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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.

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I grew up with ghost stories... whether it was searching for the ghost my cousins and I were told haunted our family's summer cottage, or my mom's first person accounts of things she just couldn't explain. So when I got a chance to go to a haunted house in New York's Hudson Valley, I jumped at the chance.

And finally, a far more ambitious search. Signe Pike had a great job at a publishing company in New York City. But one day she packed her bags and began a tour of the UK... she was searching for fairies. And that search led to a very entertaining book.

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Coming up, when is the last time you negotiated your salary? If your answer is never, you're not alone. We'll tell you why. And we'll hear about life after you ditch the boss and go it on your own.

Most men consider it a part of the hiring process to negotiate their salary with a new employer. If that surprises you, you're like most women. Whether it's because women are taught to be nice, not to make waves, or because they simply don't know how to negotiate, the fact is that women seldom speak up when they're in line for a new job. Selena Rezvani, author of the Next Generation of Women Leaders, wants to know how to change that.

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And finally, with Thanksgiving coming up... a lot of us are thinking about prepping the big turkey. Some people will be eating Tofurky instead. They're part of the growing number of vegetarians and vegans... whether they're concerned about the safety of our food, the environmental impact of factory farms or choosing a plant based diet because of decision not to eat animals. The food industry is also changing to attract those new diet choices... and one result is Tofurkey. It's a meat substitute made out of tofu. Rebecca Williams got a cooking lesson from a devoted Tofurkey fan and her meat-eating boyfriend.

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DESCRIPTION
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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So, it's good to learn that teen library visits are up nationwide. This is the report from the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association. And it comes as they announce their Teen Read Week going on this month.

The association says with so many options for entertainment, plus the large amount of schoolwork, busy distracted teens can often overlook reading for pleasure. So Teen Read Week is a time to remind teens that reading is fun, free, and can be done anytime and anywhere.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Pilot Pre-K Literacy Program**
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Description: In related news, numerous studies show the link between vocabulary and early literacy skills, and academic achievement. The problem nationwide is the increasingly large number of children who enter kindergarten lacking these literacy skills.

For example in Ohio, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Literacy test results show 56% of Cincinnati public school children struggle with literacy skills. And, one-third of children entering kindergarten will require intensive intervention to be successful. This is especially true for children whose families are considered low-income. These are "at-risk" predominantly minority children.

This is why the University of Cincinnati (one of the nation's leading urban research institutes), Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (one of the top five pediatric hospitals in the country), and the Children's Home of Cincinnati have partnered to form Ohio's School Readiness Collaborative, or (SRC).

The program is taking a three-tiered approach. Its goals are to reach children who are at risk of illiteracy, identify early learning issues, and provide intense learning support.

The evidence-based theories suggested by the Ohio School Readiness Collaborative are ready for testing. They're prepared to begin a 12-month pilot program that will test its illiteracy intervention model in up to 400 children who are preparing to enter Cincinnati public schools as kindergarteners.

Issue: **Alternative Education in Kentucky**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 17, 2010

Description: In related news, students with disabilities have returned to classrooms all across the country.

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Issue: **"Access Stem" Improves Transitions to Stem Education and Careers**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 31, 2010

Description: AccessSTEM is a program operated by the University of Washington in Seattle. It works with educators and employers to make STEM education and careers more accessible to students with disabilities.

Using mentoring, peer support, and internships, AccessSTEM helps students successfully transition from one level of education to the next.

This comes on the heels of Disability Mentoring Day, a national event designed to give high school students with disabilities the chance to learn about specific careers by shadowing someone in the workplace.

TBOOK goes on location in and around the Seattle area to report on one component of the University of Washington program called DO IT – an acronym for Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology.

Issue: **Special Needs Music Education and Therapy**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 31, 2010

Description: Novel music therapy education is being developed and used to teach students with special needs, including those with autism.

These new techniques are using innovative software and the latest online technologies... some of it by our next guest, Dr. Liza Lee.

TBOOK's Greg Fry reports from the State University of New York – SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge, New York..

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Issue: **The Academic Minute "Why is the Sky Blue?"**
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Date: October 31, 2010

Description: This week's episode features Dr. Nicholas Leadbeater, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of Connecticut.

The Academic Minute is hosted by Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, a celebrated philosopher and medical enicist, and President of Mount Holyoke College.

Issue: **President Barack Obama's Annual Back to School Speech**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: November 7, 2010

Description: A few weeks after school started, President Barack Obama delivered his annual back to school speech. He was at the Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School in Philadelphia, where about 600 students and faculty gathered to hear him.

Issue: **Tales Out of School: Six Secrets from Successful Teachers**
TBOOK Remembers John R. Stassburger
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: November 7, 2010

Description: With this show, we mark the passing of one of the country's best known defenders of the importance of a liberal education.

John Strassburger was the long-time President of Ursinus College in Pennsylvania... serving as its presidents for 15-years, from 1995 until earlier this year. He recently died of cancer at age 68.

We first spoke with Strassburger in April of 1998. It was on the occasion of the publishing of his paper – Tales Out of School: Six Secrets from Successful Teachers.

Back then, he had some important answers. Yet, more than 12-years later, educators and politicians are still debating "what works" to best education students. Therefore, in retrospect, this is an interesting listen.

Issue: **Self-Education Creates Self-Confidence**
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Description: Another of the country's strong national voices on liberal education is the President of St. Lawrence University in New York, William L. Fox.

You might not be aware of it yet, but right now there's a war going on among Department of Education officials and educators, pitting the rights of private universities versus public universities.

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Issue: **Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: November 21, 2010

Description: Teen and student suicides are getting an extraordinary amount of media attention this Fall.

The issue has reignited the campaign against bullying. And in fact, last month was National Anti-Bullying Month in the U.S.

Many educators believe bullying is a national crisis. According to Department of Education statistics, one in three school children from grades six through 10 are affected by bullying and harassment.

It has prompted more and more schools and school districts to enforce year-around codes of conduct. This then brings the issue of character education forefront and center.

TBOOK found one of the most highly regarded national authorities on character education at the State University of new York at Cortland. Dr. Thomas Lickona is a developmental psychologist and professor of education.

Dr. Lickona has specialized in this field for over 40-years. He's the author of the bestselling classic, "Educating for Character: How Our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility." Another of his highly acclaimed books is "Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues."

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Description: Anti-bullying organizations were galvanized into action these past weeks after a Rutgers college student committed suicide.

Educators across the country are saying the increased suicide rate is demonstrating the need for more civility, especially when it comes to online privacy.

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Issue: **Substitute Education for Lysol**
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Description: Our previous story talked about teen suicide, and mentioned the cyberbullying-related suicide death at Rutgers. Our guest commentator explores that subject in more depth.

Dr. Dawn Watkins writes that "before bathroom walls became virtual, a can of Lysol and a stiff brush could remove the nasty and vulgar insults that anonymous bullies scrawled.

Watkins goes to say that while the graffiti could be humiliating to its targets, not everyone in the world could read those slurs with the simple click of their computer mouse. She says today – Lysol won't help clean the cyber-walls.

Issue: **The Academic Minute "Children and Technology"**
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Description: This week's episode continues the relationship between children and technology theme, and features Dr. Nathan Freier, Assistant Professor of Human-Computer Interaction in the Department of Language, Literature, and Communication with a joint appointment in Information Technology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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Description: Remember playing with Lego's as a child? Well, a Lego Space Shuttle headed to orbit with the launch of the space shuttle STS-133 mission. NASA and the Lego Group signed a Space Act Agreement to spark children's interest in STEM – science, technology, engineering and math. Listen to the show to find out about NASA's educational materials in conjunction with this project.

Next, the International Space Station is celebrating ten years of humans living and working on board it.

And then another landmark is achieved as astronomers from 12 countries on six continents mark the 50th anniversary of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, better known as SETI.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Improving STEM Education Requires a Long Term Commitment**
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Description: In concert with our science-themed show today, earlier this year, "Time" magazine featured Thomas Edison, whose imaginative mind and the inventions he created, changed the course of a young America. It was Edison's inventions that helped lead the country into the 20th century through technological revolutions that created what our nation is today.

With thoughts on that, here's our guest commentator, Dr. Mel Schiavelli, President and CEO of Harrisburg University of Science and Technology.

Issue: **"The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal"**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: December 26, 2010

Description: Last month, the U.S. celebrated the 35th anniversary of the law now know as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA.

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Issue: **Astronomers Find New Planet That Could Support Life**
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Date: November 14, 2010

Description: Our first story is ripped right out of today's headlines.

You may have heard that astronomers unveiled a new candidate in their search for an Earth-like planet outside our solar system in the so-called "habitable zone." That's an area with conditions that could support life, like where Earth resides in its orbit.

Study co-leader, Steven Vogt, is from the University of California-Santa Cruz. Based on star surveys and similar discoveries of multiple planet solar systems nearby, Dr. Vogt estimates that 20 to 40 billion worlds orbit the habitable zones of their stars in our own Milky Way.

And that's where our research story is headed... to the Milky Way. It's titled, "MIPSGAL Survey and the Discovery of Debris Disk Candidates." MIPSGAL (which stands for Multi-Band Imaging Photometer for Spitzer) is an extensive infrared survey of the galactic plane of the Milky Way, our galaxy, using the Spitzer Space Telescope.

Astronomers use infrared light (light we cannot see) to look at objects cooler than stars, and view more distant regions, such as the center of our galaxy.

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Description: Many listeners may have been as excited as we were to see the detailed pictures of the comet Harley 2 taken by NASA's EPOXI mission during its close encounter with the comet last month.

Jets of melting ice streamed from both ends of the comet as the Deep Impact probe gave humans only our fifth close look at a comet.

Comets are essentially frozen leftovers from the dawn of the solar system some 4.6 billion years ago. Many scientists believe they could have delivered water and life's early ingredients, organic chemicals, to earth's oceans during frequent impacts.

While that mission took five years to reach its point of intersection with the comet... another mission, Cassini, has been underway for 13-years and has "parked" itself near Saturn investigating its largest moon, Titan.

Titan has a diameter roughly 50% larger than Earth's moon, and is 80% more massive. It's the second-largest moon in the solar system, and is larger by volume than the planet Mercury.

Findings from the Cassini spacecraft indicate that Titan has an environment that resembles Earth's at the time that life first got a foothold.

Our guest scientist is Dr. mark Smith, a Professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Dr. Smith tells TBOOK that some of his work to learn more abou Titan is collaborative with the Cassini mission.

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Last week, we learned that Titan is of great interest to scientists (and our next guest) because it has a substantial, active atmosphere. Since the arrival of the Cassini mission six years ago, many of Titan's secrets have been revealed, including rivers and lakes of liquid ethane and methane which form clouds and rain.

An update from last week's show... NASA Program Manager, Bob Mitchell, says the Cassini spacecraft is behaving exactly as it should since it went into that "safe mode" we told you about. He's confident by the time this show airs, that they'll restore the software from the backup and restart it without problems.

This week, we wrap up our story about Titan, including a discussion about the future of such scientific missions, and cost factors for trying to find the origins of life.

CATEGORY: MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING

Issue: **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
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Description: "Talent has no boundaries: workforce diversity includes workers with disabilities."

That's this year's official theme for October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The theme was chosen to show the public that workers with disabilities have valuable skills and talents that can and are used in the workplace.

More and more, people are finding help entering the workplace by bringing a friend with them... a four legged friend, but not as a pet. These are highly trained service dogs which learn up to 90 commands.

One of the premiere non-profits doing this training is Assistance Dogs of the West (ASW) in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Through educational and vocational programs, ADW provides trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities in order to increase their independence and self-reliance. Plus, Assistance Dogs of the West teaches students to train dogs to help people.

This week, TBOOK talks with ADW Executive Director, Carolyn Clark Beedle, and Student Trainer, Kaila Mathews.

Next week, and ADW clients who is in training with her service dog describes the real-life benefits she's deriving. And we also talk about returning veterans and their dogs.

Issue: **Making Connections: Assistance Dogs of the West**
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Description: It's hoped the annual celebration of Disability Employment Awareness Month heightens consciousness, while recognizing the contributions of Americans with disabilities to both the workforce and to society.

During October, tribute is paid to the accomplishments of men and women with disabilities whose work helps keep the nation's economy strong... and by reaffirming their commitment to ensure equal opportunity for everyone.

The effort to educate the public concerning issues related to disability and employment began as far back as 1945 when congress enacted a public law declaring (at that time) the first week of October for recognizing the need to employ persons with disabilities.

Fast forward to just last year, and a report showed that the portion of the labor force with disabilities has grown to some 23%. So then it may come as a surprise to learn that just last month congress finally passed legislation that removed the term "mental retardation" from federal laws. The phrase is now "an individual with an intellectual disability" that goes into all existing and future health, education and labor laws.

Which brings us to our feature story. Assistance Dogs of the West has the largest and most progressive service dog education program in the U.S.

Last week we learned that ADW trains dogs for people with physical, psychiatric, and emotional disabilities. We spoke with one of the student trainers. They range in age from 8 to 60. Some of the students themselves are at-risk, or have some form of disability. They teach dogs 90 commands.

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So, it's good to learn that teen library visits are up nationwide. This is the report from the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association. And it comes as they announce their Teen Read Week going on this month.

The association says with so many options for entertainment, plus the large amount of schoolwork, busy distracted teens can often overlook reading for pleasure. So Teen Read Week is a time to remind teens that reading is fun, free, and can be done anytime and anywhere.

CATEGORY: YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Pilot Pre-K Literacy Program**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 10, 2010

Description: In related news, numerous studies show the link between vocabulary and early literacy skills, and academic achievement. The problem nationwide is the increasingly large number of children who enter kindergarten lacking these literacy skills.

For example in Ohio, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Literacy test results show 56% of Cincinnati public school children struggle with literacy skills. And, one-third of children entering kindergarten will require intensive intervention to be successful. This is especially true for children whose families are considered low-income. These are "at-risk" predominantly minority children.

This is why the University of Cincinnati (one of the nation's leading urban research institutes), Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (one of the top five pediatric hospitals in the country), and the Children's Home of Cincinnati have partnered to form Ohio's School Readiness Collaborative, or (SRC).

The program is taking a three-tiered approach. Its goals are to reach children who are at risk of illiteracy, identify early learning issues, and provide intense learning support.

The evidence-based theories suggested by the Ohio School Readiness Collaborative are ready for testing. They're prepared to begin a 12-month pilot program that will test its illiteracy intervention model in up to 400 children who are preparing to enter Cincinnati public schools as kindergarteners.

Issue: **Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: November 21, 2010

Description: Teen and student suicides are getting an extraordinary amount of media attention this Fall.

The issue has reignited the campaign against bullying. And in fact, last month was National Anti-Bullying Month in the U.S.

Many educators believe bullying is a national crisis. According to Department of Education statistics, one in three school children from grades six through 10 are affected by bullying and harassment.

It has prompted more and more schools and school districts to enforce year-around codes of conduct. This then brings the issue of character education forefront and center.

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Dr. Lickona has specialized in this field for over 40-years. He's the author of the bestselling classic, "Educating for Character: How Our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility." Another of his highly acclaimed books is "Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues."

Dr. Lickona directs the Center for the Fourth and Fifth Rs (respect and responsibility), and he served on the advisory council of the Character Education Partnership, a national coalition working to promote character development.

CATEGORY: YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues (Part Two)**
Program: The Best of Our Knowledge
Date: November 28, 2010

Description: Anti-bullying organizations were galvanized into action these past weeks after a Rutgers college student committed suicide.

Educators across the country are saying the increased suicide rate is demonstrating the need for more civility, especially when it comes to online privacy.

Many schools have already implemented rules of conduct. And many more schools will now attempt to enforce year-around conduct codes.

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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.

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Issue: **Healthy Pets & Healthy Pet Owners**
Program: Public File
Date: November 7, 2010

Description: A zoonotic disease is a disease of animals that may be transmitted to man under natural conditions. As doctors who work with both animals and their human owners, Veterinarians are an important source of information for zoonotic diseases. When a veterinarian sees or suspects a zoonotic disease, it is the responsibility of the veterinarian to alert the owner of the potential for disease spread to humans. Veterinarians can't offer a diagnosis or treatment for human owners, but must urge the owner to contact their human physician for consultation. Zoonotic disease has a long history. Ancient Greece and the Bile mention the Plague. The number of potential zoonotic diseases out there today is impressive: ring worm, lyme disease, rabies, cat scratch fever, tuberculosis and more. You pet's veterinarian is a good first source for information. Find out about the disease and most importantly, how to care for your animal and prevent spread to humans. Most Veterinarians have professional brochures and handout information on the common zoonotic diseases in your area.

Issue: **Achieving Your Life's Goals**
Program: Public File
Date: November 28, 2010

Description: Jan Mendoza is a motivational author and broadcaster who uses her real-life experiences to help you get out of your own way to get things in your life accomplished. If you dreamed about being an author, entertainer, or mountain climber, Jan will help you reach your goals. Jan Mendoza worked many years as an on-air personality, is a certified paralegal and has embarked on many entrepreneurial endeavors in her life. Get up and get going, that's her motto. Her shows feature interviews with special motivational guests, and on-air callers. Her book, "I Was Born To Be", teaches tools for success – fighting negative voices, successfully managing time, getting ideas started and sold – and tools for life – legal facts about divorce and separation, dealing with turmoil in the family, and how to stay happy by living.

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CATEGORY: HEALTH (Cont'd)

Issue: **Psychic Readings**
Program: Public File
Date: December 26, 2010

Description: There are many misconceptions about what a psychic is, what a psychic does and what a psychic can do for you. Teachings relating to the spiritual realms are not usually included in our basic education. This is why it is so easy for fraudulent practitioners to get away with a scam. Anyone who predicts an absolute "set in stone" future – fortune tellers – is a scam artist. Real psychics are people with highly developed spiritual gifts who use them to help others become more aware of what is going on in their life spiritually. The word psychic is used to describe a person (or reader) who has the extraordinary ability to perceive and be affected by non-physical (spiritual) energies. Although most people have some degree of this ability, a professional psychic has developed an acute sensitivity to these energies. A good psychic reading combines accurate insight with practical advice; fosters hope and inspiration; encourages self-examination, highlights your gifts and abilities; and respects your free will and power to change.

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Issue: **Recycling during the holiday season**
Program: Public File
Date: December 12, 2010

Description: While the winter holiday season brings good cheer for most people it also bring a lot more solid waste landfill, harm to the environment and additional debt to the average American family. There are many environmentally-smart tips that result in a less wasteful holiday. Every year, there are 2.65 billion holiday items sold in the U.S. That's enough to fill a football stadium field 10 stories high! Look for cards that contain recycled content or are actually recycled materials. Wrapping paper is often used once and thrown away. Try using colorful pages torn from magazines to wrap small gifts, and old maps or the Sunday comics for larger boxes. If you buy gifts, look for durable and re-usable items and resist the latest "fad" at the mall. If every American family wrapped just 3 presents in re-used materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

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Program: Public File
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Description: Jan Mendoza is a motivational author and broadcaster who uses her real-life experiences to help you get out of your own way to get things in your life accomplished. If you dreamed about being an author, entertainer, or mountain climber, Jan will help you reach your goals. Jan Mendoza worked many years as an on-air personality, is a certified paralegal and has embarked on many entrepreneurial endeavors in her life. Get up and get going, that's her motto. Her shows feature interviews with special motivational guests, and on-air callers. Her book, "I Was Born To Be", teaches tools for success – fighting negative voices, successfully managing time, getting ideas started and sold – and tools for life – legal facts about divorce and separation, dealing with turmoil in the family, and how to stay happy by living.