

Issues and Programs - WHBE AM - 2020 Quarter 4

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

October 3 2020

Segment 1: Covid Testing On College Campuses

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has developed a quick and affordable saliva-based test that makes it possible for students, faculty and staff to get checked twice a week for COVID-19. We speak with one of its creators, Dr. Martin Burke about the largescale implementation of this method and the upcoming challenges with flu season quickly approaching.

Segment 2: Inside U.S. College Admissions

How will COVID-19 change the college admissions process? Will more students stay close to home? Will standardized tests be a thing of the past? Journalist, Jeffrey Selingo spent a year embedded in three college admissions offices and joins Viewpoints this week to share his insights and how this pandemic will alter higher education for good.

October 10 2020

Segment 1: The Life Of A Modern Private Eye

The field of private investigation is rapidly changing. And not entirely for the good. We speak with Tyler Maroney – a journalist turned private eye about the evolution of the industry and the role tech-savvy investigators play in influencing and providing transparency to governments, corporate entities, criminal justice lawyers and other sectors.

Segment 2: Why Is English So Hard To Learn?

We all know the rule: “I before E, except after C,” but it’s not applicable in “weird” or “science” or many other words. The English language has many exceptions to its rules and these irregularities make it a difficult language to learn. Two language experts join Viewpoints this week to share the many frustrations of English and the rules at play today.

October 17 2020

Segment 1: The 12 Million Undocumented Immigrants In The U.S.

In 2016, President Trump ran on a platform that vowed to deport all of the undocumented immigrants in the country. However, four years later and this population is still relatively the same. Is it a practical plan to deport millions who have lived in the U.S. for more than a decade, are law-abiding and fill important jobs that would otherwise be vacant?

Segment 2: White Collar Crime: The Players & Its Economic Consequences

Each year, white collar crime results in losses that range between 300 and 800 billion dollars.

Comparatively, other street-level crimes only total 16 billion dollars. Despite the huge cost, we seldom hear about lasting consequences for corporate offenders. We explore the prevalence of white-collar crime in our country and the systems that allow this corruption to flourish.

October 24 2020

Segment 1: Halloween 2020: The Kickoff To This Year’s Holiday Season

Halloween is just around the corner, falling on Saturday, October 31st. this year. Whatever your plans are this weekend, it’s important to stay safe by following the recommended precautions. The holiday may look a little different this year, but it doesn’t have to be any less spook-tastic.

Segment 2: Examining The Death-Care Industry

Planning for death is an important part of life. Getting your affairs in order and communicating your final wishes to your loved ones are two vital steps in this process. We speak with John Keith, the owner of Keith Monument, to better understand the field and some of the ways that COVID-19 has changed the way we celebrate life.

October 31 2020

Segment 1: The Native American Vote: A Group Plagued By Voter Marginalization

There are more than 5.2 million Native Americans living in the U.S., yet only a small fraction cast a ballot each election cycle. What factors lead to this low turnout? Viewpoints speaks with two experts about how historical bias feeds into the current challenges facing this group.

Segment 2: Good Morning Zoom

You may be familiar with the classic children's book, Goodnight Moon, but what about Good Morning Zoom? One mom living in New York City wanted to help her children better understand the pandemic, so wrote a parody based off of one of their favorite bedtime stories. The result? A funny, yet realistic look at parenting and getting through this period.

November 7 2020

Segment 1: The State Of Climate Science In The U.S.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, greenhouse gases trap heat in the atmosphere leading to a warmer planet. The largest source of greenhouse gas emissions due to human activities is from burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas for electricity, heat and transportation. In recent years, the increasingly dry and warm climate in the U.S. has led to extreme fires, record drought and more severe hurricanes. So, what can be done to alter the path we're currently on and make renewable energy (that results in less emissions) widely accessible for everyone?

Segment 2: Holiday Shopping 2020: Do You Need To Buy It?

Compulsive buying disorder affects around five percent of Americans. With prime shopping season fully underway, the number of ads and limited-time deals can lead to several unneeded purchases. We speak with psychologist, Dr. Michael Vilensky about how retailers get you to keep buying and what to do if you feel like you're shopping is getting to be a problem.

November 14 2020

Segment 1: The History of Football as the NFL Celebrates its 100th Anniversary

The National Football League was founded in 1920 – and it's no surprise that a lot has changed since then. Viewpoints speaks with three sports experts about the evolution of the football industry, its humble beginnings and why the NFL is still so pervasive and popular in American culture.

Segment 2: The State of Science

Before the pandemic, roughly 4 in 10 people across the world believed that if science didn't exist their lives would be no different, according to a global survey conducted by 3M Corporation. We dig into this staggering statistic and how COVID-19 has altered people's perception of the field.

November 21 2020

Segment 1: Surviving Parkland: The Perspective Of One Teacher

The 2018 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, Florida was the deadliest high school shooting in U.S. history. A teen gunman opened fire killing 17 students and faculty and injuring 17 others. Viewpoints speaks with high school teacher Jeff Foster who was there that day and is still an active voice in ending gun violence.

Segment 2: Relationships: The Human Experience In 2020

Technology has shaped the way we stay in touch, fall in love and even have kids. Dr. Debora Spar joins Viewpoints this week to share how innovation affects several different aspects of our lives and what the future holds in this space.

November 28 2020

Segment 1: The Early American Diet

Throughout history - war, famine, economic instability has affected what we choose to buy at the grocery store. Even today, the pandemic has shifted our grocery shopping and eating habits. This week, we rewind

back to the Great Depression, which forced millions of Americans to find new recipes and get creative with the limited number of ingredients they could afford.

Segment 2: I Spy Delicious Pie

Boozy Pecan, Cranberry-Pear, Banana Crème. The many flavors and textures of pie are endless. Just because Thanksgiving and all-things pumpkin have passed, doesn't mean an end to sugary holiday sweets. Viewpoints speaks with cookbook author Ken Haedrich about the prevalence of pie in American culture and how anyone – at any skill level – can bake a delicious pie in no time.

December 5 2020

Segment 1: Becoming Steve Jobs

Apple co-founder, Steve Jobs, was hailed as a genius and master innovator during his lifetime, but his career wasn't always a smooth, upward trajectory. He failed many times and was eventually sidelined at Apple. We speak with one of his biographers about how Jobs changed his ways during this turbulent time, and how his experiences working with NeXt Computer and Pixar helped develop him into a savvy, more understanding leader.

Segment 2: Liar, Liar: How To Get To The Truth

How do professionals question people to get the information they want? We talk to an expert in interrogation and lying on this subject, and how law enforcement and job interviewers use the same tactics to find out if someone may be lying to them.

December 12 2020

Segment 1: The Modern Diamond Business

The northwestern coast of South Africa & Namibia has been a mining hub for diamonds since the 1900's. Local workers labor through long shifts and hazardous working conditions in order to feed their families. The pay? Roughly five cents per carat of rough diamonds found. While some may argue that the industry stimulates the local economy, once a company deems an area to be over-mined, it pulls out, leaving behind nothing for locals except ravaged land.

Segment 2: The Lasting Legacy Of Alex Trebek & Jeopardy!

Alex Trebek hosted Jeopardy! for 37 seasons until his passing last month from pancreatic cancer. The trivia quiz series is unlike any other show on TV – and some would argue that a big part of what made it so entertaining was Trebek's talent for leading the game. We explore his career legacy and what's next for Jeopardy!.

December 19 2020

Segment 1: The Unending Toll Of Discrimination

Segregation not only divides cities but leads to divided people as well. It fuels biases against people who may look or act different than us, leading to generations of inequity and discrimination. Viewpoints speaks with social justice activist, Tonika Johnson about the many impacts 'segregation has had on the city of Chicago.

Segment 2: What Are You Grateful For?

Thank goodness 2020 is just about over. While this year has been full of many challenges, it's also made more Americans realize what truly matters and the importance of being thankful for even the littlest of things. As we all look ahead to next year and the habits we hope to cultivate, we discuss the benefits of practicing gratitude through writing.

December 26 2020

Segment 1: The On- And Off-Stage Benefits Of Practicing Improv

Getting on a stage in front of a crowd can be extremely daunting. But, taking a risk and trying something new may not only lead you to a new hobby but a renewed perspective on life. Improv comedy forces you to connect on a deeper level with others, as well as yourself through the collaboration, communication and confidence the performance art requires.

Segment 2: Game Show History

Before the game shows of today, there were countless series of the past that defied our notion of showmanship. Full of grandiose props, charismatic hosts and the perfect, hand-picked contestants, these series kept viewers hooked till the very end and were (really) too good to be true. We discuss some of the most popular game shows in American history and how the industry has evolved over the last 70 years.