

2017 Quarter 2 Programs & Issues Report

The Aaron Harber Show airs Sunday's 11am-1130am and 1130am-12pm with host Aaron Harber interviewing a diverse group of local, national and international guests with topics relevant to Colorado and the nation. Listed below are the topics for the Sunday's in second quarter 2017.

April 2nd

Fairness of the Legal System & Judicial Selection Part 1 –

In the first set of programs in a series on the Legal System, former Colorado Supreme Court Justices Rebecca Love Kourlis ((Executive Director of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System) and Gregory Hobbs (currently a Senior Water Judge) join University of Colorado Law Professor Melissa Hart and Legal System reformer Matt Arnold (Director of Clear the Bench Colorado) to debate Colorado's current system of selecting judges. They discuss the advantages of merit- and election-based systems as well as other aspects of the Legal System, how it can be improved, and what role politics plays in the process.

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April 9th

Comic Book Part 1 –

In Part One of this special two-part series on comic books as collectibles, famed trade industry experts Wayne Winsett, the Owner of TIME WARP COMICS, and Chuck Rozanski, the President and CEO of MILE HIGH COMICS, INC. tell Aaron about their work in the comic book industry. In addition, they humorously help Aaron open his personal comic book collection, which has been sealed for several decades (a la Geraldo Rivera's "opening" of Al Capone's secret vault) and spend some time reviewing and financially appraising the collection. They also talk about the evolution of the comic book industry and what buyers and sellers are looking for today.

Comic Book Part 2 –

In Part Two of this special two-part series on comic books as collectibles, famed trade industry experts Wayne Winsett, the Owner of TIME WARP COMICS, and Chuck Rozanski, the President and CEO of MILE HIGH COMICS, INC. continue their discussion of their work in the comic book industry. In addition, they humorously help Aaron open his personal comic book collection, which has been sealed for several decades (a la Geraldo Rivera's "opening" of Al Capone's secret vault) and spend some time reviewing and financially appraising the collection. They also talk about the evolution of the comic book industry and what buyers and sellers are looking for today.

April 16th

Senator Dan Sullivan –

United States Senator Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) joins Aaron to talk about the need for more infrastructure and his legislation streamlining the approval process for projects, the development of natural resources in his home state, how excessive regulation has impeded progress, the extraordinary amount of work and new leadership required to fix the Veterans Administration, and how he seeks bipartisanship support for his legislation.

Pedro Pizarro –

Pedro Pizarro, the President and CEO of Edison International --- the utility serving millions of customers in Southern California --- discusses the challenges of providing power to the company's customers given both the heightened environmental sensitivity of many citizens and the fact the company purchases 80% of its power from third parties. He talks about the status of the Electric Grid and his company's efforts to keep it safe from cyber attacks. Pizarro also shares his ideas about leadership, how the most sought-after leadership qualities have changes, and what makes a great leader today.

April 23rd

Joshua Brody –

Innovative research pioneer Joshua Brody, the Director of the Lymphoma Immunotherapy Program at the Mount Sinai Icahn School of Medicine, sits down with Aaron to talk about new advances in cancer research. He shares his expertise in the study of leukemia and the exciting breakthroughs in healing patients who suffer from the disease. They also discuss the causes of cancer and kind of misinformation that gets shared about environmental conditions and other factors which may cause or contribute to the start of various cancers. Brody gives his insights on the future of cancer treatment and what can be expected in the coming decade.

John Rhys Davies –

This week “Lord of the Rings” actor, John Rhys-Davies, talks with Aaron about his acting career. He tells stories about how he got his part in Lord of the Rings. He also goes into detail about his stage acting career, performing many of Shakespeare's plays.

April 30th

Economic Development Part 1 –

In part one of this two part series on Economic Development we are joined by Tom Clark, the CEO of the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation; Jacque Hinman, the CEO and Chairman of CH2M; and Jim Doyle, the President of Enterprise Sales Group at Panasonic. They discuss the importance of improving education in the state and the positive impacts that will have on business and the economy.

Economic Development Part 2 –

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May 7th

Are Courts Too Political? Part 1 –

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May 14th

John Romita Jr. Part 1 –

In Part 1 of this two part series, Marvel and DC Comic Book Artist John Romita Jr., sits down with Aaron and talks about the generational differences that he has experienced in the arts and comics. In his career John has drawn, Spiderman, Superman, Ironman, Daredevil, and Captain America just to name a few. He talks about growing up with a father who is a comic book art legend and how that affected his work ethic and career.

John Romita Jr. Part 2 –

In Part 2 of this two part series, Marvel and DC Comic Book Artist John Romita Jr. gives examples about how he used lessons in his life, such as when his father taught him how to box, in the development of stories and artwork for the superhero's he drew. Romita also explains how he learned about storytelling and relates it to many of the movies he saw growing up such as "On the Waterfront" and "Twelve Angry Men." Romita reveals how the Spiderman story he crafted about 911 was so respectfully created.

May 21st

Chris Smith –

Former U.S. Department of Energy Assistant Secretary of Fossil Fuels Christopher Smith gives us a glimpse back into his service at DOE under Secretary Ernest Moniz. Smith, who interacted with the energy industry and the public more than almost anyone at DOE, discusses issues such as the Fukushima and other energy industry disasters, his service on the BP Macondo/Deepwater Horizon oil disaster commission, hydraulic fracturing, the rapid reversal of efforts to import liquefied natural gas to exporting LNG instead, and the Learning Curve the new Secretary of Energy, former Texas Governor Rick Perry, is facing. Smith talks about the importance of remembering the trials of our past so that we don't repeat those mistakes in the future. Smith currently serves as an Advisory Board Fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy.

Samer Al Ashgar –

Samer Al Ashgar, the President of KAPSARC, the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies And Research Center, Samer (who has since become an executive in the Ministry of Energy & Industry), shares with Aaron the findings and mission of KAPSARC. Topics of discussion include rapid oil price changes, the structure of the Saudi Economy, Climate Change, and the impact of new technologies in the Energy arena. Located in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabian, KAPSARC is an independent, non-profit organization whose Board of Directors is comprised of members from around the world --- including from many different universities. All of the Center's findings are made available to the public at no cost.

May 28th

Maria Zuber –

Maria Zuber, Vice President for Research and Professor of Geophysics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, shares her insights into various NASA Planetary missions and the information that they were able to collect from these missions. She ponders the question, of where did the water go on Mars. She also talks about ways that women should be more involved in the sciences; why women are highly skilled and valuable to have in the science and information industry, and how she is working to get younger girls excited about studying the sciences

Ulrich Spiesshofer –

Ulrich Spiesshofer, President at CEO of ABB, starts the conversation explaining what makes a great leader, and why great leadership is so vital to his work and his industry. He describes the importance of improving education around the world to increase the quality of the available workforce for industries and companies like ABB.

June 4th

Al Lewis –

Al Lewis, Business Editor of the Houston Chronicle, famed Wall Street Journal columnist, and distinguished and award-winning journalist, joins Aaron for a discussion on the state of the Newspaper Industry and Journalism today. Lewis shares his fears and trepidations about the future of his own industry. He talks about the old model in which the Newspaper Industry seems to be stuck in and the many opportunities its leaders missed in moving forward with the Society about which it reports. They also discuss the problems associated with the proliferation of inaccurate and Fake News to which the Internet seemingly has succumbed.

Mohammed Al Ramahi –

Mohammed Al Ramahi, CEO of Masdar, shares the future plans and sustainability goals that Masdar has for its world renown city. There are developments in technology and innovation that have enabled Masdar to save more energy and operate more efficiently as the years go by.

June 11th

Ed Monser –

Ed Monser, the President of Emerson, discusses his work managing almost 115,000 employees around the world who generate nearly \$25 billion a year in revenue. He describes Emerson's leadership in the development of automation, its focus on efficiency and waste elimination, and the company's desire and mandate for a healthier climate and clean environment. Also discussed is Emerson's international business activities and Mr. Monser's ideas about what needs to be done to make American companies more competitive and successful. He explains the reason American businesses are not more competitive on the world stage is because of the taxes these businesses face at home. He describes how the fact that the U.S. corporate tax rate exceeds that of most other industrialized nations creates a financial incentive for American firms doing business globally to be based outside the U.S. Monser also opines that businesses who want to sell their products here in the U.S. should be asked to build them in the U.S., with American workers doing the tasks as well.

Dirk Forrister –

Dirk Forrister, President & CEO of the International Emissions Trading Association, explains how he got involved in and interested in the work of keeping our environment clean. He describes how the projects that he working on at the IETA are beneficial for the economy and the environment of the U.S.

June 18th

Barry Smitherman –

Barry Smitherman, a national energy regulatory expert and former Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas (which actually regulates the oil & gas industry – not railroads – in the nation's largest oil & gas-producing state), makes an encore appearance on the show. He explains the lessons he learned during his time chairing the Commission. He discusses how other states have benefitted from the Commission's leadership on the regulation of hydraulic fracturing and various forms of drilling for fossil fuel energy. They also examine the status of OPEC, the fluctuation of the cost of natural gas and oil, and the other economic factors impacting the United States and energy component of the global economy. In addition, Smitherman shares his ideas about President Donald Trump's administration in regard to coal, carbon, international treaties, and the future of environmental concerns and the regulation of energy production in the U.S.

Maria Korsnick –

Maria Korsnick, President & CEO of the Nuclear Energy Institute, explains what her organization does, who it is comprised of and some of the projects that they are focused on at the moment. She also shares ways that women should be more involved in the sciences; why women are highly skilled and valuable to have in the science and information industry, and how she is working to get younger girls excited about studying the sciences

June 25th

Melvin Mar –

Melvin Mar is the Executive Producer of ABC's "Fresh off the Boat." He explains what it was like growing up as an Asian American man, and how he has sought in his work to change the way that Asian American men are portrayed in mainstream media. He describes how the show was cast and process of choosing the perfect actors that now make up the cast of the show.

Marshall Summar –

Marshall Summar is the Division Chief for Genetics and Metabolism at Children's National Hospital as well as the Chairman of the National Organization for Rare Disorders and the President of the Society of Inherited Metabolic Diseases. He reveals the astounding progress since the completion of the Human Genome Project, which cost \$1½ billion and now can be duplicated today for an astounding one-hundred thousandth of that cost. He and Aaron discuss the newest uses for DNA Technology and the how the interpretation of DNA test results can vary. Dr. Summar discloses the realities of Personalized Medicine and how some unrealistic promises for cures and preventions have been made. Finally, he reveals the major advantages of screening newborns for genetic problems so they can be addressed at an early stage which is far more medically- and cost-effective.