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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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ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HEALTH

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Date: April 6, 2008
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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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Description: When a family member dies, children react differently from adults. Preschool children usually see death as temporary and reversible, a belief reinforced by cartoon characters who die and come to life again. Children between five and nine begin to think more like adults about death, yet they still believe it will never happen to them or anyone they know. Adding to a child's shock and confusion at the death of a brother, sister, or parent is the unavailability of other family members, who may be so shaken by grief that they are not able to cope with the normal responsibility of childcare. Parents should be aware of normal childhood responses to a death in the family, as well as signs when a child is having difficulty coping with grief. It is normal during the weeks following the death for some children to feel immediate grief or persist in the belief that the family member is still alive. However, long-term denial of the death or avoidance of grief can be emotionally unhealthy and can later lead to more severe problems.

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Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: Sin cancer is the most common type of cancer and new cases and death from its deadliest form have been increasing dramatically. Annually, there are more new skin cancer cases in California than new cases of all other cancers combined. One in five Americans can expect to get skin cancer. Exposure to the sun during childhood and adolescence typically plays a critical role in the development of skin cancer. Overexposure to UV rays in sunlight cannot only cause skin cancer, it can also weaken the immune system, cause cataracts and promote premature aging of the skin. Skin cancer is preventable. Sun safety tips include wearing wide brimmed hats when outdoors, reducing sun exposure between 10:00am and 4:00pm, applying sunscreen liberally, and wearing sun glasses with 100% UVA and UVB protection. The program's mission is to increase public awareness of the dangers of unprotected exposure to sunlight, increase individual and organization-wide practice of un-safe behaviors, and decrease future incidences (new cases) of skin cancer among Californians. They provide sun safety education packages for child care sites targeting children ages 3 to 5 years of age, conduct shade surveys at elementary schools and child care sites, and promote use of sun safety materials for outdoor based employee.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Depression**
Program: Public File
Date: June 29, 2008
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: A depressive disorder is an illness that involves the body, mood, and thoughts. It affects the way a person eats and sleeps, the way one feels about oneself, and the way one thinks about things. A depressive disorder is not the same as a passing blue mood. It is not a sign of personal weakness or a condition that can be willed or wished away. People with a depressive illness cannot merely "pull themselves together" and get better. Without treatment, symptoms can last for weeks, months, or years. Appropriate treatment, however, can help most people who suffer from depression. Everyone experiences "ups" and "downs" in their life. But for some people the "downs" can outweigh the "ups." This can cause problems with everyday activities such as eating, sleeping, working, and getting along with friends. If this happens for more than a few weeks, depression may be the reason. Major depression is very common – it affects an estimated 19 million American adults every year. Nearly twice as many women (6.5%) as men (3.3%) suffer from depression each year. The good news is that it is possible to manage the symptoms of depression.

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Issue: **Local Scottish Heritage**
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Date: April 20, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The Caledonian Club of Sacramento, which was established in 1876, is a non-profit organization formed to preserve Scottish heritage. Club membership is open to anyone of Scottish birth or descent, their kin, and to any person interested in the rich and historic traditions of Scotland. Their regional Scottish-American cultural society hosts many annual events, including the Sacramento Valley Scottish Highland Games & Gathering. The club's goals and purposes are to bring together people of Scottish descent, practice and preserve Scottish traditions, educate the public about Scottish traditions and heritage, promote goodwill among people of Scottish heritage and the public, and perform local charitable work.

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Date: May 18, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

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Issue: **Donating Blood**
Program: Public File
Date: May 25, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: BloodSource is committed to grow with our communities and to consistently provide a readily available, safe blood supply. They do this by doing what's right: Meeting the needs of patients, physicians, hospitals and donors. Blood donations provide life-saving treatments to accident victims, surgery patients, cancer patients and many others in need. Thanks to the generosity of donors throughout Northern and Central California, they are the source for every drop of blood used by over 40 hospitals in 25 counties – from Merced to the Oregon border, from Vacaville to Lake Tahoe. They are also the source around the nation, even around the world, for other blood centers that simply cannot go it alone. At BloodSource, they remain steadfast in their commitment to collect, test. Process and deliver the safest blood and blood components – wherever the need, whenever the need.

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Program: Public File
Date: June 8, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

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Issue: **Local Scottish Heritage**
Program: Public File
Date: April 20, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The Caledonian Club of Sacramento, which was established in 1876, is a non-profit organization formed to preserve Scottish heritage. Club membership is open to anyone of Scottish birth or descent, their kin, and to any person interested in the rich and historic traditions of Scotland. Their regional Scottish-American cultural society hosts many annual events, including the Sacramento Valley Scottish Highland Games & Gathering. The club's goals and purposes are to bring together people of Scottish descent, practice and preserve Scottish traditions, educate the public about Scottish traditions and heritage, promote goodwill among people of Scottish heritage and the public, and perform local charitable work.

Issue: **Humane Animal Treatment**
Program: Public File
Date: April 27, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The mission of the Placer SPCA is to prevent cruelty to animals, relieve animal suffering and ensure animal welfare, provide humane and animal care education, encourage and support the human-animal bond in our community, and encourage participation by all in a cooperative, on-going manner. The vision of the Placer SPCA is that every adoptable pet in Placer County has a home, every lost pet in Placer County is reunited with its owner, low-cost spaying and neutering is available for all cats and dogs, and that every animal is treated with kindness and respect. Programs include behavior education, a food assistance program, a spay and neuter assistance program, a youth for animals club, vaccinations and micro-chipping, a lost and found and a humane kids camp.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Support for Adult Cancer Patients**
Program: Public File
Date: May 18, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The Me-One Foundation is a non-profit corporation created to provide adult cancer patients and their families with an environment where the can be allowed to embrace life without cancer as the first and foremost thought of their every waking moment. The Me-One Foundation will provide families with activities and events to promote courage, hope, laughter, and enjoyment through Camp Challenge. Camp Challenge is a no-cost camp for families afflicted by cancer and in need to a place of joy and relaxation that will focus them on living life, and not fighting disease. By providing this haven of hope, we allow families to be victorious, even if temporarily, over cancer, and keeping life's scoreboard at Cancer-Zero; Me-One.

Issue: **Water Search & Rescue**
Program: Public File
Date: June 22, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Five out of every 100,000 children in the Sacramento area will be victims of a drowning accident. This is over two times the national average. DART's mission is to save lives and recover property, particularly in water related accidents. They respond to over 100 calls each year. They work with agencies such as the CHP, the US Coast Guard, local fire, sheriff and city police agencies, UC Davis Medical Center's Life Flight, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. There are over 1,000 miles of waterways in Sacramento County and due to the cold water and tricky current combined with low visibility of the rivers, the diving that DART performs is very different from recreational diving. DART members are trained and certified in shore duties, rescue and recovery diving team leadership, emergency diving and assisting the victim's next of kin. DART's drowning prevention seminars are available all year around to any group.

Issue: **Music Therapy**
Program: Public File
Date: June 29, 2008
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

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

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Description

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

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

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ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EDUCATION

Issue: **Reading First: An Investigation into Program Results and Why Funding was Sharply Reduced**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 6, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Five weeks ago, we broadcast a story about the proposed education budget for fiscal year 2009. As part of that report, the section on Reading First was so immense and so important, that we said we'd cover it in a future program. As listeners should recall, the Reading First budget was slashed by 60% this year. The $1 billion Reading First received last year, was cut to just $393 million this year. Congress made those cuts after an investigation suggested that conflicts of interest occurred among officials and contractors who helped implement Reading First. The review implied some had ties to commercial reading programs used in participating schools. Since our previous story, several state Reading First administrators have met with Washington officials to voice concern about those budget cuts. State directors told officials that Reading First may not survive, if the massive funding cuts are not restored. They maintain reading coaches, professional development for teachers, core reading programs and interventions, and accountability measures all need to be sustained in order to retain improvements achieved thus far. TBOOK discusses the many facets of the controversy with Dr. Richard Allington, Professor of Education at the University of Tennessee. He's also the former President of the International Reading Association. Also, Dr. Evan Lesky, Executive Director of Just Read Florida. And Denis Sontag, Director of the New York Reading First program.

Issue: **Reading First: Secretary of Education Reacts to the "Politics First" Approach**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 6, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: In the midst of this presidential election year, Congress looks poised to reject any further education funding until a new president takes office next year. That means the fate of this year's fiscal 2009 education budget, including possibly restoring the massive Reading First cuts, could hinge on the November showdown for the White House. To hear the present administration's viewpoint on the Reading First controversy, TBOOK gets these reactions from the Secretary of Education.

Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 6, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: By now, everyone's aware of the slowdown in the economy, and the stock market's roller coaster ride. This has caused some concerns about a potential impact on student loans. Around 1,200 colleges participate in direct lending, while nearly 6,000 institutions take part in the guaranteed-loan program. Senator Ted Kennedy has urged the Secretary of Education to make sure the programs that exist to protect students from market disruptions are ready in case they need to take up the slack. Meanwhile, Secretary Spellings testified before the House of Representatives Education Committee, saying her department is monitoring lender departures from the student-loan program, and working with colleges and lenders to assess the impact on students. She assured Congress her department is prepared for in influx of colleges and ready to put in place "lender of last report" provisions. As of our show production deadlines, both Congress and the Department of Education reportedly agree that a federal-loan crisis is unlikely, given the large number of lenders who participate in the program.

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Issue: **Remembering Sir Arthur C. Clarke**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 13, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: We begin today with a brief note about the very recent passing of visionary science fiction writer, Sir Arthur C. Clarke. Clarke was the author of 100 books and was an impassioned promoter of the idea that humanity's destiny lay beyond the confines of earth.

It was his creation, with legendary film director Stanley Kubrick, which gave us the classic 1968 science-fiction thriller, "2001: A Space Odyssey." It brought sir Arthur world-wide fame. Mr. Clarke's influence on public attitudes toward space was acknowledged by astronauts... by scientists like astronomer Carl Sagan... and by movie and television producers. In fact, Gene Roddenberry credited Clarke's writings with giving him the courage to pursue his "Star Trek" project.

One of Arthur Clarke's most memorable characters is probably the Hal 9000 computer in his "2001: A Space Odyssey" movie. Even though that was 40 years ago... difficult to believe... you will hear both "Hal" and "Star Trek" in our next story.

Issue: **National Science Foundation Series – The Sounds of Progress: The Changing Role of Girls and Women in Science and Engineering "Prototypes as Gatekeepers: Researchers Study the Consequences for Gender Participation in Computer Sciences"**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 13, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: History shows that women are less likely to seek careers in computer science, engineering, or physics than almost any other scientific job. Indeed, both the rise and fall of computer science enrollments have been dramatic over the last ten years. National data shows that the number of newly declared undergraduate majors at doctoral-granting computer science departments is roughly half what it was in the year 2000.

Why are these women... many of whom have grown up with computers in their homes, and had computer science and advanced math classes in high school... not interested in pursuing and remaining in computer science and engineering to the same extent as their male peers?

A team of researchers at Stanford University, led by Dr. Sapna Cheryan, has focused on that very question for several years. They're learning why it happens, and what schools can do to try and improve programs to encourage more women to stay in computer sciences. Now, for the first time, we have the results of that just completed long-term investigation in audio form. The final written version of this study will be published in the future in peer reviewed journals.

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Issue: **Questions Remain About Laptop Computers in Schools**
Date: April 13, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: While we're talking about computers, laptops were often considered the future of public education around the turn of the century. Ironically, as we heard earlier, that was just about the same time computer science enrollments were declining.

There have been many stories where entire school systems received wireless laptops. One example: the state of Maine gave all its middle schoolers laptops. And districts like Liverpool, New York (just outside Syracuse) followed suit.

But then last year in New York, it looked like the laptop revolution might be coming to an end. The Liverpool Central School District scaled back its program. Assistant Superintendent, Maureen Patterson, told NPR at the time that it just wasn't worth the expense. Patterson said they "... decided that we needed to ask if it's improving student achievement, if instruction with technology was doing that, and student use of technology was improving student achievement? Was it increasing our student graduation rate? Was it decreasing our drop out rate? And the answers were no!" And Liverpool School Board President, Mark Lawson, added "After seven years, there was literally no evidence it had any impact on student achievement... none."

However, proponents of so-called one-to-one laptop programs, where each student gets a computer to take home, say it's premature to sound the death knell. They say it's all about the execution.

Issue: **Series: The Language of Learning / The California Report "Teaching the Teachers", Part 1 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 27, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: A new study finds that English proficiency is the biggest predictor of the academic achievement of immigrant students. Called the "Longitudinal Immigrant Student Adaptation Study, it also found that how well students learn English is very strongly correlated with the quantity of schools they attend. This week and next week, this special series focuses on the debate over the best way to prepare teachers to education California's burgeoning English learner population. We visit programs at Sacramento State University and San Jose State University where future teachers are learning new skills and techniques to work with the state's changing population.

Issue: **Small Schools in New York City**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 27, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: From California, we shift our attention to New York and small schools. New York City has opened about 200 new small schools in recent years. The effort is part of a national movement to phase out large failing high schools. Education advocates believe these smaller and more personalized schools are good environments for special education students. In this special investigative report from WNYC public radio, some positive changes are starting to appear in a number of small schools.

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Issue: **Origins of Life – Science Research in Education Series "Impact Cratering and its Effect on the Origin and Early Evolution of Life", part 1 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 27, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The origin of life is one of the great mysteries in the universe. Scientists are investigating the question by several different methods. One way is by studying cratering. Impact cratering is the dominant geologic process in the solar system. It's affected all terrestrial planetary surfaces including Mercury, Mars, our Moon, and Earth itself. To get our story started, TBOOK spoke with one of the world's most knowledgeable researchers on the subject. Dr. David Kring is a Professor of Planetary Sciences in the Lunar and Planetary Lab at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Issue: **The Language of Learning / The California Report "Teaching the Teachers", Part 2 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 4, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Political, business and education leaders around the world are urging greater attention to teaching children foreign languages to help bolster international competitiveness. But at the same time, the US Department of Education has adopted regulations for Limited English Proficiency, or LEP students. The rules are intended to help recently arrived Limited English Proficiency students learn English and other subjects, while giving states and local school districts greater flexibility on assessment. California educates about 1.6 million, or nearly one-third of the nation's 5.1 million English-learners. This affords California many opportunities to set trends for educating English-learner students. That means what California does, can be influential elsewhere. One-fourth of California's students in K-12 are English-learners. And for children ages 3 to 5, that proportion swells to a whopping 39%. This is important to keep in mind because California education officials are adopting what they say is the nation's first set of statewide academic standards devoted to preschool English-language learners. The standards, which the California State Education Department calls, Learning Foundations, are part of a set of competencies for all preschoolers in literacy, mathematics, and social development. We conclude our special series this week focusing on best practices for preparing teachers to educate that state's growing English-learner population.

Issue: **The Student Loan Crisis**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 4, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: We wanted to bring listeners up to date on one of the most important stories right now in higher education. And, one which is often overlooked by other media. That's how the current US economic downturn is impacting student loans. This comes just as the lending season is kicking into high gear. The US Education Department is taking steps (in just 11 weeks) to develop an entirely new system of distributing federally guaranteed student loans in the event of a "crisis" in the government-backed system. The two leading democratic education legislators, Congressman George Miller of California, and Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, have made repeated pleas to the Department of Education to prepare a "lender of last resort" system. This scenario would provide for the government to give money directly to a group of outside guarantee agencies and their for-profit partners for distribution to student borrowers. Just as we were meeting our final production deadline for this broadcast, the House of Representatives approved legislation targeted at averting a student loan crisis. The bill seeks to stem the departure of loan companies from the student-loan program. More than 50 lenders have now reportedly left in recent weeks amid the credit crunch that's rippled across the financial sector. The Secretary of Education would be allowed to buy up loans that lenders have struggled to sell to investors. This is also an attempt to reassure students that the government will step in if private lenders continue to drop out of the system. If there's any good news in all of this, at least so far, lender departures do not appear to have resulted in a shortage of student loans. Parents and students should obviously keep a close eye on this situation.

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Issue: **Origins of Life – Science Research in Education Series "Impact Cratering and its Effect on the Origin and Early Evolution of Life", Part 2 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 4, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: If one looks at the extensive impact cratering we can see on places like the Moon and other planets such as Mercury, Earth does not look nearly as battered. But appearances are deceiving. As we learned in last week's story, Earth has been the target of about ten times more impacting objects than our Moon, producing over 3-million impact craters. They range anywhere from 1 kilometer in diameter, to more than 1,000 kilometers in diameter. It's just that we can't see the impact cratering on our own planet due to Earth's crust movements, mountain building, erosions, and volcanoes. So far, only about 160 impact craters have been found. Perhaps the most widely known of these impact craters is the 180 kilometer diameter Chicxulub crater on the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. Studies of the Chicxulub impact event, and the mass extinction event that occurred as a result 65-million years ago, have demonstrated that impact cratering can affect the biologic evolution of a planet, as well as the geologic evolution of a planet. TBOOK picks up the fascinating conclusion of this story with a highly noted researcher in this field. Dr. David Kring is a Professor of Planetary Sciences in the Lunar and Planetary Lab at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Issue: **National Science Foundation Series – The Sounds of Progress: The Changing Role of Girls and Women in Science and Engineering**
"The Role of Gender in Language Used By Children and Parents Working on Mathematical Tasks"
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 10, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: It's a challenge for parents and teachers to help students develop positive self-beliefs in math at an early age. But it's important children gain that confidence while they are young, so they can become successful in math throughout their lives.

Research has found gender-based differences in how parents perceive their children's abilities in mathematics. For example, in 2002 one such study found that parents of 7-year old boys rated their children's competence higher than did parents of 7-year old girls. Other research from 1998 revealed that even when girls received better grades than boys in math, parents of daughters reported that they believe their daughters had lower math ability than did parents of sons. Another study one year earlier, found that children's competence beliefs are shaped by their parent's expectations more than by grades given by teachers. Parent's beliefs not only impact children's self-efficacy, but also the experience they provide for their children.

Mathematics researchers at the Curriculum Development & Research Group at the University of Hawaii, have extended that research by recruiting 100 child-parent teams called dyads to participate in their study. These teams perform tasks that encourage high levels of interaction between parent and child. And then researchers analyze videotapes for evidence of gender-related differences on how children and parents interact when working on: spatial tasks in geometry... patterning tasks in algebra... and tasks related to numbers and operations.

Thus far, the inquiry is uncovering results that could inform the mathematics community and hopefully will contribute to finding ways to increase the representation of women in mathematics, engineering, computer technology, and the physical sciences. The Hawaii research team continues to transcribe and code its video recordings. They expect to analyze the data throughout the remainder of this year, before publishing final results in peer reviewed journals. But here now for the very first time are some early findings.

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Issue: **Mathematic Advisory Panel**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 10, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Because we're focusing on math in this show, we wanted to briefly mention a report just issued by a National Mathematics Advisory Panel, Chaired by Dr. Larry Faulkner. We'll have more about this and hear from Dr. Faulkner in a future TBOOK. But we asked Education Secretary, Margaret Spellings, what she hopes will happen now that the study is complete.

Issue: **Bullying: The Social and Educational Impact on Students, Part 1 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 19, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Bullying is a common experience for many children and adolescents. Surveys indicate that as many as half of all children are bullied at some time during their school years. Studies show that as many as 15% to 25% of students are bullied with some frequency. To put that in perspective, worldwide, that means tens of millions of students are victims. Millions of students reportedly skip school each day because they're afraid of being bullied. And there's a huge economic loss as well, which we'll talk about in next week's show.

Dr. Wendy Craig joins Dr. Karen Hitchcock in studio to discuss this crucial problem. Dr. Craig is a Professor of Psychology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Her research addresses the risk and protective factors associated with bullying and victimization in schools and social relationships. In recognition of her work on bullying, Dr. Craig won an Investigator Award from the Canadian Institute of Health Research. She's published widely on bullying, and has co-authored two books on juvenile delinquency and social development. She also works with the World Health Organization and UNICEF conducting research and promoting healthy relationships.

Issue: **Student Loan Crisis Update / Quick Action Taken**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 25, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Several items of interest occurring on this front as we meet our show production deadlines. Perhaps fearing an election-year nightmare where students are unable to find college loans, the Bush administration and Congress have agreed on and passed a student-loan bailout bill in record-breaking time, just one month. The new law includes several provisions designed to help students, beyond giving the Education Secretary authority to purchase loan portfolios from lenders.

It boosts the government's "lender of last resort" program by letting Secretary Spellings designate an entire college, if necessary, as a place where lenders are allowed to issue student loans with an additional layer of federal subsidy. It also increased federal grant aid for low-income students, raised the amount students can borrow each year under the federally subsidized program, and encourages parent borrowers by letting them defer repayment until six-months after their children leave college.

Some student-aid advocates believe the student loan "crisis" was overblown. The 50 loan companies that have announced their withdrawal from the federal program thus far actually represent only about 15% of all government backed lending. So far, no student in the U.S. has reportedly been unable to find a subsidized loan. Plus, the federal government runs its own parallel program through which students can get loans directly from the Department of Education without using a bank.

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Issue: **Bullying: The Social and Educational Impact on Students, Part 2 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 25, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: High-level forms of violence such as murder and assault usually receive the most media attention. But lower-level forms of violence, such as bullying, are now being addressed by researchers, educators, parents and legislators. Indeed, after many school shootings, we often read that the students who have perpetrated the shooting, claim they were victims of bullying and resorted to violence as a last resort.

Last week, we heard that surveys indicate as many as half of all children are bullied. On a worldwide basis, that means tens of millions of students are victims. Bullying can be defined as an act of repeated aggressive behavior in order to intentionally hurt another person, physically or mentally. We were surprised to learn that Canada has fallen to 9th worst in the world when it comes to reported incidents of bullying. So they've attacked the problem full force, and have created PrevNet which stands for Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network.

Dr. Wendy Craig co-directs PrevNet for Canada. And is also a Professor of Psychology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. This week, Karen finishes her interview with Dr. Craig and talks with her about the multi-faceted toolkit Dr. Craig helped develop. It's a comprehensive program to prevent bullying in schools.

Issue: **Graduation and the Meaning of High School**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 1, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: It's graduation time for high school students all across North America. It's a time of joy and celebration. But it can also be bittersweet. Students are leaving friends, and may be unsure of their future. For us, it's also a time to consider graduation rates and how they've declined over the decades.

Daily Lessons: Inside Western Guilford High School is a documentary series we've been airing about a public high school in Greensboro, North Carolina. A team of four reporters spent six months at the school getting to know students, teachers and administrators. Their goal? To better understand the challenges facing high schools.

This is the fifth installment in the series. We've heard about the pressures of growth and increasing diversity. The impact of testing. The frustration teachers feel. And the push to put more students into advanced courses to prepare them for college and the realities of a changing economy.

But the chroniclers of this journey also came away from Western High with a strong sense of the people who are part of the school, and who define its character. This chapter offers listeners a sound montage of school voices, and a wide range of thoughts and opinions on what high school means to them.

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Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 1, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Listeners may remember not long ago on this program, our feature story concerned the beleaguered Reading First program. It gives grants to states to improve reading instruction for students in grades K thru 3 in low-income schools. The program came under harsh criticism when the Education Department's own Inspector General alleged several financial conflicts of interest which, by the way, are still denied. Never the less, Congress nearly terminated the program by cutting more than 60% of its budget.

Well, now, Reading First will likely receive yet another round of close scrutiny. This is due to a U.S. Department of Education interim report just released, which basically says that the federally supported program has had no significant effect on students' reading-comprehension skills.

Issue: **New Graduation Rate Regulations**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 1, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Speaking of graduation, as we were in our first story, in 17 of the 50 largest U.S. cities, less than half of the students who entered high school in 2003 ended up graduating. Those sobering statistics were compiled in a new report just released by America's Promise Alliance. The Alliance plans to convene summits over the next two years in all 50 states as well as the nation's 50 largest cities. It wants to shine another powerful spotlight on what they and others are calling the graduation rate crisis. We've focused our attention here on TBOOK several times on this issue, also known as the drop out crisis.

Detroit is one of those top 50 cities mentioned. According to the report, it has the lowest graduation rate among the top 50. Not even one in four students in Detroit finishes high school. And so that's where Education Secretary, Margaret Spellings took her road show for her recent announcement of new graduation rate regulations. Spellings toured classrooms with the Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, Connie Calloway, and Michigan Education Superintendent, Mike Flanagan. Afterwards, they answered questions from the media at the Detroit Economic Club.

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Issue: **National Science Foundation Series. The Sounds of Progress: The Changing Role of Girls and Women in Science and Engineering**
"Sisters in Science: Can a Hook Shot – Hook the Scientific Mind? Teaching Science Through Sports"
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 8, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The American Institutes for Research published a study late last year that compares the performance of 8th graders in individual American states, against students in top-performing countries like Japan and South Korea. Students in the highest-performing U.S. states ranked below their peers in foreign countries in math and science.

Science has always held a great deal of meaning for Dr. Penny Hammrich. Hammrich is the Dean of Education at Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY), where she also is a Professor of Science Education and Director of the Equity Studies Research Center.

Dr. Hammrich, who has been the Principal Investigator on fourteen National Science Foundation grants, says science has taught her how to think and how to question. That's one reason why she's spent more than a decade researching and developing a program that draws young women into science.

She des this by mixing science up with something fun... sports! Penny Hammrich calls her program, Sisters in Science. It teaches science through soccer, basketball, and many other sports. Her research reveals, overtime, a remarkable increase in girls science understanding, abilities, and retention.

Issue: **The Metro "Stem" School**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 8, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The education community continues to press home the message that students need to study more math and science in order to be more competitive in the changing global economy. A new public high school in the Columbus, Ohio area is taking up that challenge. The Metro School, as it's called, is a small school... only about 200 students thus far. It was created in partnership with Ohio State University and 16 county school districts. And the school focuses on a discipline familiar with our TBOOK audience, STEM, science, technology, engineering and math.

Issue: **Online Higher Education, Part 1 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 15, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Distance education has been around for decades. But now, with all the new technologies available, online education is gaining even broader acceptance. In fact, the more business leaders know about online degree programs, the more likely they are to find degrees awarded by them to be as credible as those awarded by traditional campus-based programs. That's the key finding of a recent nationwide Excelsior College/Zogby International Survey of business administrators. The study shows more than four in five executives view degrees earned online favorably.

Excelsior College President, John Ebersole, says the demand for online programs is growing rapidly. We thought with the changing economy and rising gas prices, that this probably could not come at a better time. So we were curious about the impact online learning may have with issues like access to higher education and affordability.

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Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
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Description: Cosmology, basically, studies the origin and structure of our universe. Advancements in cosmology in the last few decades are leading to new insights into the broader question about the emergence of intelligent life. One of the major authorities and researchers in this field is Dr. Mario Livio, a Senior Astronomer and the former head of the Science Division at the Space Telescope Science Institute. The Institute conducts the scientific program of the Hubble Space Telescope.

Dr. Livio received his PhD in Theoretical Astrophysics from Tel Aviv University in Israel, and is now on the faculty of Johns Hopkins University. He's published more than 400 scientific papers and received numerous awards for research and for excellence in teaching.

Issue: **Online Higher Education, Part 2 of 2**
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Issue: **Cosmology, Part 2 of 2**
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Description: Astrobiology is one of the hottest areas of current research. It reflects not only impressive advances in the understanding of the origins of life, but also the discovery of over 150 extra-solar planets in very recent years.

As an example, just late last month, we witnessed the Mars Phoenix Lander touching down in the north polar region of Mars. The spacecraft is on a three-month science mission to dig through the Martian topsoil, lift our samples of water-ice, and examine them for evidence of the building blocks of life.

Similarly, our Origins of Life story today is titled: Cosmology and Life. It features leading researcher, Dr. Mario Livio, a Senior Astronomer and the former head of the Science Division at the Space Telescope Science Institute. The Institute conducts the scientific program of the Hubble Space Telescope.

Last week, Dr. Livio talked about space, gravity, dark matter, dark energy, and black holes. This week, TBOOK completes its discussion by exploring the requirements for carbon-based life, potential implications for the emergency of life in the universe, the question of the rarity of intelligent life, and even the possibility of other universes existing.

Issue: **Educational Documentary: 2 Million Minutes**
Part 1 of 2, Background, History and Student Introduction
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 29, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Just because US schools are out for the summer, children's brains should not be allowed to take a vacation. Research shows that a majority of them will fall more than two-months behind in math and reading before school resumes again in the fall. And while all this is going on, hundreds of millions of students in countries like India and China are still hitting the books. At the same time, educators continue to stress the need for more math and science education in the US to help the country maintain its global competitiveness.

This week and next, we're taking an in-depth look at the new educational documentary, "2 Million Minutes." It follows students from India, China, and the US and examines how these three countries are preparing their students for college and their future. This global snapshot of education is sure to surprise many of our listeners. And it may help explain why, in some areas of technology and the economy, America is reportedly falling behind.

TBOOK opens part one of this tremendously important story with the Executive Producer of "2 Million Minutes", Bob Compton. And we also speak with two students from Bangalore, India who are featured in the documentary. They are Apoorva Uppala and Rohit Sridharan.

One laptop per child. Speaking of global education, as we were in our first story, what's white and green, small, solar-powered, and can teach you to read and write? If you are between the ages of 6 and 12, and live in a developing country, you may know that answer better than we do. It's a revolutionary new kind of laptop made for a project to give every child in the developing world... that's 2-billion children... their own computer. Some members of the European Parliamant are now trying to get EU-wide support for this ambitious campaign.

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ECONOMY

Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 6, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: By now, everyone's aware of the slowdown in the economy, and the stock market's roller coaster ride. This has caused some concerns about a potential impact on student loans. Around 1,200 colleges participate in direct lending, while nearly 6,000 institutions take part in the guaranteed-loan program. Senator Ted Kennedy has urged the Secretary of Education to make sure the programs that exist to protect students from market disruptions are ready in case they need to take up the slack. Meanwhile, Secretary Spellings testified before the House of Representatives Education Committee, saying her department is monitoring lender departures from the student-loan program, and working with colleges and lenders to assess the impact on students. She assured Congress her department is prepared for in influx of colleges and ready to put in place "lender of last report" provisions. As of our show production deadlines, both Congress and the Department of Education reportedly agree that a federal-loan crisis is unlikely, given the large number of lenders who participate in the program.

Issue: **The Student Loan Crisis**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 4, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

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Issue: **Student Loan Crisis Update / Quick Action Taken**
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Issue: **Online Higher Education, Part 1 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
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Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Distance education has been around for decades. But now, with all the new technologies available, online education is gaining even broader acceptance. In fact, the more business leaders know about online degree programs, the more likely they are to find degrees awarded by them to be as credible as those awarded by traditional campus-based programs. That's the key finding of a recent nationwide Excelsior College/Zogby International Survey of business administrators. The study shows more than four in five executives view degrees earned online favorably.

Excelsior College President, John Ebersole, says the demand for online programs is growing rapidly. We thought with the changing economy and rising gas prices, that this probably could not come at a better time. So we were curious about the impact online learning may have with issues like access to higher education and affordability.

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GOVERNMENT

Issue: **Reading First: An Investigation into Program Results and Why Funding was Sharply Reduced**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 6, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Five weeks ago, we broadcast a story about the proposed education budget for fiscal year 2009. As part of that report, the section on Reading First was so immense and so important, that we said we'd cover it in a future program. As listeners should recall, the Reading First budget was slashed by 60% this year. The $1 billion Reading First received last year, was cut to just $393 million this year. Congress made those cuts after an investigation suggested that conflicts of interest occurred among officials and contractors who helped implement Reading First. The review implied some had ties to commercial reading programs used in participating schools. Since our previous story, several state Reading First administrators have met with Washington officials to voice concern about those budget cuts. State directors told officials that Reading First may not survive, if the massive funding cuts are not restored. They maintain reading coaches, professional development for teachers, core reading programs and interventions, and accountability measures all need to be sustained in order to retain improvements achieved thus far. TBOOK discusses the many facets of the controversy with Dr. Richard Allington, Professor of Education at the University of Tennessee. He's also the former President of the International Reading Association. Also, Dr. Evan Lesky, Executive Director of Just Read Florida. And Denis Sontag, Director of the New York Reading First program.

Issue: **Reading First: Secretary of Education Reacts to the "Politics First" Approach**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 6, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: In the midst of this presidential election year, Congress looks poised to reject any further education funding until a new president takes office next year. That means the fate of this year's fiscal 2009 education budget, including possibly restoring the massive Reading First cuts, could hinge on the November showdown for the White House. To hear the present administration's viewpoint on the Reading First controversy, TBOOK gets these reactions from the Secretary of Education.

Issue: **Series: The Language of Learning / The California Report "Teaching the Teachers", Part 1 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 27, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: A new study finds that English proficiency is the biggest predictor of the academic achievement of immigrant students. Called the "Longitudinal Immigrant Student Adaptation Study, it also found that how well students learn English is very strongly correlated with the quantity of schools they attend. This week and next week, this special series focuses on the debate over the best way to prepare teachers to education California's burgeoning English learner population. We visit programs at Sacramento State University and San Jose State University where future teachers are learning new skills and techniques to work with the state's changing population.

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Issue: **The Language of Learning / The California Report "Teaching the Teachers", Part 2 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 4, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Political, business and education leaders around the world are urging greater attention to teaching children foreign languages to help bolster international competitiveness. But at the same time, the US Department of Education has adopted regulations for Limited English Proficiency, or LEP students. The rules are intended to help recently arrived Limited English Proficiency students learn English and other subjects, while giving states and local school districts greater flexibility on assessment. California educates about 1.6 million, or nearly one-third of the nation's 5.1 million English-learners. This affords California many opportunities to set trends for educating English-learner students. That means what California does, can be influential elsewhere. One-fourth of California's students in K-12 are English-learners. And for children ages 3 to 5, that proportion swells to a whopping 39%. This is important to keep in mind because California education officials are adopting what they say is the nation's first set of statewide academic standards devoted to preschool English-language learners. The standards, which the California State Education Department calls, Learning Foundations, are part of a set of competencies for all preschoolers in literacy, mathematics, and social development. We conclude our special series this week focusing on best practices for preparing teachers to educate that state's growing English-learner population.

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Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
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Description: Listeners may remember not long ago on this program, our feature story concerned the beleaguered Reading First program. It gives grants to states to improve reading instruction for students in grades K thru 3 in low-income schools. The program came under harsh criticism when the Education Department's own Inspector General alleged several financial conflicts of interest which, by the way, are still denied. Never the less, Congress nearly terminated the program by cutting more than 60% of its budget.

Well, now, Reading First will likely receive yet another round of close scrutiny. This is due to a U.S. Department of Education interim report just released, which basically says that the federally supported program has had no significant effect on students' reading-comprehension skills.

Issue: **New Graduation Rate Regulations**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 1, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Speaking of graduation, as we were in our first story, in 17 of the 50 largest U.S. cities, less than half of the students who entered high school in 2003 ended up graduating. Those sobering statistics were compiled in a new report just released by America's Promise Alliance. The Alliance plans to convene summits over the next two years in all 50 states as well as the nation's 50 largest cities. It wants to shine another powerful spotlight on what they and others are calling the graduation rate crisis. We've focused our attention here on TBOOK several times on this issue, also known as the drop out crisis.

Detroit is one of those top 50 cities mentioned. According to the report, it has the lowest graduation rate among the top 50. Not even one in four students in Detroit finishes high school. And so that's where Education Secretary, Margaret Spellings took her road show for her recent announcement of new graduation rate regulations. Spellings toured classrooms with the Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, Connie Calloway, and Michigan Education Superintendent, Mike Flanagan. Afterwards, they answered questions from the media at the Detroit Economic Club.

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HEALTH

Issue: **Psychiatric Help for Children & Parents**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 19, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Doctors around the world fear psychiatric issues among smaller children are on the rise. It's believed around 10% of the world's children now have psychiatric problems. Until recently, less was known about the problems of very young children. That's where Ackjon, the Academic Center for Child and Youth Psychiatry in Southern Holland enters the picture. Ackjon treats toddlers and trains parents how to raise a child that has special needs. It's the first place in the Netherlands to offer such extensive treatment. Nikki Brown visited the clinic and asked one of the parents why she chose to bring her child there.

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ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION

Issue: **Teaching a Balanced Approach to Global Warming and Climate Change**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 20, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Global warming. It's one of the most visible and most controversial topics of our day. Just try an internet search. Global warming will return you hundreds of thousands of hits. The topic has completely permeated our culture. Our interest in the subject is to find out what millions of children in classrooms around the world are being taught about global warming.

Spearheading the international movement to warn people about the dangers of global warming is of course former US Vice President, Al Gore. Gore became so passionate about the issue that he made the movie, *An Inconvenient Truth.* The Hollywood community liked the film so much, that he received an Academy Award. Then last year, he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his crusade to make the world more aware of man's role in global warming. Most recently, Gore was featured in the lead segment of CBS's *60 Minutes* weekly magazine show.

But the media campaign doesn't end there. Just a few days ago, PBS host, Charlie Rose, interviewed environmentalist and CNN founder, Ted Turner. Rose asked Turner what will happen if global warming is not addressed immediately. Ted Turner replied, "Not doing it will be catastrophic. We'll be eight degrees hotter in 30 or 40 years and basically none of the crops will grow. Most of the people will have died and the rest of us will be cannibals. Civilization will have broken down. The few people left will be living in a failed state – like Somalia or Sudan – and living conditions will be intolerable." While Ted Turner is known to make outlandish statements from time to time, there are others who also subscribe to this theory. But it's fair to say there is wide-ranging disagreement on this contentious topic.

This comes at a time, where according to scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA's) National Climatic Data Center, the average temperatures across North America and the globe this winter were the coolest since 2001. The report also shows the average temperature was cooler than the 20th century average from 1901 to 2000.

According to a National Post article, Ontario and Quebec experienced a larger than normal number of snow and ice storms this winter. In just the first two weeks of February, Toronto smashed the snow fall record for the entire month which was set back in the pre-SUV, pre-Kyoto, and pre-carbon footprint days of 1950. And Gilles Langis, a senior forecaster with the Canadian Ice service in Ottawa, says the arctic winter has been so severe, that the ice has not only recovered, it's actually 10 to 20 centimeters thicker in many places than at the same time last year. And there is more evidence challenging the climate change dogma.

Another provocative movie is playing called *The Great Global Warming Swindle*, which protests the prevailing political understanding that global warming is caused by man-made activity. The movie argues that it is in fact the sun that is responsible for the current changes in the Earth's temperatures. The film is replete with testimony of many scientists and climate experts.

Timothy Ball, one of the first Canadian doctors in climatology, recently wrote an article addressing the issue of why no one seems to be listening to scientists who claim that global warming is not man-made. Ball says "Believe it or not, global warming is not due to human contribution of carbon dioxide – CO2. This in fact is the greatest deception in the history of science."

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Issue: **The Sky's Not Falling!: Why it's OK to Chill About Global Warming**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 20, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: We also discovered another less reactionary approach to the problem in the new book titled, *The Sky's Not Falling!* TBOOK speaks with the book's author, Professor Holly Fretwell. She's an authority on natural resources and teaches resource economics at Montana State University. She's also a Research Associate at the Property & Environmental Research Center in Bozeman, and the parent of two grade schoolers herself.

Issue: **Origins of Life – Science Research in Education Series "Impact Cratering and its Effect on the Origin and Early Evolution of Life", Part 1 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 27, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The origin of life is one of the great mysteries in the universe. Scientists are investigating the question by several different methods. One way is by studying cratering. Impact cratering is the dominant geologic process in the solar system. It's affected all terrestrial planetary surfaces including Mercury, Mars, our Moon, and Earth itself. To get our story started, TBOOK spoke with one of the world's most knowledgeable researchers on the subject. Dr. David Kring is a Professor of Planetary Sciences in the Lunar and Planetary Lab at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Issue: **Origins of Life – Science Research in Education Series "Impact Cratering and its Effect on the Origin and Early Evolution of Life", Part 2 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 4, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: If one looks at the extensive impact cratering we can see on places like the Moon and other planets such as Mercury, Earth does not look nearly as battered. But appearances are deceiving. As we learned in last week's story, Earth has been the target of about ten times more impacting objects than our Moon, producing over 3-million impact craters. They range anywhere from 1 kilometer in diameter, to more than 1,000 kilometers in diameter. It's just that we can't see the impact cratering on our own planet due to Earth's crust movements, mountain building, erosions, and volcanoes. So far, only about 160 impact craters have been found. Perhaps the most widely known of these impact craters is the 180 kilometer diameter Chicxulub crater on the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. Studies of the Chicxulub impact event, and the mass extinction event that occurred as a result 65-million years ago, have demonstrated that impact cratering can affect the biologic evolution of a planet, as well as the geologic evolution of a planet. TBOOK picks up the fascinating conclusion of this story with a highly noted researcher in this field. Dr. David Kring is a Professor of Planetary Sciences in the Lunar and Planetary Lab at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

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MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING

Issue: **National Science Foundation Series – The Sounds of Progress: The Changing Role of Girls and Women in Science and Engineering "Prototypes as Gatekeepers: Researchers Study the Consequences for Gender Participation in Computer Sciences"**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 13, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: History shows that women are less likely to seek careers in computer science, engineering, or physics than almost any other scientific job. Indeed, both the rise and fall of computer science enrollments have been dramatic over the last ten years. National data shows that the number of newly declared undergraduate majors at doctoral-granting computer science departments is roughly half what it was in the year 2000.

Why are these women... many of whom have grown up with computers in their homes, and had computer science and advanced math classes in high school... not interested in pursuing and remaining in computer science and engineering to the same extent as their male peers?

A team of researchers at Stanford University, led by Dr. Sapna Cheryan, has focused on that very question for several years. They're learning why it happens, and what schools can do to try and improve programs to encourage more women to stay in computer sciences. Now, for the first time, we have the results of that just completed long-term investigation in audio form. The final written version of this study will be published in the future in peer reviewed journals.

Issue: **National Science Foundation Series – The Sounds of Progress: The Changing Role of Girls and Women in Science and Engineering**
"The Role of Gender in Language Used By Children and Parents Working on Mathematical Tasks"
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 10, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: It's a challenge for parents and teachers to help students develop positive self-beliefs in math at an early age. But it's important children gain that confidence while they are young, so they can become successful in math throughout their lives.

Research has found gender-based differences in how parents perceive their children's abilities in mathematics. For example, in 2002 one such study found that parents of 7-year old boys rated their children's competence higher than did parents of 7-year old girls. Other research from 1998 revealed that even when girls received better grades than boys in math, parents of daughters reported that they believe their daughters had lower math ability than did parents of sons. Another study one year earlier, found that children's competence beliefs are shaped by their parent's expectations more than by grades given by teachers. Parent's beliefs not only impact children's self-efficacy, but also the experience they provide for their children.

Mathematics researchers at the Curriculum Development & Research Group at the University of Hawaii, have extended that research by recruiting 100 child-parent teams called dyads to participate in their study. These teams perform tasks that encourage high levels of interaction between parent and child. And then researchers analyze videotapes for evidence of gender-related differences on how children and parents interact when working on: spatial tasks in geometry... patterning tasks in algebra... and tasks related to numbers and operations.

Thus far, the inquiry is uncovering results that could inform the mathematics community and hopefully will contribute to finding ways to increase the representation of women in mathematics, engineering, computer technology, and the physical sciences. The Hawaii research team continues to transcribe and code its video recordings. They expect to analyze the data throughout the remainder of this year, before publishing final results in peer reviewed journals. But here now for the very first time are some early findings.

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MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING (Cont'd)

Issue: **National Science Foundation Series. The Sounds of Progress: The Changing Role of Girls and Women in Science and Engineering**
"Sisters in Science: Can a Hook Shot – Hook the Scientific Mind? Teaching Science Through Sports"
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 8, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The American Institutes for Research published a study late last year that compares the performance of 8th graders in individual American states, against students in top-performing countries like Japan and South Korea. Students in the highest-performing U.S. states ranked below their peers in foreign countries in math and science.

Science has always held a great deal of meaning for Dr. Penny Hammrich. Hammrich is the Dean of Education at Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY), where she also is a Professor of Science Education and Director of the Equity Studies Research Center.

Dr. Hammrich, who has been the Principal Investigator on fourteen National Science Foundation grants, says science has taught her how to think and how to question. That's one reason why she's spent more than a decade researching and developing a program that draws young women into science.

She des this by mixing science up with something fun... sports! Penny Hammrich calls her program, Sisters in Science. It teaches science through soccer, basketball, and many other sports. Her research reveals, overtime, a remarkable increase in girls science understanding, abilities, and retention.

Issue: **Online Higher Education, Part 2 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 22, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: While politicians in Washington continue to debate details of new educational assistance for members of the military, other areas of the government and private industry are moving ahead with efforts to do something immediately.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Issue: **Reading First: An Investigation into Program Results and Why Funding was Sharply Reduced**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 6, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Five weeks ago, we broadcast a story about the proposed education budget for fiscal year 2009. As part of that report, the section on Reading First was so immense and so important, that we said we'd cover it in a future program. As listeners should recall, the Reading First budget was slashed by 60% this year. The $1 billion Reading First received last year, was cut to just $393 million this year. Congress made those cuts after an investigation suggested that conflicts of interest occurred among officials and contractors who helped implement Reading First. The review implied some had ties to commercial reading programs used in participating schools. Since our previous story, several state Reading First administrators have met with Washington officials to voice concern about those budget cuts. State directors told officials that Reading First may not survive, if the massive funding cuts are not restored. They maintain reading coaches, professional development for teachers, core reading programs and interventions, and accountability measures all need to be sustained in order to retain improvements achieved thus far. TBOOK discusses the many facets of the controversy with Dr. Richard Allington, Professor of Education at the University of Tennessee. He's also the former President of the International Reading Association. Also, Dr. Evan Lesky, Executive Director of Just Read Florida. And Denis Sontag, Director of the New York Reading First program.

Issue: **Reading First: Secretary of Education Reacts to the "Politics First" Approach**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: April 6, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: In the midst of this presidential election year, Congress looks poised to reject any further education funding until a new president takes office next year. That means the fate of this year's fiscal 2009 education budget, including possibly restoring the massive Reading First cuts, could hinge on the November showdown for the White House. To hear the present administration's viewpoint on the Reading First controversy, TBOOK gets these reactions from the Secretary of Education.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Questions Remain About Laptop Computers in Schools**
Date: April 13, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: While we're talking about computers, laptops were often considered the future of public education around the turn of the century. Ironically, as we heard earlier, that was just about the same time computer science enrollments were declining.

There have been many stories where entire school systems received wireless laptops. One example: the state of Maine gave all its middle schoolers laptops. And districts like Liverpool, New York (just outside Syracuse) followed suit.

But then last year in New York, it looked like the laptop revolution might be coming to an end. The Liverpool Central School District scaled back its program. Assistant Superintendent, Maureen Patterson, told NPR at the time that it just wasn't worth the expense. Patterson said they "... decided that we needed to ask if it's improving student achievement, if instruction with technology was doing that, and student use of technology was improving student achievement? Was it increasing our student graduation rate? Was it decreasing our drop out rate? And the answers were no!" And Liverpool School Board President, Mark Lawson, added "After seven years, there was literally no evidence it had any impact on student achievement... none."

However, proponents of so-called one-to-one laptop programs, where each student gets a computer to take home, say it's premature to sound the death knell. They say it's all about the execution.

Issue: **The Student Loan Crisis**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 4, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: We wanted to bring listeners up to date on one of the most important stories right now in higher education. And, one which is often overlooked by other media. That's how the current US economic downturn is impacting student loans. This comes just as the lending season is kicking into high gear. The US Education Department is taking steps (in just 11 weeks) to develop an entirely new system of distributing federally guaranteed student loans in the event of a "crisis" in the government-backed system. The two leading democratic education legislators, Congressman George Miller of California, and Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, have made repeated pleas to the Department of Education to prepare a "lender of last resort" system. This scenario would provide for the government to give money directly to a group of outside guarantee agencies and their for-profit partners for distribution to student borrowers. Just as we were meeting our final production deadline for this broadcast, the House of Representatives approved legislation targeted at averting a student loan crisis. The bill seeks to stem the departure of loan companies from the student-loan program. More than 50 lenders have now reportedly left in recent weeks amid the credit crunch that's rippled across the financial sector. The Secretary of Education would be allowed to buy up loans that lenders have struggled to sell to investors. This is also an attempt to reassure students that the government will step in if private lenders continue to drop out of the system. If there's any good news in all of this, at least so far, lender departures do not appear to have resulted in a shortage of student loans. Parents and students should obviously keep a close eye on this situation.

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Issue: **National Science Foundation Series – The Sounds of Progress: The Changing Role of Girls and Women in Science and Engineering**
"The Role of Gender in Language Used By Children and Parents Working on Mathematical Tasks"
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 10, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: It's a challenge for parents and teachers to help students develop positive self-beliefs in math at an early age. But it's important children gain that confidence while they are young, so they can become successful in math throughout their lives.

Research has found gender-based differences in how parents perceive their children's abilities in mathematics. For example, in 2002 one such study found that parents of 7-year old boys rated their children's competence higher than did parents of 7-year old girls. Other research from 1998 revealed that even when girls received better grades than boys in math, parents of daughters reported that they believe their daughters had lower math ability than did parents of sons. Another study one year earlier, found that children's competence beliefs are shaped by their parent's expectations more than by grades given by teachers. Parent's beliefs not only impact children's self-efficacy, but also the experience they provide for their children.

Mathematics researchers at the Curriculum Development & Research Group at the University of Hawaii, have extended that research by recruiting 100 child-parent teams called dyads to participate in their study. These teams perform tasks that encourage high levels of interaction between parent and child. And then researchers analyze videotapes for evidence of gender-related differences on how children and parents interact when working on: spatial tasks in geometry... patterning tasks in algebra... and tasks related to numbers and operations.

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Issue: **Bullying: The Social and Educational Impact on Students, Part 1 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 19, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Bullying is a common experience for many children and adolescents. Surveys indicate that as many as half of all children are bullied at some time during their school years. Studies show that as many as 15% to 25% of students are bullied with some frequency. To put that in perspective, worldwide, that means tens of millions of students are victims. Millions of students reportedly skip school each day because they're afraid of being bullied. And there's a huge economic loss as well, which we'll talk about in next week's show.

Dr. Wendy Craig joins Dr. Karen Hitchcock in studio to discuss this crucial problem. Dr. Craig is a Professor of Psychology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Her research addresses the risk and protective factors associated with bullying and victimization in schools and social relationships. In recognition of her work on bullying, Dr. Craig won an Investigator Award from the Canadian Institute of Health Research. She's published widely on bullying, and has co-authored two books on juvenile delinquency and social development. She also works with the World Health Organization and UNICEF conducting research and promoting healthy relationships.

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Issue: **Psychiatric Help for Children & Parents**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 19, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Doctors around the world fear psychiatric issues among smaller children are on the rise. It's believed around 10% of the world's children now have psychiatric problems. Until recently, less was known about the problems of very young children. That's where Ackjon, the Academic Center for Child and Youth Psychiatry in Southern Holland enters the picture. Ackjon treats toddlers and trains parents how to raise a child that has special needs. It's the first place in the Netherlands to offer such extensive treatment. Nikki Brown visited the clinic and asked one of the parents why she chose to bring her child there.

Issue: **Student Loan Crisis Update / Quick Action Taken**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 25, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Several items of interest occurring on this front as we meet our show production deadlines. Perhaps fearing an election-year nightmare where students are unable to find college loans, the Bush administration and Congress have agreed on and passed a student-loan bailout bill in record-breaking time, just one month. The new law includes several provisions designed to help students, beyond giving the Education Secretary authority to purchase loan portfolios from lenders.

It boosts the government's "lender of last resort" program by letting Secretary Spellings designate an entire college, if necessary, as a place where lenders are allowed to issue student loans with an additional layer of federal subsidy. It also increased federal grant aid for low-income students, raised the amount students can borrow each year under the federally subsidized program, and encourages parent borrowers by letting them defer repayment until six-months after their children leave college.

Some student-aid advocates believe the student loan "crisis" was overblown. The 50 loan companies that have announced their withdrawal from the federal program thus far actually represent only about 15% of all government backed lending. So far, no student in the U.S. has reportedly been unable to find a subsidized loan. Plus, the federal government runs its own parallel program through which students can get loans directly from the Department of Education without using a bank.

Issue: **Bullying: The Social and Educational Impact on Students, Part 2 of 2**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: May 25, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: High-level forms of violence such as murder and assault usually receive the most media attention. But lower-level forms of violence, such as bullying, are now being addressed by researchers, educators, parents and legislators. Indeed, after many school shootings, we often read that the students who have perpetrated the shooting, claim they were victims of bullying and resorted to violence as a last resort.

Last week, we heard that surveys indicate as many as half of all children are bullied. On a worldwide basis, that means tens of millions of students are victims. Bullying can be defined as an act of repeated aggressive behavior in order to intentionally hurt another person, physically or mentally. We were surprised to learn that Canada has fallen to 9th worst in the world when it comes to reported incidents of bullying. So they've attacked the problem full force, and have created PrevNet which stands for Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network.

Dr. Wendy Craig co-directs PrevNet for Canada. And is also a Professor of Psychology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. This week, Karen finishes her interview with Dr. Craig and talks with her about the multi-faceted toolkit Dr. Craig helped develop. It's a comprehensive program to prevent bullying in schools.

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Issue: **Graduation and the Meaning of High School**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 1, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: It's graduation time for high school students all across North America. It's a time of joy and celebration. But it can also be bittersweet. Students are leaving friends, and may be unsure of their future. For us, it's also a time to consider graduation rates and how they've declined over the decades.

Daily Lessons: Inside Western Guilford High School is a documentary series we've been airing about a public high school in Greensboro, North Carolina. A team of four reporters spent six months at the school getting to know students, teachers and administrators. Their goal? To better understand the challenges facing high schools.

This is the fifth installment in the series. We've heard about the pressures of growth and increasing diversity. The impact of testing. The frustration teachers feel. And the push to put more students into advanced courses to prepare them for college and the realities of a changing economy.

But the chroniclers of this journey also came away from Western High with a strong sense of the people who are part of the school, and who define its character. This chapter offers listeners a sound montage of school voices, and a wide range of thoughts and opinions on what high school means to them.

Issue: **New Graduation Rate Regulations**
Program: To The Best Of Our Knowledge
Date: June 1, 2008
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Speaking of graduation, as we were in our first story, in 17 of the 50 largest U.S. cities, less than half of the students who entered high school in 2003 ended up graduating. Those sobering statistics were compiled in a new report just released by America's Promise Alliance. The Alliance plans to convene summits over the next two years in all 50 states as well as the nation's 50 largest cities. It wants to shine another powerful spotlight on what they and others are calling the graduation rate crisis. We've focused our attention here on TBOOK several times on this issue, also known as the drop out crisis.

Detroit is one of those top 50 cities mentioned. According to the report, it has the lowest graduation rate among the top 50. Not even one in four students in Detroit finishes high school. And so that's where Education Secretary, Margaret Spellings took her road show for her recent announcement of new graduation rate regulations. Spellings toured classrooms with the Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, Connie Calloway, and Michigan Education Superintendent, Mike Flanagan. Afterwards, they answered questions from the media at the Detroit Economic Club.

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

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

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

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

6. **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.

Description

Over half the people in the world are women. What women do affects us all. Now, there's a radio program that takes a serious and intelligent look on society's impact on women and their impact on society. 51% is a weekly program of illuminating features and interviews focusing on issues of particular concern to women.

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EDUCATION

Program: 51%
Date: April 6, 2008
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Many Muslim cultures treat men and women differently. In some cases, women must be completely veiled while men are free to wear Western clothing. In other cases, women are not allowed to own property or to live alone. But these restrictions come from society, not from Islam, according to Daisy Khan. She's the executive director of American Society for Muslim Advancement. Kahn works to bring together Muslim leaders who see women as equal to men, to encourage all cultures of Muslim faith to adhere to the same principles. Julia spoke with Kahn just after she returned from a trip to Turkey

Certain strains of the Jewish faith have long accepted female rabbis. Deborah Kassoff works for the Institute of Southern Jewish Life and every Friday she packs her car and drives to towns like Natchez, Meridian, Clarksdale, and New Iberia. Kassoff is a traveling rabbi, and she provides religious services to congregations too small to have a rabbi of their own. During an assignment as a student rabbi in Greenville, Mississippi, Kassof fell in love with the South. She was drawn to the challenge to serve communities that are outside the Jewish mainstream and toward the intensity of Southerners' religious beliefs. Independent producer Philip Graitcer recently caught up with her in Helena, Arkansas.

Religious leaders can come in all forms. Evangelical Anita Renfroe doesn't lead a congregation. She doesn't even preach the gospel. But she's got quite a circuit of her own, as a stand-up comedienne performing family-friendly material for women all over the country. Renfroe gained a huge following on YouTube, when she posted a video of one of her routines – a piece entitled "Momsense," which she sings to the tune of the "William Tell Overture." Due to the popularity of the interview, Renfroe is constantly touring. She's picked up a regular gig on Good Morning America. A devout evangelical Christian, she's out to prove that Christians can be funny. Renfroe spoke to me about her religion and her newfound success.

Program: 51%
Date: May 25, 2008
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: It is amazing the variety of attitudes towards the female gender in news articles. Once you start looking, you can see sexist behavior lurking everywhere. But suspicion of gender discrimination can become a crutch. Some criticize Hillary Clinton supporters for using that crutch as Clinton appears to be falling behind Barack Obama in her campaign for the Democratic nomination for president. So we ask the question: Is sexism a factor in the race? While we don't have time for a definitive answer, we did find a strong argument that there is sexism in the presidential race. In a recent Washington Post column, longtime political reporter Marie Cocco gathered the most extreme attacks on Clinton as a woman. She calls the piece "Misogyny I Won't Miss." Some of Cocco's observations are astonishing – t-shirts for male Obama supporters bearing the slogan Bros before Hos, tv pundits likening Clinton to a she-devil, the list goes on and on. I asked Marie Cocco why she chose to write the column.

Sticking to our theme of asking questions about sexism, let's move on to this one: can fear of sexism become its own barrier? Sports writer Michael Sokolove would say "yes." He spent years investigating female high school athletes and their high rates of injury. He found that in many cases, rates of injury are higher for young women than young men. Sokolove put his findings into a book, and recently published a shorter version under the title "Hurt Girls" in the New York Times Magazine. He was flooded with response to the "Hurt Girls" article – much of it in the form of outrage from women, arguing that his exposure of these injuries could damage Title IX's progress in including girls in high school sports over the past 30 years. So, we called Sokolove to see why he decided to defy opposition and talk about high school sports injuries for young women.

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: May 25, 2008 (Continued)
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

We already heard sportswriter Michael Sokolove's defense of his decision to investigate injuries that young women sustain when they play team sports. He published an article in the New York Times magazine and a book about sports injuries among high school girls. In the article, Sokolove focused on a knee injury common among female high school athletes. Often, they tear a ligament called the ACL. Repair of that ligament is a serious surgery and can take young women off the field for months at a time. Now, let's hear about what Sokolove would like to see change in high school sports.

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ECONOMY

Program: 51%
Date: May 18, 2008
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: There are many drivers of change for women. This week, we'll have three case studies for change across the globe. Let's start with the government-based change in Afghanistan. When leftists overthrew Afganistan's government in the 1970s, the country moved quickly to implement all kinds of new policies, including policies regarding women. They outlawed one tradition in which an Afghan family would settle a dispute with another family by offering a daughter's hand in marriage to the second family. That daughter would become a scapegoat, forever seen as a bargaining chip. The leftist government, eventually backed by the Soviet Union, banned the practice, along with sweeping reforms of gender policies. Those sweeping reforms angered tribal leaders, and when the Taliban regained power in Afghanistan they allowed the bride as peace offering to re-enter the culture. The practice continues today. It's an example of the contrast between progressive government policies and de facto cultural practices in Afghanistan. As Afghan officials call for more help in fighting the Taliban and re-building a nation shredded by decades of war, the government and many ngo's have reached out to women. Some worried that helping hand for women might lead many Afghans to slap away aid and development programs. Rand Corporation researchers have looked into whether including women hurt or helped since the Taliban was ousted from power in 2001. From Washington, Laura Iiyama has more.

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GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: June 15, 2008
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

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

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

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HEALTH

Program: 51%
Date: April 13, 3008
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Anorexia nervosa is a mental disorder that causes people to see themselves as overweight, even when they are significantly underweight. In effect, people who suffer from the disease starve themselves. It can cause complications like heart disease and other illnesses, even death. According to the National Eating Disorders Association, between 5 to 10 million people suffer from anorexia each year. The vast majority are women. And many of them are teenagers. There are many different theories why anorexia takes hold. Some think it's because of a celebrity culture that places high importance on waif-like appearance. Others blame tough family environment. Still others say it's a genetic issue triggered by certain environmental factors. Whatever the cause, the disease is often extremely isolating. But some anorexics are finding community on the Internet, using blogs to compare dieting and exercise techniques. Independent producer Christopher Krumm took a look at these pro-ana blogs. Here's what he found.

Traditionally, many therapists believed that parents caused anorexia in their kids through neglect or over-emphasis of body image. But a new school of thought is emerging that says anorexia is a genetic disorder, and parents often aren't to blame. In fact, some say parents are the ones who are best equipped to help their kids heal from anorexia. When her daughter started showing signs of anorexia, which continued to worsen despite months of therapy, Laura Collins decided to make sure her daughter started eating again. She then wrote a book about her experience called "Eating With Your Anorexic." Collins also maintains a blog by the same name.

Program: 51%
Date: April 20, 2008
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

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

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Instead of whispering, Lea Herman uses a full, rich voice in her work. Herman is a singer-songwriter in Los Angeles, just about to release her very first album. She's been working part-time as a singer-songwriter since she graduated from college in 2007 – and hopes this record will be her big break. She talks about how things have changed since Peggy Lee's time, and the difficulties of trying to compete in a crowded field – and how the music bug first bit her.

One of the highlights for me over the past year has been the opportunity to sit down with classical music composer Joan Tower. It's a big year for Tower. She turned 70 – and has already celebrated by winning four Grammy's for her sweeping, patriotic composition "Made in America." I spoke with Tower in her studio a few weeks before the Grammy Awards ceremony. I left much of our conversation on the cutting-room floor, so I picked up some of those pieces and put them together for this week's show. Let's begin with Joan Tower's discovery of music.

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Description: Stories of the enterprising adventurer Nellie Bly did a lot for women who wanted to enter journalism – but the fact remained that until recently, media was a male-dominated field. In broadcast, women often got stuck in the role of weather girl and traffic reporter. Thirty-three years ago, the Association of Women in Radio and Television set out to recognize outstanding achievements of women in broadcasting with the Gracie Allan Awards. The Gracies are still around, and they're unique both for their recognition of women and for a wide spectrum of categories. This year, tween idol Miley Cyrus will receive a Gracie... as will radio producer Diane Toomey for her piece called Side-Saddle weekend. This week we're doing things a bit differently on 51%. I'm going to play disc jockey, featuring a few of Gracie winners to show what excellent women in radio are producing. We'll start with Toomey. She spent a weekend with a group of women who choose, as they put it, to ride aside. She reported her Gracie-winning feature from the US Equestrian Team Headquarters in Gladstone, New Jersey.

What is an audio comic strip? Susan Shepherd answers that question with 11 Central, her weekly 4-minute radio strip. Her unique writing and production style won her a Gracie this year for Outstanding Individual Achievement. Each episode takes on a different topic that Shepherd imagines that NPR Morning Edition hosts Steve Inskeep and Renee Montaigne would debate just before turning on their microphones. Since the summer wedding season is upon us, we picked the lavish wedding segment from 11 Central.

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Date: June 29, 2008
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Leslie Wolfe has worked in many different places throughout her career, consistently championing women and minorities. Today, she heads up the Center for Women Policy Studies, a multi-cultural feminist policy research organization. In the past she's worked to advance women in different divisions of the federal government, rallied for the Equal Rights Amendment, and hosted a radio show. I sat town with Wolfe at an International Women's Conference in the Berkshires to discuss how her position and views have changed over the years.

Sometimes, life changes are expected... other times, they silently creep in and then announce themselves in a sudden epiphany. Writer and editor Audrey Manring recently discovered one of those stealthy life shifts.

And now, time to address our own evolution. Over her years as co-host of 51%, Jeanne Neff has brought an immeasurable depth of expertise and wisdom. Not only is she president of the Sage Colleges, with intimate knowledge of education for women, she is politically savvy and possessor of a kind heart.

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CRIME

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

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Date: June 1, 2008
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Stories of the enterprising adventurer Nellie Bly did a lot for women who wanted to enter journalism – but the fact remained that until recently, media was a male-dominated field. In broadcast, women often got stuck in the role of weather girl and traffic reporter. Thirty-three years ago, the Association of Women in Radio and Television set out to recognize outstanding achievements of women in broadcasting with the Gracie Allan Awards. The Gracies are still around, and they're unique both for their recognition of women and for a wide spectrum of categories. This year, tween idol Miley Cyrus will receive a Gracie... as will radio producer Diane Toomey for her piece called Side-Saddle weekend. This week we're doing things a bit differently on 51%. I'm going to play disc jockey, featuring a few of Gracie winners to show what excellent women in radio are producing. We'll start with Toomey. She spent a weekend with a group of women who choose, as they put it, to ride aside. She reported her Gracie-winning feature from the US Equestrian Team Headquarters in Gladstone, New Jersey.

What is an audio comic strip? Susan Shepherd answers that question with 11 Central, her weekly 4-minute radio strip. Her unique writing and production style won her a Gracie this year for Outstanding Individual Achievement. Each episode takes on a different topic that Shepherd imagines that NPR Morning Edition hosts Steve Inskeep and Renee Montaigne would debate just before turning on their microphones. Since the summer wedding season is upon us, we picked the lavish wedding segment from 11 Central.

ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: June 15, 2008
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

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

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

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

	KCTC	KDND	KRXQ	KSEG	KSSJ	KWOD
B Street Theater School Tour	3	3	3	3	4	2
Sutter Cancer Center	4	2	3	3	3	3
Early Childhood Expo	4	3	2	2	2	3
Peace for Families	4	2	3	3	2	2
Salvation Army	4	3	2	2	2	3
Relay for Life	3	4	3	2	4	2
Whitney High School Football	4	4	3	3	3	3
Sac Local Conservation Corps	4	3	3	2	2	3
Foundation Fighting Blindness	4	4	2	2	3	2
City of Rocklin Theater & Arts	2	3	2	3	3	3
American Cancer Society	3	2	4	3	3	3
CA Montessori Project	2	4	3	3	2	3
Easter Seals Guild	4	2	2	4	3	2
Sacramento Hospice Consortium	2	2	3	1	3	3
UC Davis Bicycle Auction	3	3	2	3	4	2
Sacramento Zoo	2	3	4	3	3	3
March of Dimes	4	2	3	2	2	2
WIND Youth Center	2	3	3	2	2	3
Healthy Kids Day	3	3	2	3	4	4
Folsom Lake College Job Fair	2	4	2	2	2	3
Sacramento Blues Society	2	2	3	3	4	2
Sac Valley Scottish Games	2	2	2	3	2	3
Electronic Waste Collection Event	2	2	4	3	3	2
Boy Scouts of America	4	3	3	3	3	3
Placer SPCA	2	3	2	3	2	4
First Presbyterian Christian School	3	2	4	2	3	3
Sac Habitat for Humanity	3	3	3	3	3	3
Y-Me Breast Cancer Organization	2	2	2	3	3	2
Sacramento HIRE Diversity Fair	2	3	3	2	2	3
In Alliance	4	4	3	3	4	3
Steroid Free Extravaganza 2008	3	2	3	3	3	2
Sac County Department of Health	3	4	2	3	3	3
Breast Cancer Fund	2	3	4	3	2	4
Violence Free Relationships	2	2	3	3	4	4
Placer County Sheriff's Department	3	4	2	3	3	3
Families Early Autism Treatment	2	3	2	2	4	2
Francis House of Sacramento	3	3	3	2	3	2
Loaves & Fishes	3	2	3	3	2	4
MS Society	4	3	2	3	2	3
Wounded Warrior Project	2	2	3	4	3	2
Orangevale's Pow Wow Days	3	4	3	4	2	3
Blood Source	3	2	4	2	2	3
Placer County Job Fair	2	3	2	2	3	2
St. Vincent de Paul	2	3	4	3	4	2
Me-One Foundation	4	3	3	4	2	4
Sac Mothers of Multiples	3	3	3	2	3	2
E Waste Recycling	3	4	2	3	2	3
Music in the Mountains	2	3	2	3	2	2
Sexual Assault Awareness Month	2	2	3	2	3	3
National Kidney Foundation	3	2	3	2	3	2
Yolo County SPCA	3	3	2	3	2	3
American Heart Association	3	2	4	2	3	2
March of Dimes	2	3	2	2	3	2
Fit for Life Health Fair	3	4	3	3	2	3
Better Business Bureau	3	3	2	4	2	3
Ride to Walk	4	3	2	3	4	2

Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce	3	4	3	2	2	4
Sacramento Child Advocates	2	3	2	4	3	2
Safetyville USA	2	2	4	2	2	3
Homeward Bound Rescue	3	2	3	2	3	2
Susan G Komen	3	2	2	3	2	3
Twin Lakes Food Bank	2	3	2	3	2	3
Domestic Violence Intervention Ctr	4	3	3	2	3	2
United Cerebral Palsy	4	4	4	3	2	4
First annual Faith Fair	2	3	4	2	4	2
Woodland Tree Foundation	2	2	2	4	2	3
Auburn Interfaith Food Closet	3	2	2	4	3	2
Women's Wisdom Project	2	3	2	3	2	3
Through the Mind	2	3	2	3	2	2
Music Over Meth	3	2	3	2	3	2
Snowline Hospice	3	2	3	2	3	2
CA Disabled Veterans Alliance	2	3	3	2	2	3

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 The Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, the National Kidney Foundation, the Social Security Administration, Community Service Planning Council, Sacramento Police Department, Me-One Foundation, Independent Living Program, First Annual Faith Fair, Sierra Club River Run, Krazy Sac Ladz, Sacramento Fire Department, and the AARP.

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.

To: Kat Madru / Entercom P.S.A. Director & Jill Christl / Executive Assistant
Fr: Dayne Damme- KDND Promotion Director
Re: KDND 2nd Quarter PSA Activities April, May, June 2008
Date: July 2, 2008

Here is a rundown of the KDND Public Service Activities for the 2nd Quarter of 2008:

KDND Marketing Director John Nelson donated one hour of his time to give a station tour and talk about radio and communications to a Central Sierra Occupation Program (EL Dorado Section) class.

KDND Street Beat supported the Dreamnight at the Zoo with music and prize giveaways for children with chronic illnesses or disabilities and their families

KDND Marketing Director John Nelson donated one hour of his time to give a station tour and talk about radio and communications to students from Oak Ridge High school.

KDND Street Beat supported the Blood and Marrow Registration Drive for Dominic Mott at Antelope Meadows Elementary with BloodSource on April 9th

KDND Street Beat supported the Whitney High School Football team's Steak and Shrim Feed Fundraiser with live music and donations to their auction.

KDND Marketing Director John Nelson donated one hour of his time to give a station tour and talk about radio and communications to students from Rocklin High school.

Donated $100 in merchandise to fund-raiser for the Carl Sundahl Foundation

KDND Street Beat supported the MeganPoloza benefit supporting Chicks In Crisis with live music, radio mentions and donations