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Locally produced news and public affairs magazine show featuring in-depth interviews, investigative reports, documentaries and feature stories on news events and issues of significance to the Sacramento area.

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ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES

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2. **ECONOMY**, including inflation; economic development; economic opportunity; welfare; unemployment; job training; labor relations; and consumer issues.

3. **GOVERNMENT**, including government spending; the provision of government services; taxes; general political debate by officials and candidates.

4. **HEALTH**, including quality of medical facilities; national health programs; nutrition; physical fitness; mental health; preventative health care; and medical malpractice.

5. **ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION**, including natural disasters; pollution (especially air and water); the water crisis; and the effects of urban sprawl.

6. **MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING**, including discrimination and other problems of racial minorities; women and senior citizens; the handicapped; homosexuals; and religious ethnic groups.

7. **CRIME**, including increasing crime rate; youth and gang crime; police-community relations; gun control; law enforcement; the criminal justice system; and the prison system, reform and rehabilitation.

8. **YOUTH & FAMILY**, including issues regarding marriage; the changing role of the family; parenting; child rearing; and abuse.

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Description: Selective mutism is a social anxiety disorder characterized by not speaking to specific people or in specific venues. More extreme than shyness, the problem surfaces in varied degrees of severity, mostly in children. Selective mutism is not a speech disorder. Speech therapy and traditional individual therapy for the child are in fact typically non-productive. Selective mutism can be considered an "addiction" to the avoidance of speaking, or a phobia of speaking. Selective mutism in childhood is highly correlated with social anxiety and social phobia as the sufferer develops. If not addressed and corrected, Selective Mutism can cause avoidant and dependent personality disorders. Anxiety worsens with time as it integrates insidiously into the personality. The biggest mistake made regarding selective mutism in children is the belief that "the child will grow out of the problem". The second biggest mistake is the incorrect use of medication, which typically worsens the problem.

PUBLIC FILE, PART 2

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PUBLIC FILE

Host: Kat Maudru

Locally produced news and public affairs magazine show featuring in-depth interviews, investigative reports, documentaries and feature stories on news events and issues of significance to the Sacramento area.

PUBLIC FILE
ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES

1. **EDUCATION**, including the quality of public education; school busing; white flight; bilingual education; school violence; and the quality of college and adult education.

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4. **MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING**, including discrimination and other problems of racial minorities; women and senior citizens; the handicapped; homosexuals; and religious ethnic groups.

5. **HOUSING**, including rental restrictions; rent control; lack of low and middle housing; landlord / tenant relations; historical preservation; and mortgage rates.

6. **YOUTH & FAMILY**, including issues regarding marriage; the changing role of the family; parenting; child rearing; and abuse.

ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

EDUCATION

Issue: **College Scholarships for Studying Special Education**
Program: Public File
Date: January 25, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The goal of Runnin' for Rhett is to let Rhett's story inspire those who feel defeated, to uplift those who feel down and encourage people to take that first step and MOVE INTO LIFE. Rhett Seevers was born on February 7, 1997. At four months, his parents were devastated by the news that their little boy had severe cerebral palsy and would face a life full of challenges. On March 13, 2004, after 7 years of full-time care, love and devotion, Rhett passed away. In the spring of 2005, as the anniversary of Rhett's death approached, a friend of Rhett's mom, Beth, introduced her to running. She learned of the Shamrock'n ½ marathon. It was ironically being held on the first anniversary of Rhett's passing. Completing the run was such an inspiration to Beth. The following year, she asked that her friends and family join her. 35 additional friends and family donned the first baby blue running shirts that year. In the spring of 2007, with the addition of an organized training group, over 125 people participated in the race. On December 7, 2007, the "Runnin' for Rhett" non-profit foundation was formed. As a result, in the spring of 2008 a total of nearly 400 people in all were able to participate in the event. A total of $12,500 was raised and the very first "Runnin for Rhett" scholarship will be awarded to a deserving Sacramento County college student in the spring of 2009.

Issue: **Smithsonian Space Exhibit Coming to Sacramento**
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Issue: **Local Library System**
Program: Public File
Date: March 22, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The Sacramento Public Library Authority is the fourth largest library system in California serving the public in the City and County of Sacramento as well as the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton and Rancho Cordova. The Sacramento Public Library operates 27 libraries, which includes a Central Library in downtown Sacramento, has over 300 staff members, a collection of 2M volumes, and a budget of $26M. More than 500,000 residents have a library card and over 6M items are circulated annually. Their goal is to ensure all residents of these diverse communities have access to high quality library services, to provide exemplary customer service, to be an organization where employees feel valued, to foster a cooperative environment that develops staff potential through training and education, to maximize public and private financial resources and support for the library, to be a progressive provider of information technology, to define and employ the best methods for all our endeavors.

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HEALTH

Issue: **Granting Wishes to Terminally Ill Children**
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Issue: **Health for Pregnant Women**
Program: Public File
Date: February 1, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

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HEALTH (Cont'd)

Issue: **Influenza Vaccinations**
Program: Public File
Date: February 8, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: On average, 1 out of 5 Americans suffers from influenza each year. Approximately 226,000 people in the U.S. are hospitalized, and an average of 36,000 will die from influenza and its complications every year. Anyone can catch the flu. Some influenza infections will cause lost work and school day, but those at highest risk of suffering from complications, the results can be more severe. The best way to prevent influenza is with an annual influenza vaccination. Combined with pneumonia, influenza is the nation's eighth leading cause of death in the U.S. Influenza is not the common cold. It's serious. Influenza symptoms include fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur, but are more common in children than adults. Complications of influenza can include viral or bacterial pneumonia and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, congestive heart failure, and diabetes. Children may experience sinus problems and ear infections. Influenza viruses spread in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. They usually spread from person to person, though sometimes people become infected by touching something contaminated with the influenza virus and then touching their mouths or noses.

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HOUSING

Issue: **Eating Disorders**
Program: Public File
Date: January 4, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The Common Good reaches out to Placer county residents in need through outreach programs such as Neighborhood Dinner and the Angel Tree. Beyond these programs, the Common Good seeks to develop and implement long term strategies for overcoming transitional housing shortages. The Common Good also seeks to connect people to meaningful employment in jobs featuring a living wage. Finally, they seek to support programs such as Homestart and the Gathering Inn with both human and financial needs.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Music Therapy**
Program: Public File
Date: February 3, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Music therapy is defined as the skillful use of music and musical elements by an accredited music therapist. It is a discipline which combines the use of music with the personal qualities of the therapist as a treatment for rehabilitating, maintaining, and improving the lives of persons with emotional, cognitive, social, spiritual, psychological and physical needs. Music therapy has been used to help patients with conditions such as Alzheimers Disease, Autism spectrum disorder, and brain injuries. Music therapy has been shown to be effective with people of all ages and abilities. Whether the challenges be physical, emotional, or psychological, a visit to a music therapist may prove beneficial. Goal areas may include, but are not limited to, motor skills, social/interpersonal development, cognitive development, self-awareness, and spiritual enhancement. Clients do not have to be musicians to participate in or benefit from music therapy. In fact, because most clients have not had previous musical training, music therapy sessions are always designed to take advantage of the innate tendencies of all human beings to make and appreciate music at their own developmental levels.

Issue: **Response to Crisis**
Program: Public File
Date: February 10, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy is a non-profit organization that provides nonsectarian crisis intervention to law enforcement and the community at large. The Chaplaincy primarily serves the federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in Placer County. As a result of its achievements over the years, the Chaplaincy has frequently been cited as a national model, and has become a resource for communities throughout the United States. Chaplains are first responders who are trained in crisis care. The Chaplaincy includes two kinds of chaplains. Law Enforcement Chaplains primarily serve law enforcement employees and their families. Law Enforcement Chaplains must be licenses or ordained. On the other hand, Community Chaplains primarily serve citizens who are affected by crimes and other traumatic incidents, particularly including the families, friends, neighbors and co-workers of victims. Chaplains come from a very broad racial, sectarian, geographic, and socioeconomic cross-section of the Placer County region. At any given time, the Chaplaincy's roster typically includes 10 to15 law enforcement chaplains and 60 to 70 community chaplains.

Issue: **Hospital Fundraiser**
Program: Public File
Date: February 17, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The Children's Miracle Network (CMN) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for, and awareness of, children's hospitals. Locally, the UC Davis Children's Hospital is the CMN beneficiary. UC Davis Children's Hospital is Sacramento's only fully accredited, comprehensive hospital for children. The facility encompasses a wide range of services, such as pediatric intensive care, a comprehensive cancer program, neurological services, and life flight emergency transport. Through Radiothons, such as the one the Entercom Sacramento radio group is hosting, more than 40 million dollars have been raised for the CMN hospitals.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Childhood Obesity**
Program: Public File
Date: March 2, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Childhood obesity is a medical condition that affects children. It is characterized by a weight well above the mean for their height and age and a body mass index well above the norm. Childhood obesity is considered by many to be an "epidemic" in Western countries, in particular, the United States, United Kingdom and Australia. Over 15% of American children are currently considered obese, and the number is growing. Daily consumption of fast food and junk food has dominated over healthy food choices. Researchers provided a lunchtime survey for a one year period to 1,681 children, ages 5 to 12 years old. They discovered that although 68% of the children did have fruit in their lunchboxes, 90% of the children had junk food in their lunch boxes. Physical inactivity of children has also shown to be a serious cause, and children who fail to engage in regular physical activity are at greater risk of obesity. Researchers studied the physical activity of 133 children over a three week period using an accelerometer to measure each child's level of physical activity. They discovered the obese children were 35% less active on school days and 65% less active on weekends compared to non-obese children. Northern Area Dietetic Association (NADA) of the California Dietetic Association is a network of local Registered Dietitians (RD) and Dietetic Technicians Registered (DTR) who provide expertise in nutrition and health fitness.

Issue: **Help for At-Risk Youth**
Program: Public File
Date: March 9, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: California Coalition for Youth's (CCY) mission is to lead California as a voice for youth-adult partnerships. They advocate for public policies, programs and services that empower, support and protect the rights of youth and their families. CCY, a charitable non-profit, was initially formed in 1978 in response to ensure that the rights of California's youth and their families were considered. Several groups joined forces in this effort and formed CCY. To address crisis issues of youth, CCY began operating the California Youth Crisis line with funding by the State of California. Currently, operating funds are derived from competitively awarded grants and contracts from the state as well as from private foundation, membership fees, donations, and in-house fund-raising activities. Their Youth Crisis Line establishes and protects the rights of all youth and their families to receive necessary prevention and intervention services.

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TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE

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Description

Every day, faculty members at schools and universities throughout the world are making discoveries that shape our ways of thinking and redefine our understanding of today's knowledge-driven society. Since 1990, The Best of Our Knowledge has highlighted breakthroughs across disciplines and across the globe, putting you in touch with the men and women at the front of their fields. Each week, co-host Dr. Karen R. Hitchcock examines some of the issues unique to college campuses, looks at the latest research, and invites commentary from experts and administrators from all levels of education.

Glenn Busby, co-host and producer of Best of Our Knowledge, has made a special commitment to report on important developments in educational research. The fact is, at every college and university there is a great deal of research being conducted which could potentially have a dramatic impact on the ways in which we educate our students, from the lower grades right through graduate school. Unfortunately, all too often the results of that research are relegated to a shelf somewhere, or are only seen by the small number of people who actually read the scholarly journals. There is no question that the work is being done – the problem is, once it's done, the people in a position to benefit from it most haven't gotten a chance to hear about it.

PUBLIC FILE
ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES

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2. **ECONOMY**, including inflation; economic development; economic opportunity; welfare; unemployment; job training; labor relations; and consumer issues.

3. **GOVERNMENT**, including government spending; the provision of government services; taxes; general political debate by officials and candidates.

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7. **CRIME**, including increasing crime rate; youth and gang crime; police-community relations; gun control; law enforcement; the criminal justice system; and the prison system, reform and rehabilitation.

ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

EDUCATION

Issue: **The Language of Learning – The California Repot: Teaching the Teachers**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 4, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: California is ground zero when it comes to English language learners. More than one-third of the students meet the Limited English Proficiency standards.

As the number of immigrant students needing to learn English swells, so too does the need to prepare teachers how to teach them.

A recent study found that English proficiency is the biggest predictor of academic achievement for immigrant students.

In our special series earlier called The Language of Learning, The California Report explored the best way to teach the teachers how to cope with that state's burgeoning English language population.

TBOOK visited programs at Sacramento State University and San Jose State University. This has particular importance as we move forward in 2009.

Issue: **Good Schools in Poor Neighborhoods: Defying Demographics, Achieving Success**
Date: January 4, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: After three years of ground breaking research, Dr. Pat Campbell published Good Schools in Poor Neighborhoods.

Her book contrasts highly effective schools serving urban, low income, minority youth… with their more typical struggling counterparts.

This study shows how schools in poor socio-economic areas can become effective sanctuaries of excellent education, and answers many questions we hear about how schools can accomplish this.

Issue: **School Desegregation in 1946**
Date: January 4, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: It's been more than fifty years since the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed segregation in public schools in the famous Brown v board of Education decision.

But in this truly amazing tale, there was a school that desegregated every long before it became the law of the land. And that school remains today in Alexandria, Virginia. This is a must hear story no one should miss.

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Cities in Crisis 2009: Closing the Graduation Gap**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 11, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Graduation rates have become a prominent feature in the landscape of high school reform, and within the larger world of educational policy.

Studies conducted over the past several years have repeatedly demonstrated that far fewer American students are completing high school with a diploma, than had previously been realized.

America's high schools have often been described as existing in a state of crisis.

As we learn in this report, that observation is particularly apt for the school systems serving the nation's very largest cities.

That's why many top educators are now calling the very large education gap between urban and suburban students, the "civil rights issue of our generation.".

Issue: **Dropout Factories: President Obama and Secretary Duncan**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 11, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The condition of the nation's high schools stands as a central concern among both educators and policymakers.

The extent to which graduation has factored into recent debates over educational reform, the nation's economic vitality, and the direction of the domestic public policy – attests to the issue's importance.

Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, highlights the need to turn around low performing schools as on of President Obama's key priorities. For example, he says "in approximately 2,000 high schools, 60% of the entering freshman class will drop out by the time they're supposed to be seniors." Secretary Duncan adds "that the collective loss of human potential and the long-term negative impact on our economy are both staggering." He pegs the cost to the country over the next decade at 3-trillion dollars.

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **HBCU Study Shows Improved Retention, Progression, and Graduation for African-American Students – Part 1 of 2**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 18, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: With this program, we begin our special two-week celebration honoring the federal holiday and birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ironically, the federal holiday of the slain civil rights leader falls in the same week as the country inaugurates its first African-American president.

According to a report by David Glenn in The Chronicle of Higher Education, universities worry about the "stark disparity between minority student's share of the population and their share of Ph.D.'s, especially in engineering and the sciences.

Daryl Chubin agrees. Chubin is Director of the Center for Advancing Science & Engineering Capacity, a project of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He says "we are underutilizing a lot of talent in this country... women and underrepresented minorities are not participating in the sciences anywhere close to their representation in the general population."

At an annual meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools in Washington last month, several higher education leaders said "there is no legitimate reason for universities to give up on diversifying doctoral education." They said "successful models are out there and out to be imitated."

We've reported on this show before about the successful Meyerhoff Scholarship Program at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Science and engineering doctoral programs on that campus have seen nearly a 45% increase in students from underrepresented minority groups.

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Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 25, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Since we've been talking about science in our show today, new scientific results continue to flow in from current and past Mars missions. And this helps shape our understanding of Mars' early planetary history.

Believe it or not, NASA's twin robot geologists, the Mars Exploration Rovers – Spirit and Opportunity – are still active on the Martian surface. We reported to you on this show five years ago that the Rovers were designed to last only 90 days. Five years later, that now seems like a pretty good investment.

The arrival of spring in southern Mars is reviving the venerable explorers. After hibernating for the winter on the northern edge of a plateau called Home Plate, the Spirit Rover moved uphill recently to collect more sunlight to power up its systems. On the other side of Mars, the Opportunity Rover continues a 12 kilometer trek towards a large crater named Endeavour.

We talk about the search for water and life on Mars with Dr. James Greenwood, Research Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

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Description: Is technology turning us into a nation of "illiterates?" In this increasingly electronic society, penmanship has seemingly taken a backseat to emails, text messaging, and instant messages. Handwriting drills have been replaced in favor of keyboarding, and the days of mastering perfect penmanship are long gone. So it is, that this week, schools across the country are celebrating National Handwriting Day in honor of John Hancock's birthday. For more on this topic, there's a new book titled *Script and Scribble* by bestselling author, Kitty Burns Florey.

Then, millions of college students can now choose to buy their assigned textbook as the E-textbook. Industry analysts indicate that more than one-third of the most popular college textbook titles are now available in electronic version. Among the most common reasons given – cost and more environmentally-friendly.

And finally, students are still paying to settle lawsuits by the Recording Industry Association of America for copyright violations. Some students are paying at least $3,000 or more. Colleges have taken various approaches to the RIAA anti-piracy campaign. Some have fought the industry's suit. Others are trying to deter students from illegal file sharing by limiting their bandwidth and stepping up education programs which promote legal options, like Napster or Ruckus.

Issue: **Connected Campuses**
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Description: If you are my age, it doesn't seem that long ago when a highly connected campus was one where each dorm room had its own phone line. Yes, times certainly have changed.

In order to remain competitive in this 21st century, a college has to support wireless networking, provide ultra high-speed connections to classrooms, and as we heard in our first story today, grow their online class offerings.

Like it or not, today's students depend on technology to live, work, and play. And today's colleges have to provide high-tech tools in order to attract the best applicants.

The Princeton Review is known for its annual Best Colleges survey. But not long ago, it also published a Most Connected Campuses list. TBOOK spoke with Rob Franek, Princeton Review Vice President & Publisher.

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Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
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Description: Nationwide, nearly one in three U.S. high school students fail to graduate. That's more than 1-million students dropping out each and every year.

Among minority students, the problem is even more severe, with nearly 50% of African-American and Hispanic students not completing high school on time.

Cities in Crisis 2009: Closing the Graduation Gap was prepared for America's Promise Alliance by the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center. It shows that despite some progress made by a few cities in the past ten years, the average graduation rate of the 50 largest cities is well below the national average of 71%. And there remains an 18 percentage point urban/suburban gap.

Studies show that dropping out of high school impacts not just students and their families, but the country overall – including businesses, government and communities. Estimates from just one year, the class of 2007, indicate that high school dropouts, for that year, will cost this country at least 330-billion dollars in lost wages, taxes and productivity over their lifetimes. Authorities also indicate those who drop out are more likely to be incarcerated, rely on public programs and social services, and go without health insurance… than those who graduate from high school.

Issue: **Daily Lessons: Inside Western Guilford High School Documentary Series, Final Chapter – Dropping Out**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
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Description: As we've already heard in this program, teenagers are dropping out of school at the alarming rate of 1-million or more every year in the United States.

Although there are many reasons common to most dropouts, each story is truly unique.

Today, as we complete our documentary series from Western Guilford High School in Greensboro, North Carolina, we hear the tragic story of one young woman's struggle to remain in school and graduate.

Issue: **Education Headlines and Updates**
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Description: As we reached our publishing deadlines for this show, the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center released some new findings for the class of 2006, called Diplomas Count 2009.

This study indicated the first significant annual decline in graduation rates in more than a decade and rates for certain minority student were even lower.

On average, Asian students graduated at a rate of nearly 79%, compared to 76% for whites, 55% for Hispanics, 51% for African Americans, and 50% of American Indians. For each student group, the graduation rate for the class of 2006 was lower than the class of 2005. In related news, another report, this one by the American Enterprise Institute, reveals that colleges and universities are failing to graduate a majority of their students in six years. Nationally, four-year colleges graduated an average of just 53% of entering students within that six year time frame.

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Description: Graduation rates have become a prominent feature in the landscaping of high school reform, and within the larger world of educational policy.

Studies conducted over the past several years have repeatedly demonstrated that far fewer American students are completing high school with a diploma, than had previously been realized.

America's high schools have often been described as existing in a state of crisis.

As we learn in this report, that observation is particularly apt for the school systems serving the nation's very largest cities.

That's why many top educators are now calling the very large education gap between urban and suburban students, the "civil rights issue of our generation."

Issue: **Dropout Factories: President Obama and Secretary Duncan**
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The condition of the nation's high schools stands as a central concern among both educators and policymakers.

The extent to which graduation has factored into recent debates over educational reform, the nation's economic vitality, and the direction of domestic public policy – attests to the issue's importance.

Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, highlights the need to turn around low performing schools as one of President Obama's key priorities. For example, he says "in approximately 2,000 high schools, 60% of the entering freshman class will drop out by the time they're supposed to be seniors." Secretary Duncan adds "that the collective loss of human potential and the long-term negative impact on our economy are both "staggering." He pegs the cost to the country over the next decade at 3-trillion dollars.

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Issue: **President's Day Week – College Presidents, That is "The Intentional Leader, 2009 Supplement"**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
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Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: **T**his week, we recognize the President's Day national holiday by putting a little twist on it. Instead of heads of state, we'll talk with presidents of colleges and universities.

Kenneth "Buzz" Shaw served as a campus or system president for 27-years. First, at Southern Illinois University, then the University of Wisconsin System, finishing up at Syracuse University where he's spent the past 17-years.

Since 2004, Shaw has been Chancellor Emeritus and University Professor, teaching courses in leadership at Syracuse. Kenneth Shaw has received eight honorary degrees, and been recognized as one of this nation's top entrepreneurial presidents.

"Buzz" Shaw, as he is know by most people, is the 2008 Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, that state's highest honor.

His first book, *The Successful President: Buzzwords on Leadership*, was published in 1999. His second, *The Intentional Leader*, was published in 2005, but *The Intentional Leader, 2009 Supplement*, is in print this spring from Syracuse University Press.

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Description: Who in our listening audience has not, at some time in their life, thought about going back in time, and trying to relive your youth? Our next guest actually did it.

Roger Martin is Professor of History Emeritus, and past President at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. He went from being a college president, to being a college freshman.

Martin enrolled at St. John's College, The Great Books School, in Annapolis, Maryland as a 61-year old freshman. Along the way, he pondered one of the most pressing questions facing education today. Do the liberal arts sill have a role to play in a society that seems to value professional, vocational, and career training above all else?

His book chronicling this amazing journey and exciting return to youth has now been published. It's titled *Racing Odysseus: a College President Becomes a Freshman* Again. It's from the University of California Press.

Issue: **Exploravision Contest and STEM – A Sign of the Times**
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Description: In his inaugural address, President Barack Obama stated that "we will restore science to its rightful place… and wield technology's wonders." Underlying goals are obvious. To help the U.S. become more competitive in the global marketplace, and to help stimulate the U.S. economy.

So, TBOOK thought it would try to find out why it's been difficult to get more students into the sciences. How can teachers and parents work together to motivate children into science? How can we spark students' interest in important "green" issues, and teach them to look to science and technology to help find solutions?

Some examples. This month was the 8th year that Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day was held. It's become an annual way to connect girls with mentors and role models in engineering and bring more gender equity to a field where only 20% of engineering undergraduates are women.

Also underway right now is the 17th annual Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association Exploravision Awards. These are billed as the world's largest K thru 12 science competition.

Exploravision is designed for students of all interest, skill, and ability levels. All inventions and innovations result from creative thinking and problem solving, and since 1992, over 250,000 students have competed. The mission is to begin a lifelong adventure in science as students develop higher-order thinking skills, and imagine their role in the future.

To help us talk about the importance of science is a real veteran in this field. She's been involved with the Exploravision contest for ten years and has an extensive list of credentials.

Suzanne Kantra was Technology Editor at Popular Science for a decade. She's also the former Technology Editor of Martha Stewart Living. Past host of Living with Technology on Sirius satellite radio. And this year, Kantra launches her own new technology website for women. Listeners have probably seen her as she's been on all the major networks and talk shows.

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Issue: **Black History Month Special Recognition – Dr. James P. Comer, African American Community Educator**
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Description: President Obama has always spoken of his past experiences as a community organizer. And he is of course a strong advocate for getting the highest quality teachers targeted towards pool, inner-city schools and neighborhoods. We found an African American educator who has been doing just that for 40-years.

Dr. James P. Comer is the Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center in New Haven, Connecticut.

He's known for his creation of the Comer Process, a system of education focused on child development in inner-city schools. His School Development Program has been used in more than 600 schools in 82 school districts across 26 states.

The Comer School Development Program promotes the collaboration of parents, educators and community resources to improve social, emotional and academic outcomes for children – to help them be successful in school.

Dr. Comer has received 46 honorary degrees, including one last year from Harvard. He's a prolific writer, authoring ten books including *Leave No Child Behind*. And he's written a fascinating chapter titled, *From There to Here* in the new book called, *Those Who Dared: Five Visionaries Who Changed American Education*. The book is from Teachers College Press. It's edited by our guest Carl Glickman, President of the Institute for Schools, Education and Democracy.

Issue: **Women's History Month – Higher Education Single-Gender Schools**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 8, 2009
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Description: March has been recognized as Women's History Month since 1987. Each year, programs and activities in schools, workplaces, and communities have become more extensive as information and program ideas have been developed and shared.

Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts was founded at a time when there were practically no choices for women who wanted an education equal to that of men. The idea of such a college was a radical notion back in 1871. But nearly 140 years later, smith remains true to its mission of providing women with the highest quality it can.

Smith's 10th President is Carol Christ. Her goals include curriculum development, increasing diversity on campus, and making college more accessible and affordable

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Description: As in our last story, we often talk about college access and affordability here on TBOOK. So when we found out about The Access Project at Hamilton College, we wanted to share their program with a broader national audience to let you hear about its success at providing a new pathway to college for students who would not otherwise be able to attend. The majority of participants are women.

The Access Project began as a demonstration educational, social service, and career program to assist profoundly low-income parents in central New York.

Among its goals, to move parents from welfare and low-wage work, to meaningful and secure career employment through higher education.

The Access Project supports this "at risk" population through an intensive and fully supported introduction to liberal arts education, combined with comprehensive social service, family and career supports. This is their remarkable story.

TBOOK speaks with Founder and Director, Dr. Vivyan Adair. She's also a Professor of Women's Studies at Hamilton College. Dr. Adair has been honored by being named The New York State Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Institute.

Issue: **National Women's History Month Profiles – Grace Hopper**
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Description: Because this is Women's History Month, we're featuring stories about important women in history on our shows all month long.

This week, a word about the annual Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference. This year's theme is Creating Technology for Social Good. It's a program of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology.

The event offers women the opportunity to learn about new technologies, to build networks, and advance their careers in both industry and academia.

Last year's Grace Hopper Conference was a complete sell-out with nearly 1,500 attendees. They represented over 100 companies, 200 academic institutions, government agencies, and 22 countries.

To learn more of how Grace Hopper inspired this legacy and remains such a prominent figure in computer science today, we've prepared this profile.

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Issue: **Are Women-Only Colleges Still Necessary? The Case of Randolph-Macon College: An Autopsy of Change**
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Description: As National Women's History Month begins to wind down, we ask some questions. Are women-only colleges passing into history? Are single-sex colleges still necessary? Are they a thing of the past? Will there eventually be none left?

We decided to look at the case of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. Randolph-Macon is home to about 12-hundred students and is about 90 miles south of Washington, D.C.

Students and donors, upset at the institution's decision to start admitting men, brought two lawsuits against the school formerly known as Randolph-Macon Women's College. The Virginia Supreme Court upheld lower court rulings which dismissed those lawsuits against the school. Though the lawsuits have been settled, lessons can be learned by other colleges considering a like move.

In one case, a group of students accused the college of a breach of contract, arguing that when they were accepted and paid tuition, they were promised four years of education at a women's college. In the second case, the court ruled unanimously against students and alumnae donors, who argued their gifts to Randolph-Macon Women's College had been intended to support an all female institution.

Just like other schools, women's colleges must stay solvent in order to provide a quality education. And some are now opting to go co-educational, rather than close their doors.

The difficult decision to admit men for the first time was made at Randolph-Macon. We wanted to learn how administrators made that choice to go co-ed and how they handled student's anger at the change. So we decided to do an "autopsy", of sorts, on the emotional upheaval.

Issue: **University of St. Gallen Lectures Nine Year Old Students**
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Description: The University of St. Gallen in Switzerland has become one of the first in that part of Europe to offer lectures to children. We're talking young children.

Some 650 students, as young as nine, literally poured into the university's main hall not long ago for a lecture about money and economics.

Was the children's university encounter a success? And will the young generations of students go back for more?

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The former chief of the Chicago Public Schools is now point person for President Obama's expansive K thru 12 agenda, which includes efforts to recruit large numbers of new teachers, and ensure they're highly qualified to work in the schools that need them the most.

Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, will lead the new administration's efforts to revise and renew the No Child Left Behind Act. And Mr. Duncan also needs to decide how to use temporary executive powers designated to ensure that banks have enough cash to make tuition loans to college students for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

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Education Secretary Duncan obviously can anticipate a great deal of support for his department for President Obama. The president has pledged to launch a "sweeping effort" to modernize school buildings and equip classrooms with computers as part of his economic stimulus plan. Indeed, early in his inaugural address, the president alluded to this, but also said schools are failing too many… (audio bite) *"We will restore science to its rightful place, and wield technology's wonders to raise health care's quality and lower its cost. We will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories. And we will transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age. All this we can do. All this we will do."*

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So, TBOOK thought it would try to find out why it's been difficult to get more students into the sciences. How can teachers and parents work together to motivate children into science? How can we spark students' interest in important "green" issues, and teach them to look to science and technology to help find solutions?

Some examples. This month was the 8th year that Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day was held. It's become an annual way to connect girls with mentors and role models in engineering and bring more gender equity to a field where only 20% of engineering undergraduates are women.

Also underway right now is the 17th annual Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association Exploravision Awards. These are billed as the world's largest K thru 12 science competition.

Exploravision is designed for students of all interest, skill, and ability levels. All inventions and innovations result from creative thinking and problem solving, and since 1992, over 250,000 students have competed. The mission is to begin a lifelong adventure in science as students develop higher-order thinking skills, and imagine their role in the future.

To help us talk about the importance of science is a real veteran in this field. She's been involved with the Exploravision contest for ten years and has an extensive list of credentials.

Suzanne Kantra was Technology Editor at Popular Science for a decade. She's also the former Technology Editor of Martha Stewart Living. Past host of Living with Technology on Sirius satellite radio. And this year, Kantra launches her own new technology website for women. Listeners have probably seen her as she's been on all the major networks and talk shows.

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Description: California is ground zero when it comes to English language learners. More than one-third of the students meet the Limited English Proficiency standards.

As the number of immigrant students needing to learn English swells, so too does the need to prepare teachers how to teach them.

A recent study found that English proficiency is the biggest predictor of academic achievement for immigrant students.

In our special series earlier called The Language of Learning, The California Report explored the best way to teach the teachers how to cope with that state's burgeoning English language population.

TBOOK visited programs at Sacramento State University and San Jose State University. This has particular importance as we move forward in 2009.

Issue: **School Desegregation in 1946**
Date: January 4, 2009
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Description: It's been more than fifty years since the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed segregation in public schools in the famous Brown v board of Education decision.

But in this truly amazing tale, there was a school that desegregated every long before it became the law of the land. And that school remains today in Alexandria, Virginia. This is a must hear story no one should miss.

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Those comments are included in an article in the last edition of MENTORNET NEWS, and are co-written by Daryl Chubin, Director of the Center for Advancing Science & Engineering Capacity at the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His co-author is Shirley Malcom, head of the AAAS Education and Human Resources Program.

They write, "As an engine of our economy, the STEM disciplines and the diversity of that workforce should give us great pause. Although only 5% of American workers were employed in STEM occupations as of 2006, their impact on the national and global economies is disproportionately large."

While Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) continue to grow, they're often the least understood and least studied institutions of higher education. But that's changing at Norfolk State University in Virginia. They've had a grant to study their STEM Student Scholarship Program. It's part of what they call the DNIMAS, or the Dozoretz National Institute for Mathematics and Applied Sciences.

Last week we heard the goal of DNIMAS is to address the severe shortage of minority students in the sciences. This week we learn that the DNIMAS graduation rate is 72%. That compares with just 26% for the university as a whole. And importantly, more than 90% of students stay in science, engineering, and math. Here's the completion of our documentary from NSU in Norfolk.

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Description: Nationwide, nearly one in three U.S. high school students fail to graduate. That's more than 1-million students dropping out each and every year.

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Cities in Crisis 2009: Closing the Graduation Gap was prepared for America's Promise Alliance by the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center. It shows that despite some progress made by a few cities in the past ten years, the average graduation rate of the 50 largest cities is well below the national average of 71%. And there remains an 18 percentage point urban/suburban gap.

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Issue: **Education Headlines and Updates**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
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Description: As we reached our publishing deadlines for this show, the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center released some new findings for the class of 2006, called Diplomas Count 2009.

This study indicated the first significant annual decline in graduation rates in more than a decade and rates for certain minority student were even lower.

On average, Asian students graduated at a rate of nearly 79%, compared to 76% for whites, 55% for Hispanics, 51% for African Americans, and 50% of American Indians. For each student group, the graduation rate for the class of 2006 was lower than the class of 2005. In related news, another report, this one by the American Enterprise Institute, reveals that colleges and universities are failing to graduate a majority of their students in six years. Nationally, four-year colleges graduated an average of just 53% of entering students within that six year time frame.

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Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts was founded at a time when there were practically no choices for women who wanted an education equal to that of men. The idea of such a college was a radical notion back in 1871. But nearly 140 years later, smith remains true to its mission of providing women with the highest quality it can.

Smith's 10th President is Carol Christ. Her goals include curriculum development, increasing diversity on campus, and making college more accessible and affordable.

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Description: As in our last story, we often talk about college access and affordability here on TBOOK. So when we found out about The Access Project at Hamilton College, we wanted to share their program with a broader national audience to let you hear about its success at providing a new pathway to college for students who would not otherwise be able to attend. The majority of participants are women.

The Access Project began as a demonstration educational, social service, and career program to assist profoundly low-income parents in central New York.

Among its goals, to move parents from welfare and low-wage work, to meaningful and secure career employment through higher education.

The Access Project supports this "at risk" population through an intensive and fully supported introduction to liberal arts education, combined with comprehensive social service, family and career supports. This is their remarkable story.

TBOOK speaks with Founder and Director, Dr. Vivyan Adair. She's also a Professor of Women's Studies at Hamilton College. Dr. Adair has been honored by being named The New York State Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Institute.

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Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 22, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Because this is Women's History Month, we're featuring stories about important women in history on our shows all month long.

This week, a word about the annual Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference. This year's theme is Creating Technology for Social Good. It's a program of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology.

The event offers women the opportunity to learn about new technologies, to build networks, and advance their careers in both industry and academia.

Last year's Grace Hopper Conference was a complete sell-out with nearly 1,500 attendees. They represented over 100 companies, 200 academic institutions, government agencies, and 22 countries.

To learn more of how Grace Hopper inspired this legacy and remains such a prominent figure in computer science today, we've prepared this profile.

Issue: **Are Women-Only Colleges Still Necessary? The Case of Randolph-Macon College: An Autopsy of Change**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 29, 2009
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Description: As National Women's History Month begins to wind down, we ask some questions. Are women-only colleges passing into history? Are single-sex colleges still necessary? Are they a thing of the past? Will there eventually be none left?

We decided to look at the case of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. Randolph-Macon is home to about 12-hundred students and is about 90 miles south of Washington, D.C.

Students and donors, upset at the institution's decision to start admitting men, brought two lawsuits against the school formerly known as Randolph-Macon Women's College. The Virginia Supreme Court upheld lower court rulings which dismissed those lawsuits against the school. Though the lawsuits have been settled, lessons can be learned by other colleges considering a like move.

In one case, a group of students accused the college of a breach of contract, arguing that when they were accepted and paid tuition, they were promised four years of education at a women's college. In the second case, the court ruled unanimously against students and alumnae donors, who argued their gifts to Randolph-Macon Women's College had been intended to support an all female institution.

Just like other schools, women's colleges must stay solvent in order to provide a quality education. And some are now opting to go co-educational, rather than close their doors.

The difficult decision to admit men for the first time was made at Randolph-Macon. We wanted to learn how administrators made that choice to go co-ed and how they handled student's anger at the change. So we decided to do an "autopsy", of sorts, on the emotional upheaval.

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Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Graduation rates have become a prominent feature in the landscaping of high school reform, and within the larger world of educational policy.

Studies conducted over the past several years have repeatedly demonstrated that far fewer American students are completing high school with a diploma, than had previously been realized.

America's high schools have often been described as existing in a state of crisis.

As we learn in this report, that observation is particularly apt for the school systems serving the nation's very largest cities.

That's why many top educators are now calling the very large education gap between urban and suburban students, the "civil rights issue of our generation."

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EDUCATION

Program: 51%
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Description: Fewer and fewer radio stations play contemporary classical music – but the world is actually vibrant, and has become more and more open to women over the years. Case in point: The Grammys. The national music awards show has honored classical composers since 1961 – but a woman has never won the category of Best Classical Contemporary Composition. This year, two female composers were nominated, and both of them agreed to be interviewed for 51%. Let's start with Joan Tower, nominated for her orchestral work called "Made in America". It's a sweeping piece that's based on "America the Beautiful," which she wrote in a program supported by the Ford Foundation. Here's an excerpt of Made in America, played by the Nashville Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leonard Slatkin. The year it premiered, orchestras in all 50 states played the work. Tower is turning 70 this year, and she says there's no better way to celebrate her birthday than with her first Grammy nomination. Tower and I spoke about her life as a female classical music composer – she says her connection with music stretches back to early childhood.

Unlike Joan Tower, Jennifer Higdon didn't study music until joining her high school marching band… she studied flute in college, and then fell in love with composition. Higdon has hit her stride at an immensely young age for a composer – at 45, she can hardly keep up with demand for new pieces. Higdon is famous for her versatility, bending the classical genre to include bluegrass groups – and writing for more traditional virtuosos like violinist Hilary Hahn. This year, the Grammy Awards nominated Jennifer Higdon for a piece called Zaka that she wrote for the new music ensemble Eighth Blackbird. Jennifer wrote that piece in 2003. It's her second piece to be nominated for a Grammy. I spoke to her about her life as a composer when she as in the glow of two recent concerto premiers at the Philadelphia Orchestra. She told me how she got started as a composer.

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Description: A few weeks ago on 51%, we devoted an episode to female classical-music composers. One of the women I interviewed for that show is Joan Tower – and since the episode aired, she became the first female composer to win a Grammy for classical music. That got us thinking about the history of women in music. And, we we're nearing Women's History Month, what better time to address the subject. We start with a brief refresher course. Women were rarely able to become world-renowned performers until the 20th century. Due to her husband Robert's talent as a composer, Clara Schumann did manage to tour all over Europe as a concert pianist during the 1800's… and she even wrote quite a bit of music herself. Here's 51%'s Selma Kaplan, with Clara Schumann's story.

Here in the U.S., it was also difficult for women to succeed as performers - especially on a gender-neutral instrument like the piano or the violin. One musical outlet that did allow women professionals was opera. In fact, the prima donna soprano often drew the largest crowds. Musicologist Katherine Preston, of William and Mary College in Virginia, has extensively studied women in opera during the 1900s. She explained to me why – and how – women were able to enter that profession.

When you talk to a Broadway buff about female icons, the name Ethel Merman is bound to come up. Popular in the days before microphones for her strong voice and accurate diction, Merman also turned off some in the audience with a sometimes harsh tone – that was considered un-feminine. Merman's career spanned five decades, and she would have turned 100 this year. To celebrate, author and women's studies professor Caryl Flinn published the biography *Brass Diva*. And Flinn is the first to admit – Merman isn't for everyone

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

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Description: We've all heard the stereotypical divorce story – two spouses split, the mom takes full custody of the kids, and the dad gets behind on child support payments. This story describes fewer and fewer divorces, as joint custody becomes more common and enforcement of child support grows more sophisticated. But internationally, some parents are skipping out on their families by crossing the border into another country – and into another legal system where child support payments are easier to avoid. Margot Bean is the U.S. Federal Commissioner for the Office of Child Support Enforcement. That means she helps draft and put in place legislation to ensure divorced couples share the load in supporting their children. Last fall, Bean took steps toward an international treaty at The Hague. If ratified, the convention would put universal laws in place that would make it harder for spouses to skip the country and duck child support payments. I sat down with Bean to talk about child support in the U.S. and the new international agreement – which, in The Hague's terminology, is called a convention.

Legal issues aside, marital strife is often enormously taxing emotionally. The wrangling that comes along with divorce feels extremely personal and unique. In her studies on families, Susan Walzer has found that outside societal pressures are stressing marital relationships... and that adding children into a family equation can make the situation worse in many cases. Walzer told me it often comes down to old gender roles re-emerging – and causing confusion in marriages.

When Gabriel Cohen's wife left him the summer of 2005, he plunged deep into anger and depression. Searching for a way out, Cohen found Buddhism – and in the past three years, he's found it gave him the kind of comfort and guidance he needed to deal with the end of his marriage. Cohen has chronicled his path to Buddhism in a book called Storms Can't Hurt the Sky. He shared some of his insights with me the other day.

Cohen didn't have kids when he got divorced. But many couples worry most about collateral damage to their children if they split up. Jeremiah Kaczynski's parents have been divorced for 11 years, and that has been an ongoing struggle for him. So as a producer for Youth Radio Vermont, Kaczynsky decided to ask other kids what the thought about divorce.

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Since we'lve talked a lot about prostitution and its legality today… we decided to take a trip to Washington, D.C., and see how the home of lawmakers treats sex workers. Public radio member station WAMU's Sidsel Overgaard found that prostitution there is going high-tech – and that's easing relations with the police in the district.

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Description: Several high-powered women – whose husbands are politicians – have recently brought questions about their political duties into the foreground. Perhaps most prominently, Silda Wall Spitzer's decision to stand next to her husband as he announced his resignation from office touched off a firestorm of debate. First lady of Massachusetts Denise Patrick also spoke out about the difficulties of adjusting to her role over the last year. And, of course, there is constant scrutiny of Hillary Clinton and debate over the legitimacy of her foreign policy role as first lady. So… with all of these current issues swirling about, we thought it was high time to talk about them on 51%. We begin with Penn State professor Molly Meijer Wertheimer, who has devoted much of her career to first ladies. She brought us up to date on changes in expectations of the first lady over history.

So, now that we have some context, let's take a look at recent history. Syndicated columnist Kathleen Parker writes about gender all the time. Lately, she's been particularly fascinated by high-powered political wives – and politicians – like Hillary Clinton and Michelle Obama. Parker thinks these women are changing along with the rest of us, trying to navigate new opportunities.

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Should she have stood by his side or socked him in the jaw? That's a question many answered with knee-jerked reactions when they watched Silda Wall Spitzer stand silently at Elliot Spitzer's elbow when he admitted to involvement in a prostitution scandal, and again when he announced his imminent resignation from the office of New York State Governor. Obviously, Wall Spitzer's decision was her own, but the question of how to deal with public scandal among political power couples seems to come up more and more often. So, we called the Rutgers University Center for American Women and Politics to compare Wall Spitzer's approach with others. I spoke with the Center's director, Debbie Walsh, to talk about public reaction to Wall Spitzer's decision. Walsh says she was riveted along with many in the country when Spitzer resigned.

The Spitzer scandal caught the attention of the online community First Wives Club – in this case, first is a chronological, rather than a political, reference. Website co-founder Debbie Nigro camped out on the corner of 5th Avenue and 34th Streets in Manhattan to compile video messages for Silda Wall Spitzer from compassionate members of the public. 51%s Dan Kramer headed over to meet up with Nigro. They ducked into the Heartland Brewery to chat about her project; and then hit the streets to record messages for Silda Wall Spitzer.

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HEALTH

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Description: Long relegated to the realm of hippies and alternative medicine, yoga as reached a new level of mainstream popularity – in many different forms. Doctors send pregnant women to yoga classes for a low-impact workout that can relieve aches from kicking infants. Steamy studios host Bikhram yoga classes, where participants are encouraged to sweat toxins out of their bodies. Many people diagnosed for depression and anxiety claim the calming focus of a yoga practice works better than Zoloft. For yoga superstar Seane Corn the exercise offered an alternative to drugs and alcohol. She discovered yoga around the age of 20. Now, she runs a successful studio in Los Angeles and travels the yoga workshop circuit, teaching intensive classes all over the country. She's appeared in Nike ads and Allure Magazine calls her the most sought after yoga instructor in LA. Corn is using many of the proceeds of her yoga empire to support non-profits around the world. Along with two other women in yoga, she's started a campaign called "Off the Matt and Into the World," which supports local and global agencies, including the Cambodian Children's Fund. I sat down with Corn at a conference at the Omega Institute in New York's Hudson Valley to talk about her devotion to yoga, and how it's changed her life.

In yoga, there's an emphasis on individuality – teachers often say in yoga classes to stretch "as far as you're comfortable," or give alternate poses if one posture proves difficult. They will come up with certain stretches for students who have injuries in certain parts of their bodies. Other times, instructors change stretches from class to class to keep them from getting too repetitive and to work different muscles in the body. It's tough to get that kind of variety and individual attention from a DVD or CD at home. But one yoga teacher in Connecticut says she's come up with a solution. Robin Lange started taking yoga classes as a young actress in Los Angeles, and then began teaching them to supplement her income. She opened her own studio on the East Coast and worked with a student who happens to be an audio engineer to come up with a new idea that they have dubbed iYoga Studio. Existing only on the web, the studio sells individual poses on iTunes and Rhapsody music sites. Students can buy different poses and compile them into their own playlists. On her website, iYogastudio.net, Lange gives some playlist suggestions.

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Even though V-Day takes place on February 14th, the V in the event's title doesn't stand for Valentine. The fundraising arm of Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues, V-Day is turning 10 this year. And hundreds of schools around the world are participating in the campaign, which raises money to stop violence against women. 51%'s Allison Clark is a senior at Skidmore, which has been celebrating V-Day for 7 years. She took her first trip to V-Day this year.

Remember those small paper valentines you exchanged as a child? 1955 saw the birth of the Civil Rights Movement and the beginning of school desegregation. They were unsafe and worrisome times, especially in big cities like St. Louis, where white neighborhoods experienced an influx of poor rural black folks. Susan Price went to a parochial school that welcomed African-American children, but her white parents were not so enlightened. This short-short story recounts a single moment in time. Valentie's Day, 1955.

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Program: 51%
Date: March 2, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: A few weeks ago on 51%, we devoted an episode to female classical-music composers. One of the women I interviewed for that show is Joan Tower – and since the episode aired, she became the first female composer to win a Grammy for classical music. That got us thinking about the history of women in music. And, we we're nearing Women's History Month, what better time to address the subject. We start with a brief refresher course. Women were rarely able to become world-renowned performers until the 20th century. Due to her husband Robert's talent as a composer, Clara Schumann did manage to tour all over Europe as a concert pianist during the 1800's… and she even wrote quite a bit of music herself. Here's 51%'s Selma Kaplan, with Clara Schumann's story.

Here in the U.S., it was also difficult for women to succeed as performers - especially on a gender-neutral instrument like the piano or the violin. One musical outlet that did allow women professionals was opera. In fact, the prima donna soprano often drew the largest crowds. Musicologist Katherine Preston, of William and Mary College in Virginia, has extensively studied women in opera during the 1900s. She explained to me why – and how – women were able to enter that profession.

When you talk to a Broadway buff about female icons, the name Ethel Merman is bound to come up. Popular in the days before microphones for her strong voice and accurate diction, Merman also turned off some in the audience with a sometimes harsh tone – that was considered un-feminine. Merman's career spanned five decades, and she would have turned 100 this year. To celebrate, author and women's studies professor Caryl Flinn published the biography *Brass Diva*. And Flinn is the first to admit – Merman isn't for everyone

Moving later in the 20th century, the female singer-songwriter became more acceptable as women gained more equal rights. One of the pioneers of the genre, Joan Baez, continues to perform. In this vignette prepared by radio producer Tracey Tennenbaum, Baez ponders the evolution in both her personal and artistic life since her early years as a performer.

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MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: March 16, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Several high-powered women – whose husbands are politicians – have recently brought questions about their political duties into the foreground. Perhaps most prominently, Silda Wall Spitzer's decision to stand next to her husband as he announced his resignation from office touched off a firestorm of debate. First lady of Massachusetts Denise Patrick also spoke out about the difficulties of adjusting to her role over the last year. And, of course, there is constant scrutiny of Hillary Clinton and debate over the legitimacy of her foreign policy role as first lady. So… with all of these current issues swirling about, we thought it was high time to talk about them on 51%. We begin with Penn State professor Molly Meijer Wertheimer, who has devoted much of her career to first ladies. She brought us up to date on changes in expectations of the first lady over history.

So, now that we have some context, let's take a look at recent history. Syndicated columnist Kathleen Parker writes about gender all the time. Lately, she's been particularly fascinated by high-powered political wives – and politicians – like Hillary Clinton and Michelle Obama. Parker thinks these women are changing along with the rest of us, trying to navigate new opportunities.

Should she have stood by his side or socked him in the jaw? That's a question many answered with knee-jerked reactions when they watched Silda Wall Spitzer stand silently at Elliot Spitzer's elbow when he admitted to involvement in a prostitution scandal, and again when he announced his imminent resignation from the office of New York State Governor. Obviously, Wall Spitzer's decision was her own, but the question of how to deal with public scandal among political power couples seems to come up more and more often. So, we called the Rutgers University Center for American Women and Politics to compare Wall Spitzer's approach with others. I spoke with the Center's director, Debbie Walsh, to talk about public reaction to Wall Spitzer's decision. Walsh says she was riveted along with many in the country when Spitzer resigned.

The Spitzer scandal caught the attention of the online community First Wives Club – in this case, first is a chronological, rather than a political, reference. Website co-founder Debbie Nigro camped out on the corner of 5th Avenue and 34th Streets in Manhattan to compile video messages for Silda Wall Spitzer from compassionate members of the public. 51%s Dan Kramer headed over to meet up with Nigro. They ducked into the Heartland Brewery to chat about her project; and then hit the streets to record messages for Silda Wall Spitzer.

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CRIME

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Time: 7:30A-8:00A

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Description: Eve Ensler started her study of vaginas with research for a one-woman show that she put on in New York's Greenwich Village. The result was the Vagina Monologues, a wildly successful show that took Ensler from the Village on a national tour for years. In 1998, she brought in other actresses like Glenn Close and turned the Vagina Monologues into a bigger phenomenon called V-Day – a group of women performed the show, and proceeds supported a fund to raise awareness of domestic violence. 10 years later, V-Day is going strong and Ensler continues to champion her cause. I spoke with her about the history of the Vagina Monologues, and the upcoming V-Day tour.

Even though V-Day takes place on February 14th, the V in the event's title doesn't stand for Valentine. The fundraising arm of Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues, V-Day is turning 10 this year. And hundreds of schools around the world are participating in the campaign, which raises money to stop violence against women. 51%'s Allison Clark is a senior at Skidmore, which has been celebrating V-Day for 7 years. She took her first trip to V-Day this year.

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CRIME (Continued)

Program: 51%
Date: February 17, 2009 (Continued)
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Remember those small paper valentines you exchanged as a child? 1955 saw the birth of the Civil Rights Movement and the beginning of school desegregation. They were unsafe and worrisome times, especially in big cities like St. Louis, where white neighborhoods experienced an influx of poor rural black folks. Susan Price went to a parochial school that welcomed African-American children, but her white parents were not so enlightened. This short-short story recounts a single moment in time. Valentie's Day, 1955.

There are plenty of reasons that people stay single: they focus on their careers, they like the independence, they don't feel like committing to another person. But as producer Chana Joffe-Walt discovered, some women stay along simply because of their geography.

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The ethical and moral debates surrounding prostitution are complex. Even films give us mixed messages about the business – providing glamorous roles for actors like Julia Roberts in Pretty Woman to the less-sympathetic character played by a puffy, almost unrecognizable Charlize Theron in Monster. Laws regarding prostitution also vary state-to-state in the U.S. In Nevada brothels are legalized. In most other states, it's considered a misdemeanor to sell sex. Even among feminists, there is a wide range of positions on prostitution. One area where many agree is in the practice of prostitution among young women, under the age of 18. Almost everyone agrees these teens should not be selling sex. But who to punish – and how? Many times, young women walking the street have run away from home. Sometimes, they've even been kidnapped and forced to become prostitutes. Still, these women are often arrested and put in prison. While most states levy harsher punishments for pimps than prostitutes, some states are revisiting child prostitution legislation. New York State is one of them. 51%'s Julie Corcoran has the story from New York City.

Coming up on the program – another take on sex work, and a look at the evolution of prostitution in the nation's capital.

While most agree that child prostitution is exploitative, the ethics of adult women selling sex is a bit more controversial. More and more scholars and writers are considering the empowering elements of prostitution for some women. Lenore Kuo directs an international research group called The Feminist Public Policy Project. A few years ago, she published a book called *Prostitution Policy: Revolutionizing Practice through a gendered perspective*. Kuo stresses the need to go to the source when coming up with laws surrounding prostitution. She interviewed hundreds of sex workers for her book, and discovered a wide spectrum of situations within the "business." As a result, she has an extremely nuanced perspective on prostitution policy – and shared it with me the other day.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

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Date: January 13, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Scholars have tagged the birth control pill as the source of financial and emotional freedom for women. Its social effects are fairly undeniable. Its health effects are something else. Pharmaceutical companies continue to develop different contraception methods with varying side effects – the traditional birth control can cause blood clots. An intrauterine device, a plastic t-shaped contraceptive, can cause perforation of the uterine wall or infection. These side effects have been identified over yearas of use and study. But newer contraceptives on the market take more dramatic control of women's cycles. New birth control pills control menstruation cycles, some allowing women to go years without having a period. Some hail these developments as yet another step in evening the playing field for women; others worry about potential physical effects.

In the first two months of pregnancy, women who want an abortion can opt to use RU486, otherwise known as the Abortion Pill. It's used for women who want a non-surgical abortion. The drug is strong, and can produce dangerous side effects. When Kimi Faxon Hemmingway elected to use RU486 to terminate a pregnancy, she says doctors did not prepare her for the potential fallout of the drug. Heming finally received full medical attention after hemorrhaging in an airport restroom. She wrote her story in an anthology called Choice.

Susan Wicklund entered medical school as a single mother well into her twenties. It's not easy to care for a young daughter and pass medical boards; but Wicklund's career became even more difficult when she began working for clinics that provide abortions. Wicklund has also branched into public activism, and recently wrote the book This Common Secret. She is now touring the country, talking about her career and life as an abortion doctor.

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Conventional wisdom often discourages women from working with or for their husbands... after all, when lines blur between home and work, there's twice the opportunity for conflict, right? But, Maggie Renzi and husband John Sayles have always worked together. She says their shared passion for film is a big part of their relationship. Starting with their Indie hit The Return of the Secaucus Seven in 1980, which inspired the film The Big Chill, Renzi and Sayles have worked together on almost all of their projects. Over the years, their roles have evolved. These days, Sayles' credit usually reads: Writer, Director and Editor. Renzi's usually reads: Executive Producer. Their latest work is called Honeydripper. It's set in Alabama, exploring the evolution of Rock n' Roll in blues clubs. Danny Glover stars in the film. Since Renzi and Sayles are distributing Honeydripper themselves, they're traveling with it to opening events across the country. Julia sat down with Renzi when she stopped off in Albany to promote the film.

Silda Wall met her husband-to-be, Eliot Spitzerm, when they were both students at Harvard Law School. While Silda Wall Spitzer elected to go into private practice at high-powered firms in Manhattan, her husband chose public service-oriented jobs. He worked his way up from the New York City District Attorney's office to New York State Attorney General, and was elected as the state's governor last year. Wall Spitzer was happy in her own career, brokering merger and acquisitions. But when her husband became Attorney General, she downscaled her work commitments to raise their three daughters and help her husband campaign. Wall Spitzer has expressed some regret in press interviews about giving up her job as an attorney. But when we spoke about her work with her husband, she says that offers its own rewards.

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Sacramento Zoo	4	4	3	3	2	2
Ronald McDonald House	2	2	4	4	3	3
Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Center	3	3	2	2	4	4
Sacramento Blue Star Moms	3	3	3	4	2	2
Sacramento Public Library	2	2	2	3	3	4
Kiwanis Family House	3	3	3	2	2	2
Freedom Alliance Scholarship	2	2	2	3	3	3
Special Olympics Nor. CA	4	3	2	4	3	2
Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure	2	4	3	2	4	3
Family Resource Services	3	3	2	3	3	2
Easter Seal Guild	2	2	3	2	2	3
2009 Military Leadership Academy	4	3	2	4	3	2
Breast Cancer Network of Strength	2	4	3	2	4	3
Woodland Opera House	3	2	3	2	3	2
Placer County CASA	3	2	3	2	3	2
Woodcreek High Girls' Soccer	2	3	2	3	2	3
Me-One Foundation	2	3	2	3	2	3
Yolo County One-Stop Workforce	2	4	2	4	2	4
Walk MS of Northern CA	3	3	3	3	3	3
Lilliput Children's Center	4	2	4	2	4	2
Morris Animal Foundation	3	2	3	2	3	2
St. Baldrick's Cancer Research	2	3	2	3	2	3
Sac-Yolo Mosquito Vector Control.	3	2	3	2	3	2
Harmony House of Citrus Heights	2	3	2	3	2	3
Rotary Club Point West	4	2	2	4	3	4
Women's Empowerment	3	3	3	3	2	3
Rock Medicine	3	4	4	3	2	3
Save Auburn Ravine Salmon	2	2	2	2	4	2
Folsom Lake College	3	3	4	4	3	4
California Museum	3	4	4	3	3	3
Just Between Friends	4	3	3	4	4	4
Drowning Accident Rescue Team	4	4	3	3	4	3
Camp Hope	2	3	3	2	3	2
Roseville Exploration Center	3	3	2	2	3	2
Diogenes Youth Services	3	2	3	3	2	3
Beads for Life	2	2	2	3	2	3
CA Annual Small Business Day	4	2	2	4	4	2
True Transitions	2	4	2	4	2	2
Alisa Ann Rush Burn Foundation	2	4	4	2	4	4
A Touch of Understanding	4	2	4	2	2	4
St. Vincent de Paul Society	3	2	3	2	2	3
St. Mel's Church	2	3	3	2	2	3
The Wall Youth Foundation	3	2	2	3	3	2
CARH	3	3	3	2	2	3
Sensory Training Clinic for Horse & Rider	3	2	2	3	3	2
Sacramento Children's Home	3	3	3	2	2	3
Home Aid Sacramento	2	3	2	3	3	2
Sacramento Emergency Housing	4	4	3	4	3	3
Sacramento Mothers of Multiples	2	3	4	3	4	3
Wounded Warriors	3	2	2	3	2	2
Sac. Cnty. Childhood Obesity	2	3	3	3	3	2
Homeward Bound Retriever Rescue	2	2	2	2	2	3

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Sacramento Crisis Nursery	3	3	3	4	2	2
WIND Youth Center	2	2	2	3	3	4
Keaton Raphael Memorial	3	3	3	2	2	2
WEAVE	2	2	2	3	3	3
Yolo Hospice	4	3	2	4	3	2
Prostate Cancer Foundation	2	4	3	2	4	3
Volunteers in Victim Assistance	3	3	2	3	3	2
Amador County Stars	2	2	3	2	2	3
UCD Breast Cancer Endowment	4	3	2	4	3	2
Long Dogs Canine Rescue	2	4	3	2	4	3
Molina Healthcare of Sacramento	3	2	3	2	3	2
Placer County Career Fair	3	2	3	2	3	2
In Alliance	2	3	2	3	2	3
March of Dimes	2	3	2	3	2	3
Huntington's Disease Society	2	4	2	4	2	4
William Jessup University	3	3	3	3	3	3
National Career Fair	4	2	4	2	4	2
Yolo County SPCA	3	2	3	2	3	2
Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary	2	3	2	3	2	3
CSI Career College Job Fair.	3	2	3	2	3	2
Drug Free Extravaganza 2009	2	3	2	3	2	3
Sac. Gay & Lesbian Pride Week	4	2	2	4	3	4
Recruit Military Fair	3	3	3	3	2	3

Jill Christl

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