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Issues/ Programs List

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STATION PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

VIEWPOINTS:

- Sunday mornings at 6:00am. A 30-minute public affairs program, addressing a variety of issues of interest to the listening public.

Health

Viewpoint 4/11/2021 6:00am 15min

Physician burnout is still a very real problem in the U.S. – and the pandemic has only exacerbated these feelings in some of the hardest hit hospitals across the country. We speak with Dr. Greg Hammer at Stanford University about the pandemic’s lasting effects on mental health and systems that have been created to better support people working in medicine or in medical school.

Viewpoints 4/25/2021 6:00am 15min

From abrupt changes in gravity to galactic cosmic radiation, astronauts face numerous challenges as they push to explore farther into the unknown. Dr. Emmanuel Urquieta, from the Center for Space Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine, joins Viewpoints this week to help us understand some of the health impacts of spending time in space and the hurdles that come with longer missions like sending humans to Mars.

FAMILY AND EDUCATION

Viewpoints 4/25/2021 6:00am 15min

Today, the average student graduating from a four-year, public university leaves with \$28,600 in student loans. On top of this, students owe interest once payments kick in, and this can range from 3 to 5 percent for federal loans and can go as high as 12 percent for private loans. For some, the large sum of these loans plus interest can take several years to pay off and has a big effect on life decisions like when to start a family or if they can afford to leave a toxic job. This week – we cover the student loan crisis in the U.S. and talk about alternative options and resources that can help lower the current cost of higher education.

Environment

Viewpoints 4/18/2021 6:00am 15min

Despite the pandemic, carbon emissions are at an all-time high, topping records over the past 3.6 million years. For years, scientists have warned of humans approaching a critical tipping point of global warming – and it’s here. Sustainability scientist Dr. Kimberly Nicholas joins Viewpoints this week to break down the current climate landscape and explain why turning things around requires a collective effort.

Viewpoints 5/2/2021 6:00am 15min

As more Americans look to decrease their carbon footprints, what’s one way to make a big difference? Flipping the narrative on the traditional American diet. Beef is more carbon-intensive to produce than chicken, but did you know that cheese is also worse than chicken? It’s this knowledge that can change people’s dietary decisions and decrease greenhouse gas emissions, slowing global warming. Paul Greenberg, a food and science writer, joins Viewpoints this week to share how people can adjust their daily eating habits to make a difference.

Viewpoints 5/9/2021 6:00am 15min

How often do you buy an item from the store that's packaged in a plastic container or wrapped in plastic? Daily decisions like these add up and are feeding into the global plastic crisis. Scientists estimate that there's anywhere between nine to 16 million tons of plastic on the sea floor, polluting the environment, harming species and releasing harmful microplastics into every corner of the planet. Two experts on plastic join us this week to shed some light on the problem and how we can each make a difference by changing our consumption habits and calling on leaders to craft stricter laws on waste management and manufacturing.

Viewpoints 5/30/2021 6:00am 15min

Many people are worried that non-native plants and animals are invading the U.S. and preventing native species from thriving. Each year, a lot of money and time is spent trying to rid the land of these aliens - often to no avail. But, are these species present because they're the only ones that can exist in that environment? Are some plants and animals actually helping to create a more diverse and robust ecosystem? And are some native species really native to the U.S.? Our guests offer up a different perspective on the invasive species debate.

Viewpoints 6/13/2021 6:00am 15min

In the U.S., most Americans commonly use vegetable or olive oil when cooking. While we don't often hear about palm oil, it's in many of the products that we buy at the grocery store, including everything from food to personal care products. And abroad, palm oil is widely used in cooking and frying. Last year, global consumption reached 72 million tons. However, this ingredient is not being produced sustainably and has led to widespread deforestation in Southeast Asian countries. What's being done to curb the palm oil crisis?

Viewpoints 6/20/2021 6:00am 15min

Lake Mead, the reservoir created by the Hoover Dam, is at its lowest levels ever recorded. Drought is not a new problem in the West, but it is getting worse as the years go by. What's being done to curb water consumption and increase supply so people's taps don't run dry?

Viewpoints 6/20/2021 6:00am 15min

The average clothing item today is worn anywhere from seven to ten times before it's discarded or donated. Why is this number so low, and what happens once the garment leaves a person's closet? Maxine Bedat, a prominent voice in sustainable fashion, joins us this week to shed some light on the clothing crisis and how its impacting workers and the environment.