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

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

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

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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Issue: **Police Memorial Motorcycle Run / Chaplaincy Fundraiser**
Program: Public File
Date: July 12, 2009
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: The 16th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Run benefits the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Sacramento. Their services include: crisis intervention trainings and debriefings, DUI sobriety checkpoints, mediation training and services, basic first aid, CPR & AED training, and AHA certification and recertification, family support services – marriage and family counseling, suicide prevention programs – law enforcement and youth, teen drug and alcohol prevention programs, disaster preparedness training for churches, State Fair assistance, law enforcement and community chaplains academy scholarships. Other recipients include Police Sheriff Memorial Foundation to support the Foundation hosing the annual memorial ceremony, maintain and update the memorial monument for the Greater Sacramento Region fallen officers, families and law enforcement departments; California Peace Officer's Memorial Foundation to support the foundation hosting the annual memorial ceremony, maintain and update the memorial monument for the California (city, county, state & federal) fallen officers, families and law enforcement departments. National Center for Chaplain Development to support this organization which provides practical community support and counseling, education, advocacy, life improvement skills and recovery training to our emergency service workers and families; plan and eventually build a law enforcement memorial for officers who dies while on duty.

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Issue: **Drug Free Body Building**
Program: Public File
Date: September 6, 2009
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: Since the inaugural Pro Natural Mr. Universe in 1990, the WNBF has staged over 65 bodybuilding contests for both men and women and more than 36 fitness/figure contests for women. During this time, the federation has awarded over $886,000 in total prize money and has spent $170,000 on comprehensive drug testing. In total, some 520 bodybuilders and figure/fitness athletes have participated in WNBF shows. The WNBF was born out of a need to address the prevalence of steroids in professional bodybuilding. While amateur naturals competed in drug-tested contests, there was no pro level for them once they reached the top of their ranks. The WNBF changed all that. Each athlete is tested via a long-method polygraph by certified examiners prior to admittance to an event. The men and women must then submit to urinalysis testing that is conducted by the California lab that performed urine tests for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. In order to win prize money, athletes must pass both tests, verifying that no steroids, diuretics, growth hormones or other illegal drugs have been used in the past seven years. New to the WNBF in 2003 was the addition of drug-screened pro figure contests.

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HEALTH (Cont'd)

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Issue: **Eating Disorders**
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Description: An eating disorder is marked by extremes. It is present when a person experiences severe disturbances in eating behavior, such as extreme reduction of food intake or extreme overeating, or feelings of extreme distress or concern about body weight or shape. The two main types of eating disorders are anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa. A third category is binge-eating disorder. Eating disorders frequently appear during adolescence or young adulthood, but some reports indicate that they can develop during childhood or later in adulthood. Women and girls are much more likely than males to develop an eating disorder. Eating disorders are real, treatable medical illnesses with complex underlying psychological and biological causes. They frequently co-exist with other psychiatric disorders such as depression, substance abuse, or anxiety disorders. People with eating disorders also can suffer from numerous other physical health complications, such as heart conditions or kidney failure, which can lead to death.

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

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EDUCATION

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Issue: **Learning Life Skills Through Building Guitars**
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Date: September 6, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Woodshoprocks is a program of education designed to teach students in the 7th grade through 12th grade the value of hard work one guitar at a time. With woodshop programs being cut or eliminated all over the country, the group feels that they need to bring programs to students that are challenging, interesting, and intrinsically motivating. They want to show that an excellent woodshop program can serve as a foundation for mathematics, science, life skills, and strategies that support all students. They have experienced great success with every kind of learner and have given our students knowledge and tools in a confidence-building setting that teaches skills which can be utilized throughout high school, college, and in the trades and careers. Woodshoprocks is a program that teaches students the art of guitar-building and so much more. With over 1,200 guitars and over 800 ueuleles produced in the last 14 years and with three schools currently participating in the program, they are looking to spread the word and the program all over the country.

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ECONOMY

Issue: **Alternatives to Conventional Divorce**
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Date: July 19, 2009
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Description: Divorce is a painful process, and the traditional system makes it worse. At Fairway Divorce Solutions they are changing the way divorce happens. They do this by providing families a safe and comforting environment where they can make well-informed life changing decisions. People leave the Fairway process with a clear road to a new life. Their mission is to change the way divorce happens worldwide. Inspired to find a better way following her chaotic experience in the traditional court system, President and CEO Karen Stewart launched Fairway Divorce Solutions, a first-of-its-kind divorce paradigm in North America. Their purpose is to protect children from the needless harm they suffer in traditional divorce, give couples a positive, affordable and time saving alternative to ending their relationships, establish a new standard of civility and common sense for divorce in the 21st century, and provide a model for conflict resolution that can expand beyond the world of divorce.

Issue: **Veterans Services**
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Issue: **Childhood Cancer**
Program: Public File
Date: July 26, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The mission of the Keaton Raphael Memorial Fund is to support children with cancer and their families by providing emotional, educational and financial support, while increasing awareness and funding research toward a cure. Currently, one in every 330 children in the United States develops cancer before the age of 19. The incidence of cancer among children is increasing. Depending on the type of cancer and the development upon diagnosis, the ACS estimates that approximately 2,300 children will die from cancer in the year 2010. The number of children diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. each year puts more potential years of life at risk than any single type of adult cancer. KRM family grants are available to childhood cancer patients and their families who reside in Northern California and are being treated as an accredited institution in Northern California. The goal of the program is to alleviate some of the family's financial burden by providing direct financial assistance and resources. Their 'Our Patient Care' fund supports programs and services that directly impact the quality of life for childhood cancer patients and their families undergoing treatment in Northern California.

Issue: **Therapeutic Horseback Riding**
Program: Public File
Date: August 2, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Ride to Walk's mission is to enhance the lives of children and young adults with neurological disabilities by providing innovative therapeutic horseback riding activities that are recreational in nature and adapted to the individual's needs and abilities. Ride to Walk strives to provide a positive support system for individuals with disabilities, their parents/caregivers, and our community. Children of all ages, with a wide range of physical, cognitive and/or emotional disabilities benefit from therapeutic horseback riding and other equine activities. The types of disabilities and conditions served include autism, brain injuries, stroke, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, emotional disabilities, Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida, spinal cord injuries, and learning disabilities.

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HEALTH (Cont'd)

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Program: Public File
Date: August 9, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

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Issue: **Children's Charities**
Program: Public File
Date: August 16, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Walt Gray and 3000+ riders roll again in his 7th annual event. The ride this year expands to four children's charities in addition to Sacramento-area Make-A-Wish, which is a charitable non-profit organization whose purpose is to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. They have added: Mustard Seed School, which is a free, private school for children 3-15 years old which provides a safe, nurturing and structured environment, a positive learning experience, happy memories, survival resources of food, clothing and shelter referrals, medical and dental screenings, immunization updates, counseling for children and their parents, and assistance entering or re-entering public schools; Hope Productions Foundation, whose mission is to provide resources to children and youth charities to ensure sustainability, viability and awareness; and Sacramento Children's Home, which offers 24 hour, community and educational programs that serve more than 1,800 families and 3,500 children of the Greater Sacramento area each year.

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Description: Once again, hundreds of homeless Sacramento area veterans and their families will have a home for 3 days. Stand Down is a military term for taking the soldiers out of harms way which is what happens when homeless veterans are taken off the streets of Sacramento and given an opportunity to help themselves. Adversaries of the homeless include lack of safe shelter, unemployment, physical and emotional disabilities, substance abuse and hopelessness. Homeless veterans are not unlike soldiers in combat – living in the field, surviving by their wits with limited rations under extreme conditions. The three-day Stand Down encampment provides shelter, food, medical care, eye care, legal assistance, counseling and employment services. Volunteers from dozens of private and government agencies assist the veterans and provide over 1 million dollars worth of services for veterans and their families. The three-days off the street is just a small part of the program and really just a start as several of the participants enter rehabilitation or training programs and get off the streets. Former participants who have come back as volunteers include truck drivers, salespeople, electricians, social workers and government employees.

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HOUSING

Issue: **Help for Local Homelessness**
Program: Public File
Date: August 23, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Cottage Housing Incorporated (CHI) is an independent, community-based non-profit corporation launched in 1994 by Sacramento religious, business and community leaders seeking an alternative to traditional homeless intervention strategies which typically rely upon temporary, crisis-oriented, problem-focused methodologies in close-quartered facilities that often produce high recidivism rates. CHI creates healing communities that are solution-focused, participant-driven and strength-based, where homeless people help themselves – and each other – to move from the streets to self-sustainability. CHI's facility design is award-winning and its programming strategy is cited by an evaluation expert as a national model for the Resiliency Method, doing things with rather than for project residents who are engaged in all aspects of the operation as participants rather than recipients. CHI reaches homeless people in greatest need of a supportive living environment who are often served otherwise in more expensive/less effective institutional systems, improving the neighborhood environment and business climate of our community while also saving taxpayers' money.

Issue: **Homeless Veterans**
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Issue: **Veterans Services**
Program: Public File
Date: September 13, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Issue: **Local Law Enforcement**
Program: Public File
Date: July 5, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security to the people of California. This is accomplished through five departmental goals: prevent loss of life, injuries, and property damage – to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage resulting from traffic collisions through enforcement, education, and engineering; to enforce the provisions of the California Vehicle Code and other laws to prevent crime; maximize service to the public and assistance to allied agencies; to maximize service to the public in need of aid or information, and to assist other public agencies when appropriate; manage traffic and emergency incidents – to promote the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout California, and to minimize exposure of the public to unsafe conditions resulting from emergency incidents and highway impediments; protect public and state assets – to protect the public, their property, state employees, and the state's infrastructure; to collaborate with local, state and federal public safety agencies to protect California; improve departmental efficiency – to continuously look for ways to increase the efficiency and/or effectiveness of department operations.

Issue: **Alternatives to Conventional Divorce**
Program: Public File
Date: July 19, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Divorce is a painful process, and the traditional system makes it worse. At Fairway Divorce Solutions they are changing the way divorce happens. They do this by providing families a safe and comforting environment where they can make well-informed life changing decisions. People leave the Fairway process with a clear road to a new life. Their mission is to change the way divorce happens worldwide. Inspired to find a better way following her chaotic experience in the traditional court system, President and CEO Karen Stewart launched Fairway Divorce Solutions, a first-of-its-kind divorce paradigm in North America. Their purpose is to protect children from the needless harm they suffer in traditional divorce, give couples a positive, affordable and time saving alternative to ending their relationships, establish a new standard of civility and common sense for divorce in the 21st century, and provide a model for conflict resolution that can expand beyond the world of divorce.

Issue: **Childhood Cancer**
Program: Public File
Date: July 26, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The mission of the Keaton Raphael Memorial Fund is to support children with cancer and their families by providing emotional, educational and financial support, while increasing awareness and funding research toward a cure. Currently, one in every 330 children in the United States develops cancer before the age of 19. The incidence of cancer among children is increasing. Depending on the type of cancer and the development upon diagnosis, the ACS estimates that approximately 2,300 children will die from cancer in the year 2010. The number of children diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. each year puts more potential years of life at risk than any single type of adult cancer. KRM family grants are available to childhood cancer patients and their families who reside in Northern California and are being treated as an accredited institution in Northern California. The goal of the program is to alleviate some of the family's financial burden by providing direct financial assistance and resources. Their 'Our Patient Care' fund supports programs and services that directly impact the quality of life for childhood cancer patients and their families undergoing treatment in Northern California.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Hospice**
Program: Public File
Date: August 9, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Hospice is about how you live. It is a unique healthcare option available to those with life-limiting illness, emphasizing quality of life. It is about living life to its fullest, up to the final moment. It is about receiving comfort and care when a cure is no longer possible. It is about surrounding yourself and your loved ones with medical, emotional and spiritual support. They key to hospice is the well-rounded team approach to addressing the needs of patients and family. An interdisciplinary team develops a care plan that addresses each patient's individual physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Nurses, home health aides, spiritual specialists, bereavement counselors and social workers are all part of the team. Trained volunteers may also offer companionship. Our approach ensures symptom control, pain-management, psychosocial support and spiritual care to patients and their families. Emotional and spiritual support is available for families through the bereavement process and after the death of their loved one.

Issue: **Children's Charities**
Program: Public File
Date: August 16, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Walt Gray and 3000+ riders roll again in his 7th annual event. The ride this year expands to four children's charities in addition to Sacramento-area Make-A-Wish, which is a charitable non-profit organization whose purpose is to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. They have added: Mustard Seed School, which is a free, private school for children 3-15 years old which provides a safe, nurturing and structured environment, a positive learning experience, happy memories, survival resources of food, clothing and shelter referrals, medical and dental screenings, immunization updates, counseling for children and their parents, and assistance entering or re-entering public schools; Hope Productions Foundation, whose mission is to provide resources to children and youth charities to ensure sustainability, viability and awareness; and Sacramento Children's Home, which offers 24 hour, community and educational programs that serve more than 1,800 families and 3,500 children of the Greater Sacramento area each year.

Issue: **Learning Life Skills Through Building Guitars**
Program: Public File
Date: September 6, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Woodshoprocks is a program of education designed to teach students in the 7th grade through 12th grade the value of hard work one guitar at a time. With woodshop programs being cut or eliminated all over the country, the group feels that they need to bring programs to students that are challenging, interesting, and intrinsically motivating. They want to show that an excellent woodshop program can serve as a foundation for mathematics, science, life skills, and strategies that support all students. They have experienced great success with every kind of learner and have given our students knowledge and tools in a confidence-building setting that teaches skills which can be utilized throughout high school, college, and in the trades and careers. Woodshoprocks is a program that teaches students the art of guitar-building and so much more. With over 1,200 guitars and over 800 ukuleles produced in the last 14 years and with three schools currently participating in the program, they are looking to spread the word and the program all over the country.

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Issue: **Veterans Services**
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Issue: **Shaken Baby Syndrome**
Program: Public File
Date: September 27, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) is a collective term for the internal head injuries a baby or young child sustains from being violently shaken. Every year, nearly 50,000 children in the United States are forcefully shaken by their caretakers. The victims are on average 6 to 8 months old, but may be as old as 5 years or as young as a few days. The shaking may occur as a response of frustration to the baby's inconsolable crying or as an action of routine abuse. Infants and small children are especially vulnerable to SBS because their neck muscles are still too weak to adequately support their disproportionately large heads and their young brain tissue and blood vessels are extremely fragile. When an infant is vigorously shaken by the arms, legs, shoulders, or chest, the whiplash motion repeatedly jars the baby's brain with tremendous force, causing internal damage and bleeding. While there may be no obvious external signs of injury following shaking, the child may suffer internally from brain bleeding and bruising, brain swelling and damage; mental retardation; blindness, hearing loss, paralysis, speech impairment, and learning disabilities, and death. Nearly 2,000 children die every year as a result of being shaken. Shaken baby syndrome is preventable with public education. Adults must be actively taught that shaking a child is never acceptable and can cause severe injury or death.

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

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

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

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

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EDUCATION

Issue: **President Obama Attacks College Affordability Issue**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 5, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: President Barack Obama has been on the offensive recently, telling student-loan companies that he will fight them over his crusade to end bank-based lending. These Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) make up a reported 75% of the student loan businesses, and he wants them stopped in favor of direct lending. Mr. Obama said lenders "have mobilized an army of lobbyists... they are gearing up for battle... so am I." At the top of this story, we also hear from a University of Maryland College Park student who talks about her family's experience trying to pay for college.

Issue: **Ways to Make College More Affordable, Part 1 of 2: Reaction to Administration Proposals to Drop FFEL**
Date: July 5, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: As we heard in our first story, President Obama spoke of doing battle with the private student-loan lenders. So now that we've heard his side of the issue, we found a spokesperson from the opposing side.

Brenda Dillon is a Primary Negotiator representing for-profit lenders on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for Higher Education at the Department of Education. Ms. Dillon is Vice President and Director of Product Management, Key Education Resources, KeyBank, in Ohio. Next week, she tells us about a monthly payment plan, rather than a loan, that could potentially reduce student debt by thousands of dollars.

Issue: **Vassar College Receives Foundation Grant to Test New College Access Pipeline**
Date: July 5, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: A combination of tougher competition and a weak economy are creating what some may term a "perfect storm" for college access and affordability.

But one college in New York has received a foundation grant for a three year project to try and help get top students from low-income families ready for a college education.

This special program links high schools in the Poughkeepsie, NY area with Vassar College in an attempt to smooth the transition from secondary to higher education.

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Issue: **Cities in Crisis 2009: Closing the Graduation Gap, Part 1**
Date: July 12, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

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

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

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

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

Issue: **Daily Lessons: Inside Western Guilford High School Documentary Series, Final Chapter – Dropping Out**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 12, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: As we've already heard in this program, teenagers are dropping out of school at the alarming rate of 1-million or more very year in the United States.

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

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

Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 12, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

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

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

On average, Asian students graduated at a rate of nearly 79%, compared to 76% for whites, 55% for Hispanics, 51% for African Americans, and 50% of American Indians. For each student group, the graduation rate for the class of 2006 was lower than the class of 2005.

In related news, another report, this one by the American Enterprise Institute, reveals that colleges and universities are failing to graduate a majority of their students in six years. Nationally, four-year colleges graduated an average of just 53% of entering students within that six year time frame.

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Issue: **Cities in Crisis 2009: Closing the Graduation Gap, Part 2 of 2**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 19, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

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

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

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

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

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

Issue: **Dropout Factories: President Obama and Secretary Duncan**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 19, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Continuing now with our theme on dropouts and dropout factories all across America.

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

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

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

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Issue: **The Continuum of Secondary Science Teacher Preparation: Knowledge, Questions, Research, Part 1 of 2**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 26, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: A new report from the Carnegie Corporation argues that the nation must "do school differently" in order to make excellent mathematics and science learning possible for all Americans.

The report, The Opportunity Equation: Transforming Mathematics and Science Education for Citizenship and the Global Economy, says that knowledge and skills from science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) are crucial to virtually every endeavor of individual and community life. It maintains that all young Americans should be educated to be STEM-capable no matter where they live, what educational path they pursue, or in which field they choose to work.

Priority three in the suggested Carnegie four-step plan calls for an increase in the supply of well-prepared teachers of mathematics and science at all grade levels through improved teacher preparation, recruitment and professional learning.

And therein lies the proverbial 'rubber meets the road.' Some estimates indicate over the next decade, U.S. schools will need 200,000 more new teachers in science and math. That comes from the Business-Higher Education Forum in Washington.

Meanwhile, the Council of Chief School Officers compiled a report last year indicating that many school districts already face shortages. It revealed in at least 10 states, fewer than 6 out of 10 middle-school science teachers were certified.

Dr. Angelo Collins acknowledges these conditions. She's Executive Director of the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation. Dr. Collins says, "We desperately need more qualified science and math teachers because of retirement... overcrowded classrooms... and people teaching out of [their] field."

Issue: **Zircon as a Window into the Earliest History of Earth, Part 1**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 26, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: In more science related news, nearly 100 university instructors and students saw their experiments rise to the sky last month with the successful launch of a NASA suborbital rocket from a flight facility in Virginia. The week-long workshop provided hands-on learning experience for future scientists and engineers.

Meanwhile, after reviewing more than 3,500 applications, NASA has selected nine men and women for the 2009 Astronaut Candidate Class. They begin training next month in Houston. And as one would suspect, several come from technical and science backgrounds, including MIT and RPI – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Our next guest is Dr. Bruce Watson, Institute Professor of Science at the aforementioned RPI. Dr. Watson is a faculty member in their Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

When most people think of NASA, they probably think of outer space. But NASA also believes it's important to fund research looking at "inner-space". Dr. Bruce Watson is investigating Earth's history, just years after it was born.

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Issue: **Science Related Education Headlines and Updates**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 26, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: A study published online by the journal, Science Education, suggests that depth matters in science studies. The authors built their research on a national survey of 8,300 undergraduates enrolled in their first college science courses.

The study found that high school students who focus on more intensely on core topics within their biology, chemistry, and physics classes fared better in beginning college science, that those who delved a little bit into a larger list of topics. Observers say those findings could offer direction to developers of science curricula, tests, and textbooks.

In more NASA news, and an update to previous research stories we've aired about Mars, the red planet may have been "life-friendly" more recently than first thought.

According to a paper just published, warm weather near the Martian equator may have melted the ice in ice-rich soils as recently as 2-million years ago. This comes from close examination of images taken by a camera aboard the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. The pictures show that landforms, once thought to be shaped by volcanism, were actually modified by the expansion and contraction of ice,d ue to freeze-thaw cycles. Since liquid water is essential to life as we know it, this equatorial location would be an ideal place to hunt for traces of past or present Martian life.

Issue: **The Continuum of Secondary Science Teacher Preparation: Knowledge, Questions, Research, Part 2**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: August 2, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The new administration is consistent with its message that the path to jobs and growth begins in America's classrooms.

Education Secretary, Arne Duncan, emphasizes recruiting, retaining and rewarding an "army" of new teachers, while embracing innovative approaches to learning in order for the nation to remain a global leader in the 21st century.

Where will America find this "army of teachers?" And who is going to prepare them for the challenges facing today's students? A piece of that puzzle may come from the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation in New Jersey. Since 1999, it has been working to achieve some of the same educational goals now mirrored by the Obama administration.

Last week we looked at the projected severe shortage of math and science teachers, plus the need to boost teacher training and certification standards.

This week we look at why science is important for all people, the gender gap in science, and we profile what a successful Knowles Science Teaching Foundation Fellowship candidate is.

The KSTF Teaching Fellowship program is designed explicitly to meet the needs of beginning high school science and math teachers as they earn a teaching credential, right through the early years of their career.

The Foundation is led by Dr. Angelo Collins, Executive Director, and a science educator who has taught at both the high school and university level, and spent decades studying how best to prepare teachers for what she describes as a "complex profession.".

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Issue: **Zircon as a Window into the Earliest History of Earth, Part 2**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: August 2, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: To researchers and students of solid-Earth geochemistry, the past two decades has been a time of many exciting developments.

Perhaps foremost among these is a major shift away from what scientists thought Earth was like right after birth, during what's known as the Hadean Eon. More recently, this era has been interpreted by some as far more benign, possibly even with oceans like those of the present day.

Using the mineral Zircon, and a thermometer based on titanium content, temperatures substantiate the existence of wet minimum-melting conditions within 200-million years of solar system formation. They further suggest that Earth settled into a pattern of crust formation, erosion and sediment recycling as early as 4.3 billion years ago.

To get the latest on the current research into conditions on the earliest Earth, I spoke with Dr. Bruce Watson, Institute Professor of Science at RPI in Troy, New York. Dr. Watson is a faculty member in their Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Issue: **Improving Worldwide Literacy – The Global Campaign fro Universal Primary Education**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: August 9, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The Global Campaign for Education claims some 75-million children worldwide are unable to attend primary school. The Global Campaign is a coalition of NGOs and teachers unions from around the world, and it's pushing for all children to receive a free public education to become more literate. One step towards that goal may come from the Obama administration, as we hear in this TBOOK report from Washington.

Issue: **Learning in the Line of Fire / Education on the Firing Line**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: August 9, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Violence continues to erupt in Afghanistan, as Taliban forces wage their war of terror. Civilians in that country are obviously apprehensive. People in the village of Guldara are particularly concerned about their school. After the Taliban last attacked the school, villagers rebuilt it. And now, they're putting their lives on the line to try to keep that school open. World Vision Report's, Will Everett, went on location to Guldara, Afghanistan for this incredible up close perspective.

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Issue: **Educating Kabul's Street Children**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: August 9, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Then we meet more children who are on the front lines of survival. Afghanistan is a country where tens of thousands of children roam the streets – orphaned, abandoned, or simply struggling to help their families. There are an estimated 60 to 70 thousand street kids in Kabul alone.

It was a chance meeting between one of these children and an Afghan engineer, Mohammad Yousef, which led to the creation of Aschiana. Aschiana is an education and outreach institution aimed at providing rudimentary schooling and vocational training for street children and orphans. It now has seven centers in Kabul and other towns around the country.

Despite being constantly strapped for cash, its staff believes in the redemptive powers of art, education, and sports for healing some of the wounds the children have suffered.

Radio Netherland's, Gert Jan Rohmensen was in Afghanistan recently, visited the Aschiana School, and got these revealing details from Mohammad Yousef.

Issue: **Astrobiology Research & Education Series Links Moon Rocks to 40th Anniversary of Moon Landings – The Cataclysmic Bombardment of the Earth-Moon System 3.9 Billion Years Ago: Could the Formation of the Moon's Basins Be Related to the Origin of the Oort Cloud of Comets, the Orbit of Pluto, and the Origin of Life on Earth?**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: August 23, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: By now, we've all experienced the media immersion and focus on the first moon landing 40 years ago. But what many may have not considered is, what's left of all those moon rocks the Apollo astronauts brought back with them to Earth?

Well, as it turns out, scientists are still using moon samples for their research: still discovering new information, and in the process, finding out important things about Earth's history and our own solar system.

One of those moon rock researchers joins TBOOK in studio to discuss how he is applying new technology to discover more from the materials that were returned. He is Dr. Timothy Swindle, a Professor in the Department of Planetary Sciences at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, University of Arizona in Tucson. His specialty is Cosmochemistry.

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Issue: **A New School Treatment Facility Opens in Kentucky – The Highlands Center for Autism**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: August 30, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Next, parents of children with autism face a multitude of challenges, not the least of which is identifying the appropriate therapy for their child. And then, finding the right program to carry it out. A new school in Eastern Kentucky is bringing hope to parents and children in that region of the country. TBOOK gets this up close and personal perspective through the eyes of parents and therapists

Issue: **Autism: Entering the Education System – The Hillcrest Educational Centers in Western Massachusetts**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: August 30, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: What happens when autistic children enter the educational system in the United States? Our previous report spoke of a new facility just opening in the Midwest. Now, we turn our attention to well-established operations in the Northeast. TBOOK reports on the services provided by the Hillcrest Educational Centers located in Western Massachusetts.

Issue: **What to Read When: The Books and Stories to Read with Your Child – and All the Best Times to Read Them, Part 1**
Date: September 6, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Well, vacation is nearly over and students are heading back to school. TBOOK hopes students have been brushing up on their reading skills over the summer. But we wanted to provide some tips for boosting reading skills for this new school year.

Children's books are produced in abundance. Partly because of that, their shelf life is often not as long as adult books. That can pose a problem for parents when it comes to young readers looking for literature themselves, and in getting young readers excited about the stories and books they're given.

To learn more about the state of literacy today, we turned to a leading authority in children's literature and education. Pam Allyn is Founder and Executive Director of LitLife, and internationally recognized organization that trains hundreds of K thru 12 teachers each year. Allyn founded Books for Boys, an award-winning mentoring and reading initiative at The Children's Village. She's also the recipient of two James Patterson Page Turner Awards for excellence in bringing literacy to underserved populations.

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Kenya is in East Africa, lying along the Indian Ocean, right on the equator. Kenya is nearly as large as Texas or France and has rapidly grown to nearly 38-million people. The official languages are Swahili and English.

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Issue: **President Obama Attacks College Affordability Issue**
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Description: President Barack Obama has been on the offensive recently, telling student-loan companies that he will fight them over his crusade to end bank-based lending. These Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) make up a reported 75% of the student loan businesses, and he wants them stopped in favor of direct lending. Mr. Obama said lenders "have mobilized an army of lobbyists... they are gearing up for battle... so am I." At the top of this story, we also hear from a University of Maryland College Park student who talks about her family's experience trying to pay for college.

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Brenda Dillon is a Primary Negotiator representing for-profit lenders on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for Higher Education at the Department of Education. Ms. Dillon is Vice President and Director of Product Management, Key Education Resources, KeyBank, in Ohio. Next week, she tells us about a monthly payment plan, rather than a loan, that could potentially reduce student debt by thousands of dollars.

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

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

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

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

Issue: **Dropout Factories: President Obama and Secretary Duncan**
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Description: Continuing now with our theme on dropouts and dropout factories all across America.

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

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

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

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Issue: **President Obama Attacks College Affordability Issue**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 5, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: President Barack Obama has been on the offensive recently, telling student-loan companies that he will fight them over his crusade to end bank-based lending. These Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) make up a reported 75% of the student loan businesses, and he wants them stopped in favor of direct lending. Mr. Obama said lenders "have mobilized an army of lobbyists... they are gearing up for battle... so am I." At the top of this story, we also hear from a University of Maryland College Park student who talks about her family's experience trying to pay for college.

Issue: **Ways to Make College More Affordable, Part 1 of 2: Reaction to Administration Proposals to Drop FFEL**
Date: July 5, 2009
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Description: As we heard in our first story, President Obama spoke of doing battle with the private student-loan lenders. So now that we've heard his side of the issue, we found a spokesperson from the opposing side.

Brenda Dillon is a Primary Negotiator representing for-profit lenders on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for Higher Education at the Department of Education. Ms. Dillon is Vice President and Director of Product Management, Key Education Resources, KeyBank, in Ohio. Next week, she tells us about a monthly payment plan, rather than a loan, that could potentially reduce student debt by thousands of dollars.

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Issue: **Daily Lessons: Inside Western Guilford High School Documentary Series, Final Chapter – Dropping Out**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 12, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: As we've already heard in this program, teenagers are dropping out of school at the alarming rate of 1-million or more very year in the United States.

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

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

Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 12, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

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

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

On average, Asian students graduated at a rate of nearly 79%, compared to 76% for whites, 55% for Hispanics, 51% for African Americans, and 50% of American Indians. For each student group, the graduation rate for the class of 2006 was lower than the class of 2005.

In related news, another report, this one by the American Enterprise Institute, reveals that colleges and universities are failing to graduate a majority of their students in six years. Nationally, four-year colleges graduated an average of just 53% of entering students within that six year time frame.

Issue: **Cities in Crisis 2009: Closing the Graduation Gap, Part 2 of 2**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 19, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

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

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

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

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

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

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Educating Kabul's Street Children**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: August 9, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Then we meet more children who are on the front lines of survival. Afghanistan is a country where tens of thousands of children roam the streets – orphaned, abandoned, or simply struggling to help their families. There are an estimated 60 to 70 thousand street kids in Kabul alone.

It was a chance meeting between one of these children and an Afghan engineer, Mohammad Yousef, which led to the creation of Aschiana. Aschiana is an education and outreach institution aimed at providing rudimentary schooling and vocational training for street children and orphans. It now has seven centers in Kabul and other towns around the country.

Despite being constantly strapped for cash, its staff believes in the redemptive powers of art, education, and sports for healing some of the wounds the children have suffered.

Radio Netherland's, Gert Jan Rohmensen was in Afghanistan recently, visited the Aschiana School, and got these revealing details from Mohammad Yousef.

Issue: **What to Read When: The Books and Stories to Read with Your Child – and All the Best Times to Read Them, Part 1**
Date: September 6, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Well, vacation is nearly over and students are heading back to school. TBOOK hopes students have been brushing up on their reading skills over the summer. But we wanted to provide some tips for boosting reading skills for this new school year.

Children's books are produced in abundance. Partly because of that, their shelf life is often not as long as adult books. That can pose a problem for parents when it comes to young readers looking for literature themselves, and in getting young readers excited about the stories and books they're given.

To learn more about the state of literacy today, we turned to a leading authority in children's literature and education. Pam Allyn is Founder and Executive Director of LitLife, and internationally recognized organization that trains hundreds of K thru 12 teachers each year. Allyn founded Books for Boys, an award-winning mentoring and reading initiative at The Children's Village. She's also the recipient of two James Patterson Page Turner Awards for excellence in bringing literacy to underserved populations.

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Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
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Description: U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, spent several days last month before school started on what he termed Read to the Top! He partnered with community organizations nationwide for his reading initiative to try and curb summer reading losses. During one event, the Secretary was joined by White House Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, who read aloud "Duck for President." Duncan read "Library King" and also "I Am America." Various elementary school classes were invited to share in the reading aloud experience.

This fits right in with a story we began last week when we spoke with Pam Allyn about the state of literacy in this country.

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EDUCATION

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Date: July 26, 2009
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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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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There are a lot of sources for bad news. In fact, it's hard to avoid. But Jurriaan Kamp and Helene duPuy, journalists from the Netherlands, decided what they wanted to do was feature the news that no one was covering... the stories of hope and innovation around the world. That led to the creation of Ode Magazine.

Next, a double shot of Artspace. First, as it is International Women's Month, it is particularly appropriate to introduce you to Paoloa Gianturco, a California writer and photographer whose book, Celebrating Women, is the basis of an exhibit at UNESCO International Headquarters in Paris all month.

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GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)

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

Description: There are some events that define a generation. In this country, it may be the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Many people consider it to be a closed case. They want to move on. They want to put it behind them. But others, particularly those who were personally impacted by the events of that day, still have questions they say haven't been answered. Tens of thousands of New Yorkers, in fact, have signed a petition to vote on creating a new, city-based commission to re-open the investigation.

The world knows the events ten years ago in China as the Tiananmen Square massacre. In China, it's know as the June Fourth Incident. On that day in 1989, as many as a million Chinese people gathered in Tiananmen Square in a rising tide of protest against a repressive government. As the military opened fire, hundreds of people died and thousands were wounded. The exact number of casualties has never been known. But author Diane Wei Liang was a witness... and she's written a book about her experiences called "Lake With No Name: A True Story of Love and Conflict in Modern China."

And finally, a book that tackles a growing problem for many young women – cutting. Author Julia Hoban has written a book that she says is proving to be an invaluable resource for parents who don't know how to open the discussion. Willow is the story of a bright, troubled girl who handles her unbearable emotional pain by cutting her own skin.

Program: 51%
Date: August 23, 2009
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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GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)

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

Description: 21,000 new American troops are on their way to Afghanistan this summer. That's in response to the growing threat of the Taliban there. And a top US security advisor recently recommended they be followed by an additional 45,000. There also have been calls for the Taliban to come to the negotiating table to consider power sharing. But that prospect worries women's rights advocates. Under the Taliban, women couldn't work, couldn't go to a male doctor, couldn't leave the house without a male escort and had to cover themselves from head to toe. Women have made small but significant strides in recent years, and they are convinced those advances will be the first victim of any power sharing agreement with the fundamental religious and political group. Naheed Mustafa spoke with two Afghani women about the issue and has this report from Kabul.

Peace activism isn't restricted to the young. Documentary filmmaker Pam Walton has a new film out which profiles an unusual group of activists… the Raging Grannies of San Francisco. They're feisty ladies carrying on a tradition begun in British Columbia – stirring up the pot on important issues and challenging stereotypes about older women.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton famously lost her cool in the Congo when she was asked to please express her husband's views on policy issue. It was a moment that may not have been stellar diplomacy, but most women could understand why it happened. Blogger Roberta Kyle, also known as the Political Packrat, shares her opinion of the storm that followed.

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Date: September 6, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: New York's governor had a bill on his desk from May until August that would make New York only the fifth in the country to ban the routine shackling of female prisoners who are in labor. He finally promised to sign that bill in mid-August, but when the story made the New York Times, many people were shocked to learn that the practice is not uncommon.

We've discussed rape as a weapon of war in the Congo, the problem of access to health care for women because of cultural taboos, efforts to stem the rising number of maternal mortalities. Now Doctor Padmini Murthy of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health has created a book that covers all those issues, and makes a clear correlation between women's health and human rights violations. The book is called Women's Global Health and Human Rights.

Let's talk about a more mundane threat to our sense of well-being and safety – but one that every single woman everywhere has experienced. The horrible sensation of knowing you're alone – and maybe you shouldn't be. Writer Sari Botton experienced it firsthand.

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Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Nancy Rivard was an executive with American Airlines when she had an epiphany… she wanted her life to have a higher purpose. And with that goal in mind, she took a backwards step, went back to working as a flight attendant and eventually created Airline Ambassadors. The idea was simple – link humanitarian needs with the resources available through airlines and travel. Since its creation in 1992, Airline Ambassadors has helped more than half a million people all over the world, flying supplies to orphanages and villages, transporting medical supplies, funding educational and health programs. It is recognized by the United Nations and the US Congress. But Rivard says the organization has hit a critical point, and needs to not only focus its efforts but ask for more public help.

Youth has always believed it is immortal – it's hard to imagine getting sick or old when you haven't even reached your third decade. But with doomsday talk and growing problems in the world, today's young people have an even more frightening mindset. They're not going to live that long.

And that leads to thoughts of healthcare reform. The summer of 2009 had two main headlines – the economy and the battle between people who were convinced that America's healthcare system is on a fast track to disaster, and those who are equally impassioned in their belief that government's got no business messing with healthcare. Somewhere in between the rhetoric are people like commentator Nancy Foote… and her brother.

Program: 51%
Date: September 20, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: The battle over healthcare reform has dominated the summer's news – except for long spells where we heard about the economy or Michael Jackson. But how much of what we hear is fact and how much is hyperbole? Judith Stein knows how government handles a health care program and she sees it from the inside. She's the founder of The Center for Medicare Advocacy, a national legal aid society to help seniors fight to get the services they need from the government health care system. And you may be surprised to learn she thinks the government does a great job.

If you have children, you know that antibiotics aren't handed out as regularly as they once were. There's a reason. Years of prescribing antibiotics as the first line of defense have helped create mutated bugs that scoff at medication that once killed them dead. And those bacteria are also proliferating in our food supply as factory farms use antibiotics as a substitute for health living conditions for the animals raised for slaughter. Laura Rogers is project director for the Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming.

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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.

ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: September 13, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Nancy Rivard was an executive with American Airlines when she had an epiphany… she wanted her life to have a higher purpose. And with that goal in mind, she took a backwards step, went back to working as a flight attendant and eventually created Airline Ambassadors. The idea was simple – link humanitarian needs with the resources available through airlines and travel. Since its creation in 1992, Airline Ambassadors has helped more than half a million people all over the world, flying supplies to orphanages and villages, transporting medical supplies, funding educational and health programs. It is recognized by the United Nations and the US Congress. But Rivard says the organization has hit a critical point, and needs to not only focus its efforts but ask for more public help.

Youth has always believed it is immortal – it's hard to imagine getting sick or old when you haven't even reached your third decade. But with doomsday talk and growing problems in the world, today's young people have an even more frightening mindset. They're not going to live that long.

And that leads to thoughts of healthcare reform. The summer of 2009 had two main headlines – the economy and the battle between people who were convinced that America's healthcare system is on a fast track to disaster, and those who are equally impassioned in their belief that government's got no business messing with healthcare. Somewhere in between the rhetoric are people like commentator Nancy Foote… and her brother.

Program: 51%
Date: September 27, 2009
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.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3rd QUARTER 2009

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	KSSJ	KBZC
Taste of Lodi	4	4	3	3	2	2
Make-A-Wish Foundation	2	2	4	4	3	3
Free Pharmaceutical Drop Off	3	3	2	2	4	4
Placer ARC	3	3	3	4	2	2
Home Aid Build & Care Program	2	2	2	3	3	4
Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary	3	3	3	2	2	2
Sleep Train Foster Kids Program	2	2	2	3	3	3
Placer SPCA	4	3	2	4	3	2
Full Circle Treatment Center	2	4	3	2	4	3
Youth Buffalo Chips Running Group	3	3	2	3	3	2
Sacramento Power Squadron	2	2	3	2	2	3
Omni Youth Programs	4	3	2	4	3	2
OHF Foundation	2	4	3	2	4	3
Oakmont High School Football	3	2	3	2	3	2
Field Haven Feline Rescue	3	2	3	2	3	2
City of Roseville	2	3	2	3	2	3
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy	2	3	2	3	2	3
Stanford Home for Children	2	4	2	4	2	4
Strategies for Change	3	3	3	3	3	3
Sacramento Job Fair	4	2	4	2	4	2
Krazy San Ladz Inc.	3	2	3	2	3	2
Marshal Medical Center	2	3	2	3	2	3
Ronald McDonald House	3	2	3	2	3	2
St. John's Shelter for Women	2	3	2	3	2	3
Financial Hope Now	4	2	2	4	3	4
Davis Farm to School Connection	3	3	3	3	2	3
Susan G Komen Foundation	3	4	3	2	3	3
Folsom Zoo Sanctuary	4	3	2	3	3	3
Carmichael Park & Rec. District	2	3	4	3	2	2
Daddy's Here Men's Support Group	3	2	2	4	3	3
Drowning Accident Rescue Team	3	3	3	2	2	3
Men Against Violence Center	2	3	3	2	4	2
Meg's Place Safe Haven	3	3	4	3	2	2
Coaching for Kids	2	2	3	4	3	3
Roseville Park & Recreation	3	3	4	2	2	3
Sacramento Valley AIDS Run	3	3	3	4	3	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 Sacramento Magazine, California Department of Water Services, Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, Alzheimer's Association, and WNBF.

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.