choices because the concept of calories means very little to them. She conducted a study of urban teenagers in which signs were placed in convenience stores, informing patrons that it would take five miles of walking to burn up the calories from a soft drink. Soda sales declined, not only while the signs were posted, but even weeks after they were removed. She explained the importance of finding ways to communicate nutritional information in more useable formats.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Nutrition
Government Policies

Length: 5:16

Show # 2016-49

Date aired: 12/11/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Pam S. Fischer, consultant for the Governors Highway Safety Association, principal of Pam Fischer Consulting in Hackettstown, NJ

Recent government data found a ten percent spike in teen driver-involved fatal crashes. Ms. Fischer outlined the current teen driving restrictions used in most states. She believes that states should consider strengthening their teen licensing requirements. She said the brain is not fully developed in teenagers, so teens don't assess risk in the same way as adults.

Issues covered:
Teenage Driving
Youth at Risk
Parenting

Length: 9:22

Dennis E. Reidy, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist, Behavioral Scientist in the Division of Violence Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta

Stalking is a widely recognized public health concern, yet little information is available about stalking behaviors among teenage victims. Dr. Reidy led a study that determined that found that 14% of girls and 13% of boys have been victims of stalking. In addition, the survey found that the stalked teens were more likely to report symptoms linked to depression, as well as risky behavior such as binge drinking and sexting.

Issues covered:
Stalking
Youth at Risk
Mental Health

Length: 7:58

Susan Feitelberg, Certified Financial Planner, Senior Vice President at Morgan Stanley, author of *"The Net Worth Workout"*

Ms. Feitelberg discussed the baby boom generation's shaky financial fitness, particularly in the area of retirement planning. She offered suggestions on how consumers can assess their current financial condition and set achievable financial goals.

Issues covered:
Consumer Issues
Economic Issues
Seniors & Retirement

Length: 4:48

Show # 2016-50

Date aired: 12/18/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Stephanie Ruest, MD, FAAP, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellow at Rhode Island Hospital, fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Dr. Ruest's research on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics found that the more time children spend using digital devices, the less likely they are to finish their homework. Children who spent two to four hours a day using computers, videogames, tablets and smartphones had 23 percent lower odds of always or usually finishing their homework, compared to children who spent less than two hours. Dr. Ruest offered advice to parents on how to monitor and control digital usage.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:39

**Education
Parenting**

Laura Adams, Senior Insurance Analyst for insuranceQuotes.com

Ms. Adams outlined a new study by insuranceQuotes that found that 86% of Americans are unaware that insurers use the claims history of previous homeowners to set premiums for new policies. She explained why consumers are unaware of this database, what it contains, and how they can obtain a free report for their property.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:26

**Consumer Matters
Home Ownership**

Heidi Williams, PhD, Class of 1957 Career Development Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The average amount an American spends on healthcare varies wildly, depending on where they live. Yet the outcome—average life expectancies—are similar. Dr. Williams co-authored a study of millions of Medicare patients' records. She found that decisions by patients and doctors are responsible for virtually equal shares of the differences in regional spending.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:55

**Personal Health
Consumer Matters
Government Spending**

Show # 2016-51

Date aired: 12/25/16 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Michael C. Harper, expert in employment discrimination law, Barreca Labor Relations Scholar and Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law

Prof. Harper discussed the growing influence of age discrimination in today's job market. He explained the reasons that employers often avoid older job applicants. He said the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, which prohibits employment discrimination against anyone 40 or older, is highly ineffective. Prof. Harper believes the law should be reformed to make it at least as strong a deterrent as laws that prohibit discrimination on race or gender.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:41

**Age Discrimination
Workplace Matters
Senior Citizens**

Jeff Blyskal, Senior Editor at Consumer Reports

Americans are used to being monitored for security reasons as they shop, but Mr. Blyskal said an increasing number of walk-in retailers are taking spying to a whole new level. He said stores are installing hidden video cameras, video analytics software, smartphone tracking and wi-fi hotspots to gather a surprising amount of data about their individual customers. The goal of this intense surveillance is to target shoppers with customized marketing, to convince them to shop more and spend more.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Personal Privacy

Length: 8:29

Frances Newton, financial advisor, founder of Frances Insights

Ms. Newton said this is an excellent time of year for consumers to dig through credit card statements and bank receipts, and get their finances in order. She said getting organized will not only help a consumer to save money during the year, but it will also boost financial confidence.

Issues covered:
Personal Finance
Consumer Matters

Length: 4:58

Show # 2016-52

Date aired: 01/01/17 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

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



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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JANUARY-MARCH, 2017

Show # 2017-01

Date aired: **01/01/2017** Time Aired: **5:00 AM**

Aimée Morrison, PhD, Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, University of Waterloo

Professor Morrison discussed the synthetic perfection in nearly every image we see today, and how that affects women and their self images. She explained why the Photoshopping of nearly every image we see in the media has caused an increase in body insecurity among women. She believes the trend has actually reached a tipping point, where consumers are starting to be turned off by the unattainable images in advertising messages.

Issues covered:

**Women's Issues
Consumer Matters
Parenting
Media**

Length: 8:36

Michael Harris, author of "*The End of Absence: Reclaiming What We've Lost in a World of Constant Connection*"

Mr. Harris believes that we now live in an age that lacks solitude, and the time we once used to be alone with our own thoughts is now filled with social media and technology. He explained his own story of going on a "technology fast," and why those moments of silence are so important.

Issues covered:

**Mental Health
Technology**

Length: 8:38

Karen Jones, author of "*The Difference A Day Makes*"

Ms. Jones suggested quick and simple actions anyone can take to make a positive difference in the world around them, to fight scourges like homelessness, racism and poverty. She explained what she calls philanthropy, actions such as volunteering or donating that emotionally benefit the donor.

Issues covered:

**Volunteerism
Poverty
Homelessness
Environment**

Length: 4:54

Show # 2017-02

Date aired: 01/08/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Carol L. Rickard, Tobacco Treatment Specialist, author of "*The Benefits of Smoking: Why It's So Hard to Quit Smoking and What You Can Do about It*"

70% of smokers would like to quit, but only 4 to 7% will be successful. Ms. Rickard explained what smokers perceive as the benefits and why it's so hard for people to kick the habit once they've started. She also discussed the potential risks associated with e-cigarettes and vaping. She suggested resources that smokers can use to quit for good.

Issues covered:
Smoking Cessation
Public Health

Length: 8:44

Mathew Freeman, Co-Founder and Senior Executive Consultant at TMI Consulting, a diversity and inclusion management consulting firm, co-author of "*Overcoming Bias: Building Authentic Relationships across Differences*"

Mr. Freeman said every human is biased in one way or another, and it's a constant process to recognize and reduce it. He explained why bias has such an impact in every aspect of life, and how companies should address it in the workplace. He said the secret to dealing with bias is by intentionally cultivating meaningful relationships with those who are different.

Issues covered:
Diversity
Minority Concerns
Workplace Matters

Length: 8:33

Gloria Lopez-Cordle, nationally-recognized patient advocate, creator of "*the Personal Medical Journal*", a patient organizational tool

A recent study found that American hospitals are making preventable medical errors that kill thousands of Americans each year. Ms. Lopez-Cordle believes that patients and their families need to take charge of their medical information to prevent mistakes by doctors. She offered advice on what medical data is important and how to organize it.

Issues covered:
Personal Health

Length: 4:48

Show # 2017-03

Date aired: 01/15/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Diane Mulcahy, Adjunct Lecturer in the Entrepreneurship Division at Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, author of "*The Gig Economy: The Complete Guide to Getting Better Work, Taking More Time Off, and Financing the Life You Want*"

Today, more than a third of Americans are working in the gig economy--combining short-term jobs, contract work, and freelance assignments. Prof. Mulcahy explained why everyone in today's workforce needs to recognize and accept its changing nature and prepare for it. She outlined the steps to take to transition to a gig career.

Issues covered:
Employment
Education
Career

Length: 8:44

Sarah Elliston, professional workshop leader and trainer, author of "*Lessons from a Difficult Person: How to Deal with People Like Us*"

Nearly everyone has had to deal with a difficult person, either at work or at home. Ms. Elliston said many people don't even recognize that they are difficult to deal with. She explained the reasons behind this character trait and how others can help the difficult person understand the consequences of their behavior.

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Mental Health

Length: 8:33

Melody M. Bomgardner, Senior Business Editor of *Chemical & Engineering News*, the weekly newsmagazine of the American Chemical Society

Fleece is a wintertime staple but Ms. Bomgardner said it could be contributing to the next big ocean plastics problem: lint. The lightweight material sheds some of its synthetic microfibers each time it's washed, and this lint ultimately ends up in surface waters and in fish and other wildlife. She explained why this is such a concern and what consumers can do to help.

Issues covered:
Environment
Consumer Matters

Length: 4:48

Show # 2017-04

Date aired: 01/22/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

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 # 2017-05

Date aired: 01/29/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Jan Edwards, President and CEO of Paving the Way, an organization that raises awareness about sex trafficking through public education

Ms. Edwards discussed the growing issue of sex trafficking. She said the problem is rampant in every corner of the U.S, and that the average victim drawn into the sex trade is age 14 to 16. She outlined other characteristics of those most at risk, and how predators target and groom their victims.

Issues covered:
Sex Trafficking
Youth at Risk
Crime

Length: 9:41

Ted Frank, career consultant, author of "*Get to the Heart*"

Mr. Frank discussed the importance of learning how to effectively communicate in the workplace. He explained how it can increase efficiency and improve productivity. He believes presentations should focus on no more than three key points at a time, and that the use of examples and illustrations is crucial to improved communications.

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Career

Length: 7:31

Steve Cicala, PhD, Assistant professor at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago, Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research

Dr. Cicala led a study that found that deregulated power markets on the wholesale level have significantly cut the cost of generating electricity, saving consumers \$3 billion a year. He discussed how this little-known market works and why it should matter to consumers. He also explained how smart meters will eventually give consumers even greater power in managing their energy costs.

Issues covered:
Energy
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:06

Show # 2017-06

Date aired: 02/05/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Martin Yate, career and employment expert, author of "*Knock 'em Dead 2017: The Ultimate Job Search Guide*"

Mr. Yate explained why and how technology has fueled rapid changes in the job search market, on nearly a daily basis. He discussed the importance of using and repeating the most effective keywords in resumes. He also talked about the multiple ways that social networking can help to get job interviews and turn them into offers.

Issues covered:
Employment
Career

Length: 8:41

Elizabeth Mack, PhD, Assistant Geography Professor, Michigan State University

Dr. Mack led a study that found that if water rates continue to rise at projected amounts, the number of U.S. households unable to afford water could triple in five years, to nearly 36 percent. She explained why water rates vary widely across the country. She also discussed the role that aging infrastructure and shrinking populations in major cities have in the cost of water.

Issues covered:
Water
Poverty
Government Services

Length: 8:23

Kim Dulic, spokesperson and Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Every 30 minutes, a child in the U.S. is injured from a TV or furniture tip-over incident. Ms. Dulic encouraged consumers to consider how to secure televisions in homes where young children live or visit. She said inexpensive and easy-to-install products are available in order to prevent tip-over tragedies.

Issues covered:
Child Safety
Consumer Matters

Length: 4:50

Show # 2017-07

Date aired: 02/12/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Valerie Burton, Certified Personal and Executive Coach, founder of The Coaching and Positive Psychology Institute, author of "*Successful Women Speak Differently: 9 Habits That Build Confidence, Courage, and Influence*"

Ms. Burton said the most successful women are often not the most talented, the most gifted, or even the most experienced. She believes the knack for communicating is what opens doors and gives women influence in the workplace. She outlined simple techniques women can utilize to be more clearly understood and respected.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Employment

Length: 8:48

John Hagan, PhD, John D. Macarthur Professor of Sociology and Law, Northwestern University

Dr. Hagan led a study that uncovered a connection between increased unemployment rates and school shootings. He said the findings were consistent across the all regions of the U.S. and that shooters come from all backgrounds and income levels. He offered possible explanations behind this trend.

Issues covered:
School Shootings
Unemployment

Length: 8:19

Jason Hanson, former CIA officer, security specialist, author of "Spy Secrets That Can Save Your Life: A Former CIA Officer Reveals Safety and Survival Techniques to Keep You and Your Family Protected"

Mr. Hanson discussed ways to prevent and react to home invasions or abductions. He explained simple steps the average homeowner can take to make a house criminal-proof. He also offered tips on how to stay safe while traveling.

Issues covered:
Crime Prevention
Personal Safety

Length: 5:02

Show # 2017-08

Date aired: 02/19/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Sally Satel, MD, psychiatrist based in Washington, D.C., lecturer at Yale University School of Medicine, W.H. Brady Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute

An estimated 2.6 Americans are addicted to opioids, including heroin, fentanyl and oxycodone. Dr. Satel discussed the epidemic. She said addiction has very little in common with other conventional diseases. She talked about the effectiveness of medical treatments such as methadone, but added that patients also need therapy, support and, in some cases, tough supervision.

Issues covered:
Drug Abuse
Mental Health

Length: 9:24

Caleb Finch, PhD, ARCO/William F. Kieschnick Professor in the Neurobiology of Aging at the University of Southern California's Leonard Davis School of Gerontology

Dr. Finch led a study that found that tiny particles that pollute the air—the kind that come mainly from power plants and automobiles—may greatly increase the chance of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. He said his research indicates that air pollution could be responsible for about 21 percent of all dementia cases.

Issues covered:
Alzheimer's Disease
Pollution
Government Policies

Length: 7:42

Andrew Friedson, PhD, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Colorado Denver

Prof. Friedson was the co-author of a study that found that people facing financial delinquencies or falling credit scores may be more likely to die at an early age. He outlined the possible reasons behind this trend. He said government officials should keep these potential life-and-death outcomes in mind when formulating fiscal, monetary or entitlement policies.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Personal Finance
Government Policies

Length: 4:55

Show # 2017-09

Date aired: 02/26/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

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 Ohio State University

Dr. Peters led a study that examined how people perceived their math abilities, then compared it to their actual skills. About 20% 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 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

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 # 2017-10

Date aired: 03/05/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Jamie E. Wright, attorney, partner in the Los Angeles-based Millennial Government Affairs group

African Americans make up fewer than five percent of the lawyers in the U.S., and minorities and women are underrepresented in many career categories. Ms. Wright shared her story as an African American woman who broke through the barriers to become a successful millennial attorney. She offered suggestions for women and people of color who want to reach for their dreams.

Issues covered:

**Minority Concerns
Women's Issues
Career**

Length: 8:30

Laura Adams, Senior Insurance Analyst at insuranceQuotes.com

A recent study by Ms. Adams' organization found that more than half of U.S. drivers have not switched auto insurance companies in at least eight years and about 6% have stuck with the same provider for more than 30 years cases. She said most consumers don't price-compare frequently enough and she offered several money-saving strategies.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Personal Finance

Length: 8:44

Samira K. Beckwith, end of lifecare expert, President/CEO of HOPE Healthcare Services

Talking with a dying loved one is a difficult task. Ms. Beckwith offered suggestions on how to open a conversation with a terminally-ill patient. She said some doctors avoid having difficult conversations with their dying patients and will order needless treatments rather than tell their patients that they've exhausted all the treatment options.

Issues covered:
End of Life Issues
Personal Health
Senior Citizens

Length: 4:50

Show # 2017-11

Date aired: 03/12/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Robert Meyer, PhD, Frederick H. Ecker/MetLife Insurance Professor of Marketing at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Co-Director of the Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center, co-author of "*The Ostrich Paradox: Why We Underprepare for Disasters*"

Our ability to predict certain types of natural catastrophes has never been greater. Yet, people consistently fail to heed warnings and protect themselves and their communities, with devastating consequences. Dr. Meyer discussed what government authorities and individuals can do to prepare.

Issues covered:
Disaster Preparedness
Government Policies

Length: 9:39

Daniel Karpowitz, PhD, Director of Policy and Academics for the Bard Prison Initiative, Lecturer in Law and the Humanities at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, Co-founder of the Consortium for the Liberal Arts in Prison, author of "*College in Prison: Reading in an Age of Mass Incarceration*"

Prof. Karpowitz explained how and why Bard College has provided hundreds of convicts across the country access to a high-quality liberal arts education. He said inmate students are expected to meet the same requirements as students on a traditional campus. He said that although education reduces the rate at which convicts return to prison, higher education should never be measured in that manner.

Issues covered:
Education
Criminal Rehabilitation

Length: 7:37

Kendrin Sonnevile, ScD, RD, LDN, Research Scientist, Clinical Nutrition Specialist at Children's Hospital, Boston

Dr. Sonnevile conducted a study that found that teenage girl athletes with the highest levels of vitamin D in their diets were half as likely to suffer a stress fracture. She said vitamin D deficiencies in teen girls are common. She explained which activities are most commonly associated with stress fractures and recommended ways to get enough vitamin D.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Women's Issues

Length: 5:03

Show # 2017-12

Date aired: 03/19/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

David C. Berliner, PhD, education expert, author, Regents' Professor of Education Emeritus at Arizona State University

Dr. Berliner disputed the idea that the nation's public schools are failing. He said family wealth and income is the greatest predictor of a student's performance and that many schools perform well. He noted that children attending public schools that serve the wealthy in the U.S. are competitive with any nation in the world. He offered suggestions for how schools, policymakers and parents can help low-income students.

Issues covered:
Education
Poverty
Parenting

Length: 8:54

Adam Alter, PhD, Associate Professor of Marketing at New York University's Stern School of Business, author of "*Irresistible: The Rise of Addictive Technology and the Business of Keeping Us Hooked*"

Prof. Alter called this the age of behavioral addiction—an age in which half of the American population is addicted to at least one behavior. He said Americans spend an average of three hours each day using smartphones, and Millennial kids spend so much time in front of screens that they struggle to interact with real, live humans. He explained why so many of today's products are irresistible and how consumers can set boundaries between work and play, and mitigate the dark side of technology.

Issues covered:
Mental Health
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:13

Richard Ponziani, traffic safety researcher, President of RLP Engineering of Dayton, OH

Mr. Ponziani recently conducted a study that found that drivers fail to use turn signals nearly half the time when making a lane change and 25% of the time when turning. He said the failure to use turn signals results in as many as 2 million traffic accidents each year. He explained some possible solutions to the problem.

Issues covered:
Traffic Safety
Consumer Matters

Length: 4:59

Show # 2017-13

Date aired: 03/26/2017 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

Kevin Davis, journalist, author of "*The Brain Defense: Murder in Manhattan and the Dawn of Neuroscience in America's Courtrooms*"

In the past 25 years, neuroscience has become a prominent factor in many court cases. Defense attorneys are successfully arguing that a defendant may not be responsible for a crime or should receive a lesser punishment because of brain abnormalities or injuries. Mr. Davis discussed how this is changing how judges and juries define responsibility and assign punishment.

Issues covered:
Criminal Justice
Mental Health

Length: 7:22

Richard Horowitz, MD, Lyme disease expert, founder of the Hudson Valley Healing Arts Center in Hyde Park, NY, author of "*How Can I Get Better?: An Action Plan For Treating Resistant Lyme And Chronic Disease*"

Dr. Horowitz said victims of Lyme disease are often misdiagnosed with other illnesses such as chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis, or rheumatoid arthritis. He added that the number of Lyme cases is growing at an alarming rate each year, reaching epidemic proportions. He explained how to identify symptoms and work with a qualified specialist for the best possible treatment outcome.

Issues covered:
Lyme disease
Personal Health

Length: 9:55

Robert Hyldahl, PhD, Assistant Professor of Exercise Sciences, Brigham Young University

Dr. Hyldahl co-authored a study that found that running appears to reduce inflammation in the knee joint—not increase it, as commonly believed. He said his research suggests that running may actually protect knees during the aging process, and safeguard against degenerative diseases like osteoarthritis.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Aging

Length: 5:01