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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

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

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

6. **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.

7. **DRUG ABUSE**, including the increase in use and abuse of drugs and alcohol; rehabilitation programs; drunk driving; and the need for greater education.

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

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

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EDUCATION

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Description: As the largest HIV/AIDS non-profit clinic in the Sacramento region, CARES is a place of hope for thousands of people from all over the Central Valley who need testing, clinic services and counseling. Since CARES began in 1989, we've made incredible strides in our treatment options for people living with HIV/AIDS, our long-term financial stability, and our role as a leader in the Sacramento community. Today, we serve over 2,000 people each year with comprehensive services that care for the whole person, including a women's clinic, dental services, on-site pharmacy, and behavioral health services such as counseling and nutrition education. Through the years our outreach and prevention efforts have also expanded to include: a free walk-in testing program, the formation of a diverse coalition of community leaders, organizations, and the public who fight against this growing epidemic; and a Positively Speaking program that provides education to area groups.

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Description: With nearly 400 volunteers, Rock Medicine works concerts at almost every Northern California venue, including Arco Arena and Sleep Train Amphitheatre and the most storied of all, the Fillmore in San Francisco. In later years, Rock Medicine has branched out to non-musical events, such as the X-Games and even a Hell's Angels motorcycle soiree. After working the first Sacramento Track and Field Trials in 2000, Rock Medicine was invited back. The on-site service relieves traditional public-health services and keeps the crowd out of local emergency rooms. Medical workers take vacation time or work off hours from their regular jobs to provide free medical care. Their vocations range from doctors to CPR trainers, some of whom roam the bleachers in teams, dispensing kindly advice and sunscreen. During a concert or event, they will tend to several hundred cases, including a few heart attacks, a lot of dehydration and everything in between.

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Description: Stanford Home provides a wide variety of community-based, family-centered services for approximately 1,500 children and family members annually. What began as a simple orphanage has become a comprehensive array of services for "at-risk" children and families. They receive professional treatment and compassionate care to help them regain self-confidence, overcome challenges and move towards independence. Stanford Home serves children, young people and their families who are challenged by needs that exceed usual resources. The boys and girls are of all races, creeds and economic backgrounds. Each arrives with a different, but painful, set of experiences that have had a negative impact on their schooling, emotional well-being and their ability to interact with adults and peers. Now well over 100 years old, Stanford Home continues with their mission to strengthen children and families to define their own dreams, overcome their challenges and move into a thriving future together.

Issue: **Mentoring Youth**
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Description: The mission of Big Brothers/Big Sisters vision is to put a friend in a child's life and put hope into a child's future by creating a volunteer base where every at-risk child and youth who needs and wants a mentor can be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Nevada County makes a positive difference in the lives of children and youth in their community through a professionally-supported, one-to-one relationship with a caring and responsible individual. These adults offer support to children's growth and development through nurturing relationships, leading to greater self-esteem. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Nevada County is a chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, a national non-profit agency that was founded in 1904, over a century ago! Currently, there are over 450 Big Brothers/Big Sisters agencies throughout the U.S. and now the agency is international. Their local chapter was founded in 1981 and has served Western Nevada County ever since. Hundreds of Nevada County children have been matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister since this chapter was founded. They serve over 100 children and youth each year, on average, and expect their numbers to grow with their expanded service area. There is always a long waiting list of children needing Big Brothers or Big Sisters with the need for brothers always being greater than sisters. There will never be a shortage of Nevada County children in need of a supportive, caring individual who can be their role model and friend.

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Description: Child Action, Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation created in 1976 for the education and social welfare f children and families by organizing, sponsoring and administering services to children. We seek to augment and enhance the delivery of services for children rather than duplicate existing resources. Their major goal is to promote the healthy growth and development of children and families living in Sacramento County. The services they provide include child care resource and referral, child care subsidies, recruitment and training of child care professionals, and parent education and support. They believe that parents are best able to choose the child care that meets their particular family situation. It is their goal to provide parents with information on a broad range of child care services, as well as ways to assess these services. Child Action, Inc. operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal access to services without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, sexual preference, gender identity, veteran's status or any other bias prohibited by law. Sierra Nevada Children's Services provides child care resource and referral services to all families throughout Sierra and Nevada counties. They believe that choosing child care starts with asking the right questions, so as part of our Child Care Resource and Referral they offer technical assistance for parents, which include child care referrals, child development information, education on quality child care, the Parent Newsletter, parenting classes, and support groups. SNCS has utilized state funding resources and community partnerships to actively support whole family growth and individual personal development. As an agency dedicated to working with children and families, they thrive on their ability to provide quality assistance, compassion and respect to everyone we assist.

Issue: **Human Trafficking**
Program: Public File
Date: March 28, 2010
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: Human trafficking is modern slavery. Victims are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion for purposes of sexual exploitation or forced labor. While victims can be of almost all ages and both genders, up to 80% of victims are women and children. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, after drug dealing, human trafficking is tied with the illegal arms industry as the second largest criminal industry in the world today, and it is the fastest growing. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 defines sever forms of trafficking in persons as sex trafficking, in which the intent is for a commercial sex act, or labor trafficking, in which the intent is for involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery. California is a top destination for traffickers due to the state's international border, major harbors and airports. Sacramento is a potential hub for trafficking because it is a major crossroad and gateway to the central valley.

PUBLIC FILE, PART 2

KDND-FM
Sundays, 6:30A-7:00A

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.

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Issue: **Fitness for our Youth**
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ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

HEALTH

Issue: **Multiple Sclerosis**
Program: Public File
Date: January 24, 2010
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: It is hoped that the MS Golf Experience will be an annual event and raise a lot of money for a great cause. Co-chairs are Mat Rossman and Doug Thomas. Mat's wife Terry is the inspiration for the event. She passed away in 2007 at the age of 47 in the final stages of MS. Mat and Terry had been involved with the MS Walks since 1991 and has been responsible for the Rocklin/Roseville MS Walk for the last five years. They say MS is not hereditary, but Doug Thomas' father Leonard and brother Ken both have MS. There are approximately one third of a million Americans with Multiple Sclerosis, and every week some 200 people are diagnosed with the disease. That is more than one person per hour. Across the world, about 2.5 million people have the disease. Multiple Sclerosis is not always a fatal disease and individuals can be expected to have normal or near normal life expectancy. In fact, the majority of people with Multiple Sclerosis do not become severely disabled. Two thirds of people with Multiple Sclerosis are able to walk with or without the use of aides and continue to lead productive and satisfying lives. However, although the life span is not significantly affected by multiple sclerosis, the unpredictable physical and emotional effects of multiple sclerosis can be lifelong.

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HEALTH (Cont'd)

Issue: **Donating Blood**
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Date: February 21, 2010
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Since our founding in 1948, Bloodsource has been collecting blood donations and providing life-saving blood products to our communities and beyond. Thanks to the generosity of donors throughout Northern and Central California, they are the source of nearly every drop of blood used in nearly 40 hospitals in 25 counties – from Merced to the Oregon border, from Vacaville to Lake Tahoe. They are also the source around the nation, even around the world, for other blood centers that cannot go it alone. After more than 60 years, thousands of donors give the precious gift of blood, and countless volunteers give their time and talent, assuring us all a plentiful blood supply. In that time, our community-based, not-for-profit regional blood center has never lost sight of its essential mission: to provide blood and services to those in need. Bloodsource is committed to collecting, testing, processing and delivering blood and blood components – wherever and whenever the need.

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Date: January 10, 2010
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KDND-FM
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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.

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ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES

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EDUCATION

Issue: **Astrobiology Research and Education Series: Asteroids, Amino Acids, and the Origin of Life**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 3, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

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Amino acids could have formed on the early Earth, but they've also been found in asteroids, meteorites, and interstellar dust from space.

These building blocks are similar to the list we find on the labels of our vitamin bottles.

Issue: **Out of this World: The Amazing Search for an Alien Earth**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 3, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: It's believed that there are more than 100-billion stars in our galaxy alone. Yet, on a clear night, we can only see a few thousand.

How can parents and teachers tap into the imagination and wonder of children – to help them better understand and enjoy the mysteries of space? That's where our next guest comes in.

Jacob Berkowitz is an author, journalist, and playwright whose writing combines a passion for science and storytelling.

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Description: Every year in January, we recognize Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. And we devote at least part of our show to remembering his work and accomplishments.

He's one of only four individuals to have a federal holiday named after them. Martin Luther King Day was established as a national holiday in 1986.

Dr. King was a clergyman, but known mostly as an activist and prominent leader in the African American civil rights movement.

His death in Memphis, Tennessee, is one reason we went there for this story. And, in so doing, we discovered Crossroads to Freedom, a digital archive of materials from the civil rights era.

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Description: TV cooking shows are wildly popular. But for some people, learning cooking skills is much more than learning how to prepare meals.

Instead of just delivering meals to people in need, FareStart, a Seattle. Washington cooking school and non-profit, teaches homeless students how to cook

Over the past 17-years, FareStart has provided opportunities for over 3,000 people to transform their lives while also serving 3.5 million meals to the disadvantaged.

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Issue: **Steiner/Waldorf Schools**
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Description: There are now more than 800 Rudolf Steiner Schools around the world. They're better known in the U.S. as Waldorf Schools. They're well established in European countries, their origin.

At a time when many children are being sent to pre-K schools to make sure they get that head start on their education, having a school with no report cards, and an emphasis on subjects like basket weaving and expressive dancing, appear to go counter to the current emphasis on assessments and accountability.

But in Germany, Steiner Schools are the fastest growing alternative to that country's public education system. We visited one of the schools and spoke with parents and students, and learned there's not universal agreement on Steiner education.

Issue: **Cross Roads to Freedom**
Part 2 – Is Black History at Risk?
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 24, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Celebrated annually in the U.S. and Canada, Black History Month remembers important people and events in African American history. It was originated in 1926 by historian, Carter G. Woodson. He chose February because it marks the birthdays of two Americans who influenced the lives and social condition of African Americans – President Lincoln, and former slave, Frederick Douglass.

Each year, there are some who continue to question the usefulness of dedicating an entire month to the history of just a single race. Even academy and Golden Globe Award-Winning actor, Morgan Freeman calls it "ridiculous." In a CBS "60 Minutes" interview with Mike Wallace, Freeman said that black history is American history. When asked how the U.S. can get rid of racism? Freeman responded, "Stop talking about it."

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Description: In the new blockbuster movie, "Avatar", humans visit the habitable and inhabited alien moon called Pandora. Life-bearing moons like Pandora, or the "Star Wars" forest moon of Endor, are a staple of science fiction.

Now according to the latest from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, with NASA's Kepler mission showing the potential to detect Earth-sized objects, habitable moons could become science fact, no science fiction. Smithsonian Astronomer, Lisa Kaltenegger, says "if Pandora existed, we potentially could detect it and study its atmosphere in the next decade.

Issue: **Handheld Software for the Special Needs Community Opens World of New Possibilities for Persons with Disabilities**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 31, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Now, for an update on a story we told you about last fall here on The Best of Our Knowledge. It's about Handhold Adaptive, the developer of mobile software supporting those with special needs, and their caregivers.

Last year, Handhold introduced iPrompts, a customizable picture-based communications tool for the iPhone and iPod Touch. We talked about how this can provide visual structure for people with language and behavioral challenges – including autism, Down syndrome, and ADHD.

Today, we look at new possibilities of expanding iPrompts uses to applications like returning military personnel with traumatic brain injuries, or for doctors to use with Alzheimer patients. Plus, its data tracking capabilities hold potential for enhancing disability research.

iPrompts allows special educators, therapists, and parents to present a variety of graphical prompts that help special needs individuals' transition from one activity to the next, understand upcoming events, communicate their needs, and focus on the task at hand.

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The Best of Our Knowledge spoke with Jennifer about what she's learned... and what she believes her own experiences can teach others.

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Description: As the economic squeeze continues to impact all aspects of family life, higher education is not immune to being held accountable as well. Are students and families getting good value for their investment? With tuition rising, it's important for colleges to research and disclose their students' learning outcomes. Parents want evidence their hard-earned money is being well spent on their child's education.

Colleges and universities all across the country are facing this issue of self-evaluation and accountability. We recently found out that it's been a major goal and undertaking at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. And after several months, Skidmore has just released what it calls Goals for Student Learning and Development.

TBOOK speaks with Dr. Sarah Goodwin, Faculty Assessment Coordinator and Professor of English, also Skidmore President, Philip Glotzbach.

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Description: Howard Zinn was an American historian, author, activist, playwright, and professor of political science at Boston University from 1964 to 1988. He wrote more than 20 books, which included his best-selling and influential, A People's History of the United States. He passed away just a few weeks ago at age 87.

In 2005, Zinn spoke with WAMC radio president, Dr. Alan Chartock, about his three years working in a shipyard. He said this gave him a working class background that he carried with him in his personal and professional life.

Indeed, Howard Zinn wrote extensively about civil rights, civil liberties, and anti-war movements. Zinn was a professor of history at the all-black women's college, Spellman College in Atlanta, where he first started getting into trouble with college administrators.

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Description: The University of Maryland at College Park continues to be considered a national leader in STEM education and programs.

When college education officials began planning an event to talk about trends in teaching science, technology, engineering and math, they guessed that maybe 20 or so industry leaders might attend. To their pleasant surprise, some 90 corporate representatives plus private and public educators came to the January 28th program.

That kind of turnout demonstrates the growing interest in STEM education on campuses all across the nation. Indeed, the Obama administration has challenged states to compete for those Race to the Top funds for education reform. And the president also just doubled the amount of money earmarked for STEM initiatives.

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Description: Women's History Month is celebrating its 30th anniversary. And this year, its theme is Writing Women Back into History. That theme was chosen because, though women are often recognized in their own times, women are frequently left out of history books.

When that National Women's History Project began, less than 3% of the content of teacher training textbooks mentioned the contributions of women. Women of color and women in fields like math and science were omitted. This limited inclusion of women's accomplishments deprived students of important female role models.

Compare that with today. If you search the Internet for women and history and science, you'll find millions of citations. These extraordinary numbers give testimony to the tireless work of thousands of individuals and organizations to write women back into history, such as our first guests today.

They participated recently in leadership sessions at Miss Hall's School in Massachusetts. Miss Hall's was one of the first girls' boarding schools established in New England, and is nationally recognized for its rigorous college-prep curriculum. Students represent 18 states and 18 countries.

At that venue, TBOOK spoke with Dr. Deborah Merrill-Sands, Dean, Simmons School of Management... and... Sara Laschever, author of Women Don't Ask. Her work on Project Access contributed to the publication of two seminal studies including *Gender Differences in Science Careers: The Project Access Study and Who Succeeds in Science?*

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Issue: **The Afghan Institute of Learning**
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Description: To complete our special program on Women's History Month, we also honor the international efforts of Dr. Sakena Yacoobi. Professor Yacoobi is the Founder and Executive Director of the Afghan Institute of Learning. After 15 years, her goal remains to empower poor women and children by providing them access to education and health services through this organization, which is designed and operated by afghan women.

The institute reaches 350,000 women and children annually through its 42 program sites, including 38 education learning centers. And 70% of its employees are women.

Afghan Institute of Learning programs cover a full range – from preschool, community schools, a home school project, and even the university level. College includes math and computer science subjects, as well as college of education for training Master Teacher Trainers. The Institute says it has trained more than 13,000 teachers in student-centered teaching techniques.

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Last week, we spoke with Jonathan Mooney, who told us he was labeled severely dyslexic and ADHD in grade school. Yet, Mooney went on to graduate from Brown University with honors. Mooney is the recipient of the distinguished Truman Fellowship for graduate study in the fields of creative writing and disability studies. This week, we complete our conversation with him as he talks about the importance of advocacy.

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Description: Every year in January, we recognize Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. And we devote at least part of our show to remembering his work and accomplishments.

He's one of only four individuals to have a federal holiday named after them. Martin Luther King Day was established as a national holiday in 1986.

Dr. King was a clergyman, but known mostly as an activist and prominent leader in the African American civil rights movement.

His death in Memphis, Tennessee, is one reason we went there for this story. And, in so doing, we discovered Crossroads to Freedom, a digital archive of materials from the civil rights era.

TBOOK spoke with Dr. Russ Wigginton, Vice President of College Relations at Rhodes College in Memphis. Prior to his current position, Dr. Wiggington was History Professor at Rhodes, specializing in African American and Community History.

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MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING (Cont'd)

Issue: **Cross Roads to Freedom**
Part 2 – Is Black History at Risk?
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 24, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Celebrated annually in the U.S. and Canada, Black History Month remembers important people and events in African American history. It was originated in 1926 by historian, Carter G. Woodson. He chose February because it marks the birthdays of two Americans who influenced the lives and social condition of African Americans – President Lincoln, and former slave, Frederick Douglass.

Each year, there are some who continue to question the usefulness of dedicating an entire month to the history of just a single race. Even academy and Golden Globe Award-Winning actor, Morgan Freeman calls it "ridiculous." In a CBS "60 Minutes" interview with Mike Wallace, Freeman said that black history is American history. When asked how the U.S. can get rid of racism? Freeman responded, "Stop talking about it."

Which brings us to our question… is black history at risk?

To discuss this… TBOOK spoke with Dr. Russ Wigginton, Vice President of College Relations at Rhodes College in Memphis. Prior to his current position, Dr. Wigginton was a History Professor at Rhodes, specializing in African American and Community History.

Issue: **Access to Advancement: An Audio Exploration of the National Effort to Increase the Role of Women with Disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
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MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING (Cont'd)

Issue: **Gender Ed: Educating Young Women to be Leaders in Science and Education**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 21, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Women's History Month is celebrating its 30th anniversary. And this year, its theme is Writing Women Back into History. That theme was chosen because, though women are often recognized in their own times, women are frequently left out of history books.

When that National Women's History Project began, less than 3% of the content of teacher training textbooks mentioned the contributions of women. Women of color and women in fields like math and science were omitted. This limited inclusion of women's accomplishments deprived students of important female role models.

Compare that with today. If you search the Internet for women and history and science, you'll find millions of citations. These extraordinary numbers give testimony to the tireless work of thousands of individuals and organizations to write women back into history, such as our first guests today.

They participated recently in leadership sessions at Miss Hall's School in Massachusetts. Miss Hall's was one of the first girls' boarding schools established in New England, and is nationally recognized for its rigorous college-prep curriculum. Students represent 18 states and 18 countries.

At that venue, TBOOK spoke with Dr. Deborah Merrill-Sands, Dean, Simmons School of Management… and… Sara Laschever, author of Women Don't Ask. Her work on Project Access contributed to the publication of two seminal studies including *Gender Differences in Science Careers: The Project Access Study and Who Succeeds in Science?*

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Description: Our celebration of Women's History Month continues with the recognition of Dr. Angela Lee Foreman, Assistant Professor of Biology at the Rochester Institute of Technology, National Institute for the Deaf.

We heard from Dr. Foreman very briefly last week in our story about the TechGirlz summer program for middle-school girls who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Foreman is a strong believer in mentoring and feels mentors should play a role in young people's lives throughout their education.

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MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING (Cont'd)

Issue: **The Afghan Institute of Learning**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 21, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: To complete our special program on Women's History Month, we also honor the international efforts of Dr. Sakena Yacoobi. Professor Yacoobi is the Founder and Executive Director of the Afghan Institute of Learning. After 15 years, her goal remains to empower poor women and children by providing them access to education and health services through this organization, which is designed and operated by afghan women.

The institute reaches 350,000 women and children annually through its 42 program sites, including 38 education learning centers. And 70% of its employees are women.

Afghan Institute of Learning programs cover a full range – from preschool, community schools, a home school project, and even the university level. College includes math and computer science subjects, as well as college of education for training Master Teacher Trainers. The Institute says it has trained more than 13,000 teachers in student-centered teaching techniques.

Issue: **Access to Advancement: An Audio Exploration of the National Effort to Increase the Role of Womem with Disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**
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YOUTH & FAMILY

Issue: **Out of this World: The Amazing Search for an Alien Earth**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 3, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: It's believed that there are more than 100-billion stars in our galaxy alone. Yet, on a clear night, we can only see a few thousand.

How can parents and teachers tap into the imagination and wonder of children – to help them better understand and enjoy the mysteries of space? That's where our next guest comes in.

Jacob Berkowitz is an author, journalist, and playwright whose writing combines a passion for science and storytelling.

Issue: **FareStart: Seattle Cooking School for Homeless Students**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 17, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: TV cooking shows are wildly popular. But for some people, learning cooking skills is much more than learning how to prepare meals.

Instead of just delivering meals to people in need, FareStart, a Seattle. Washington cooking school and non-profit, teaches homeless students how to cook

Over the past 17-years, FareStart has provided opportunities for over 3,000 people to transform their lives while also serving 3.5 million meals to the disadvantaged.

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Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: January 31, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Our next guest, Jennifer, initially, did not consider her health problems to be a disability... even though they did interrupt her college plans. But once she realized that accommodations could help her achieve her career goal... a goal she discovered because of her own brain injury... her academic goals persistently moved forward with unstoppable determination.

The Best of Our Knowledge spoke with Jennifer about what she's learned... and what she believes her own experiences can teach others.

Issue: **Assessing the Value of Higher Education: Goals for Student Learning and Development**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 7, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: As the economic squeeze continues to impact all aspects of family life, higher education is not immune to being held accountable as well. Are students and families getting good value for their investment? With tuition rising, it's important for colleges to research and disclose their students' learning outcomes. Parents want evidence their hard-earned money is being well spent on their child's education.

Colleges and universities all across the country are facing this issue of self-evaluation and accountability. We recently found out that it's been a major goal and undertaking at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. And after several months, Skidmore has just released what it calls Goals for Student Learning and Development.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **The Short Bus: A journey Beyond Normal**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: February 28, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Labeled severely dyslexic and ADHD in grade school, Jonathan Mooney dropped out of school temporarily during the sixth grade. Yet, we went on to graduate from Brown University with honors, in English no less.

His most recent book, "The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal", provides a voice for all those who have been deemed "abnormal."

"The Short Bus" follows Mooney's 35,000 mile adventure around the country in a real "short bus" – the symbol of special education in America.

Jonathan Mooney is the recipient of the distinguished Truman Fellowship for graduate study in the fields of creative writing and disability studies. He's also co-author of "Learning Outside the Lines." Money is the President of Project Eye-to-Eye, a non-profit mentoring and advocacy organization for students with learning disabilities. We'll learn more about that in next week's show. This week, we open with the start of his journey.

Issue: **Guiding Teens with Learning Disabilities: Navigating the Transition from High School to Adulthood**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 7, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Adolescence is a pivotal time of transition in the lives of all young people. But for millions of teens with learning disabilities, LD, and for their parents, the term "transition" has added meaning.

It's a formal process legally mandated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IDA, in which the student, the parents, and school professionals must work together to plan for the student's life beyond high school. This planning should occur by the time the student is sixteen.

"Guiding Teens with Learning Disabilities: Navigating the Transition from High School to Adulthood", is designed to be a comprehensive help book for students with LD. It's also hoped the guidelines will benefit parents, special education teachers, guidance counselors, and mental health providers.

The book is written by Dr. Arlyn Roffman a psychologist and Professor of Special Education at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Roffman has nearly 40 years working with youth and adults with learning disabilities. She's the founding director of Threshold, a transition program for young adults with LD, now in its 28th year.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

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Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: March 7, 2010
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: As we heard in our first story, there are some 7-million children in the U.S. with disabilities. For the past 35-years, children with disabilities, their families, and the professionals who work on their behalf, have tried to revolutionize educational and workplace opportunities.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 made important amendments to the federal special education law. Since that reauthorization, the government implemented more new regulations in 2006, and continues to publish updates. But despite what's already been done, as we're hearing in our stories today, there is still room for much improvement.

Last week, we spoke with Jonathan Mooney, who told us he was labeled severely dyslexic and ADHD in grade school. Yet, Mooney went on to graduate from Brown University with honors. Mooney is the recipient of the distinguished Truman Fellowship for graduate study in the fields of creative writing and disability studies. This week, we complete our conversation with him as he talks about the importance of advocacy.

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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.

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

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EDUCATION

Program: 51%
Date: January 3, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: There's been a national surge in the number of homeless thanks to foreclosures, job cuts and all the related problems they create. A recent New York Times article on one part of that population – America's school children, led political blog queen Arianna Huffington to rip up a speech she'd prepared and instead talk to some of the country's leading philanthropists and policy makers about the urgent need to do something to help. Many school districts across the country report the number of homeless children attending their schools is up by one-hundred percent. The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, an advocacy group, reports that there were more than one-million homeless students last spring... and that number is believed to be growing fast. There are legal protections ensuring those students get an education, but little federal money to fund those programs. Huffington argues Washington has to get serious about stopping foreclosures – especially for families with school age children. Who are the new homeless? They are us, ordinary people caught between the recession and a mortgage. Kathleen Krauss is one of them. She's been living in a California shelter with her children since April.

In most of the world, polio is a distant memory – fading photographs of President Franklin Roosevelt, of children on crutches, the people lying inside of iron lungs and a few older people who survived what was once a scourge are all that remains. The largest international public health campaign eliminated polio from most of the world in just twenty years. But the polio eradication campaign has hit a plateau. Every year, about 2,000 children become paralyzed and most live in four countries – Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nigeria. Washington correspondent Laura Iiyama has more from polio experts including one woman playing a key role in vaccinations.

Program: 51%
Date: February 28, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Dr. Heidi Hartmann is the founder and president of the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington DC and co-author of several books including Still A Man's Labor Market: The Long-Term Earnings Gap. You can find out more at iwpr.org.

Coming up – a 12 year old stick seller with a big dream... and a woman whose own frustrations on her career path has led her to help guide other women into science

In the village of Kamoria in northern Sierra Leone women sell tree trunks, known as sticks, to keep their families alive. They spend 18 hours a day cutting and carrying long tree trunks into town hoping to sell them for $1 a bundle. While reporting from Kamoria, reporter Rachael Borlase met 12 year old Agnes Kanu – perhaps the hardest working, and most inspiring, stick seller of them all.

Imagine applying for a position for which you have the intellect, ability, and passion, yet might need certain accommodations to be sure you communicate effectively. And think of the discouragement in being denied the opportunity to get those accommodations. For one scientist, that experience has led to a passion for helping students interested in her field.

This is part of our series called, "Access to Advancement: An Audio Exploration of the National Effort to Increase the Role of Women with Disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics."

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: March 28, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: International Women's Day in in March, and in the U.S. it's also Women's History Month. And this year, nearly seventy years after taking to the air, a group of groundbreaking women are finally getting the recognition they've been waiting for. Greg Fry spoke with Lillian Yonally, a New Yorker who was one of the first women to serve her country as the pilot of a B-25.

And our heartiest congratulations to Lillian and the other women of the WASP program, who were given that award this month.

Coming up – celebrating international women's day with programs to encourage girls to get into science, technology, engineering and math.

International Women's Day was celebrated with bridge walks around the world, walks calling for creating connections and ending war. And in the Berkshires of Massachusetts, Bard College at Simons Rock held its annual International Women's Day Conference. This year's theme was Women in STEM – science, technology, engineering and math. 51%'s Charlie Deitz was there and spoke with organizer Jennifer Browdy de Harnandez.

Dr. Jennifer Browdy de Hernandez is a professor of gender studies and literature at Bard College and Simon's Rock and the organizer of the school's International Women's Day Conference.

And finally, Sarah LaDuke speaks with Marilyn Nelson, Connecticut Poet Laureate, who's written a book honoring the International Sweethearts of Rhythm… the first integrated all-women band known as the most prominent, and best, all woman band of the Big Band era.

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ECONOMY

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Program: 51%
Date: January 10, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: American women earn less than men for the same work. That's a fact proven in many studies... and a fact that's becoming increasingly significant as the economy is resulting in more jobless men... and more women becoming primary breadwinners for their families. In 1960, women earned 59 cents for every dollar earned by men. Now it's 78 cents. Some experts say it's a sign of sex discrimination but others say it's more a matter of career choices.

The way we live, the way we work, the way we raise our children are not, despite what you may think, the way things have always been. They're the result of an idea embraced by an earlier generation, and one that didn't take root in Europe. Katie Britton explains why one author thinks the American Dream, as we've come to call it, is in need of a makeover.

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ECONOMY (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: January 24, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Do an Internet search of women police officers discrimination; news stories from all over the country will pop up. California, Michigan, Alabama, New York; women who say they were doing their jobs file charges that they face sexual harassment and discrimination. Many of them quit. Debra Hartley, a grandmother from Pennsylvania, quit, too. But she didn't stop fighting. Earlier this month, she walked from her home in Effort, Pennsylvania to Washington, DC to call attention to the issue.

What is an education worth? President Obama has called on Americans to go back to school. An education can be the difference between a struggle and a comfortable life. That's true in other parts of the world as well, countries where sometimes girls are an afterthought when it comes to the classroom. Washington correspondent Larua Iiyamma reports on a new campaign to give girls a chance at the advantages an education can provide.

Education is not cheap. And the cost of college has become prohibitive. So just how much should you spend? And if you're a parent, how far in debt should you go for your children? Personal finance expert Manisha Thakor has a simple formula to figure it out.

Program: 51%
Date: February 21, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Michael Moore's Capitalism: A Love Story labeled our government a corporatocracy… a system created to help corporations maximize their profits and minimize regulation. That's just good economics, according to Milton Friedman. That economic philosophy has guided American business since the Reagan administration – and author John Perkins says it's the reason for this recession. Perkins is the author of "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" and his new book "Hoodwinked" continues the conversation about what big business is doing around the world, and why change is inevitable. Perkins, who says the birth of his grandson led to his change of heart, says he was recruited by a woman. We spoke by cell phone between his speaking engagements.

John Perkins is the author of "Hoodwinked: An Economic Hit Man Reveals Why the World Financial Markets Imploded – and What We Need to Do to Remake Them." It is published by Broadway Books.

Coming up – Manisha Thakor tells you how to talk money with your honey. And we'll hear the story behind the story of Rosa Parks and that legendary bus boycott.

February is Black History Month. We know Rosa Parks made history when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white man. But do you know the rest of the story? Caroline Harding has more.

And, finally, let's get back to finances. How comfortable are you talking about money with your significant other? Personal finance expert Manisha Thakor says it's important to learn how.

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ECONOMY (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: March 21, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: According to Penn State's Living Wage Calculator, a family with two adults and two children living in NYC must make over $30 an hour to make a living wage… that is, meet the basic cost of living there without any frills. A poverty wage would be $9.83 an hour. In LA, that living wage would be over $34 an hour. In Dayton, Ohio it's $26.23. In Atlanta it's $27.02. The federal minimum wage is $7.25 an hour. Therein lies the problem. There's a gap between the minimum wage and the living wage for a family of four that's over $20.

In her book, "The Moral Underground: How Ordinary Americans Subvert An Unfair Economy", author Lisa Dodson spent years talking to the bosses and managers of those low wage workers… and discovered something surprising.

Domestic violence is in the new – particularly on the east coast. NY's governor got into hot water after admitting to stepping into the middle of a domestic violence case involving one of his aides. A NY state senator was ousted from office after being charged with attacking his girlfriend. A major in a large NYC suburb faces charges of slamming his wife's hand in a door. According to domestic violence advocates, immigrant women suffering from domestic abuse face particularly high hurdles in finding protective services. The current recession has resulted in budget cuts, further shrinking the safety net for immigrant women. Bijoyeta Das has this report.

And finally, Manisha Thakor is here with some tips for helping you through that most dreaded of American traditions – income tax season.

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GOVERNMENT

Program: 51%
Date: January 17, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: It's taken a while, but we're believers now, for the most part. Organic is healthier. But is it? The organic dairy industry has changed drastically in the past few years and the future of small farmers, as well as the quality of those organic products is in question.

Some federal legislators are getting involved, demanding an investigation into why prices to conventional dairy farmers have dropped by half while the sale price of mile has dropped only about 15%. And the USDA recently announced it will start a strict audit and oversight of the National Organic Program – something that many organic farmers have been begging for.

Women in the United States weren't allowed to vote until 1920. Women in the United Arab Emirates just got limited rights to vote in 2006… and are waiting for a promised expansion of those rights in 2010. Katie Britton speaks with the editor of a book that looks at where women are now, and where they're going.

And finally, tell the truth. Haven't you always wondered how the children of those carefree, happy kids dancing in the mud at the Woodstock Festival in 1969 turned out? Or maybe you already know. Jenna Hammerich grew up with no rules and lots of room to be whoever she was. Like every kid, she ended up rejecting her parents' values, and then discovering she treasured them after all.

Program: 51%
Date: January 31, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: According to a UN Commission, one in three women will be beaten or sexually abused during her lifetime. Women are often the population most at risk in times of hardship. The economy collapses – violence against women increases. War breaks out – violence against women increases. In the Sudan, the Darfur region has gotten international attention. This year, the Save Darfur coalition and the US Holocaust museum co-sponsored a forum to bring attention to the plight of women in Darfur. Since Darfur rebels began their fight against Sudan's government in 2003, agencies have reported hundreds of rapes, but experts suspect that's just the tip of the iceberg. With barriers to prosecuting men for rape and a lack of law and order, women and girls have been singled-out for sexual violence.

From the Sudan, travel southwest toward the Indian Ocean. Somaliland declared itself independent from Somalia seventeen years ago. But not a single other country has ever formally recognized it as a bonafide nation… meaning it's ineligible for international aid or loans. That may be because 90 percent of men in the capital of Somaliland are out of work. But Richard Lough reports that the marketplace bustles with activity – because it's the women who run the businesses.

According to a World Health Organization study, the risk of an African woman dying in childbirth in the 2000 was one in 20. In Eastern Asia, that statistic was one in 840. One organization involved in a global effort to make modern reproductive-related medicines available in developing countries is Gynuity. President Beverly Winikoff says Gynuity's goal is to make modern medicine available to women in a woman-friendly environment.

Next we travel further south to a country that borders South Africa – a country that is splintering apart. The Committee to Protect Journalists this year gave its lifetime achievement award to a prominent human rights attorney in Zimbabwe… a women who stands between reporters and attempts by the Mugabe regime to shut them down.

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GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: February 7, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: One hundred thirty two people were saved by rescue efforts after the Haiti earthquake. At least 110,000 people are reported dead... and the scope of the tragedy has drawn humanitarian aid from all over the world. Josette Perard, co-founder of the Lambi Fund - a non-profit organization in Port-au-Prince that helps Haiti's women build sustainable, healthy communities, says her group is already back at work. Airline Ambassadors, a group we've profiled on this show, immediately began working to use its commercial airline connections to bring supplies to Haiti. The What If Foundation, which provides food and education for children in one small Haitian town, has also been coordinating aid. And Dr. Siobhan McNally went to Haiti to do what she can. A pediatrician from the Berkshires of Massachusetts, Dr. McNally volunteered to spend two weeks treating Haitian women and children.

The Kurdish region of southeast Turkey is one of the most underdeveloped and impoverished parts of the country. A clash between the Kurds and the Turkish government forced more than a million people to move to local cities. They come from different cultures – they don't understand each other. But Dorian Jones of the World Vision Report has details about an educational initiative that's centered around one place where women meet – the washing machine.

From Turkey, let's turn to Africa. The world of Newport, Rhode Island is a long way from the slums of Nairobi. Yet there's a small organization based in Newport, Rhode Island, with a mission to educate the orphans of Nairobi. Co-founder Justine Axelsson says Flying Kites when two privileged American girls volunteered in Kenya... and discovered their mission. Flying Kites proposes a different model in caring for the orphans of Nairobi's slums. Instead of offering basic, subsistence care, the three young co-founders want to create top of the line housing and educational opportunities for a small group of the most desperate children.

Program: 51%
Date: February 14, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: The rescue efforts are over, the rebuilding of not only a country, but people's lives, has begun in Haiti. Thanks to the 24 hour news cycle and the internet, we've seen what happened after the earthquake. But we weren't there... and the only way to truly understand is to hear from someone who was. Amelia deSousa is a reporter for the World Vision Report. You may remember a commentary she recently did for 51% about a Haitian street kid. This is her letter from Haiti. Be warned, this is powerful stuff, and perhaps not suitable for younger listeners.

In the president's state of the union address, he tackled the military's Don't Ask Don't Tell policy head on – pledging his support for ending the practice of requiring gay service men and women to lie about their sexual orientation. And that led to a first-ever statement from SAGALA – the Service Academy Gay and Lesbian Association. Sue Fulton, a 1980 graduate of West Point and former captain and company commander, is on the board of SAGALA.

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The way we live, the way we work, the way we raise our children are not, despite what you may think, the way things have always been. They're the result of an idea embraced by an earlier generation, and one that didn't take root in Europe. Katie Britton explains why one author thinks the American Dream, as we've come to call it, is in need of a makeover.

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And our heartiest congratulations to Lillian and the other women of the WASP program, who were given that award this month.

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And finally, Sarah LaDuke speaks with Marilyn Nelson, Connecticut Poet Laureate, who's written a book honoring the International Sweethearts of Rhythm... the first integrated all-women band known as the most prominent, and best, all woman band of the Big Band era.

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HOUSING

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Time: 7:30A-8:00A

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Date: January 17, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: It's taken a while, but we're believers now, for the most part. Organic is healthier. But is it? The organic dairy industry has changed drastically in the past few years and the future of small farmers, as well as the quality of those organic products is in question.

Some federal legislators are getting involved, demanding an investigation into why prices to conventional dairy farmers have dropped by half while the sale price of mile has dropped only about 15%. And the USDA recently announced it will start a strict audit and oversight of the National Organic Program – something that many organic farmers have been begging for.

Women in the United States weren't allowed to vote until 1920. Women in the United Arab Emirates just got limited rights to vote in 2006... and are waiting for a promised expansion of those rights in 2010. Katie Britton speaks with the editor of a book that looks at where women are now, and where they're going.

And finally, tell the truth. Haven't you always wondered how the children of those carefree, happy kids dancing in the mud at the Woodstock Festival in 1969 turned out? Or maybe you already know. Jenna Hammerich grew up with no rules and lots of room to be whoever she was. Like every kid, she ended up rejecting her parents' values, and then discovering she treasured them after all.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: January 24, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Do an Internet search of women police officers discrimination; news stories from all over the country will pop up. California, Michigan, Alabama, New York; women who say they were doing their jobs file charges that they face sexual harassment and discrimination. Many of them quit. Debra Hartley, a grandmother from Pennsylvania, quit, too. But she didn't stop fighting. Earlier this month, she walked from her home in Effort, Pennsylvania to Washington, DC to call attention to the issue.

What is an education worth? President Obama has called on Americans to go back to school. An education can be the difference between a struggle and a comfortable life. That's true in other parts of the world as well, countries where sometimes girls are an afterthought when it comes to the classroom. Washington correspondent Larua Iiyamma reports on a new campaign to give girls a chance at the advantages an education can provide.

Education is not cheap. And the cost of college has become prohibitive. So just how much should you spend? And if you're a parent, how far in debt should you go for your children? Personal finance expert Manisha Thakor has a simple formula to figure it out.

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Date: February 7, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: One hundred thirty two people were saved by rescue efforts after the Haiti earthquake. At least 110,000 people are reported dead... and the scope of the tragedy has drawn humanitarian aid from all over the world. Josette Perard, co-founder of the Lambi Fund - a non-profit organization in Port-au-Prince that helps Haiti's women build sustainable, healthy communities, says her group is already back at work. Airline Ambassadors, a group we've profiled on this show, immediately began working to use its commercial airline connections to bring supplies to Haiti. The What If Foundation, which provides food and education for children in one small Haitian town, has also been coordinating aid. And Dr. Siobhan McNally went to Haiti to do what she can. A pediatrician from the Berkshires of Massachusetts, Dr. McNally volunteered to spend two weeks treating Haitian women and children.

The Kurdish region of southeast Turkey is one of the most underdeveloped and impoverished parts of the country. A clash between the Kurds and the Turkish government forced more than a million people to move to local cities. They come from different cultures – they don't understand each other. But Dorian Jones of the World Vision Report has details about an educational initiative that's centered around one place where women meet – the washing machine.

From Turkey, let's turn to Africa. The world of Newport, Rhode Island is a long way from the slums of Nairobi. Yet there's a small organization based in Newport, Rhode Island, with a mission to educate the orphans of Nairobi. Co-founder Justine Axelsson says Flying Kites when two privileged American girls volunteered in Kenya... and discovered their mission. Flying Kites proposes a different model in caring for the orphans of Nairobi's slums. Instead of offering basic, subsistence care, the three young co-founders want to create top of the line housing and educational opportunities for a small group of the most desperate children.

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Date: February 21, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Michael Moore's Capitalism: A Love Story labeled our government a corporatocracy… a system created to help corporations maximize their profits and minimize regulation. That's just good economics, according to Milton Friedman. That economic philosophy has guided American business since the Reagan administration – and author John Perkins says it's the reason for this recession. Perkins is the author of "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" and his new book "Hoodwinked" continues the conversation about what big business is doing around the world, and why change is inevitable. Perkins, who says the birth of his grandson led to his change of heart, says he was recruited by a woman. We spoke by cell phone between his speaking engagements.

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Coming up – Manisha Thakor tells you how to talk money with your honey. And we'll hear the story behind the story of Rosa Parks and that legendary bus boycott.

February is Black History Month. We know Rosa Parks made history when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white man. But do you know the rest of the story? Caroline Harding has more.

And, finally, let's get back to finances. How comfortable are you talking about money with your significant other? Personal finance expert Manisha Thakor says it's important to learn how.

Program: 51%
Date: February 28, 2010
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Dr. Heidi Hartmann is the founder and president of the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington DC and co-author of several books including Still A Man's Labor Market: The Long-Term Earnings Gap. You can find out more at iwpr.org.

Coming up – a 12 year old stick seller with a big dream… and a woman whose own frustrations on her career path has led her to help guide other women into science

In the village of Kamoria in northern Sierra Leone women sell tree trunks, known as sticks, to keep their families alive. They spend 18 hours a day cutting and carrying long tree trunks into town hoping to sell them for $1 a bundle. While reporting from Kamoria, reporter Rachael Borlase met 12 year old Agnes Kanu – perhaps the hardest working, and most inspiring, stick seller of them all.

Imagine applying for a position for which you have the intellect, ability, and passion, yet might need certain accommodations to be sure you communicate effectively. And think of the discouragement in being denied the opportunity to get those accommodations. For one scientist, that experience has led to a passion for helping students interested in her field.

This is part of our series called, "Access to Advancement: An Audio Exploration of the National Effort to Increase the Role of Women with Disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics."

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Description: As the US sends another 30,000 US soldiers to Afghanistan, there's a human rights issues that some activists say must be part of the goal: the improved treatment of women.

As many as 80% of Afghanistan's marriages are forced, and over half of all brides are under age sixteen. Nearly 90% of Afghan women say they have experienced physical, sexual, or psychological violence or forced marriage in their lifetime. Still, there have been some advanced that were documented in a recent Human Rights Watch report. Washington correspondent Laura Liyama has more.

Sakeena Yacoobi is an Afghan hero. She was one of five children, but her mother actually had 16 pregnancies. And young Sakeena decided that studying and finding a way to improve life for women and children in her country was going to be her goal. She studied in the United States, the first person in her family to get an advanced degree and then, she decided to go back. Twenty years later, her Afghan Institute of Learning, which began as an underground effort to offer education to women and created four health clinics, now serves 350,000 women and children a month. I spoke with Dr. Yacoobi when she was in New York at a women's leadership conference..

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Fr: Sharelle Martin – KRXQ Promotion Assistant
Re: KDND 1st Quarter PSA Activities January, February, March 2010
Date: April 1, 2010

Here is a report of the KDND Public Service activities for the 1st Quarter of 2010:

- KDND teamed up with UNICEF in February 2010 to collect donations in the Sacramento Area for victims of the Haiti Earthquakes. KDND provided donation drop off locations, as well as offered donation pickups to various Sacramento residents and businesses. Information was available to those wishing to aid in the relief/ donation effort on www.endonline.com for a two week time period. KDND helped to raise over $9,000.00 for victims of the Haiti Quakes.
- KDND helped the Girl Scouts Heart Of Central California troop conduct a Girl Scout Cookie Drive-Thru on March 13, 2010 from 12pm – 3pm. The Girl Scout Cookie Drive-Thru was part of an outreach program to purchase cookies to donate to Troops of the Armed Forces currently located overseas. KDND provided an onsite street presence from 12pm – 3pm at the Sunrise Mall parking lot.
- KDND Promotions Coordinator James Pacheco conducted a tour of the radio stations on March 26th, 2010 for students of La Entrada Continuation High School which lasted approximately one hour.
- KDND helped the North Area Baseball League lead an opening day parade on March 27th, 2010 from 8am – 11am. KDND provided music and parade lead with the KDND vehicle.
- KDND Promotions Coordinator James Pacheco conducted a tour of the radio stations on March 29th, 2010 for students of Sierra Vista School which lasted approximately one hour.
- KDND helped the The Klaas Kids Foundation and The Positive Option Family Services group on March 31, 2010 from 2pm – 5pm during their Child Abuse Safety Fair. The Child Abuse Safety Fair was part of an outreach program to educate families on the resources available to them in order to avoid a family crisis. KDND provided an onsite presence from 2pm – 5pm during the symposium.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

KCTC, KDND, KRXQ, KSEG, KSSJ and KWOD rotate Public Service Announcements at a rate of at least one per air shift. Each PSA is in rotation for approximately two weeks. Among the groups whose announcements aired last quarter are as follows:

	KCTC	KDND	KRXQ	KSEG	KKDO	KBZC
U.C. Davis MIND Institute	3	3	3	2	2	3
American River Conservancy	2	2	3	3	2	2
Sacramento Crisis Nursery	3	4	2	2	3	3
Ronald McDonald House	2	2	3	3	3	2
WIND Youth Center	3	2	2	3	2	2
Salvation Army	3	3	4	4	3	2
San Juan High School	3	3	3	2	2	3
Wounded Warriors Project	2	2	4	4	3	3
Me-One Foundation	3	3	3	3	2	2
Haiti Relief	2	3	3	2	4	2
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Assoc.	3	3	2	2	2	3
Healing Arts Institute	3	2	4	4	3	3
Sacramento Blues Society	2	3	2	3	2	2
Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure	4	3	3	3	3	3
Rancho Cordova PAL	3	4	3	2	3	3
Easter Seals	3	3	2	3	2	3
Buddhist Church of Sacramento	4	2	2	4	3	4
Sarcoidosis Support Group	2	3	3	3	2	3
Blood Source	3	2	2	2	3	2
Defenders of Freedom	2	3	3	3	2	3
Habitat For Humanity	3	2	4	2	3	2
Meals on Wheels of Placer County	4	2	3	2	4	2
Bella Vista High Band Boosters	3	3	2	3	3	3
California Auto Museum	2	4	2	4	2	4
Drowning Accident Rescue Team	2	3	2	3	2	3
Co-Dependents Anonymous	2	3	3	3	2	3
California Avoid dot org	3	2	3	2	3	2
ALS of Greater Sacramento	3	2	3	2	3	2
Sacramento Youth Band	2	4	2	2	4	3
USO	4	3	3	4	3	2
The Common Good	2	2	2	2	2	3
American Indian Education Program	3	3	3	3	3	2
AIDS World Vision Experience	2	4	2	2	4	3
WBCA Pink Zone	4	3	2	4	3	2
Legal Services of Northern CA	3	2	3	3	3	3
Sleep Train Foster Kids Program	2	3	2	2	2	2
Pacific Intercultural Exchange	3	2	3	3	3	4
Domestic Violence Intervention Cntr	3	3	2	4	2	2
March of Dimes	2	3	4	2	4	4
Folsom Lake College	2	2	3	4	3	3
Haitian Roots	3	4	3	3	2	2

SACRAMENTO VALLEY BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION / ASCERTAINMENT

SVBA conducts Ascertainment interviews because the member stations believe it is an excellent way to stay in touch with community leaders and to stay informed about issues that should be reported on in news and public affairs programs. During an ascertainment interview, station representatives take notes on speakers' comments, which are then used to generate ideas for news and public affairs programs. Guests this quarter included speakers from Up & At It, California Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for AIDS Research, Education & Services, California Air Quality Management District, Sierra Forever Families, Agriculture in the Classroom, Center for Sacramento History, Internal Revenue Service, Gold Country Wildlife Rescue, Living Water Alliance, the Church of Sovereign God, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Partnership for a Drug Free America, and the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership.

NEWS REPORTS

Entercom stations air newscasts twice and hour during Morning Drive, beginning at 5:50am and running until 8:50am, for a total of approximately 375 newscasts per quarter. The reports include national and local news. The content of the news stories range from major national headline issues to those that directly and specifically affect the greater Sacramento area including the following: Education, Economy, Government, Health, Environmental/Energy/Transportation, Crime, Drug Abuse, Minorities/Women/Aging, and Youth/Family. On an average each newscast is made up of six stories for a total of over 2,300 topics per quarter.