

Issues and Programs - WHBE AM - 2021 Quarter 1

*****All Viewpoints programs run each Saturday from 7:30am - 8:00am*****

January 2 2021

Segment 1: The Psychopath Inside

Who do you think of when you read or hear the word, psychopath? Rarely does anyone think of the mild-mannered neuroscientist next door. We speak to two experts about what the term actually means in the medical world, how it's tested for in various people and why many people who have psychopathic tendencies are able to function in a non-violent, productive manner.

Segment 2: The Fascinating Science Behind Black Holes

Black holes have always intrigued and captured the imagination of millions since they were first theorized and coined by German physicist Karl Schwarzschild in 1916. For decades, scientists have worked to learn more about these mysterious objects in space. However, even today, there's still much we have yet to learn.

January 9 2021

Segment 1: The Sketch That Solves The Crime

You've probably seen a black and white portrait of a suspect displayed online, broadcasted on TV or even printed in a newspaper back in the day. But how exactly does a forensic sketch artist create such a detailed and accurate profile based off a single, hour-long witness interview? Lois Gibson, a longtime police sketch artist in Houston, joins Viewpoints this week.

Segment 2: The Law Of Treason: Its Modern Use

To call someone a traitor or label an act as treasonous is a big claim. But what exactly does treason mean? What does it entail? We speak with constitutional law expert, Professor Carlton Larson about its limited use in modern courtrooms and the public's perception of the law versus its actual scope and definition.

January 16 2021

Segment 1: The Pandemic's Push On E-Commerce

While many small, neighborhood stores are fighting to keep their doors open, e-commerce giants like Amazon are seeing staggering growth. In fact, 2020 was the most successful year-to-date for the company. The pandemic has forced millions to buy more items online or through curbside pick-up. So, how has this shift in shopping habits changed the retail game for good? Business journalist Lawrence Ingrassia joins Viewpoints this week to break down the evolving e-commerce landscape.

Segment 2: Spies & Soldiers: The Women Of The Civil War

We know so much about the men of the Civil War, but the courageous women of this time and their contributions are seldom shown in history books. Historian Karen Abbott decided to change that. She tells the story of several women who helped their respective sides during the Civil War. These women were not just nurses and aides, but endearing female soldiers and spies disguised and embedded in the fight.

January 23 2021

Segment 1: A Pandemic Education: It Continues On Into 2021

It's been ten months since many schools across the nation shifted to online learning. Students, parents and everyone working within education have braved the many challenges of learning within a pandemic. With vaccine distribution underway, many within the field are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and the eventual return to classrooms hopefully later this year. We speak with two education experts about the changes happening in the field as technology plays a bigger role.

Segment 2: The Competitive Nature of Today's Youth Sports

The world of youth sports can be incredibly stressful. Long practices, hefty investments and increasingly selective teams can add up to parents pushing their kids to the brink. We speak with Rich Cohen, a hockey dad, about the modern pressures of the competitive sport and why some parents end up caring more about the sport than their own kid does.

January 30 2021

Segment 1: How to Make Your Money Work For You

Between the internet, radio, podcasts and books, there's a wide breadth of information out there on how to get your finances in order. But sometimes the mixed advice and confusing explanations can lead to complete inaction. This week, we speak to a personal finance expert about the starting key steps you can take to build your financial future and prepare for any unforeseen emergencies.

Segment 2: What Is Attribution Science?

The field of attribution science studies extreme weather events in order to uncover what role man-made climate change plays in the severity or likelihood of each disaster. We speak to renowned climatologist Dr. Friederike Otto to better understand the reasonings behind attribution science and the implications this research has on science, global politics and climate litigation.

February 6 2021

Segment 1: Forced Behavioral Treatment Programs

Each year, thousands of young adults are sent to long-term, in-patient behavioral centers that are seen as the last resort for troubled teens. Their parents often sign off on this treatment because they believe that this 'tough love' route is the only answer to turning things around. Journalist and author, Kenneth R. Rosen joins Viewpoints this week to share his own adolescent experience at three of these centers and the long-term damage this type of treatment can wreak on young minds.

Segment 2: The Birth Of Criminal Science In The U.S.

Today, the field of forensic science is one of the most important tools that investigators have in cracking a case. From forensic geology to DNA analysis to ballistics, analyzing the science behind each crime is crucial. To better understand its beginnings, we go back to the twentieth century to shed a light on Edward Oscar Heinrich – an innovative man who made many contributions to early forensic science in the U.S.

February 13 2021

Segment 1: The Path To Europa

The Jupiter moon, Europa is 390 million miles away from Earth. In 2025, the NASA Europa Clipper mission launches and is estimated to arrive in Jupiter's orbit by 2031. Why Europa? Underneath its radiated surface, the icy moon is believed to host a vast ocean similar to Earth's that has ample conditions for complex life. Author David W. Brown joins Viewpoints this week to shed some light on the Jovian moon and some of the challenges that came with the lengthy approval of this deep space mission.

Segment 2: The Joys Of Being Back In The Classroom

As some schools return back to in-person learning, we take a look at a few of the ways teaching has changed this year, including new safety precautions and the use of continued e-learning technology. Kelly Rigg is an eighth-grade teacher in Ephrata, Pennsylvania and shares what's it's been like to be back teaching in the classroom full-time during a pandemic.

February 20 2021

Segment 1: The Tulsa Race Massacre

In the early 1900's, the Greenwood District in Tulsa, Oklahoma was commonly referred to as the 'Black Wall Street'. It was a predominantly African American town that was booming due to the nearby discovery of oil. It was a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family – but that all changed on May 31, 1921. In a matter of hours, the town was burnt to ashes and its estimated that up to 300 people were murdered. Historian Scott Ellsworth tells the largely untold story of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.

Segment 2: A Newsfeed Overload

How often do you skim a headline and feel like that's all you need to know? Or gather your daily news from a Twitter or Facebook feed? Economist & journalist Tim Harford joins Viewpoints this week to share the impacts of sensationalized or one-sided information and how we can all become more inquisitive consumers of content.

February 27 2021

Segment 1: A Shifting Suburbia: The Impact Of Covid-19

Congested roads. Crumbling parking lots. Vacant strip malls. These are some of the challenges that suburbs across the country are facing today. What to do with the vacant retail and office space? How do you make people less dependent on cars and more active? Architect June Williamson is a proponent of mixed-use developments that create more efficient suburbia. This vision creates a 15-minute suburb where basic amenities and activities are walkable, and spaces bring people together rather than dividing them with large, empty lawns, lots and physical structures.

Segment 2: The Arctic Then vs. Now

Over the last two decades, Arctic melt has increased by about 60 percent. It's estimated that if all of the glaciers and ice caps were to disappear into the ocean, sea level would rise by 230 feet, wiping out all of the coastal cities and town around the globe. Journalist and author, Andrea Pitzer shares the history of Arctic exploration and how the landscape has changed over time – but not for the better.

March 6 2021

Segment 1: What May Lie Ahead: The Pandemic's Effect On The Economy

How has a year-long pandemic affected the U.S. economy? Will it bounce back as more people get vaccinated or will there be long-term ramifications? Economist James Rickards joins Viewpoints this week to share his insights on the post-pandemic economy.

Segment 2: Working Within The Oil Sector

The oil and gas industry employs millions of workers. In 2018, 6.7 million Americans worked within the traditional energy sector. Yet, when we often hear about the industry, it's entangled in political and environmental news. Rarely does it look at the workers themselves and the challenging and physical barriers of the job. In 2013, Michael Patrick Smith moved from Brooklyn, New York to Williston, North Dakota to work as an oil swamper. He joins us this week on Viewpoints.

March 13 2021

Segment 1: Dealing with Conflict

Conflict is part of life, but it doesn't have to be a completely negative experience; it can be an opportunity for personal growth and forging deeper relationships. We speak with two experts who specializing in studying conflict to better understand how to resolve disagreements with a spouse, family member, or with colleagues in the workplace.

Segment 2: The Power Of Persevering Through Life's Challenges

Life has many challenges – but it's how you respond to these obstacles that truly matter. Characteristics like passion, perseverance and grit can all factor into the end result and can make all the difference rather than focusing on pure talent or intelligence.

March 20 2021

Segment 1: The Deadly Texas Freeze: Does It Point To Larger Problems?

The wintry storm that crippled the entire state of Texas last month is estimated to cost 195 billion dollars in damages and has already been linked to dozens of deaths due to prolonged exposure of extreme cold. For several days, millions of Texans were left without heat in their homes, no running or clean water and food shortages. What factors fed into this statewide failure? Is this a weather pattern that will happen more frequently as the climate shifts?

Segment 2: The Mental Toll of a Full Work Inbox

On average, its estimated that the typical worker receives one email every six minutes. This constant stream of emails and instant messages throughout the day continuously pulls people away from their main tasks and leads to workout burnout. And the pandemic – with more people working from home – has only made this worse. Computer science and communication expert, Cal Newport joins us this week to break down the main issues and possible solutions.

March 27 2021

Segment 1: Siri, Self-Driving Cars and Disinformation on Social Media: The Ups & Downs of Artificial Intelligence

AI software is everywhere these days. It's built into cars, tech, robotics and used in numerous fields from stock portfolio management to pharmaceuticals. But, what does the future of artificial intelligence hold as this technology expands? How will current problems be exacerbated? AI expert and New York Times journalist, Cade Metz joins Viewpoints this week.

Segment 2: Modern Adulthood

Whatever age you are, there's always certain pressures to hit life milestones by set periods. It can mean moving out, getting married, having a family or even retiring by a 'normal' age. We discuss why these external pressures shouldn't feed into personal decisions and how today's generations and the challenges they face greatly differ from those of their parents or grandparents.