

Quarterly Issues Report

October – November – December 2022

October

- 10/3/22 A special meeting was called by the Grayville Board of Education on Monday evening to discuss a recent incident at the high school. Kyle Bassnet, the father of the student involved in the incident, came forward to speak. Bassnet read from a prepared speech on a sheet of paper, his voice low and wavering. He explained that his daughter was “violated” on Thursday, September 29 by “untrained” employees Rita Rhinehart and Dawn Kleinschmidt at the school performing a strip search of her person. “They had no right,” Bassnet said. “Strip searches in Illinois are not supposed to be legal.” Bassnet met with school administrators Julie Harrelson, Jeff Fetcho, and Levi Johnson on Friday, September 30 about the ordeal. Allegedly, the three representatives agreed that the school was at fault and admitted that none of them know how to properly conduct a strip search. Addressing the claim that the search was consensual, Bassnet explained that he and his wife did not realize it would be more than a pat down. “I wanted to keep this civil,” Bassnet said. “At no point in time did [we] think my daughter was going to be violated.” Despite finding nothing on her person, the student was allegedly declared guilty and threatened with a month of detention after the search. “School is supposed to be here to help protect the students, not violate them,” Bassnet said. Then, regarding principal Levi Johnson: “I am going after his license. I am going after his job.” Bassnet requested that any further correspondence from the school board come to him in writing, then returned to his seat.
- 10/6/22 Grayville school issues statement on inappropriately conducted search of a student. “Administration relayed mother’s request to two female employees of the school. The instructions for conducting the search were vague and lacked specific direction. The district employees instructed to perform the search were untrained to search students and should not have been directed to conduct a student search. Admittedly, the search was intrusive, but the student never removed her undergarments. District personnel conducting the search never physically touched the student. The District acknowledges this type of student search should not have been conducted. The Grayville School District is extremely sorry for the embarrassment and stress this event has caused the student and her family. The School District is equally sorry for placing this student in a very uncomfortable situation. Administration accepts full responsibility for this incident. Administration also apologizes to the two school employees who were directed to conduct the search, a search that all parties agree the two employees should never had been in. Administration should have exercised better judgement and provided better direction.”

- 10/12/22 White County Clerk Beth Sell is reminding the public that petitions for school board can now be picked up in the County Clerk's office for the Consolidated Election April 4, 2023. Those interested in running for Village Offices can pick up petitions at their City Hall. Filing dates are December 12-19, 2022.
- 10/14/22 Brodey Murbarger, 26, has been found guilty of [first degree murder](#) following his trial on Thursday. It took just one hour for the jury to deliberate. Murbarger was accused in the 2014 disappearance and killing of 15-year-old Megan Nichols. FBI investigator William O'Sullivan testified Wednesday about the more than 7,000 text messages exchanged between Murbarger and Nichols between December 2013 and February 2014. O'Sullivan said the messages at first were romantic and sexual in nature and included several references to the couple planning a runaway in mid-2014. O'Sullivan says that by February 2014, the messages reflected a more tumultuous relationship, with Murbarger at one point calling Nichols 'annoying. During closing arguments Thursday, the state of Illinois argued that Murbarger has changed his story several times through interviews with police, claiming all stories contradict one another. The state also says during police interviews, Murbarger told others he went to Nichols' house around 9:30 pm July 3, 2014 because he thought she had run away. Through those statements, the state says Murbarger places himself with Nichols on the night and time she disappeared. The defense team for Murbarger says the evidence in the case is speculation and circumstantial, citing there is no motive for Murbarger to commit murder, and no evidence that Nichols' death was due to strangulation. In reference to the varying stories, the defense states Murbarger was an "awkward teen" under a lot of pressure due to rumors circulating of his involvement in Nichols' disappearance and would have been flustered during interrogations. Murbarger's defense attorney says he plans to file for a new trial.
- 10/18/22 Carmi White County Unit 5 School Board Deals with Hiring Practices. In the first order of business, Tom Scates was the only nominee for the position of Vice-President, and he was unanimously approved by the board members. Scates will serve as board Vice-President for the remainder of the year. Board President Kent "Pete" Fulkerson read a statement concerning the interview process to hire a new Superintendent. He said the process to select and interview candidates was done properly, but there may have been some instances unknown to him that "may" have violated the Open Meetings Act. Fulkerson, however, said he takes full responsibility for any mistakes made, that attorneys have been informed and will look into the matter further.
- 10/20/22 A Hamilton County court case that dates back 365 days has reached it's conclusion. 31-year-old Aaron Sealy was originally arrested by McLeansboro

Police on October 19th of 2021 for possession of a stolen Ford truck. He was in custody at the county sheriff's department when he escaped his restraints, took a fire extinguisher off the wall and sprayed a deputy as well as a McLeansboro PD officer. Both officers fired their weapons and struck Sealy once in the abdomen subduing his escape attempt. After being taken to a hospital for treatment, he was placed back in custody on May 16th of this year.

- 10/20/22 Pritzker and Bailey continue barbing following Tuesday debate; poll show Pritzker in Command. Following the final gubernatorial debate Tuesday, the candidates are speeding into the final weeks of the campaign, and the rhetoric doesn't seem to be slowing down. Because of crime and poor schools, Republican state Sen. Darren Bailey has called Chicago a hellhole and an unruly child and called it "Pritzkerville". Meanwhile, some online have taken the new moniker to heart, sharing scenic photos of the Windy City with the hashtag "Pritzkerville." Bailey's running Stephanie Trussel said that may be what elite political insiders think, but she said that does not reflect the plight of minority communities hit with crime and poverty. It appears, according to polling, Pritzker is in the driver's seat. A new Illinois Broadcasters Association and Research America survey shows the incumbent with a 49.7% to 27.7% lead when voters were asked who they planned to vote for. Scott Schluter, the Libertarian candidate got 6.3% while 12.6% of respondents say they're still undecided.
- 10/21/22 Former Posey County Correctional Officer Arrested for Intimidation and Harassment. On Thursday night at approximately 8:00 p.m., Indiana State Police arrested former Posey County Correctional Officer Daniel Long, 26, for Intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, and Harassment, a Class B Misdemeanor. Indiana State Police was contacted Thursday afternoon concerning Long sending threatening messages. An investigation revealed Long had allegedly made threats toward several individuals by the way of a text message. Long was arrested at his Evansville residence without incident and taken to the Posey County Jail where he is currently being held on bond. Long was arrested by Indiana State Police on August 19 for allegedly battering an inmate in July while employed at the Posey County Sheriff's Office. Long was terminated from his position after his arrest.

November

- 11/4/22 Baptist Childrens Home Houseparent Sentenced in Criminal Sexual Assault Case. A Carmi man has been sentenced to 22 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections following a contested sentencing hearing in White County Court on Thursday. 41 year old Daniel Lanning was the house parent employee of the Baptist Children's Home who was arrested in April of this year for the sexual assault of one of the young residents of Baptist Children's Home. On August 24th, Lanning plead guilty to two counts of Criminal Sexual Assault, each a class 1 felony. Lanning was sentenced to 11 years on each count to run

consecutively in IDOC. Because of the offenses, Lanning will have to serve a minimum of 85% of the sentence. He will also be on mandatory supervised release anywhere between 3 years and natural life. State's Attorney Denton Aud called two witnesses during the hearing while Public Defender Brian Shinkle called one witness. Following the witnesses, counsel argued sentencing alternatives followed by a statement from the defendant as well as a victim impact statement prepared by the victim. After considering the evidence, the pre-sentence investigation, the sex offender evaluation, the arguments of counsel and the statements of the defendant and victim, Judge T Scott Webb imposed the sentence of 22 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

- 11/8/22 Election Results for White, Hamilton, Edwards Counties. White County will have a new Supervisor of Assessments. Gary Baxley soundly defeated incumbent Terry Abell by a count of 4,106 votes to 1,501. In unopposed races, Kayci Heil received 5,079 votes for her new role as County Clerk. She'll take over for Beth Sell who wasn't seeking re-election. Mike Baxley ran unopposed to take over the White County Treasurer post and picked up 4,926 votes. He's replacing Pam Armstrong who didn't seek re-election. Jordan Weiss, the next White County Sheriff, picked up 5,044 votes. White County voter turnout was just under 59% with 5,800 ballots cast. White County reports 9,845 registered voters for this election cycle. In Hamilton County, nearly 64% of the county's 5,509 registered voters turned out. A total of 3,518 ballots were cast and 36 mail in ballots are still possibly coming back in to change totals. It doesn't appear it will change anything however. In the County Board race, where 9 candidates were vying for 5 seats, the board will be filled completely with Republicans. Incumbent Kelly Woodrow was the top vote getter with 2,278 votes. He was followed by newcomer John Mead picking up 2,119 votes. Jimmy Johnson was just behind with 2,002. Incumbent John Chapman will retain his seat with 1,830 votes. Adam Little will round out the board after picking up 1,771 votes. All four Democrats fell short. Retiring County Clerk Mary Anne Hopfinger led the way with 1,358 tallies. Holden Jackson picked up 914 votes. Bret Webb picked up 852 votes and Sherry Henderson received 638 votes. The new Hamilton County Clerk will be Heather Bowman. She cruised to an easy victory with 2,798 votes to Sam Wilson's 640. In Edwards County, Sheriff Darby Boewe picked up 2,545 votes with 12 of 12 precincts reporting. Five precincts there were voting on two separate Road District Questions. District 15 passed a tax increase by a mere 5 votes. The yes's were 59 to 54 no votes. District 1 however soundly voted down a tax increase. The no's outweighed yays by a 119-70 count. There was a 66% voter turnout in Edwards County.
- 11/11/22 Report Finds 'code of silence' at mental health facility where staff abused and neglected patients. Several employees at Choate Mental Health and

Developmental Center attempted to cover up a brutal assault on a patient, according to a new report by the watchdog office within the Illinois Department of Human Services. The report by the IDHS Office of the Inspector General said that the “widespread attempted cover-up” around that incident pointed to a deeply entrenched “code of silence” among some workers. The OIG report comes after a series of stories by Capitol News Illinois, Lee Enterprises Midwest and ProPublica revealing a culture of patient abuse and cover-ups at the state-run facility in rural southern Illinois that serves people with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses or a combination of disorders.

- 11/18/22 Three horses have been rescued, another had to be euthanized, and six others are unaccounted for after a disturbing situation of potential animal neglect unfolded right under our noses here in Carmi over the last several weeks. Those who have been involved in the situation are reporting the devastating shape some of the ten horses were in where an Indiana woman was found squatting at the White County Fairgrounds. Those with knowledge of the circumstances say the woman, alleged to be Angela Sue Hileman, works in Darmstadt and was allegedly given permission to utilize the vacant barn by a Carmi woman who wasn't authorized to give such an approval. One of the horses that was saved by Heartland Equine Rescue suffered from a slab fracture on it's knee. The other two were chronically stall walking and all were skin and bones as evidenced by pictures WROY/WRUL News has obtained. The horse that had to be euthanized had gotten down in its stall and was unable to regain it's footing. Both Dr. St. Ledger from Albion and Dr. Haley Edwards from the Carmi Vet Clinic were summoned to try to help the animals. Hileman allegedly brought the animals to Carmi sometime in September and the situation wasn't resolved until the weekend of November 12th. We checked with White County Sheriff Randy Graves as the fairgrounds is technically not in the municipal jurisdiction. He says no criminal charges are pending and the situation is resolved as far as he knows.
- 11/29/22 About two dozen concerned citizens showed up Monday evening for the Truth in Taxation hearing and spent about 35 minutes listening and offering their opinions to the White County Board. Dustin Harmon of Bellwether Management Services & Consulting provided opening remarks and a brief presentation before being peppered with trepidations and anxieties surrounding not only the repercussions of new money coming in to the county, but also how the government actually planned to use that money. Harmon says increases have been primarily driven by more than \$22 million dollars in increased value of industrial and mineral assessments. Harmon says due to those increases specifically in solar farm development and oil, it's possible that many White Countians will actually pay less property taxes next year. The extension as Harmon says, is just a fancy word for the dollars that are collected from the property tax levy. That balloon in income to the county even though Harmon says the individual property tax rate will actually lower for many in White County is ultimately what triggered the Truth in Taxation Hearing. The county is planning

to utilize those additional funds for the city/county jail and the sheriff's department. Harmon wrapped by saying it's uncommon to have a truth in taxation hearing in which he's communicating a reduction in a tax rate. From there, at least 7 members of the audience including Martin Rae Barbre, Mike Rowe, Greg Chapman, Kim Gwaltney, Bill Chapman, and Kenny Hargrave all asked questions or made comments ranging from trying to understand the process to concerns about future unknowns. The conversation also devolved into what the jail and sheriff's office needed the additional funds for, the ramifications of the SAFE-T Act, transparency, and frankly how government notices work prompting a stern response from County Board member Jakie Carter.

December

12/7/22 A Norris City man is scheduled to appear in White County Court on Thursday December 8th on a litany of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault charges. Norris City Police say they were tipped of a warrant for 42 year old Ronald Howell of East Street. At that point, Officer Kody Jones found and pulled over Howell driving a blue Dodge Charger with illegally tinted windows and loud exhaust. After advising Howell of the warrant, he was taken into custody with bond set at \$10,000. Howell is facing a total 8 charges that date back to February 2012 in one case. Howell is also facing an additional charge that allegedly occurred in July of 2020. All of the alleged victims in the case are under the age of 13 and at least one is a family member. Howell will be in court for a motion hearing Thursday afternoon. A final pre trial is scheduled for January 5th and a Jury Trial will get underway January 17th if a plea deal isn't reached. Others in the community suggest the story isn't as it seems and point to a bevy of what they consider "sketchy" circumstances surrounding the arrest.

December

- 12/12/22 In December of 2020, IDNR Conservation Police Officers Johnson and Knop received information that Kalyn Chemin unlawfully harvested a 205-inch 18-point buck without a permit in Hamilton County. IDNR records verified Kalyn didn't purchase a deer permit. Further investigation identified Kalyn's father; Lyle Chemin was involved with the unlawful take. Additionally, Kalyn's brother Lawson Chemin and Kenneth Fancher were found to have committed multiple wildlife violations. The five hunters, all from Mississippi, were charged with illegally taking twenty-three deer and seven turkeys. They recently took a plea agreement in Hamilton County Court.
- 12/14/22 Burnt Prairie native David Vaught graduated from Carmi Township High School in 1965, from West Point in 1969, and then SIU School of Law in 1977. He's served as senior advisor to Governor Pat Quinn, was director for Quinn's Office of Management and Budget, and then the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. He's written a book, Re Making the American Dream that answers the question, "What Happens when the values of duty, honor, and

country clash with the religious teachings of Liberty Baptist Church in Burnt Prairie?”. He, along with other area authors will appear at the Carmi Library on Friday between 12p – 6p. We sat down for a short conversation to discuss the book and upcoming event.

- 12/14/22 Enfield Village Board Addresses Water Project at Monthly Meeting. The board approved several resolutions concerning the Water Project. An amendment to the water ordinance listing the water rates for customers was approved, as it's needed to allow the village to receive grant monies through the Illinois EPA. An ordinance was accepted allowing Brown and Roberts Engineering to continue work on the water project due to the fact that the village now has a different Mayor, and an ordinance containing a partial payment estimate with the contractor, Wiggs Excavating, was approved. Also approved were two separate payments to Brown and Roberts totaling about \$10,900, and an ordinance releasing money from the Illinois EPA loan for the water project.
- 12/15/22 New Supervisor of Assessments Talks “Mess” of Office He’s Taking Over. It’s been two weeks, only about 10 business days, since Gary Baxley got his hands on the goings on at the White County Supervisor of Assessments Office. He says he’s had some of the ladies that used to work in the department come back and also a couple new staff. They include Rachel Hamblin, Teresa Johnson, Sheila Turrentine, Marilyn Bryant. He told the board at the recent White County Board gathering, he’s finding the former office was behind on some things. He says everyone in the office is working diligently to get caught up. He has found the solar platting that he reported was missing to the board and says the office is in the process of catching that up.
- 12/19/22 To the average citizen, not much has changed since May 21, 2012. That’s when the Harmony Way Bridge abruptly closed down due to safety concerns. In 2020, officials officially took ownership of the span as it was transferred from the White County Bridge Commission to the newly formed joint entities, the Illinois New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the Indiana New Harmony and Wabash River Authority. The new ownership established the groups’ attempts to bring the bridge back to it’s intended use as a vehicular bridge with a potential bike/hike patch component. For two hours Friday, members of each faction gathered for a formal meeting to discuss progress.



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Weekly Public Affairs Program

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2022

Show # 2022-40

Date aired: 10-2-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Ted Rossman, Senior Industry Analyst at CreditCards.com

Recent interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve are leading to substantially higher costs for anyone with credit card debt. Mr. Rossman said roughly half of American consumers are carrying a credit card balance from month to month, and the numbers are increasing due to inflation. He offered suggestions to try to pay down debt and consolidate balances with low- or no-interest credit cards.

Issues covered:
Personal Finance
Inflation

Length: 7:58

Marisa G. Franco, PhD, Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Maryland, author of *Platonic: How the Science of Attachment Can Help You Make - and Keep - Friends*

Many people, particularly men, have few friends. Prof. Franco discussed the critical importance of friendship, and how to make and keep friends in an era of distraction, burnout, and chaos. She said making friends, like cultivating any relationship, requires effort, and the idea of "friendships happening organically" is generally a myth. She outlined several specific, research-based steps to improve the number and quality of friendships.

Issues covered:
Mental Health

Length: 9:23

Arpita Ghosh, PhD, Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Kansas

When veterans leave the military, they face a multitude of major challenges, including a transition into higher education or a new career field. Prof. Ghosh led a recent study that found that assistance typically designed to help civilian students are also effective for veterans. She talked about the strengths that veterans can bring to a company and outlined the resources that are available to veterans to make the transition.

Issues covered:
Veterans' Concerns
Career
Mental Health

Length: 5:09

WRUL ISSUES 4TH QUARTER 2022

Show # 2022-41

Date aired: 10-9-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Sally Helgesen, women's leadership consultant and speaker, author of "*How Women Rise: Break the 12 Habits Holding You Back from Your Next Raise, Promotion, or Job*"

Ms. Helgesen believes that women face specific and different roadblocks from men as they seek to advance in the workplace. She discussed the most common errors made by women, and what they can do to get proper credit for their achievements at work. She also discussed how the #MeToo movement has affected job opportunities for women.

Issues covered:

Women's Issues

Career

Sexual Harassment

Length: 8:43

Sara Goldrick-Rab, PhD, Professor of Higher Education Policy and Sociology at Temple University

Prof. Goldrick-Rab was the lead author of study that found that 36 percent of students at 66 surveyed colleges and universities do not get enough to eat, and a similar number lack a secure place to live. She said skyrocketing college tuition and other fees, inadequate aid packages and growing enrollment among low-income students are some of the factors. She outlined several policy changes that could help.

Issues covered:

Poverty

Homelessness

Education

Length: 8:19

Anupam Jena, MD, PhD, Ruth L. Newhouse Associate Professor of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School, physician in the Department of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research Policy

It's an age-old axiom, but is joint pain, back pain or just a feeling in your bones a reliable predictor of rainy weather? Dr. Jena led a study that examined the question and he found no relationship between rainfall and aches or pains.

Issues covered:

Personal Health

Aging

Length: 4:39

Show # 2022-42

Date aired: 10-16-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Stephen Smagula, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh

Prof. Smagula led a recent study that found that older adults with regular activity routines are happier and do better on cognitive tests. He said that his findings suggest that staying active all day and following the same routine each day are important for healthy aging and mental health.

Issues covered:

Aging

Personal Health

Length: 8:12

WRUL ISSUES 4TH QUARTER 2022

Catherine Pearlman, PhD, Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of Massachusetts Global, licensed clinical social worker, author of *"First Phone: A Child's Guide to Digital Responsibility, Safety, and Etiquette"*

Dr. Pearlman shared advice for parents of eight- to twelve-year-old children about digital safety. She talked about the inability of kids to recognize dangers online, the pros and cons of social media and how to maintain parental limitations on smartphone use. She also explained how to impress on kids that anything posted online can potentially haunt them forever.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:05

**Digital Safety for Children
Parenting**

James S W Wolffsohn, PhD, Professor of Optometry at Aston University in Birmingham, England

Digital eye strain is a widespread and growing problem for people of all ages. Prof. Wolffsohn led a recent study that tested the 20-20-20 rule: taking a screen break of at least 20 seconds, every 20 minutes, to look at least 20 feet away. He found the practice does help ease some of the symptoms of prolonged computer use, and he suggested ways to take breaks frequently enough.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:08

**Personal Health
Media**

Show # 2022-43

Date aired: 10-23-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Caroline Tocci, President & Co-Founder/Director of The Vanessa T. Marcotte Foundation, which advocates for safety awareness to prevent violence, objectification and harassment against women

Ms. Tocci's cousin, Vanessa Marcotte, was a 27-year-old woman who, while running on a rural road in Princeton, Massachusetts, was assaulted and murdered in 2016. She offered safety tips for women to avoid violence or harassment, particularly when running. She said apps are available to track a runner's location and share it with emergency contacts. She also explained how a woman should choose routes or schedules for a run.

Issues covered:

Length: 6:56

**Crime
Women's Issues**

Marta L. Tellado, PhD, President and CEO of Consumer Reports, author of *"Buyer Aware: Harnessing Our Consumer Power for a Safe, Fair, and Transparent Marketplace"*

Ms. Tellado discussed the rampant abuse of online privacy and the misuse of consumer data. She said the virtual monopolies held by four online companies are a genuine problem for privacy and consumers' rights. She believes that online algorithms are often biased towards people of color. She also discussed common misconceptions about safety testing and the mission of Consumer Reports.

Issues covered:

Length: 10:09

**Consumer Matters
Racial Bias
Online Privacy**

WRUL ISSUES 4TH QUARTER 2022

Frieda Birnbaum, PhD, research psychologist and psychotherapist, author of *Life Begins At 60: A New View of Motherhood, Marriage, and Reinventing Ourselves*

Dr. Birnbaum is the oldest woman in America to give birth to twins, and she shared her perspective on how and why parenting has changed tremendously in recent years. She explained why she and her husband chose to have more kids later in life, and what the pluses and minuses are to older parenting.

Issues covered:

Parenting

Aging

Length: 5:10

Show # 2022-44

Date aired: 10-30-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Laura D. Quinby, PhD, Senior Research Economist at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College

Dr. Quinby was a co-author of a Boston College brief that asked, "After 50 Years of Progress, How Prepared Are Women for Retirement?" She said that in the 50 years since Title IX's passage, women have made major economic progress in education, earnings, and wealth, and that today, women who spend most of their lives single are as well prepared for retirement as married couples.

Issues covered:

Women's Issues

Retirement Planning

Length: 6:56

Carl "Chip" Lavie, MD, Medical Director of Ochsner Health Cardiac Rehabilitation and Prevention in New Orleans

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. across most races and ethnicities, and doctors routinely tell patients to change unhealthy lifestyles. However, Dr. Lavie's research found that doctors shouldn't take a one-size-fits-all approach to lifestyle counseling, especially for those within underserved or socioeconomically disadvantaged populations. He said customized counseling can achieve small but statistically meaningful improvements in blood pressure, cholesterol and body fat.

Issues covered:

Personal Health

Minority Concerns

Length: 10:08

Dana Thomson, PhD, Senior Research Scientist at Child Trends, a research organization focused on child poverty and public policy

With little public notice, child poverty in the U.S. fell by 59% between 1993 and 2019. She said lower unemployment rates, increases in single mothers' labor force participation, and increases in state minimum wages accounted for about a third of the improvement, but that taxpayer dollars spent on social programs were also a major factor. However, disparities by race and ethnicity, natural origin and family structure persisted. She explained what other changes she believes are needed to continue the trend.

Issues covered:

Child Poverty

Government

Minority Concerns

Length: 5:10

WRUL ISSUES 4TH QUARTER 2022

Show # 2022-45

Date aired: 11-6-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Annie Duke, co-founder of the non-profit student advocacy organization called The Alliance for Decision Education, author of "*Quit: The Power of Knowing When to Walk Away*"

Ms. Duke outlined behavioral science research that shows that we are psychologically biased to grit things out for too long, even when there are clear signs that we should quit. She offered examples of how a decision to quit is affected by whether someone is winning or losing, and why we tend to increase our commitment to a losing cause.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:29

Career

Personal Finance

Government Policies

Andrew King, Research Analyst for the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association Foundation

Federal regulators appear to be taking steps toward a speed limiter mandate for commercial motor vehicles in 2023. Mr. King discussed the potential safety concerns if trucks are forced to drive slower than other traffic, including a lack of passing speed, increased congestion, and being rear-ended. He said that a nationwide 60 or 65 mph limit for trucks would create even greater safety issues in the handful of states with speed limits as high as 85 mph for cars.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:52

Traffic Safety

Supply Chain

Annalise LaPlume Cognitive Neuroscience Postdoctoral fellow, Senior Research Scientist at Child Trends, a research organization focused on child poverty and public policy

Dr. LaPlume was the lead author of a study that found that lifestyle may be more important than age in determining dementia risk, no matter how old we are. She outlined the eight major lifestyle choices that influence brain health. She said just one of those factors could reduce cognition by the equivalent of up to three years of aging.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:10

Alzheimer's Disease

Personal Health

Show # 2022-46

Date aired: 11-13-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Odin Johnson, Jr, PhD, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Social Policy and STEM Equity at Johns Hopkins University,

Dr. Johnson led a study that found that students at high schools with prominent security measures, such as metal detectors, contraband sweeps, drug testing and security cameras, have lower math scores, are less likely to attend college and are suspended more frequently compared to students in schools with less surveillance. He said the policies even affect the academic performance of students who haven't exhibited behavioral problems.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:41

Education

**Minority Concerns
Government Policies**

Nikita Shah, MD, Medical Oncology Team Leader for the Breast Care Center at the Orlando Health Cancer Institute

About 42,000 women die of breast cancer each year in the US. Dr. Shah shared the findings of a recent survey by her organization that found that 22% of women ages 35 to 44 have never gotten a mammogram and have no plans of getting one. She outlined the potential reasons behind this trend and why this is of such great concern. She also explained why African American women often face a more aggressive disease course when faced with a breast cancer diagnosis.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:42

**Personal Health
Women's Concerns
Minority Concerns**

Lewie Pugh, Executive Vice President of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, an advocacy organization for 150,000 independent truck drivers

Mr. Pugh talked about private and governmental efforts to recruit military veterans into the trucking industry. He said a lack of training often results in high turnover in trucking jobs. He also discussed his organization's "Truckers for Troops" fundraising program, which raises funds for care packages sent to military members serving in combat zones, as well as the Veterans Community Project to assist homeless veterans.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:05

**Veterans' Concerns
Transportation**

Show # 2022-47

Date aired: 11-20-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Lizzy Pope, PhD, RDN, Associate Professor, Director - Didactic Program in Dietetics, University of Vermont

Prof. Pope led a recent study of the most viewed content on TikTok relating to food, nutrition and weight. She said the videos perpetuate a toxic diet culture among teens and young adults and that expert voices are largely missing from the conversation. She suggested resources for parents who are concerned about their child's weight and overall health.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:29

**Weight Loss
Social Media
Mental Health**

Patric Richardson, clothing and laundry expert, author of "Laundry Love: Finding Joy in a Common Chore," host of the Discovery+ Series "The Laundry Guy "

Mr. Richardson offered essential tips for getting laundry clean and making the experience more enjoyable. He talked about the environmental and health impacts of well-known laundry detergents and fabric softeners. He also offered suggestions of how to keep white clothes looking bright and how/when to remove stains.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:52

**Consumer Matters
Environment**

Karri Carlson, Vice President of Operations for Leadtail, a B2B social media services agency

LinkedIn scams and fake Instagram accounts targeting businesses and executives are growing rapidly. Ms. Carlson discussed the most common scams, how they can dramatically affect businesses and what managers and small business owners can do to protect their companies.

Issues covered:
Online Scams
Business

Length: 5:10

Disc # 2022-48

Date aired: 11-27-22 **Time Aired:** 5:00 am

Philip Pauli, Policy and Practice Director of RespectAbility, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowerment and self-advocacy for individuals with disabilities

Mr. Pauli said nearly 1 in 5 Americans live with some form of disability. He discussed some of the challenges they face, and explained how the Americans with Disabilities Act has improved many aspects of their lives. He also talked about the role that the media plays in perceptions of the disabled, and how technology improvements have improved mobility for many disabled people.

Issues covered:
Disabilities
Government Regulation

Length: 7:42

Natasha Ravinand, author of "*Girls With Dreams: Inspiring Girls to Code and Create in the New Generation*"

Only 29% of all science and engineering workers are female, and far fewer are minorities. Natasha Ravinand is a high school junior with a passion for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), who is striving to close the gender gap in tech. She talked about the reasons that girls lose interest in STEM subjects, and why the inclusion of women and minorities in technical workplaces is so important.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Minority Concerns
Education/STEM

Length: 9:23

John Schwartz, reporter at The New York Times, author of "*This is the Year I Put My Financial Life in Order*"

Mr. Schwartz talked about the reasons that Americans tend to procrastinate when it comes to their finances. He outlined simple changes consumers can make to simplify their financial accounts, particularly retirement savings. He also explained how to do a self-checkup of health insurance coverage.

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Senior Citizens

Length: 5:01

Show # 2022-49

Date aired: 12-4-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Nate Brown, PhD, Professor of Mathematics, Penn State University

Prof. Brown led a study that found that that black and Hispanic students who earn low grades in introductory science, technology, engineering, and math classes are less likely to earn degrees in these subjects than similar white or Asian students. He talked about the changes that could improve the problem. He said professors who teach introductory STEM courses need much more training in better teaching methods, in order to reach minority students.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:39

Equity
Minority Concerns
Higher Education

Michael F. Roizen, MD, Chief Wellness Officer and Chair of the Wellness Institute at the Cleveland Clinic, Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, author of "*The Great Age Reboot: Cracking the Longevity Code for a Younger Tomorrow*"

Dr. Roizen believes that living to age 110 or 120 is within reach. He discussed the future of longevity, and how new scientific and medical advances are unlocking the ability for us to live younger, longer, and better. He said, in addition to a healthy diet and exercise, having social relationships is one of the biggest keys to slowing the aging process.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:45

Personal Health
Aging
Science

Eric Dahlin, PhD, Associate Professor in the Sociology department at Brigham Young University

It's easy to believe that robots are stealing jobs from human workers and drastically disrupting the labor market. However, Prof. Dahlin led a recent study that found that robots aren't replacing humans at the rate most people think. He noted that workplaces are integrating both employees and robots in ways that generate more value for human labor.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:01

Workplace Matters
Productivity
Technology

Disc # 2022-50

Date aired: 12-11-22 Time Aired: 5:00 am

Lorenzo Cohen, PhD, Richard E. Haynes Distinguished Professor in Clinical Cancer Prevention and Director of the Integrative Medicine Program at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, co-author of "*Anti Cancer Living*"

Cancer remains one of the leading causes of death worldwide, and within the next 20 years, the number of new cancer cases is expected to increase by 70 percent. Dr. Cohen believes that if Americans focused on social and emotional support, stress management, sleep, exercise, diet, and minimizing exposure to environmental toxins, 50 to 70 percent of cancers could be prevented.

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Issues covered:
Cancer Prevention
Personal Health

Length: 8:51

András Tilcsik, PhD, Canada Research Chair in Strategy, Organizations, and Society, and Associate Professor of Strategic Management at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, author of *"Meltdown: Why Our Systems Fail and What We Can Do About It"*

From train derailments and massive oil spills to bankruptcies and medical errors, system failures are all too common -- and they're becoming more frequent. Dr. Tilzscik explained the common denominator in these system meltdowns. He believes that the increasing complexity and lack of slack in our systems create conditions ripe for failure and corruption. He also explained why diversity in design teams is crucial in preventing serious failures.

Issues covered:
Disaster Preparedness
Diversity
Government Regulation
Transportation

Length: 8:17

Jas Booth, veteran, Founder of Final Salute, Inc, a non-profit organization that assists female veterans and their children who are struggling with homelessness

Ms. Booth shared her personal story of struggling with homelessness after her military career ended. She said her experience caused her to start Final Salute to help other women vets, especially those with children. She said her organization has helped more than 5,000 women veterans who are homeless or in domestic violence situations.

Issues covered:
Homelessness
Veterans' Concerns
Domestic Violence

Length: 5:02

Disc # 2022-51

Date aired: 12-18-22 **Time Aired:** 5:00 am

Daniel Romer, PhD, Research Director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center, part of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Romer discussed annual media claims that the nation's suicide rate rises during the year-end holiday season. He has studied suicide trends for more than 20 years and has found that the average daily suicide rate during the holiday months is among the lowest of the year. He said slightly more than half of news stories that directly discussed the holidays and the suicide rate supported the myth. He explained why it is important to dispel the misinformation.

Issues covered:
Suicide
Media
Mental Health

Length: 8:35

Shawn P. McElmurry, PhD, PE, Professor and CEE Graduate Program Director in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Wayne State University in Detroit

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About 30% of community water systems have some service lines that contain lead. Prof. McElmurry recently co-authored a study intended to assist state and local water authorities in making decisions about where to prioritize funding for infrastructure improvements on drinking water lead service line replacement programs. He outlined other environmental risks related to the lead exposure issue, and steps consumers can take to protect themselves.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:48

**Water Quality
Infrastructure
Public Health**

Elise Allen, graduate student in educational studies at Ohio State University

Ms. Allen led a study of extracurricular activities for kindergarten students. She found that children of highly educated mothers were about twice as likely to take part in sports or other after-school activities as those of less educated moms. She also found that white kindergarteners were 2.6 times more likely to participate than children of other races. She explained the learning, achievement and social development benefits of these activities.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:09

**Early Childhood Education
Parenting
Minority Concerns**

Disc # 2022-52

Date aired: 12-25-22 **Time Aired:** 5:00 am

Erin E. Murphy, expert on DNA and forensic evidence, Professor of Law at New York University

Prof. Murphy discussed the privacy and legal concerns raised by the Golden State Killer case, in which a notorious serial killer was captured 30 years after the crimes via DNA submitted to a publicly available genealogy website. She noted that the type of DNA testing used by genealogy sites is a much broader and more powerful tool than the version permitted in criminal justice databases. She also discussed recent advances that will make DNA testing much faster and even more useful to law enforcement.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:31

**Privacy Concerns
Criminal Justice
Legal**

David Ballard, PhD, Director of the American Psychological Association's Center for Organizational Excellence

The #MeToo movement gripped the nation and toppled major figures throughout society, but a study from the American Psychological Association found that in its aftermath, corporations took weak steps, at best, to prevent sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct. Mr. Ballard said most policy and training changes were aimed at limiting the liability of the company, rather than to effect real change. He found that organizations with women in senior leadership roles were much more likely to have taken new steps to prevent harassment and to encourage employees to report it.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:46

**Sexual Harassment
Women's Concerns
Workplace Matters**

Julie Jason, award-winning financial columnist, author of "*Retire Securely*"

Ms. Jason talked about the best ways to start to save for retirement, even for those struggling with student debt. She said it is critical to start young, because of the power of compounding. She also discussed common financial scams that consumers should be alert to.

Issues covered:

Retirement Planning
Personal Finance

Length: 5:04