

		Quarterly Programming Report Apr-June 2011		
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Date	Key	Synopsis	Guest/Reporter	Duration
4/1/11	SPOR	The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 at yesterday's season opener and it was obviously cause for fans to celebrate. But when a Giants fan was assaulted in the parking lot following the game, the victory was marred by the violence of the attack. Today the man is hospitalized in critical condition and questions about the conduct of Dodgers fans linger. What can be done when the competitive atmosphere of team sports crosses the line between avid fandom and physical attacks on fans of the opposing team? Under what circumstances does revelry turn to violence? What can be done to control the behavior of fans, many of whom are inebriated?	Bill Plaschke	24:00
4/1/11	ECON	California budget talks have broken down and sparked a war of words between Governor Jerry Brown and republican lawmakers. Senate GOP leader, Bob Dutton of Rancho Cucamonga, claims Brown aids yelled at him during negotiations, prompting Brown's spokesman to call Dutton "erratic" and irrelevant." In this contentious climate Jerry Brown decided to release a new list of pension reforms, an issue that was a republican sticking point during budget talks. Republican lawmakers had been saying they wouldn't consider Governor Brown's proposal to put tax extensions before voters, unless he agreed to considerable pension reforms...but now the Governor has his own and he's hitting the road to sell them to Californians. We'll take a look at the governor's pension proposals and compare and contrast them with what Republicans wanted.	Bob Stern	30:00
4/1/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Andy Klein and Claudia Puig join Larry to review the week's new film releases including <i>Source Code</i> , <i>Hop</i> , <i>Insidious</i> , <i>Trust</i> , <i>Queen to Play</i> and more. TGI-FilmWeek!	Andy Klein, Cynthia Puig	34:00
4/1/11	FILM	The 13th annual festival comes to Hollywood's Egyptian Theatre today (FRI), April 1, with three weeks of films about the dark underbelly of our lives. Off-Ramp's John Rabe talks with one of the curators, Alan Rode, of the Film Noir Foundation.	Alan Rode	10:00
4/1/11	FILM	The 1981 film "Quest for Fire," directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud, is a landmark film about human life on Earth 80,000 years ago. It was the first film for actors Ron Perlman and Nameer El-Kadi, who told Off-Ramp's John Rabe, it was the hardest movie shoot they've ever been on. The locations - Kenya, Scotland, Canada - were brutal, makeup consumed hours every day, filming took a year, and acting without dialogue took everything they had. But in this exclusive Off-Ramp interview, Perlman and El-Kadi say Quest for Fire, now thirty years old, was also one of the most rewarding films they've made ... and it's the one their colleagues always ask about.	Ron Perlman, Nameer El-Kadi	10:00
4/1/11	EDU	off, the budget cuts, the increased class sizes and the pay scale being stuck at the mid-level make the teaching profession less than ideal. So a change in leadership at UTLA, the 40,000-member-strong teachers union, coming at a time when shared sacrifice has become a necessity in the face of sustained budget cuts, is significant both for L.A.'s teachers and L.A.'s students. Enter Warren Fletcher, the upset winner of UTLA's presidency who cobbled together a coalition of teachers unhappy with the union's direction, displaced school nurses and substitute nurses to defeat the hand-picked successor of outgoing president A.J. Duffy. Fletcher promised to defend the rights of teachers while working with LAUSD on school reform. The L.A. Times quotes Fletcher as saying, "If when I say I'm going to focus on pay and benefits, you think that means UTLA would be opposed to education reform? That's a nonsensical statement. The fact that I like pizza doesn't mean I'm opposed to spaghetti." Meet the man who will guide L.A.'s teachers into uncertain times.	Warren Fletcher	00:28
4/1/11	ECON	Job numbers released this morning show the economy grew 216,000 jobs and reduced the unemployment rate down to 8.8 percent. But even against a backdrop of improving job numbers, many Americans are still underemployed or seeking full-time work, and many low-wage jobs are increasingly seen as failing to meet basic needs. Those trends have sparked questions in Sacramento and Washington.	Diana Furchtgott-Roth	00:28

4/1/11	ART	before your eyes. From the Boyle Hotel built in 1889 to historic synagogues and Mariachi Plaza. The cultural, religious and ethnic melting pot that is Los Angeles starts in Boyle Heights and emanates outward. The challenges facing the residents of Boyle Heights are familiar: access to affordable housing and high-quality health care, but some are unique. Boyle Heights has a disproportionate share of public housing developments, some of which were at one time the largest west of the Mississippi. The conversion of those units to private ownership threatens the low-income residents who inhabit the decades-old buildings adorned with vibrant murals. Boyle Heights is faced with mitigating the environmental health impacts of its surroundings—freeways and rail lines that run next to children's playgrounds, housing and schools and diminishing the influence of gangs and helping to heal the psychological wounds of violence. But the promise of Boyle Heights is unmistakable and hopes are high as crime is down, education reform comes into focus, middle class families work to gain prom	Elizabeth Blaney Maria Cabildo Jose Huizar Faisal Roble Faisal Roble Jose Huizar Cynthia Sanchez Maria Brenes	00:58
4/1/11	POLI	After failing to get Republican support for his budget plan in the legislature, Governor Jerry Brown told the LA Times he'll be taking his show on the road. Beginning next week, Brown says he'll barnstorm the state, warning citizens that if they don't rally behind his plan to extend some temporary taxes, they'll face cuts in education, public safety and other government services. He plans to target Republican strongholds. He also unveiled a new plan for pension reform Thursday, which had been one of the key bargaining chips with Republican legislators.	Dan Walters	7:00
4/1/11	EDU	The breakdown in budget negotiations in Sacramento could spell big changes for California's community colleges. In order to cut 10 percent from its budget, the system may need to slash enrollment for as many as 400,000 students. Far fewer courses will be offered and fees will increase to \$36 per unit. Meanwhile, the demand for community colleges is rising, as students who once might have attended a Cal State University or the UC system enroll, and more people seek job training.	Jane Patton	7:00
4/1/11	LIT	In Guatemala, one of the deadliest places on earth, the truth is rarely straight-forward. In this week's New Yorker, journalist David Grann writes about a prominent Guatemalan lawyer who predicted his own murder and the shocking truth revealed by the ensuing investigation.	David Grann	17:30
4/1/11	LAW	Ready or not, it's income tax season. Time to call up your accountant or load the latest edition of Turbo Tax. But for same sex married couples in California, tax time isn't that easy. KPCC's Sanden Totten says new federal rulings place this group in a legal grey zone, with complicated returns and lots of unanswered questions.	Sanden Totten	4:00
4/1/11	MEDI	Trump calls on Obama to produce a birth certificate, after producing his own... which turns out to be the wrong document. The escaped Bronx Zoo cobra is found safe and sound, but according to its twitter feed, it's planning another escape. And Luke finds himself exiled to the other side of the New York Times paywall after an on-air stunt.	Luke Burbank	11:00
4/2/2011	ART	"Tommy Crow" is Sam Slovick's contribution to the second edition of Slake, LA's new literary quarterly. It's about two outsider teenage Midwestern boys who turn to each other, and it contains a sex/love scene that led to the magazine being published in Korea instead of the Bible Belt. Listen here to Off-Ramp's John Rabe asking Slovick highly personal questions about the story.	John Rabe, Sam Slovick	4:47
4/2/2011	ART	Ron Perlman and Nameer El-Kadi tell Off-Ramp's John Rabe about their first movie: 1981's "Quest for Fire," a landmark film about human life on Earth 80,000 years ago. Jean-Jacques Annaud's "Quest for Fire" is an actor's film. Ron Perlman and Nameer El-Kadi say their first movie was also the hardest movie shoot they've ever been on. The locations - Kenya, Scotland, Canada - were brutal, makeup consumed hours every day, filming took a year, and acting without dialogue took everything they had.	Jon Rabe, Nameer El-Kadi, Ron Perlman	6:03
4/2/2011	ART	Eat-LA looks at the fee hike for sidewalk cafes in Santa Monica, and talks with a food writer who ate thirty burgers in thirty days at thirty different places. Plus: what local eateries are most like the annoying sustainable restaurants in the sketch series Portlandia?	John Rabe, Colleen Bates	8:28
4/2/2011	SPOR	Major league baseball's 2011 season started this week. Off-Ramp host John Rabe talks with KPCC's Nick Roman about the Angels and the Dodgers ... including, where the heck did they get the money for Andre Ethier?	John Rabe, Nick Roman	4:29
4/2/2011	POLI	Next Sunday, April 10 is the first round of presidential elections in Peru. The thousands of Peruvians living here have been closely following their home country's politics, which have taken an interesting turn, as usual. Off-Ramp producer Kevin Ferguson talked with Long Beach City Councilman Robert Garcia about what the upcoming vote means to him and his family.	Kevin Ferguson, Robert Garcia	3:08
4/2/2011	ART	Starting April 1 at the Egyptian Theatre, it's the 13th annual Film Noir festival. It's three weeks long, comes from the Film Noir Foundation, and features not the usual suspects like "Double Indemnity," but some real rarities – some of which are restored and in sparkling new 35 millimeter prints for the first time in decades. Off-Ramp host John Rabe spoke with the foundation's Alan Rode, who co-programmed the festival.	John Rabe, Alan Rode	4:25

4/2/2011	DIS	When the giant earthquake and tsunami hit Japan three weeks ago, Angelenos in beach communities started thinking again about the chance that someday a tsunami could inundate our shores. Does Los Angeles have a plan if that happens, and are Angelenos paying attention?	Brian Watt, Chris Ipsen	3:23
4/2/2011	ART	Dinner Party Download - Give them ten minutes of your time, they'll give you a meal you won't forget.	Rico Gagliano,	8:31
4/4/11	TRAV	Southwest Airlines has canceled hundreds of flights after a Phoenix to Sacramento plane on Friday was forced to make an emergency landing when a ceiling panel ripped open, showing wide-open sky to the terrified passengers inside. Inspections are finding that 3 more planes have cracks developing where the metal skin of the fuselage overlaps and is riveted together. Experts tell NPR News that Southwest has a history of problems with the roofs and fuselages of their aircraft, but the question is why? The answer may be that Southwest is a victim of their own success. They have a reputation as an extremely efficient airline, meaning they turn around flights faster. Their planes are taking off and landing more often which could stress the planes past the breaking point. Is that what happened here? If so, are new safety standards needed for airlines that work their planes harder?	Peter Goelz	20:00
4/4/11	BOOK	Where were you the day that Ronald Reagan was shot? It was thirty years ago last week, when President Ronald Reagan was barely two months into his first term, that he walked out of a hotel in Washington DC into a series of gunshots fired by John Hinckley Jr. The president was wounded, closer to dying than the public ever knew at the time. Also shot were his press secretary, a secret service agent and a DC police officer. For the thirty year anniversary of this historic attempt, Washington Post reporter Del Quentin Wilbur has assembled the definitive account of that day and its aftermath. Wilbur and retired Secret Service agent Jerry Parr join host David Lazarus to recount how Parr actually saved Regan's twice that day, just how the president's true condition was kept from the public, and what it is like to hold the gun that Hinckley had trained on Reagan that day.	Del Quentin Wilber, Jerry Parr	16:00
4/4/11	POLI	Republican Congressman, Paul Ryan, is set to release his 2012 budget blueprint tomorrow and it includes overhauls of Medicare and Medicaid as well as 4 trillion in cuts over the next ten years. Cuts to entitlement spending are politically risky, but republicans say necessary to fixing our budget problems. The plan comes at a time when the house is bitterly divided down party lines and a possible shutdown is still on the horizon. We'll talk to lawmakers on both sides of aisle to find out if the budget process is hopelessly stalled. When the government shut down in 1995 because of a budget impasse the Republicans came out the unequivocal losers. Even Newt Gingrich is warning them not to do it again. But many Republicans look like they're digging in, especially a group of freshmen with Tea Party backing. Are the republicans backed into a corner with the Tea Party on one side and a government shutdown on the other? And if a shutdown happens, what do both sides have to lose and who takes the blame?	Gail Russell Chaddock, Xavier Becerra, Brian Bilbray	20:00
4/4/11	FA	Ghaddafi's army is still fighting fiercely against the rebel-held eastern part of Libya. However, a series of unfolding events have shown the solidity of the government cracking further. Ghaddafi's close ally Moussa Koussa defected to London late last week and now two of his sons are reportedly offering to oversee a transition to a constitutional democracy. The rebels have rejected the Ghaddafis' sons offer, but is it signaling good news for the rebel army, the end of fighting, and Libya's transition to a true democracy?	Borzou Daragahi	9:00
4/4/11	BOOK	We often think of peer pressure as a motivator of bad behavior, but what about harnessing it for positive ends? In the new book <i>Join The Club: How Peer Pressure Can Transform The World</i> , Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tina Rosenberg examines the power of peer groups to shape personal and social action in areas as diverse as anti-smoking campaigns, AIDS awareness efforts, and pro-democracy movements. Rosenberg argues that in-group lifestyle advocacy can be far more effective than traditional information-dispersing approaches in promoting positive changes in people's lives, and provides a wealth of examples in the process.	Tina Rosenberg	17:00
4/4/11	ECON	It shouldn't be surprising that finding agreement on a federal budget is so difficult—under threat of a government shutdown for almost two months, Congress and President Obama have managed to forge temporary deals to push back the budget deadlines a few times, and once again this Friday they face another deadline to pass a new federal budget that would fund the government for another year. There is also the matter of raising the debt ceiling and finding compromise on a long-term budget plan, issues that are being lumped into this current budget debate. Throw into the mix an economy that is struggling to recover, record deficits being faced at the state level in just about all 50 states, the Tea Party movement demands for huge cuts in spending and liberals fighting to protect spending on social safety net programs. Put it all together and you've got a complicated budget tightrope that must be navigated by this Friday to avoid a government shutdown. Tea Party-inspired Republicans are asking for spending cuts of at least \$60 billion while Democrats are countering with \$30 billion in cuts. What are the chances that a deal is struck by Friday?	Stan Collender	00:13

4/4/11	HEAL	The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), or Big Pharma, claims it cost as much at \$1.3 billion to create and bring a new drug to market. The dollar estimation is important because the cost of R&D can be used to justify tax breaks, faster drug approvals, protection against generics and the availability of less expensive drugs from Canada. The logic goes something like this: If R&D costs are high, profit margins must be too or the industry can't sustain. But the problem (say some critics) is that the numbers get a bit squishy and are not always easy to verify. A new study reveals that the cost of bringing a pill to market isn't \$1.3 billion, but is actually closer to \$76 million. So if that's true, will my bottle of pills cost a little less at the drug store?	Michael Hiltzik, Donald W. Light	00:18
4/4/11	EDU	College may be the best years of your life, or it better be, if you're going to be paying off or defaulting on those student loans well into mid-life. According to a new survey from the Institute for Higher Education Policy, only 37% of students pay back their loans on time; about 1/4 of them need to postpone payments to avoid delinquency; and 2 out of every 5 are delinquent at some point in the first five years of repaying the loans. The numbers show education is a priority for Americans—at an estimated \$896 billion, total student debt amounts to more than Americans' credit-card debt—but as the average loan continues to rise (\$24,000 last year) along with default rates, how can students know how to weigh the importance of a college education with mounting debt? The Department of Education has proposed regulations to would cut off federal aid to programs whose students graduate with high debt-to-income ratios at for-profit colleges, but what advice should students heed in the meantime?	Mark Kantrowitz	00:17
4/4/11	CRIM	LAPD traded gunfire this morning with a man believed to have shot and critically wounded an officer who answered a domestic violence call in Sylmar last night. The suspect remains barricaded in the home, which SWAT teams have surrounded, showing himself sporadically. Sergeant Steven Jenkins, a 22-year veteran of the LAPD, has undergone surgery and is in critical condition at this time. A new study shows that shootings of police officers is on the rise, especially in domestic violence cases, and here we see another example of a dangerous trend.	Lieutenant Andy Neiman, Rich Roberts	00:13
4/4/11	LAW	February of 2007 seems like ages ago—the Iraq war was still raging, Afghanistan was something of an afterthought, the battles being fought over policies of President George W. Bush were coming to a head and the American economy, on the back of a booming housing market, was still going strong. Since then the economy has collapsed in the biggest financial crisis since the Great Depression, trillions of dollars were used for bailouts that ranged from the finance to the auto industries, Afghanistan has become the national security priority while American troops prepare to pull out of Iraq...and the country voted its first African American president into office. Quite an eventful four years, especially for the man in the center of it all, President Barack Obama. The President made his reelection bid official today, filing paperwork with the Federal Election Commission and sending out an email to his supporters. Given the huge wave of hope that President Obama rode into the White House, and the controversies, bitter debates, disappointments and some victories experienced since he took office in 2009, how are you feeling about reelecting the president?	Aaron Blake	00:18
4/4/11	LAW	roughly 500,000 popular votes but lost to him in the Electoral College vote. Aaron Burr didn't much care for the Electoral College in 1800 and a little later, in 1888 to be exact, Grover Cleveland beat Benjamin Harrison by 100,000 popular votes but lost in the College. A majority of Americans agree that a direct popular vote is the best way to vote for president, according to multiple Gallup poll surveys in the past ten years. The tricky thing about eliminating the Electoral College is the pesky U.S. Constitution and the difficulty of amending it, but there is a national movement afoot that might circumvent those pesky legalities. The National Popular Vote organization has bankrolled bills in a number of states that would pledge that state's electoral votes to the winner of the popular vote, and a similar bill will soon be up for consideration here in California. AB459 would change California's electoral process to award its College votes to candidate who wins a plurality of the vote. Does this movement spell the end of the Electoral College?	Thomas Golisano, Rob Richie	00:17
4/4/11	FOR	Unrest continues across the Middle East where anti-government protests in Yemen turned deadly today. There have been reports that as many 15 people were killed when security forces opened fire on protesters marching through the city of Taiz, south of the capital Sanaa. In a shift of policy, the Obama administration has withdrawn support from Yemeni president Ali Abdullah Saleh. Upheaval in the region has cast even more uncertainty on the tenuous peace process between the Israelis and Palestinians. Israeli president Shimon Peres will be meeting with President Obama at the White House tomorrow to try jump-start negotiations after direct talks stalled last September.	Bradley Burston	13:00
4/4/11	ENER	California's Public Utility Commission will hold a public hearing tomorrow night in San Bruno. Regulators plan to hold a series of events, asking residents for their ideas on improving pipeline safety. How are people in San Bruno coping seven months after the blast that killed 8 and destroyed 38 homes? KQED's Tara Siler reports.	Tara Siler	7:00

4/4/11	FOR	Darren Russell died in Guangzhou, China in 2005. The 35 year-old former Orange County resident was an English-language teacher, and reports show he was the victim of a simple hit-and-run. However, some independent autopsy evidence seems to show otherwise. Darren's mother, Maxine Russell, believes her son was beaten to death with the complicity of Chinese police. Did Darren Russell die working for a "sweatshop school"?	David Whiting	8:00
4/4/11	ECON	A recent report from the economic analysis firm See Change Strategy estimated that the medical marijuana market will be worth 1.7 billion dollars this year. That number has investors seeing green. But medicinal pot is also a controversial product subject to frequent regulation changes. KPCC reporter Sanden Totten gives us an update on the struggles of this budding industry.	Sanden Totten	6:00
4/4/11	YOUT	What's the role of grandparents in childrearing? Rob Wilder says when his father comes to visit, he sits and reads the paper, but later calls his friends and says he had the best time with his grandkids. Should grandchildren try to be more adult around older relatives? Or should Rob's dad do things the kids like? Wilder is a schoolteacher and author of Daddy Needs a Drink.	Rob Wilder	6:00
4/4/11	MEDI	March Madness wraps up tonight. The Butler Bulldogs will play the Connecticut Huskies for the NCAA Championship game. But here in Los Angeles we've got a different kind of tournament wrapping up. Taco Madness. Like March Madness it's a single elimination, bracket style competition, but for tacos. It's put on by the LA Taco blog and Urban Spoon. The 32 contenders were whittled down to the final four on Friday and tonight the champion will be crowned.	Erich Redson	5:00
4/5/11	POLI	Republican leaders have put a budget plan on the table, and this time, they're not shying away from politically unpopular cuts to entitlement spending. They're proposing cutting a trillion dollars from Medicaid over the next ten years but the cornerstone of the Republican plan, put together by Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan, would give seniors vouchers with which to buy insurance on the open market. We'll explore how Medicare works now, what changes the GOP plan would make, and how it will affect the rising costs of healthcare. We'll also look into the questions the GOP budget plan is raising. For instance, does Ryan's proposal amount to a privatization of Medicare? And how will the plan effect an aging population?	Gerald Kominski, Joseph Antos	34:00
4/5/11	BOOK	Howard Schultz joined Starbucks in 1982 as director of operations and marketing when Starbucks had just four stores. At the time the idea of coffee shop as a public square and a daily destination between office and home was unheard of. As CEO he steered the company through an epic spurt and today there are more than 16,000 outlets around the world. Schultz stepped down as CEO in 2000, but in 2008 he made another unlikely move by returning to the CEO position. Schultz felt he had no other choice as he watched the company lose money and move away from its core values. One of his first efforts involved closing thousands of stores for one day to retrain it employees even though it meant the loss of millions of dollars. Schultz joins host David Lazarus to share the remarkable story of his return and the company's ongoing transformation under his leadership, revealing how, during one of the most tumultuous economic times in history, Starbucks again achieved profitability and sustain-ability without sacrificing humanity.	Howard Schultz	20:00
4/5/11	POLI	For the first time ever, the Arizona legislature will vote on a proposal by Governor Jan Brewer, to tax Medicaid recipients for leading an unhealthy life style. The plan would enforce that childless, obese, adults who receive Medicaid, would be required to follow a doctor's weight loss plan or be charged an addition \$50 a year for coverage. Smokers would be subject to the same requirement. Based on many medical studies, obese people and smokers do cost more in the health care system. The tax is supposed to be covering that extra health care. But, will a plan like this create healthy behavior? Is it fair to levy such a 'sin tax' on the poor, where no such tax is imposed on the rich? What about taxing other unhealthy behaviors?	Art Caplan, Michael Tanner	24:00
4/5/11	BOOK	Airports used to be basic transportation hubs with little or no commerce located on the outskirts of large cities. These days the most modern and competitive airport is known as an "aerotropolis," a state-of-the-art airport surrounded by high-end shopping, fine dining, customized transit links and corporate suburbs that connect people to the global marketplace. In Greg Lindsey and John Kasarda's new book "Aerotropolis" the authors posit that this urban, suburban and transportation configuration is indispensable to a region's economic success. Los Angeles, they argue, is ignoring the trend and putting itself at considerable competitive disadvantage by not upgrading LAX to keep pace with a successful aerotropolis like Dallas-Fort Worth. Whether we like it or not, say the authors, the aerotropolis is the next phase of globalization. It's currently reshaping life in Seoul and Amsterdam, Dallas and D.C. Are we ready for the changes that living in the aerotropolis will bring?	Greg Lindsay	30:00

4/5/11	POLI	The New York Times editorial board didn't pull any punches in describing the about-face that Attorney General Eric Holder and the Obama administration pulled yesterday when they switched the terror trial for 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed from a civilian court in Manhattan to a military tribunal: "That retreat was a victory for Congressional pandering and an embarrassment for the Obama administration, which failed to stand up to it." The editorial, which appeared in today's paper, goes on to chide proponents of military tribunals for terrorists for portraying the American civilian jury system as "too soft to impose needed justice" and says that, "apparently there are many who continue to cover, who view terrorists as much more fearsome than homegrown American mass murderers." It wasn't much of a surprise when AG Holder announced that Mohammed would be tried in a military tribunal, as the backlash against his wish to hold the trial in federal court was loud, sustained and bipartisan. Was it "cowardice," as the New York Times claims, to back away from civilian trials?	Michael Scheuer, Mason Clutter	00:13
4/5/11	ECON	If you've ever done business online with any one of 50 retailers, banks or other companies that also do business with data management firm Epsilon, it's a very good chance your identity profile has been breached by hackers. In an unsettling trend, Internet security is under increasing attack by hackers who go after third parties who have access to huge aggregates of customer information. Epsilon Data Management, whose security was breached this weekend, provides online mail services to 2500 companies, and yet, you've probably never heard of them. When our personal information is held by third parties we know nothing about, and those companies don't do a good job of protecting that information, will it ever be safe? Should we just resign ourselves to a "new normal" in the Internet age? Is there anything we can do about it?	Beth Givens	00:16
4/5/11	SPOR	March Madness tournament. Considered one of the best pure shooters in college basketball, you'd think Fredette would be a popular choice in the upcoming NBA amateur draft. While Fredette will be a relatively high draft pick he might be dogged by the perception of white point guards: they can shoot well but they can't jump and they can't play defense. Athletes like Fredette tend to be compared to other players in their own racial group: the Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham is compared to the Eagles' Michael Vick, instead of a white mobile quarterback like the 49ers' Steve Young. Fredette is compared to other high scoring white point guards like J.J. Redick, but not to a black player like Russell Westbrook. Black players are seen as more powerful and athletic; white players are more cerebral and deliberate. Are sports fans guilty of harboring the same old stereotypes that we're all trying to overcome?	Jason Lewis, Matt "Money" Smith	00:17
4/5/11	POLI	The Department of Water & Power has stood alone as a powerful and profitable agency of the broader Los Angeles city government. Up until now, as services and budgets were being slashed to close a \$500 million deficit, DWP seemed to be virtually impenetrable to the financial woes that had plagued other agencies. The aura of impenetrability is officially gone, as today the DWP announced spending cuts that will amount to \$440 million over three years—cut backs in labor costs, travel expenses and the postponement of a lot of big infrastructure projects will make up the bulk of DWP's cost-cutting. What remains unclear is if these cuts will impact the end users of water and power, and whether another rate increase is inevitable.	Ron Nichols	00:13
4/5/11	TECH	Should it be legal to post a photo of a corpse on Facebook? Mark Musarella, an emergency medical technician (EMT), used his cell phone to photograph a crime scene in which a young woman was found strangled with a hair dryer cord. He later uploaded the photo to Facebook. Musarella forfeited his EMT license, was fired, and did 200 hours of community service for the offense. But some lawmakers feel the punishment wasn't tough enough and are seeking to make it a felony for a public servant to snap photos of a crime scene and disseminate them. The victim's parents, meanwhile, are taking aim at Facebook. They are suing the social network to get possession of the photo and to stop its dissemination. A representative from Facebook claims the company is protected under the 1996 Communications Decency Act and is not responsible for the actions of individuals using the site. Is some public good served by allowing anything and everything to be in the public domain on sites like Facebook, or are there some lines that shouldn't be crossed?	Ravi Batra, Karen North, Diane Savino	00:17
4/5/11	GEND	Should California's next textbooks be re-written to reflect the contributions and role of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans to society? That's the aim of a new bill (SB 48) Senator Mark Leno is proposing in an attempt to combat harassment of gays by their classmates. Proponents of the bill, including some religious leaders and the California Teachers Association, say it's long overdue; opponents, including some already vocal parents and some religious leaders, say it's legislating morality. Does shifting pedagogy shift students' opinions?	Jim Carroll, Craig DeLuz, Liane Brouillette	00:17
4/5/11	POLI	The dueling budget fights in Congress could be compared to the deadly "crossing the streams" in "Ghostbusters": the fight over the 2011 budget is one stream, the controversial budget for next year is another. Both these streams are creating lots of sparks in Washington this week and if they touch - it could spell disaster.	Jennifer Rubin	7:00

4/5/11	TECH	Millions of Americans received email messages from banks, credit card companies, hotels and chain stores this week alerting them that the company that stores emails of customers, Epsilon, had been hacked. There are now worries that hackers will use the information to target consumers.	Brian Krebs	7:00
4/5/11	LAW	The White House has reversed itself and announced that accused 9-11 mastermind Khalil Sheik Mohammed will not be tried in open court after all. Just a year and a half ago, Attorney General Eric Holder said an open trial in federal court would demonstrate the fairness of the American criminal system, and would be the defining event of his time as attorney general. But Mohammed will now be tried before a military commission at Guantanamo.	Dahlia Lithwick	11:00
4/5/11	LIT	A new biography of Malcolm X by Columbia historian Manning Marable went on sale Monday. Marable spent decades working on it and dug up shocking new details about the man and his death. He would have explained this information on a book tour this week, but he died unexpectedly last Friday of complications related to lung disease.	Michael Eric Dyson	7:00
4/5/11	SCI	After a two-year delay, NASA engineers are putting the final touches on the next Mars rover. The six-wheeled vehicle, dubbed Curiosity, will launch later this year. Monday, reporters were invited to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena to see the rover up close.	Sanden Totten	6:00
4/5/11	ART	NPR music critic Ann Powers is in with Madeleine to talk about two new albums by two highly revered icons from the 1970s. Robbie Robertson, lead guitarist of The Band, is out with his first solo album since the 90's, titled, 'How to Become Clairvoyant.' And lead singer of The Kinks, Ray Davies, is back with his new album, 'See My Friends.'	Ann Powers	10:00
4/6/11	CRIM	Starting next month, registered sex offenders will no longer be permitted in some parks, beaches and harbors in Orange County. The ordinance, proposed by Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas and Supervisor Shawn Nelson, was unanimously passed by the board Tuesday. Violators of the law, which takes effect May 5, could face up to six months in jail or a \$500 fine. Will this help keep sex offenders away from children and families? Or is it, as critics suggest, impossible to enforce?	Kimberly Edds	13:00
4/6/11	ENVI	Whittier City Councilman Bob Henderson is credited with turning the Whittier Hills into a nature preserve in 1994, so why is he now advocating drilling for oil on this property? It's one thing to green your city, quite another to make green <i>from</i> your city. Henderson purchased the Puente Hills Landfill Native habitat Preservation for Whittier using countywide tax revenues under a 1992 ballot measure that funds preservation of open space. Now the Whittier City Council is proposing to drill for oil on 7 acres of the preserve. The non-profit Open Space Legal Defense Fund is claiming that drilling constitutes a misappropriation of county funds since county taxpayers paid for the land but the proceeds from any oil found there will only go to the city of Whittier. For the time being the issue rests on the city planning commission's response to an upcoming Environmental Impact Report. Is there a conflict of interest here? In these tough economic why shouldn't a city exploit its own natural resources?	Bob Henderson, Eddie Diaz	17:30
4/6/11	LIVI	Steven Moore, senior economics writer for the Wall Street Journal contends in a recent column that the reason California and other states are "teetering on the brink of bankruptcy" is because twice as many Californians are working in government than in manufacturing. He explains this trend, in part, by sighting greater productivity in manufacturing and farming. Farmers produce three times what they produced in 1950 and the same can probably be said for manufacturing but Moore decries the lack of increased productivity in government jobs like teaching. Teacher pay, he claims, has doubled over the last 35 years while student test scores have flattened. Comparing teachers to farmers may be a false comparison and Moore doesn't mention how much the American economy has grown by adding jobs in the service sector, but even President Obama says we can't return to prosperity until we start "making stuff." Does our economic success depend on becoming a nation that makes things again and if so, how do we bring back manufacturing jobs that have gone overseas?	Steven Moore	17:00
4/6/11	TECH	California was at the forefront of creating the do not call law to protect consumers from telemarketers. Now the state is set to lead the way for increased internet privacy. State Senator Alan Lowenthal of Long Beach is proposing the nation's first "do not track" legislation that would allow internet users to opt out of having their online habits monitored and used in marketing. Industry watchers are saying that protecting online privacy seems more likely to be addressed first on a local basis, before federal legislation will be considered. Through what kind of mechanism will online users be able to opt out of being monitored? Is this technologically realistic? How are online advertisers fighting back?	Senator Alan Lowenthal	13:00

4/6/11	LIVI	Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows that teenagers are exhibiting heightened responsibility and common sense in a variety of areas. This is especially noteworthy, as teenagers have also become more diverse and grown in sheer numbers. One of the most important pieces of data in the study is that the number of teenage girls who get pregnant and give birth is at an all-time low; only 39 out of every 1,000 girls between the ages of 15 and 19 gave birth in 2009. This fact is attributed to the rise in information about and accessibility of contraception and a slight decrease in sexual activity amongst teenagers. Additionally, declines have been seen in other areas since 1990; smoking and drinking, driving in general (and subsequently, drunk driving or riding with a drunk driver), deaths caused by guns, the carrying of weapons, teenage fighting, and suicide have all fallen off. With all of this progress, however, the typical American older than 40 would most likely say that teenagers are going to hell in a hand basket. Why is there such a big disconnect between fact and perception? Is this an argument for lett	Open Phones	17:30
4/6/11	BOOK	Rolling Stones journalist Neil Strauss has been called the Mike Tyson of interviewers. He does indeed have a way of wrestling with his subjects darkest sides. He made Lady Gaga cry, goes to the Church of Scientology with Tom Cruise, and gets kidnapped by Courtney Love. He has gathered highlights from some 3,000 interviews he's done and weaves them into an analysis of pop culture today. He joins guest host David Lazarus to discuss how he got Ike Turner to talk about his father's gruesome death at the hands of a white mob and how Hugh Hefner didn't get enough hugs from his mom.	Neil Strauss	17:00
4/6/11	HEAL	Rep. Paul Ryan, the Republican chairman of the House Budget Committee, mounted a full frontal assault on the agenda of President Barack Obama yesterday when he announced a 10-year budget plan that would cut a total of \$6.2 trillion in federal spending. While the debate is ostensibly about the budget in reality this is a fight over the future of medical care and the delivery of medical services in the United States. Rep. Ryan's proposal largely eliminates President Obama's Affordable Care Act and replaces it with free market reforms to Medicare and Medicaid, the two biggest entitlement programs and the front line of medicine for millions of Americans. Medicare would become a defined contribution program and Medicaid would become a system of block grants to states—quite the opposite of the much discussed single-payer, universal health care system, the responsibility for health care would shift back onto the patients. If you thought the health care debate ended last year, you were wrong—we look at the competing proposals and the broader fight over the future of American medicine.	Kavita K. Patel, Devon Herrick, Judith Stein	00:13
4/6/11	HEAL	New studies suggest sleep patterns may be inherited, prompting scientists to search for and identify a small group of people who have little use for America's second-favorite pastime. The sleepless elite or "short sleepers" are both night owls and early birds; their circadian rhythms, moods and metabolisms differ from average people—they're often very upbeat and thinner than average and also have a higher tolerance for physical pain and psychological setbacks. In addition to those super humans, scientists are beginning to think of sleepers in categories. How much sleep do you need, what makes you a short sleeper and why does that once-in-a-while all-nighter feel so good? Where do you fit in and could this new information one day lead to new ways of manipulating sleep patterns to buy us more waking hours?	Dr. Rafael Pelayo,	00:17
4/6/11	CRIM	In a landmark move, Orange County supervisors yesterday approved a law that prevents registered sex offenders from entering beaches and parks. Sex offenders who do break the law would face up to six months in jail or a \$500 fine. The legislation is the latest to continue a hard line against sex offenders, limiting their movements and dictating where they can and cannot live. Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas champions the law, while critics wonder how it will be enforced and see it as being more politically motivated than practical. They point to the statistic that about 90% of sex crimes targeting children are committed by family members or acquaintances, no strangers in parks and on beaches.	Tony Rackauckas, Franklin Zimring, Jay Adams	00:13
4/6/11	POLI	Sergeants-at-arms are traditionally mild mannered, clad in business-suits and given the responsibility of making sure legislators behave while keeping a general sense of order. The sergeant at arms also acts as an additional security force within government organizations. Due to recent threats directed at senators and assemblymembers and in response to the recent shooting of Arizona congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, the Speaker of the California Assembly has have given sergeants-at-arms the right to carry guns full-time while on duty. The issue isn't new, however; in 1967 heavily armed Black Panthers burst onto the national scene when they marched onto the floor of the California legislature to protest a bill banning firearms in public places. Will additional armed security stop these threats to our state's lawmakers, and at what cost?	Fiona Ma	00:09

4/6/11	MIL	The second amendment guarantees the right to bear arms, but in the City of Los Angeles there may be new regulations on where and how one carries a weapon. The city council met today to discuss legislation that would ban the carrying of an unloaded, exposed, handgun in any public place or street within the city. What does this mean for crime in Los Angeles? Where does the philosophy behind these competing beliefs stand? And how will this affect current gun owners in the area?	Virgil McVicker, Suzanne Verge	00:17
4/6/11	POLI	Clocks are ticking all over Washington, D.C. If Democrats and Republicans don't come to an agreement over this year's budget, the government will shut down at midnight Friday. President Obama is out of town most of the day today and there are no official meetings scheduled for Democrats or Republicans. Is a deal being worked out under the radar	Naftali Bendavid	7:00
4/6/11	POLI	The federal government may be on the brink of shutdown as Democrats and Republicans still disagree over this year's budget. A new plan for next year's budget from Wisconsin Republican Paul Ryan is making even more waves, with the most contentious part of that plan involving big changes to Medicare and Medicaid. Yesterday we talked to right-leaning Washington Post writer Jennifer Rubin.	Matt Yglesias	7:00
4/6/11	OC	Yesterday Orange County Supervisors passed a law that would ban registered sex offenders from public parks and beaches. The law would go into effect early next month and hit violators with a fine of \$500 or up to 6 months in jail.	Wes Maram	8:00
4/6/11	FOR	uliano Mer Khamis, a 52-year-old half Israeli, half Palestinian actor who ran a children's theater in the West Bank refugee camp of Jenin, was shot and killed by a masked gunman as he sat in a car outside his theater in Jenin Monday. Mer Khamis had devoted his life to promoting peaceful artistic expression as an alternative to the violence that plagues the region. He was buried between the Israeli city of Haifa and the Arab Israeli city of Nazareth where he grew up. Meghan McCarty has this remembrance.	Meghan McCarty	5:00
4/6/11	LIT	"We will end this century as a wholly urban species," writes Doug Saunders. For his book Arrival City, Saunders canvassed the slums, favelas and shantytowns of cities around the world. Instead of poverty and desperation, Saunders found an engine of upward social mobility. He takes us on a virtual tour of a village in China, and our own backyard, South LA. Is urban life good for people, and for the planet?	Doug Saunders	9:00
4/6/11	MEDI	It's Wednesday... the day when Rico Gagliano and Brendan Francis Newnam from the Dinner Party Download stop by to give us a few engaging topics to kick off our dinner party conversations. This week they talk about Ping-Pong diplomacy and a company that will press your ashes into vinyl records.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	7:00
4/7/11	POLI	With a federal government shutdown looming and no clear plan in sight to avoid it, House Republicans have proposed another short-term stopgap measure cutting \$12 billion, a number six times higher than their last offer. Democrats have thus viewed the bill as dead on arrival, and claim it is merely a means to shift blame on a shutdown, if it happens, to the Obama White House. If no agreement is made between the two parties, then potentially 800,000 government officials and thousands of members of the military in Iraq and Afghanistan would not get paid. Is this political posturing getting out of hand? Must top politicians remain steadfast to achieve the budget necessary for the country? If a shutdown occurs, how will it play out? How can it possibly be avoided?	Lisa Lerer, Bob Stern, Congressman Tom McClintock, Congressman Adam Schiff	60:00
4/7/11	LA	The Brookings Institution turned up an interesting statistic when they combed through the most recent census data. According to an analysis by the group, although the number of non-white children nationwide has grown by 22%, here in Los Angeles the number of non-white children is on the decline. In fact, the greater Los Angeles area is the only metropolitan area to see a decline in non-white children. But there's more: there aren't just fewer non-white kids, there are fewer kids overall. Over the last ten years L.A. lost three-hundred thousand children. The author of the study, Dr. William H. Frey says he's not sure what accounts for the population drop. Are residents deciding against kids? Too old for kids? Are parents moving their kids to Altadena, Lancaster or Riverside to avoid raising them in the city? We'll find out.	Dr. William H. Frey	9:00
4/7/11	BOOK	Most Americans have ancestors who at some point journeyed from village to city. Today, a third of our world is on the move. Tales of immigration often focus on the departure and the journey. But what if we look at immigration from the arrival standpoint? In his new book, Arrival City: How the Largest Migration in History is Reshaping Our World, journalist Doug Sanders explores what happens once immigrants begin to settle. Is urban life good for the planet? What impact does migration have on our urban areas, politics and priorities?	Doug Saunders	30:00

4/7/11	POLI	In an effort to avoid government shutdown, House Republicans advanced a bill today that would give Congress one more week to negotiate budget cuts; but President Obama, who has already signed two stopgap bills, has vowed to veto another delay. Instead, Obama calls for members of Congress to "put politics aside." But is "politics" an inevitable part of negotiations? A recent study by a Harvard professor analyzed 64,033 press releases sent out by all U.S. senators from 2005 to 2007 and found that members of Congress spend 27% of their communication taunting each other. In a system where our representatives spend more than a quarter of their time insulting each other, are negotiations and agreements compromised? Is the "politics" of Congressional rhetoric unnecessary and hot-headed or is it an essential part of the process—one that highlights the differences in ideologies? Is the unwillingness to budge at an unprecedented high or is it all par for the course in the political battlefield that is Washington D.C.?	Russell Berman, Alonzo Bodden,	00:13
4/7/11	POLI	harmful to small businesses and far too unfriendly to organized labor—there have been several anti-Walmart bills that have passed through the legislature in recent years. This most recent fight started in San Diego, where Walmart ran into opposition when it tried to open a new store there. The San Diego city council demanded an "economic impact report" on the negative effects Walmart's presence would have on small businesses, and Walmart objected. Now the same fight is at the state level where a state senator is trying to make a requirement that stores over 90,000 square feet that devote 10% of floor space to nontaxable items (food & prescription drugs) must undergo an economic impact report. Walmart argues that it's being unfairly targeted and that organized labor, never fans of Walmart, are behind this bill; critics of Walmart argue that the store is responsible for killing small businesses and diminishing working conditions. Does Walmart bring a negative or positive economic impact to California?	Terry Fitzgerald	00:12
4/7/11	ART	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has been famous for making a scene at runway shows from New York and Milan. However, the amount of fur on the runways has been increasing recently. Rather than protest the fur picket-style, PETA activists are moving their efforts to the inside of the fashion industry. Instead of storming runways and throwing tofu at uncooperative designers, they are holding informational sessions with fashion students, and throwing parties. Will this strategy work, or is PETA losing its activist roots?	Lindsay Rajt, Tim Gunn	00:17
4/7/11	LAW	Six days after Giants fan John Stow was beaten into a coma outside Dodger stadium on opening day, the team announced it has hired former Los Angeles Police Chief Bill Bratton to review stadium security. Bratton, knows the city and is credited with pioneering modern community policing, but is this more than a public relations band-aid from Dodger owner Frank McCourt? What, if anything, can be done to improve safety around the stadium?	Bill Bratton	00:13
4/7/11	EDU	School districts have long tabulated data on student growth through measurement invoked from standardized test scores. The Los Angeles Times has, once again, formulated these tests scores into a measure for the efficacy of individual teachers and in a controversial and widely criticized action, is preparing to release these new results to the public. Opponents focus mainly on the idea that a teacher shouldn't be evaluated by a third party and then have their results put on public display. In addition, the Times' "value added" system of analysis has been viewed by some experts as flawed. The newspaper has defended their position by reasoning that, as important public employees, the teachers' results should be readily available to the public they serve. Is this truly the best way of adding transparency to the classroom and fostering improvement in our educational system?	Doug Smith, A.J. Duffy	00:18
4/7/11	ENT	I'm 8-inches long; I have six legs and compound eyes. What am I? Find out in Hugh Raffles' new book, Insect-opedia. Packed to the brim with knowledge ranging from the practical—when is it okay to swat?—to fun trivia—why does the fainting beetle faint?—to information regarding the importance of insects to the biodiversity of their habitat, if it's insect-related, it's probably in Insect-opedia. What will Hugh bring to the air with his bug-focused brain? Hopefully not flies. And if the riddle above is bugging you, you probably already know where to go for your answers.	Hugh Raffles	00:17
4/7/11	DIS	A 7.1 magnitude earthquake hit 25 miles off Japan's stricken north coast Thursday but authorities have lifted a tsunami warning for the already badly damaged Miyagi prefecture.	Willie Pesek	06:00
4/7/11	ECON	The last time the government shut down, Whitney Houston was at the top of the pop charts, Seinfeld ruled prime time, and Bill Clinton was in the White House. Steve Proffitt joins us to talk about the how and why of the last big government shutdown, and to point out some contrasts and eerie similarities.	Steve Proffitt	05:35
4/7/11	MEDI	Facebook is finally announcing the long rumored Deals service in an effort to compete with Groupon. YouTube is planning an overhaul of its service with YouTube channels and original content, and Don Draper makes his way to Netflix, as the company pays around \$100 million for the rights to stream Mad Men to its audience.	John Moe	08:00

4/7/11	LAW	An FBI file released yesterday sheds light on one of the greatest unsolved murders. Christopher Wallace doesn't ring a bell? The rapper known as Biggie Smalls or Notorious B.I.G. was gunned down outside an awards ceremony at the Peterson Automotive Museum in 1997. Many years later, it's still not clear whether officers of the Los Angeles Police Department played some role in the murder.	Robert Faturech	06:20
4/7/11	MEDI	There's been some big changes in TV news lately. Katie Couric is leaving CBS soon, and there have also been reports that Matt Lauer and Meredith Vieira might leave NBC's "Today" show. It has also been confirmed that Glenn Beck is ending his show on Fox News, later this year.	David Folkenflik	08:00
4/7/11	SPOR	The sports world is rife with drama. Tiger woods is making his comeback and the NCAA tournament was one for the ages, but the real story of note is that the Kansas City Chief's Mike Vrabel, was arrested for stealing liquor from a deli. In Britain, the owner of a soccer team unveiled a statue of Michael Jackson, outside of the teams stadium, complete with one gloved hand.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	08:00
4/8/11	POLI	The government is just hours away from grinding to a halt and there's still no budget deal in sight. What's happening in Washington right now? Are democrats and republicans hunkering down and hammering out a deal or are both sides pulling back and hoping the other gets blamed when the government has to shut it's doors and turn out the lights? And how did we get this close to a shutdown when everyone insists it's something they don't want? We'll take the pulse of Washington to get a sense of how close we are to deal or a shutdown and find out just what the real sticking points are.	Ron Elving	13:00
4/8/11	POLI	On the surface, the budget battle in D.C. is about spending cuts. But the single remaining sticking point, which might ultimately lead to a government shutdown at midnight tonight, is the policy on funding for Planned Parenthood. The total federal budget is \$3,820,000,000,000. The funding for Planned Parenthood amounts to a mere \$75 million. In other words, Dems and Republicans are arguing about a fraction of one percent of the overall budget. The funds in question can not, by law, be used for abortions, but many people say abortion is the real issue here. This leads us to wonder if it's ever possible to have a reasonable discussion about abortion, or if this is one issue people simply can't agree to disagree about. Why is the GOP targeting Planned Parenthood? Have the culture wars eclipsed the budget debate? Are Americans as divided on the issue of abortion as the activists and politicians would have us believe?	John Avlon	18:00
4/8/11	TECH	Studies indicate that one in five teens between the age of 13 and 19 have texted, emailed or posted digital nude pics of themselves. One could argue this is just natural, sexual exploration 2.0. But "sexting" could lead to federal child pornography charges and sex offender registration for the nation's youth. It can also be devastating to the teens involved, when nude photos go viral. States have been struggling with how to deal with sexting between minors. Now, California has proposed a bill that would allow courts to order teens to pay a fine up to \$1,000 and undergo counseling, with the costs to be borne by the minor's parents. AB 321 passed a unanimous, bipartisan vote in the Assembly Public Safety Committee on Tuesday. Is this a positive, lenient approach to dealing with the problem of sexting? Or an intrusion on First Amendment rights that could sweep more children into the court system?	Roger Hernandez	17:00
4/8/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Wade Major and Tim Cogshell join Larry to review the week's new film releases including <i>Arthur</i> , <i>Your Highness</i> , <i>Hanna</i> , <i>Soul Surfer</i> , <i>Circo</i> and more. Plus, we'll find out about the big hits at the Bermuda International Film Festival, which just wrapped. TGI-FilmWeek!	Wade Major, Tim Cogshell, Peter Rainer	33:00
4/8/11	FILM	Director Arthur Penn is perhaps best known for <i>Bonnie and Clyde</i> and <i>Alice's Restaurant</i> – a pair films that deftly tapped into the zeitgeist of late 60s counterculture. But Penn's career spanned Broadway, Hollywood and the Golden Age of television - influencing pop culture in ways still felt today. After becoming interested in cinema while serving in the army during World War II, Penn returned to New York and built a reputation as a stage and television director. Penn's stage version of Helen Keller's life, <i>The Miracle Worker</i> won four Tony Awards before he adapted it as a feature film - which then went on to win a pair of Academy Awards for its leads, Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke. His other films include <i>the Left Handed Gun</i> with Paul Newman, <i>Little Big Man</i> with Dustin Hoffman and <i>Night Moves</i> . Author Nat Segaloff's new book, <i>Arthur Penn: American Director</i> tells the story of Penn's unique and influential life in reverential detail. Which of Arthur Penn's films resonates most in modern cinema?	Nat Segaloff	17:00

4/8/11	POLI	Obama for months but it has come down to today, and really these next 8 hours, for a budget deal to be reached or else the federal government shuts down. In the fog of war it's hard to know what, or who, to believe: Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner says that the policy demands of his party, like cutting off funding to Planned Parenthood and the EPA, have been settled in negotiations and that it's merely the spending cuts that are holding up a deal. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says the opposite, that spending cuts have been largely agreed upon and it's the ideological stances of the GOP that are preventing a deal. No matter what the outcome of today, the scary thing to remember is that there are at least two more rounds of budget mayhem coming our way in the very near future. The federal debt ceiling will need to be raised in May and another budget will need to be in place by the end of the fiscal year, September 30th. We gauge the impact of a government shut down today and look toward the next budget fights in the coming months.	Stan Collender, Peter Cook, Ryan Hecker,	00:33
4/8/11	HEAL	Scientists analyzing the genes of more than 50,000 Alzheimer's patients—the largest study to date—have turned up five new genes believed to aid in the development of the disease. The genes, all of which prove to slightly increase the risk of developing the degenerative brain disease, add evidence to the long-held suspicion that Alzheimer's is somehow linked to cholesterol and inflammation. It's another big piece of the puzzle in terms of what is going on in the brain of someone afflicted by disease—amyloid beta protein begins to accumulate in the brain—but so much about it still remains elusive—researchers still don't know why it begins to happen. Increasingly, research is turning to genetic explanations and treatments. Guest host Frank Stoltze talks with two people on the frontlines.	Tony Parrado, Tim Armour	00:17
4/8/11	SPOR	It's 83 degrees and cloudy today in Augusta, Georgia – not bad weather for Day 2 of The Masters, the golf tournament that every golfer dreams of winning. This year, the money was on the new generation, but experience does still count. Fifty-one-year-old Fred Couples charged up the board Friday, pushing his score to five under and within three strokes of co-leaders K.J. Choi and Rory Mclroy. Tiger Woods is among the top 25 players, but has yet to break out of the pack. Couples won the Masters in 1992 and made a serious run at another green jacket last year. We get the latest update from Golf Channel's Kelly Tilghman, who's covering the PGA Tour, and talk about the other new generation of players with UCLA men's golf coach, Derek Freeman.	Kelly Tilghman, Derek Freeman	00:13
4/8/11	LAW	In another victory for Google, the Justice Department this morning approved its \$700 million acquisition of ITA Software, the travel software used by fare comparison web sites like Kayak and Travelocity. Google promises to operate in good faith and continue to license the software to its competitors, but the Justice Department is still placing conditions on its approval, marking the first time in its history that Google has agreed to routine government oversight. Opponents—including Microsoft, Kayak and Expedia, forming the coalition "FairSearch"—still worry that Google won't renew their ITA licenses and will display Google travel results above links to competing online travel sites. How will Google change the way you search for airfare online? Does the Federal Trade Commission have enough people power to regulate a company like Google? And are anti-trust concerns the same in the age of the internet, when competition is only a click away?	Jay Greene	00:09
4/8/11	RELI	Certain groups of Christians aren't always so tolerant and depending on who you are, the "Good News" doesn't always seem so good. Rob Bell is shaking things up in the world of theology with his latest book <i>Love Wins</i> . Within it he looks toward the issues of heaven, hell, God and salvation through love-tinted goggles. Could Rob Bell be the panacea to the more "fire and brimstone" pulpit-pounders?	Rob Bell	00:09
4/8/11	ECON	With just hours left before the federal government would shut down, a budget deal was still out of sight Friday morning. We talk to National Journal's Terence Samuel about where the negotiations stand and what the obstacles to a deal are	Terence Samuel	05:30
4/8/11	DC	There's been a lot of heated rhetoric this week between Democrats and Republicans. Some might call it "taunting" rhetoric. Gary King is one who might.	Gary King	06:00
4/8/11	EDU	The California Report has teamed up with California Watch, a non profit investigative group, to examine the way our state regulates seismic safety in public school construction.	Krissy Clark	07:00
4/8/11	HOUS	LA City Councilman Bill Rosendahl is pushing a pilot program for the high number of homeless people living in cars in his Westside district that would allow them to park safely overnight in three city parking lots.	Bill Rosendahl	10:00
4/8/11	ENV	This week, scientists and reporters gathered in Cocodrie, Louisiana at a conference sponsored by the Louisiana Universities marine consortium research facility. The goal was to share and explain the research that's been done on the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.	Molly Peterson	06:00
4/8/11	MEDI	Luke Burbank is back with this week's Awesome/Not Awesome. He talks to Madeleine about the new terror alert warning that will be posted through Facebook and Twitter, and the Reality Rocks Expo is in town.	Luke Burbank	10:00
4/9/2011	SPOR	Off-Ramp's Raghu Manavalan speaks to Marc Denny, president of Dog Brothers Martial Arts, about why he started an anything-goes fighting group. Sticks, knives, and whips are all a part of the friendship amongst fighters.	Raghu Manavalan, Marc Denny	2:46

4/9/2011	EDU	For the last few months, Off-Ramp has been asking every day people the same simple question: now that recession is supposedly over, how are you making ends meet? This time Off-Ramp's Kevin Ferguson talks to Rosanna White, a teacher with LAUSD.	Kevin Ferguson, Rosanna White	4:01
4/9/2011	ECON	The usual suspects make the LA Downtown News' "42 Most Powerful People in Downtown" list, but Off-Ramp host John Rabe talks with executive editor Jon Regardie about the names that might surprise you.	John Rabe, Jon Regardie	3:18
4/9/2011	POLI	This Sunday, you can find nearly every Peruvian citizen living Los Angeles in Gardena, of all places. They'll be taking part in their country's first round of presidential elections. This time one of the top vote getters might be Keiko Fujimori. She's the daughter of former president Alberto Fujimori--and she's promised that once she's elected, she'll cut short the sentence her father is serving for human rights violations. For some Peruvians, Sunday's election brings back memories of more turbulent times	Kevin Ferguson	4:25
4/9/2011	TRAV	Steve Riboli takes Off-Ramp host John Rabe on a tour of his family's San Antonio Winery, which has made it more than 90 years through wars, Prohibition, recessions and a Depression, not to mention the Great California Wine Revolution. It's one of the last remnants of LA's Little Italy, and still sells more sacramental wine than any other maker worldwide.	John Rabe, Steve Riboli	6:02
4/9/2011	ENT	Off-Ramp contributor R.H. Greene, a filmmaker himself, says the hullabaloo over Rebecca Black's "Friday" video is a sort of Frankenstein story.	R.H. Greene	4:50
4/9/2011	ART	The artist John Frame has come down from the mountains with a new exhibit that came out of a dream. "Three Fragments of a Lost Tale" is at the Huntington in San Marino until June 20th. It blends found objects, dozens of eerie hand-carved mannequins, stop-motion animation, and the sets the movie was filmed on. Off-Ramp host John Rabe met Frame at the Huntington.	John Rabe, John Frame	6:04
4/9/2011	ENT	Local band Chicano Batman, yes that's their real name, formed just a couple years ago but have a sound that spans decades and continents: Brazilian tropicalia, Mexican cumbia, Chilean funk, even American psychedelia. They take to the stage wearing crushed velvet blue shirts that look ripped right from their fathers' closets and play an organ that sits on top of an ironing board. They just got back from a tour of Colombia and sat down with Chris Ziegler from LA Record. Click here for info on this Sunday's Chicano Batman show!	Chris Ziegler, Chicano Batman	3:58
4/9/2011	ENT	Girl Talk, Biz Markie, Gilbert O'Sullivan, what do they all have in common? Sampling. Tanya and Queena talk to Johanna Blakley about the decades old--and potentially illegal--practice of using pieces of old songs to make new ones	Tanya Jo Miller, Queena Kim	7:41
4/9/11	POLI	It wasn't too long ago that talking about cutting health care spending in Medicare, or cutting benefits to recipients of Social Security, was a sure fire way to get a politician removed from office. The infamous "third rail of politics," talk of cutting entitlement programs on which hundreds of millions of Americans rely was far off the table for elected officials or politicians running for office; there was no quicker way to upset key demographics of voters, especially senior citizens. But the times, they are 'a changing, and this morning President Obama announced he'll be unveiling a deficit reduction plan that is centered around scaling back entitlement programs; this comes after Rep. Paul Ryan, chair of the House Budget Committee, released a 10-year budget plan that called for deep cuts to Medicare. The political landscape has, with surprising quickness, become amenable to discussing entitlement cuts. How did we get here and what can we expect to get cut?	Derek Thompson	00:13
4/11/11	POLI	The nation is just catching it's breath from last week's thorny budget battle and a series of new fiscal fights are looming on the horizon. We'll break down the eleventh hour budget deal that congress struck late on Friday and find out what's next. Lawmakers have the 2012 budget to hash out and it's sure to be contentious. The president will put tax increases and entitlement cuts on the table, while the republicans plan, released last week, makes changes to how Medicare and Medicaid are funded. But the granddaddy of them all might just be whether or not congress will vote to raise the debt ceiling. That's the limit on how much the government can borrow and analysts say if it's not raised the nation will start defaulting on it's debt which could cause unrest throughout the world. With a congress so divided on spending will that issue be the tipping point?	Lisa Lehr, Xavier Becerra, Ron Nehring	24:00

4/11/11	SPOR	After a vicious attack on a Giants fan at the Dodgers opening game on March 31 the Dodgers organization has turned to the LAPD for assistance. At a press conference on Friday Dodgers owner Frank McCourt, LAPD Chief Charlie Beck and former Chief William Bratton who was brought on to consult on increased security, all vowed to make immediate changes to make future games safer for the fans. Starting on April 14, the next home game, city officials and the team said additional officers will stand guard in uniform with orders to eject or arrest troublemakers, even season ticket holders, and to enforce the ban on tailgating and drinking in the parking lots. The team will cover the additional costs, although the price has yet to be set. Also on tap are license plate scanners, undercover operatives throughout the stadium and even observation towers. The team is also re thinking its half price alcohol specials and the serving sizes for all alcoholic beverages. Will these changes address the issue of fan on fan violence? Is this too little too late? What else can be done to ensure a zero tolerance climate at future games?	Open Phones	30:00
4/11/11	FA	This past weekend, South African President Jacob Zuma announced that a deal had been made to resolve the conflict between Libyan rebels and Moammar Gadhafi's regime. Zuma and a delegation of African Union leaders met with Gadhafi to draw up a "road map" between the two warring sides, thus allowing for humanitarian efforts to areas in need and initiating a dialogue for peace. Zuma says the Gadhafi regime has accepted the delegation's proposal, but Libyan television has made no report of such a move and it is unclear if Gadhafi himself, or his subordinates, agreed to the deal. Zuma is set to meet with rebel leaders today to get them on board, although they have repeatedly stated that any situation leaving Gadhafi, his family or his peers in power is wholly unacceptable. Meanwhile, in Syria on Sunday three civilians were killed and dozens injured in the anti-government protests that have been growing in the country. At least 300 Syrians have been killed in the past month. Will the African Union deal in Libya actually lead to peace? Will the rebels see their vision realized, or will the delegation favor Gadhafi? If left untended, will Syria become the next Libya? We have reporters from the area to discuss.	Borzou Daragahi, Ned Parker, Robert Danin, Daniel Brumberg	30:00
4/11/11	LIVI	The climate in Southern California is unique. We live in one of the few places in the world where you can grow vegetables year round. But right now is perhaps the best time to get your gardening groove on and start that vegetable patch. But what should you plant? Where should you plant? What equipment do you need AND what delicious dishes should you make with your abundant harvest? We'll talk to a father and son team of vegetable-garden gurus to find out and take your questions.	Jimmy Williams, Logan Williams	30:00
4/11/11	ECON	Everybody likes do-it-yourself projects, from fixing the kitchen garbage disposal to patching some holes in the wall—well this is a DIY project like none other. The current national debt sits at \$14 trillion, an amazing 94% of GDP that experts have said is clearly unsustainable going forward. The backdrop of the 2011 budget fight were the gut-wrenching decisions that need to be made to cut spending, find new sources of revenue and chip away at the annual deficits contributing to the country's overall debt. So now we put the power in your hands, able-bodied American citizen: what if we completely eliminated foreign aid, slashed the federal workforce by 5% and raised the retirement age for Social Security? What if we cut defense spending, eliminated the space program and reduced farm subsidies? As we look forward to huge fights over the 2012 budget and the debt ceiling, it's your turn to fix our budget and reduce our debt.	Marc Goldwein	00:16
4/11/11	ENV	Redwoods, sometimes up to 40 stories high, are the tallest living things on earth. They're also referred to by some as "carbon sequestration superstars"—because they grow fast and they suck up carbon as they do. That's why a group of arborists are beginning to clone the ancient giants in hopes they'll be able to halt and reverse climate change in the process. Cloning has long been a staple practice of commercial horticulture, but usually with young trees, since trees, like humans, are usually more effective at reproducing when they're young (so, in effect, this is like asking great-grandma to have a baby). Skeptics wonder about the sensibility and genetic diversity of cloned redwoods; they don't naturally lend themselves to being planted in the front yard or lining a city street, and clones aren't genetically diverse. Still, the approach is innovative. Patt finds out from an arborist how it works and whether it can be a viable silver bullet for climate change.	David Milarch. Jared Milarch, Sean C. Lahmeyer	00:17
4/11/11	HEAL	According to the Alzheimer's Association, 5.4 million people in the United States suffer from Alzheimer's disease. It's projected that by 2050, as many as 16 million Americans will be diagnosed—one every 33 seconds. The numbers of individuals facing diminished mental capacity are staggering, but it's the families that have to cope. There are so many difficult decisions and any one of them can pull a family apart--when and how to get an accurate diagnosis, how to strike a balance between providing care and fostering a sense of independence, when to take over the financial affairs, what to do if there is conflict in the family and how to manage resources to ensure a loved one doesn't outlive their savings. If you have ever had to tell a stubborn and fiercely independent parent that it's time to give up the car keys (or fear you may have to soon), you'll want to listen to Patt's show today because there is one more fact to keep in mind. More than 60 percent of family members report high levels of stress as a direct result of providing care and 33 percent feel depressed.	Susan Geffen	00:13

4/11/11	POLI	In a time when trust in our government seems to be at an all-time low, Jesse Ventura—actor, wrestler, Navy SEAL, television talk show host, bestselling author, and former governor of Minnesota—takes the Wikileaks approach and goes digging. What he comes up with is 63 Documents the Government Doesn't Want You to Read—from the CIA's Secret Assassination Manual to reports of adverse health effects from Gulf War Syndrome, the truth about 9/11, and the CIA's evidence of torture. From the man who has made it his mission to find the truth, we get the government's secrets from documents that don't lie.	Jesse Ventura, Michael Shermer	00:09
4/11/11	POLI	Late Friday night lawmakers struck a deal to avoid a government shutdown. Democrats and Republicans have agreed to \$38 billion in cuts to this year's budget. Yet, White House officials and Congressional staffs are still working feverishly to decide exactly which programs will be trimmed. So far, it seems Head Start and Pell Grants are safe, and that the State Department, Labor, Transportation and Education will all be cut. What will this mean for the country and the state of California?	Lisa Mascaro	7:00
4/11/11	POLI	Congress went down to the wire, Friday, hashing out an agreement for a continuing resolution toward passing a budget this week, narrowly avoid a government shutdown. House Speaker John Boehner won additional cuts and concessions from Democrats, but the White House shut down policy riders Republicans had hoped to push through. Who were the political winners and losers in the budget fight? And what will this standoff mean for battles to come?	David Mark	7:00
4/11/11	ECON	May 16th is Treasury Secretary, Tim Geithner's estimate of when the government will hit the debt ceiling. That's a limit, set by congress, on how much the government can borrow. If congress fails to increase the limit, Geithner and others warn that the result will be an economic disaster.	Steve Proffitt	05:35
4/11/11	DIS	Five years ago, California voters set aside \$200 millions in bond money to shore-up seismically unsafe school buildings. Today, few schools have been reviewed - and even fewer have been fixed. The California Report collaborated with California Watch, a project of the Center for Investigative Reporting for this series on earthquake safety. How secure are our schools?	Michael Montgomery	7:00
4/11/11	TRAN	If the roads in Los Angeles seem worse than usual, it's because they are. The city's Bureau of Street Services says this year is shaping up to be one of the worst years for potholes in recent memory. KPCC's Sanden Totten found first hand after a pothole on Wilshire Boulevard blew out his tire.	Sanden Totten	05:35
4/11/11	LIT	"I'm fat and I'm old and I'd like to be your friend." That's what former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said to Kim Barker, who is now a seasoned foreign correspondent. But she wasn't when she started out in Afghanistan in 2002. In fact, she'd barely been out of the country when she volunteered to be the Chicago Tribune's reporter there. She's written a book about her experiences covering Afghanistan and Pakistan, and it's called 'The Taliban Shuffle: Strange Days in Afghanistan and Pakistan'.	Kim Barker	17:30
4/12/11	LA	It was a packed house at the Bell Community Center last night as a newly elected city council was seated for the first time. The small city has been rocked by allegations of corruption by the former city administrator, Robert Rizzo, as well as seven other city officials. But residents were feeling hopeful last night that Bell could fight its way out from under the mountain of debt and bad press left over from the Rizzo scandal. The new mayor, Ali Saleh, told the audience of more than 250 residents that there's a long road ahead, the city has to slash its budget by a third. So what's the plan? How will the new council erase the legacy of the last one and bring Bell back to fiscal solvency?	Jeff Gottlieb, Ali Saleh, Nestor Valencia, Christina Garcia	24:00
4/12/11	BOOK	America's system of higher education has long been thought of as comprising some of the most prestigious educational institutions in the world. The common perception is that colleges and universities in the United States are made of ivory towers with hallowed halls. However, in Professor X's book, <i>In the Basement of the Ivory Tower</i> , he contends that the reality of the situation is starkly different. Concealing his true identity, he provides a first-person account of America's academic peril from his experiences working as an adjunct professor at two different institutions: one a small private college, and the other a local community college. Forced into teaching due to financial duress from his mortgage, Professor X was met with great frustration as he noted the massive debt students carried after graduation, and the colleges' focus on capitalism and finances over quality of life and education for their students. Eventually, this into-the-fire job led Professor X to personal enlightenment and, ultimately, salvation. How bad are America's colleges and universities? Is academia as we know it doomed? What can we learn from Professor X's story?	Professor X	30:00
4/12/11	CRIM	In a policy reversal, the LAPD has decided to no longer immediately seize vehicles of unlicensed drivers, including undocumented immigrants, when they are stopped at sobriety checkpoints but the Police Protective League is not on board. Calling it "the right thing to do" Chief Beck announced that officers will give what he calls "reasonable time" to unlicensed illegal immigrants to find someone else to drive their car home. The police union argues that his new policy violates current vehicle code, threatens the safety of drivers and could even expose LA city to legal liabilities. So what is the right thing to do? Who gets the final word and what happens next?	Paul Weber	24:00

4/12/11	LAW	A federal appeals court on Monday refused to lift an injunction blocking major parts of Arizona's anti-illegal immigration law SB 1070 from going into effect. A three-judge panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with Judge Susan Bolton, who ruled in July 2010 that provisions of the law were an unconstitutional intrusion into immigration and foreign policy, which is the prerogative of the federal government. In a statement yesterday, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer said, "I remain steadfast in my belief that Arizona and other states have a sovereign right and obligation to protect their citizens and enforce immigration law in accordance with federal statute." What are the legal and political ramifications of yesterday's ruling? Will this ongoing battle ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court?	Mark Brodie	10:00
4/12/11	BOOK	Mahatma Gandhi is often viewed as a visionary, martyr and saint both in his native country of India and around the world. While the historic landmarks made due to his efforts are inarguable, some contend that Gandhi fell short in several ways. Joseph Lelyveld expounds upon this perspective in his new book, <i>Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and His Struggle with India</i> . Lelyveld scrutinizes Gandhi's life and achievements with a fair and austere lens. For instance, he points out that while Gandhi took a stand for Muslim Indians and untouchables who were being persecuted in South Africa, he did so patronizingly. Also, he completely ignored the issue of how blacks were being treated at the time. The author goes on to point out that Gandhi was unsuccessful as a politician in India, unable to master the ability to compromise to advance his ideals and beliefs. The same people he fought for did not embrace him or his philosophy of nonviolence, and instead elevated their own leaders, thus splintering Gandhi's power. Gandhi's vision for a peaceful, unified and sovereign nation was not fully realized, as violence came hand in hand with independence and the nation was split into India and Pakistan. How did Gandhi manage to lose his mind?	Joseph Lelyveld	20:00
4/12/11	POLI	The story dates back to 2006 when two motorcycle officers in the Los Angeles Police Department traffic division registered a complaint with their superiors about the number of tickets they were expected to issue each day. The two officers, Howard Chan and David Benioff, said they were expected to write at least 18 tickets each day and that the number of citations an officer wrote was recorded on their performance reviews. Officers Chan & Benioff objected to the quotas and as a result were subjected to negative performance reviews, threats from superiors and given undesirable assignments. Keep in mind that ticket quotas are illegal under state law, and as such the LAPD argued in court that there quotas were never enforced, there were merely suggested "goals" of the amount of tickets that should be written. Yesterday a jury awarded Officers Chan & Benioff \$2 million in their lawsuit against the LAPD. Especially in these tough financial times for cities, do you believe that there are unofficial quotas for police officers issuing tickets?	Gregory Smith, Dennis Zine	00:13
4/12/11	EDU	In the wake of the highly controversial Los Angeles Times' initiative to apply value-added data to LAUSD teachers, the district is looking to adopt its own system for evaluating student achievement (known as Academic Growth over Time). They're working with the University of Wisconsin Value Added Research Center (VARC), who will make their suggestions today at the Los Angeles Board of Education meeting. What data will this new system take into consideration, will teachers unions sign on, and can any system be comprehensive enough to evaluate something as complex as the classroom?	Rob Meyer, A.J. Duffy, David Tokofsky	00:18
4/12/11	ART	Some films transfix us with images so strong we can't look away; this, despite the banal behind the scenes reality of film-making and the bureaucratic infrastructure inherent in getting the finished product to the theaters. In a film there are many moving parts, but it's the immersive qualities invoked by art direction that can evoke worlds of luxury, everyday reality, futuristic worlds, or fantasy. Cathy Whitlock has collaborated with the Art Directors Guild to produce a guide to the best of the best, from the art direction of Fritz Lang's Metropolis to the opulent drawing rooms of Martin Scorsese's The Age of Innocence. She walks us through the early years on to the golden age and spotlights films of today in her book, <i>Designs on Film: a Century Of Hollywood Art Direction</i> .	Cathy Whitlock	00:17
4/12/11	ECON	If you work in politics, film, fashion, or journalism, unpaid internships are par for the course. But what about corporate finance, WNBC (who's parent company General Electric is valued at \$200 billion), or colleges like the University of Pennsylvania, which required a student to pay them \$2,700 in order to earn course credit for an unpaid internship? Should they be "hiring" unpaid interns? Increasingly in a down economy, internships are more popular, longer and unpaid. But is that appropriate? Is it fair to paid workers? Does it achieve anything but free labor? And should colleges be complicit in pairing their students with unpaid positions at for-profit companies? The law is murky, but the US Labor Department has intervened to say "academic credit alone does not guarantee that the employer is in compliance" with U.S. labor law. As the annual race for the summer internships gears up, during which 3/4 of the 10 million students enrolled in America's colleges will search for an internship, Patt talks with some experts and hears from you about your internship experiences. Were you ever an unpaid intern? Was it worth it?	Ross Perlin, Kathy Sims, Ross Eisenbrey	00:31

4/12/11	ART	The year is 1934 and word comes to the sparsely populated Irish island of Inishmaan that an American film crew is setting up shop on nearby island Inishmore. In a land where there is little daily excitement, one citizen - Cripple Billy, decides he wants to break away from his overprotective aunts and the tedium of his life to be part of the action. What follows is classic Martin McDonagh, who the New York Times calls "the theater's reigning gory Irish gothic." In a four week run at the Kirk Douglas Theatre, The Cripple of Inishmaan, a darkly humorous tale with a scorched underside, we are lucky to see two of Ireland's most notable actors, Dermot Crowley and Dearbhla Molloy. And we are equally lucky to have them with us on the program today.	Dermot Crowley, Dearbhla Molloy	00:17
4/12/11	DIS	Japanese authorities have raised the crisis level at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant to a seven from five under international disaster standards. That's the worst rating given and the same as the one given to the devastating Chernobyl accident in Ukraine. Sounds bad, right? Here to explain what the rating means, is Ploughshares President Joseph Cirincione.	Joseph Cirincione	13:00
4/12/11	HEAL	Football has become more than a friday night ritual for many high schools across the country. The players train year round, and as a result they're bigger, faster, and hit harder than ever. There's been an increasing concern of CTE (chronic traumatic encephalopathy) in some high school players brains, as such damage had only been previously found in NFL players.	Rachel Dretzin	10:00
4/12/11	HIST	A hundred and fifty years ago today a battle broke out at Fort Sumter near Charleston, South Carolina. That fight would later be seen as the start of the Civil War. The date the war started is clear, but the reason the war started is more complicated. A recent Pew Research Center study found that Americans are split on whether the war was mainly about states' rights or slavery. A lesser known reason for the war involved western states like California. Here to talk about that is the director of the Huntington - USC Institute on California and the West, William Deverell.	William Deverell	7:00
4/12/11	MEDI	The uprisings across the Middle East that have grabbed headlines over these past months haven't just ushered in a new political reality in the region. They have also provided a glut of new material for Middle Eastern stand-up comics. Egyptian Omar Elba and Palestinian-American Aron Kader join Madeleine in studio.	Omar Elba, Aron Kader	8:00
4/12/11	ART	Our reviewer Drew Tewksbury takes a look at new music from across the spectrum. The Kills are out with their new album called 'Blood Pressure'. Cold Cave's latest release is 'Cherish the light Years' and Femi Kuti's latest release is 'Africa for Africa'. Click through for individual songs.	Drew Tewksbury	8:00
4/13/11	ENVI	Governor Jerry Brown signed a landmark energy bill on Tuesday that requires electricity producers in the state to get 33% of their energy from renewable sources by the year 2020. Green power advocacy groups see this as a "huge victory for environment" but Brown also predicts that the bill would jump start the California economy by creating jobs in the green technology sector. Critics like California Manufacturers and Technology Association claim the new standard will increase electricity costs at least 7%, despite language in the legislation to limit cost increases. Their spokesman Gino DiCaro said, "Industry in California already pays electricity rates about 50 percent higher than the rest of the country." Is this green power mandate a job creator or a job killer?	Molly Peterson, Jack Stuart, Bernadette Del Chiaro	24:00
4/13/11	POLI	In his speech at George Washington University, President Obama will outline a series of steps to promote fiscal discipline and curb the growth of the nation's national debt. The president's speech is a response to the Republican plan proposed by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan and will call for a bipartisan effort to tackle deficit spending. Obama will propose a combination of tax increases on the wealthy, a reduction in the cost of Medicaid and Medicare and cuts to defense spending and will provide a stark contrast to Congressman Ryan's budget proposal. The Ryan budget arrives at \$6 trillion in cuts by making much deeper reductions in spending on Medicare and Medicaid, something the Democrats maintain is unacceptably harmful to poor people and the elderly. Looming ahead is the vote to raise the debt ceiling but if Obama's budget plan doesn't satisfy deficit hawks, will Republican leaders be able to get the votes needed? How will the cuts proposed in Obama's speech affect Medicare and Medicaid recipients?	Jonathan Wilcox, David Menefee-Libey, Brian Bilbray, Brad Sherman, Thomas Donnelly, Ernie Powell	136:00
4/13/11	ECON	Deficit reduction is all the rage, and after years of a lot of talk and little action toward reducing what is now a \$14 trillion debt—that eats up a staggering 94% of GDP—both political parties seem ready to take the plunge into the tough choices that must be made. After narrowly avoiding a government shutdown by agreeing to \$38 billion in spending cuts, a drop in the bucket toward reduction of the annual budget deficit, President Obama looked to seize the initiative with his deficit reduction proposals this morning. Quite similar to the situation that California faces, the president is proposing a plan of shared sacrifice that will call for spending cuts along with tax increases for the richest Americans. Like Sacramento, Washington D.C. must now grapple with the ideological opposition to any kind of tax increase and any kind of spending cut to entitlements or social safety-net services. President Obama is offering up the debt diet but will Republicans, and the nation, bite?	Jen Psaki	00:13

4/13/11	SAC	In response to the revelation last week that two city building inspectors had allegedly accepted cash bribes in exchange for their approval of construction work, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety is proposing electronically tracking its workers. Fret not, they won't be inserting computer chips like the vet did to your cat, but installing GPS tracking systems in their employees' department-issued cell phones and laptop computers. The Department says "it's not just to be Big Brother. We want to have effective tools to make sure not only that we have better control of where our staff is, but so we can create efficiencies in communication and time." Can GPS devices restore accountability in the city's public building inspectors? How will tracking their moves on the job prevent them from accepting bribes?	Richard Close	00:09
4/13/11	ECON	Some economists say no, some say inflation could be the next big economic crisis and the government should be doing more. From the vantage point of the average American something seems to be amiss, as prices of commodities, from food to gasoline, are on the rise without any relief in sight. The CEO of Walmart, America's biggest retailer, has stated his concern about the rise in cost of goods like cotton, petroleum and food and warns that inflation "will be serious." Purchasing power is just starting to creep up, but wages are still relatively flat. Is there cause for concern?	John Ryding, Joseph E. Gagnon	00:17
4/13/11	HEAL	A therapist who treats a patient with traditional talk therapy (think Freud on the couch) gets reimbursed about \$100 from the patient's insurance company. That seems reasonable until we look at the rates therapists charge in Los Angeles. A "client" could be charged as much as \$250 to \$400 per hour to unlock their childhood fears and become more well-adjusted adults. Now if a therapist decides he would rather prescribe drugs than take his patient down the long and widening road toward self-realization, he can see four patients an hour and earn about \$320 from the insurance company (insurance company's pay \$80.00 per hour for quick psychological evaluations and drug therapy). Hmmm...\$100 or \$320 per hour? Many psychiatrists are confronted with just such a dilemma. Is a quick-fix for the patient and a quick buck for the doctor a win-win? Is drug therapy the wave of the future? If so, what does it mean for the future of traditional therapy and will psychological growth only be available to those who can afford it?	Steven S. Sharfstein, Shari Corbitt, Gail Wilburn	00:13
4/13/11	HEAL	The President and CEO of the Humane Society, Wayne Pacelle, implores humanity to consider a kinship with the rest of the Animal Kingdom in his book, The Bond. He creates a mosaic of the animal world: Life-saving dolphins come to the rescue of human beings about to be eaten by sharks; cattle and other livestock endure the solitude of a box without ever setting foot on soil as they await their slaughter; and Michael Vick confesses the ambivalent feelings toward the canine community that led him to befriend pit bulls and also set them loose at each others' throats for blood sport. In the final pages, Mr. Pacelle recommends "Fifty Ways To Help Animals:" the first action-item on his list is "reduce your consumption of meat and other animal-based foods."	Wayne Pacelle	00:09
4/13/11	POLI	At 10:30 a.m. PST, President Obama will give a speech at George Washington University, outlining the steps he says will move the government toward a balanced budget. Steve Proffitt is in the studio with Madeleine, with some advance details on the speech, and some perspective on all the numbers we've been hearing lately.	Steve Proffitt	7:00
4/13/11	ENV	One rider found within budget negotiations from last week is drawing a lot of criticism from some environmental groups. It would remove gray wolves in Montana and Idaho from the federal Endangered Species list. Wolves would instead be managed by state wildlife agencies. This marks the first time Congress has directly intervened in removing an animal from the Endangered Species list based on political discussion instead of science, and critics say it could set a dangerous precedent.	Ray Ring	7:00
4/13/11	EDU	Schools in Los Angeles are now being rated in an entirely new way. Traditionally, they've been rated by the state's API scores, which are still in effect, but now, parents can also assess a public school here with the controversial Value Added system. That assessment looks at how much students have improved in their test scores from one year to the next and purports to reveal whether or not teachers are effective in raising students' achievement. There can be big differences between API scores and Value Added scores. As the LA Times notes today 3rd Street Elementary in Hancock Park has an API score of 938 - out of 1000 - a really high score. But its Value Added score is among the lowest in the district.	John Deasy	7:00
4/13/11	LIT	The last novel David Foster Wallace was working on before he committed suicide in 2008 has just been published. It's called 'The Pale King.' And it goes on sale this Friday. Book critic David Kipen got an advance copy is in with Madeleine to discuss the author, David Foster Wallace's final work.	David Kipen	8:00
4/13/11	YOUT	Comedy writer Lew Schneider tells Madeleine about a delicate conversation about sex with his teenage son--and his wife's reaction.	Lew Schneider	9:00

4/13/11	MEDI	The Dinner Party Download guys join us to share some tidbits from the zeitgeist to enliven your dinner conversations this week: former Florida governor, Charlie Crist, apologizes for using a Talking Heads tune in a campaign ad, we get a lesson on the origins of SPAM and how California sizes up according to the "Peace Index," which measures violent crime, law enforcement and incarceration rates.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	9:00
4/14/11	SPOR	This year's NBA season has provided no shortage of drama. Tuesday night, during the second-to-last regular season Lakers game against the San Antonio Spurs, Lakers guard Kobe Bryant added to that drama by throwing a tantrum after being called for a technical foul. As Bryant returned to the bench the superstar pushed a chair and muttered an anti-gay slur directed at referee Bennie Adams. Blue language is endemic in professional sports and the NBA has let similar incidents slide without fines in the past. But this time, the NBA slapped Bryant with a \$100,000 fine. NBA Commissioner David Stern stated that Bryant's actions were "offensive and inexcusable." Bryant has been contrite in the wake of the incident stating that his comment was made during the heat of the game and "should not be taken literally." Despite Bryant's apology, gay rights groups have lambasted him over the comment. What do Bryant's actions say about off-the-cuff comments? Could any of your daily language be considered offensive if you were constantly in the public eye?	Open Phones	30:00
4/14/11	POLI	What happens if you have a legal medical marijuana prescription and you test positive in a workplace drug test? Currently it's grounds for dismissal or for not hiring someone in the first place. New legislation that just passed the Senate Judiciary Committee would make it unlawful "for an employer to discriminate against" persons who are authorized under state law to use medical marijuana. It would also declare it unlawful "for an employer to discriminate against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based upon the person's status as a qualified patient or a positive drug test for marijuana," if the drug test result is indicative of previous, off-the-job marijuana use. A similar bill passed the senate and assembly in 2008 but was vetoed by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, so is the climate any different now? Business owners are clearly fearful of liability issues, but what other reasons do they have for strongly opposing this legislation? And what about federal drug laws that are already in place?	John Kabateck, Joe Elford	30:00
4/14/11	SPOR	Home-run slugger Barry Bonds was convicted Wednesday of obstruction of justice by a federal jury in San Francisco. But jurors failed to reach agreement on three perjury counts at the heart of the case. The verdict indicates that jurors believe that Bonds lied when he testified to a grand jury in 2003 that his trainer never injected him with a needle. However, they couldn't agree whether he knowingly lied about using steroids and human growth hormone. Will there be a retrial on the three perjury counts? What kind of sentencing will Bonds face?	Michael McCann	14:00
4/14/11	POLI	Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa delivered his sixth State of the City address on Wednesday at Jefferson High School in South Los Angeles. As the choice for venue implies, the mayor is focusing on education reform as the city's biggest issue this year, calling for less strict regiments and curricula for teachers, higher pay for the top instructors and an overall stronger education system for less fortunate students. Meanwhile, the city faces a deficit of \$350 million and Villaraigosa is not explicitly tackling the issue of cutting spending. This is one of the last key moments the mayor will have to write his own legacy before he is out of power in 2013. Is he setting himself up for success or failure? How exactly does he propose to improve education here in Los Angeles? Is he knowingly ignoring the city's real problems?	Antonio Villaraigosa, A.J. Duffy	20:00
4/14/11	BOOK	What are all the prime numbers under 10,000? Can you recite Hamlet's soliloquies verbatim? If asked to memorize the order of a deck of cards in one hour, could you do it? While such requests might seem patently absurd, they are fully within the realm of possibility for the average human being's brain. In Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything, Joshua Foer foregoes the current trend of relying on smartphones and the internet to keep track of information. Instead he focuses on the forgotten art of memorizing and remembering using classic approaches such as visual imagery and mnemonic devices. At first, Foer takes a strictly scientific, journalistic approach to the topic by interviewing various "memory champions", before deciding to try his hand, or rather his brain, at the seemingly impossible endeavor. What did Foer learn about how the human mind works? How did an average journo become the 2006 U.S. Memory Champion? And will any of this help us remember where we left our keys?	Joshua Foer	20:00

4/14/11	ECON	Call it a good faith first attempt to cut federal spending, reduce the debt and of course keep the government open for business; or you could call it political accounting at its worse, but as Congress votes today on the likely approval of the 2011 budget compromise bill, it turns out we'll be saving far less in actual money than what was originally advertised. A new analysis by the Congressional Budget Office suggests that the 2011 spending deal struck by House Republicans and President Obama would save only \$352 million this year and not the \$38.5 billion touted by negotiators on both sides. Because some of the cuts would be slow to take effect and some of the money was unlikely to be spent in any case, the reduction in actual "outlays" would come out to a small fraction of the \$38.5 billion. Even with the sobering report from the CBO the budget deal is almost guaranteed passage today but the enthusiasm for its "historic" levels of cost-cutting has died down a great deal. Can government accounting be trusted as bigger deficit-reducing measures move forward?	Sen. Bernie Sanders,	00:13
4/14/11	POLI	The federal government has to borrow an additional \$125 billion a month to finance all of its commitments, from paying Medicare benefits to keeping American troops in Afghanistan. Without raising the \$14.3 debt ceiling imposed by Congress the government's borrowing binge must end with potentially devastating consequences—or easily manageable, and possibly even positive, consequences depending on who you believe. There are some economists who are starting to argue that defaulting on loans to the U.S. government might not be that bad, after all Argentina did it back in 2002 and it helped to reduce their debt and remake their economy. Many Republicans in Congress are against raising the debt ceiling on the principle of deficit reduction, targeting the symbolic mechanism that allows the government to continue borrowing money and driving us deeper in debt. But there is an economic argument that bond markets are essentially holding the U.S. government hostage for their own gains. Will failing to raise the debt ceiling touch off the financial catastrophe that has been predicted?	Joseph Weisenthal, Christopher Whalen	00:18
4/14/11	ENV	of overarching authority exists there—until Animal Planet put its cameras on board the whale preservation group Sea Shepherd's vessels, little was realized about the Japanese whaling operations in the Antarctic or the activist campaign to stop them. Japanese whalers, operating under the auspices of scientific research, killed over 1,000 whales during the 2009 – 2010 season but they have faced increasing pressure from Sea Shepherd led by their captain and founder Paul Watson. Watson overseas two, and sometimes three, ships cruising Antarctica with the chief goal of interrupting Japanese whaling. As Watson returns to the U.S. and the latest season of "Whale Wars" gets ready to premiere on Animal Planet in June he has reason to feel good. Sea Sheppard estimates they prevented the killing of 800 whales, making this campaign their most successful. Often called an "eco-terrorist," Paul Watson steers his ship into the KPCC studio to talk about saving whales and taking on the Japanese with abandon.	Paul Watson	00:17
4/14/11	YOUT	Spring is in the air, and that means baseball season. But the game is in major flux this year, as college, high school and now Little League baseball have all placed moratoriums on composite-barrel bats—the power-hitting kind that make the ball go farther than their wood or metal-alloy alternatives. Little League says composite bats' advanced technology give players an unfair advantage. Other fans of the ban say it promotes a safer game with less powerful line drives aimed at pitchers. Opponents say there isn't much difference between how composite and wood bats hit or how often they cause injuries. To make things more complicated, Little League is the only youth league banning the bats, leading some parents to park their kids in one of the other four leagues. What's the real difference and what's the future of baseball? Could the ban mean a new kind of game focused on speed and base running rather than the power-hitting pastime Americans know and love?	Mike May	00:13
4/14/11	HIST	The civil war started 150 years ago and 3,000 miles away, but that doesn't mean California was immune. The Golden State in 1861—divided between pro-Dixie LA, pro-Union San Francisco and the many Californians in favor of seceding to form an independent Pacific Republic—lay at the fulcrum of the slave states vs. free states debate. Also in the segment: NAACP President Benjamin Jealous is here to discuss the lasting effects created by the civil war when pertaining to the African American population. Patt toasts the Civil War sesquicentennial, LA style, with nods to an underground network of pro-Confederate conspirators, a plot to seize Alcatraz and of course the camels the army brought here to use for military purposes in the desert (weird, but true).	Adam Goodheart, Benjamin Jealous	00:09
4/14/11	SCI	Richard Feynman was a superstar of science. As a musician, an extrovert, a well-known party guest and a noble laureate in the field of quantum electrodynamic theory, Feynman made a name for himself, beyond just a scientist, but as a modern Vitruvian man. Feynman was revolutionary in his field for developing the "Feynman diagrams," an outline for the mathematical expression governing the behavior of subatomic particles. A contemporary and a biographer of Feynman: Lawrence M. Krauss is here to talk about his new book about the man himself - it is titled simply: The Quantum Man.	Lawrence Krauss	00:17
4/14/11	EDU	Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa gave his State of the City speech Wednesday night, focusing on education with calls for revamped teachers' contracts that would give schools more control. The mayor did not give details on how he plans to address the city's \$350 million deficit but promised to outline solutions next week.	Frank Stoltze	6:00

4/14/11	EDU	This week LAUSD school lunches have been in the spotlight. Tuesday was the premiere of season two of Food Revolution. In the show, celebrity chef Jamie Oliver attacked the lunch program for dishing up unhealthy meals. Yesterday, LAUSD fired back by showcasing their new, healthy lunch menu.	Sanden Totten	8:00
4/14/11	TECH	Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) and Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) introduced their online privacy bill in the Senate this week. A very similar bill was introduced in the house by Rep. Cliff Sterns (R-FL). Although the bills call for clear warnings to customers about how their information will be used online, it does not establish a Do Not Track list. That's a big priority for consumer advocates. Meanwhile, in Libya, rebels have hijacked the cell phone network controlled by Muammar Gadhafi. And, save your quarters. The world's largest Pac-Man game is online and free.	John Moe	8:00
4/14/11	ECON	A new Senate report shows that Goldman Sachs, the nation's most powerful investment bank, lied to clients and government investigators about the risks of mortgage backed securities, which the company sold to clients as it privately bet against them.	Barry Ritholtz	6:00
4/14/11	ENER	Pot smokers aren't known for being particularly energetic, and yet they use a surprising amount of energy. A new study finds that indoor pot growing operations in California account for eight percent of all household electricity usage in the state.	Evan Mills	6:00
4/14/11	SPOR	Kobe Bryant fired a double F-bomb at a referee and is now being fined \$100,000. Barry Bonds was convicted of obstruction of justice in his steroid-use trial. George Lucas' daughter, Amanda Lucas is a Freestyle Cage Fighter. And another NFL player has been arrested, making him the tenth one since the NFL lockout began last month. This time, it was Kenny Britt, a running back from the Tennessee Titans.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	9:00
4/15/11	DISA	It's been two years since an arson fire ripped through the Angeles National Forest, destroying an area the size of Chicago at a cost of almost 100 million dollars and claiming the lives of two firefighters. Now the United States Forest Service is undertaking the largest recovery effort the San Gabriel Mountains have ever seen. The forest service says their goal is to plant 300 million trees across the burn area over the next five years. But not everyone is on board with the replanting. Ecologists worry that the trees the forest service are planting aren't native to the area and could cause problems that scientists don't yet understand. They also point out that, though it's not as pretty as a forest, the burn area was chaparral, an ecosystem known for shrubby, drought tolerant plants and frequent forest fires. So should the forest service leave well enough alone? Or are some plants better than none?	Marty Dumpis, Rick Halsey	24:00
4/15/11	ENT	It's the end of an era. ABC just announced the cancellation of One Life to Live and All My Children. Both soaps, slated to be replaced by lifestyle shows, have been on the air for more than four decades. General Hospital, the third-most watched soap opera, won't be impacted directly by these changes. But is this a sign that soaps are passé? How will fans of All My Children's famously wicked Erica Cain, played by Susan Lucci, survive? Why are shows like The View winning over daytime viewers?	Julie Pole	10:00
4/15/11	BOOK	When you think of covert operations, what comes to mind? Espionage, international intrigue, adventure and...Julia Child? After reading Jennet Conant's new book, <i>A Covert Affair: Julia Child and Paul Child in the OSS</i> , you just might change your perception of the typical spy story. At age 30, Julia Child found herself with very little success for her efforts in marketing and writing and rejected by both the Army and Navy for her height. Finally, she was recruited by the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), America's civilian spy outfit, as a file clerk. Eventually, she began to work in the field with Paul Child and, amongst missions in Southeast Asia and the terror of the McCarthy trials, the two fell in love. Conant's book details Julia Child's life before the OSS, the unlikely trajectory of her and Paul Child's relationship and the personal and professional pitfalls associated with the life of a spy. How did a lanky, eccentric 30-year-old woman and a worldly, sophisticated ladies man initiate a relationship while working as spies? How was Julia Child's secret kept under wraps for so long?	Jennet Conant	20:00
4/15/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Henry Sheehan, Tim Cogshell and Charles Solomon join Larry to review the week's new film releases including <i>Rio</i> , <i>Scream 4</i> , <i>The Conspirator</i> , <i>Henry's Crime</i> , <i>Atlas Shrugged Part I</i> , <i>American: The Bill Hicks Story</i> and more.	Henry Sheehan, Tim Cogshell, Charles Solomon	34:00
4/15/11	FILM	Director Sidney Lumet started his show business career acting in plays at the tender age of 4. A series of Broadway roles followed in the 1930s, which led him to try his hand at directing television in the medium's nascent years in the early 1950s. By 1955 Lumet's reputation had grown and he had begun to direct feature films, first achieving notoriety with the critically and financially successful <i>12 Angry Men</i> . Lumet directed over 40 feature films in his lifetime, and his masterful style and ability to garner stellar performances from his actors put him on the short list of highly influential American directors that also includes Stanley Kubrick and Martin Scorsese. Lumet's most famous movies, <i>Serpico</i> , <i>Dog Day Afternoon</i> , <i>Network</i> and <i>The Verdict</i> exemplify his deft ability to direct emotional and complex movies that steer clear of overt sentimentality. Lumet passed away at age 86 in his beloved New York City on April 9. Which of Sidney Lumet's movies are most influential? What kind of legacy has he left for modern filmmakers?	Henry Sheehan, Tim Cogshell	20:00

4/15/11	ECON	You may not believe it, but you do have a friend at the Internal Revenue Service. Nina Olson is her name and her job is to help you and yours resolve any problems you have with the IRS, and further, to find ways to avoid those problems in the first place. Do you think that you as an individual don't have a chance with this huge government bureaucracy... that corporations get all the breaks? Ms. Olson is here with her ideas for change (simplify, simplify, simplify) and a view inside the complexities of a system we love to hate.	Nina Olson	00:13
4/15/11	TRAV	Air traffic controllers nodding off on the job—sometimes even intentionally falling asleep—and most recently this week, the resignation of the nation's top air traffic controller has cast the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in some hot water. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood lambasted the FAA yesterday for being “unprofessional,” but where does it go from here? For years, politicians and aviation experts have been calling for a much-needed modernization of the U.S. flight system through NextGen technology upgrades, but why hasn't it been accomplished yet? Is it a financial or a leadership issue? What's being done to address the problems, both in Congress and throughout the airline industry? Could the solution be privatizing the FAA or splitting its responsibilities?	William Voss, Joshua Schank	00:08
4/15/11	HOUS	Nothing in the housing industry is particularly rosy these days, from flat sales to sinking home prices. Foreclosures, in particular, remain a sour point for hundreds of thousands of homeowners who have had less-than-satisfactory experiences seeking government assistance and fighting banks to keep control of their homes. Bank regulators, in particular, have faced fierce criticism for not doing enough in the lead up to the housing bubble, with predatory lending, and not doing enough to protect vulnerable homeowners as the bubble burst. On Wednesday the Federal Reserve issued orders to overhaul procedures and compensate borrowers injured financially by wrongdoing or negligence, citing “pervasive” misconduct in foreclosures. The new regulations are meant to shield homeowners from hasty foreclosures but advocates say that the orders set the bar so low that banks are essentially allowed to continue to operate as usual. Almost every home rescue plan by the government has failed to make a dent in foreclosures—will this one be any different?	Paul Leonard, Liz Ryan Murray	00:17
4/15/11	ECON	It could be a conspiracy-theory in the making, that the subversive and all-powerful belt industry is pushing legislation in Florida that would outlaw wearing baggy or sagging pants on school campuses. But the reality is more straight forward—Florida State Sen. Gary Siplin bill, that would ban students from wearing clothes that expose underwear or body parts on schools campuses, is simply trying to legislate good taste and basic manner. “[The public] is tired of seeing underwear. It's nasty and dirty,” Sen. Siplin said. The bill, which has a good chance of passing out of the Florida legislature, goes easy on the punishments, giving students plenty of opportunity to pull their pants up before any sanctions kick in, the harshest being in-school suspensions and a temporary expulsion from extracurricular activities. Florida's ACLU says the bill violates personal freedoms but Siplin says it gives another tool to school administrators trying to enforce dress codes. Can you force a belt onto saggy pants?	Scott Maxwell, James Burnett	00:13
4/15/11	SCI	Spring may have brought the birds, but have you noticed the distinct lack of buzzing? The disappearing bee population has long been cause for global concern and has earned a moniker as mysterious as its symptoms: “colony collapse disorder.” An agricultural power-house and a producer responsible for 80% of the world's almond supply, California is feeling especially glum due to the waning presence of our fuzzy-friends. Today, nearly half of commercial bee hives across the U.S. are shipped to California to help pollinate the almond crop alone. Professor May Berenbaum is here to talk about colony collapse disorder, our latest understanding of it and its effects locally and globally.	May Berenbaum	00:08
4/15/11	ENT	Leaving from Washington, D.C. in 1961, an integrated group of people calling themselves “Freedom Riders” traveled to the Deep South to put a recent federal ruling declaring it unconstitutional to segregate bus riders to the test. Despite their pledge of nonviolence, they met with physical resistance and sometimes violence as they attempted to occupy segregated buses, restaurants and waiting rooms. Local authorities often refused to intervene, but the Freedom Riders kept their pledge of— and transformed the civil rights movement. Historian Ray Arsenault tells their story.	Raymond Arsenault	00:07
4/15/11	FOR	On Thursday, Gadhafi's forces shelled the besieged rebel stronghold of Misrata. A lack of food, clean water and electricity is now threatening residents there, where rebels have been pushed back to an area surrounding the port. Iman Traina fled Misrata by boat to Malta this week and is now staying with family in the UK. She's on with Madeleine.	Iman Traina	11:00
4/15/11	POLI	He ran the DWP, and then joined Antonio Villaraigosa's staff as First Deputy Mayor. Now Austin Beutner has retired from his post at the City and is launching his campaign to become mayor of Los Angeles. The election is still almost 2 years off, and many other candidates will join the race between now and March, 2013. He doesn't have the largest profile in city politics. What does the former Wall Street whiz have that others don't?	Austin Beutner	8:00

4/15/11	HEAL	No one would argue that excessive sugar is good for health. But in moderation, or with substitutes like agave, honey and molasses, we still indulge a sweet tooth, right? An article coming out in this Sunday's New York Times magazine says, no way. The Times explores the research of UC San Francisco pediatric specialist Robert Lustig, who calls sugar a "toxin" and a "poison." Could sugar really be that bad? Health policy investigator Gary Taubes tells us more.	Gary Taubes	9:00
4/15/11	MEDI	Sweet or savory matzo brei? The debate that's divided generations of Jews. The Sporkful boys have brought samples into the studio and are on with Madeleine to give the pros and cons of both. And what's the best way to cook a brisket? Texas or Jewish style? Dan Pashman and Mark Garrison chew it over.	Dan Pashman, Mark Garrison	7:00
4/15/11	MEDI	The Chinese government has warned filmmakers to no longer make time travel focused movies. In America, there have been several incidences of chain restaurants serving children Alcohol. Applebees served a child margarita drink mix and the Olive Garden served a toddler sangria. And Taco Bell tries to appeal to junk food eaters with taco shells flavored like cheese Doritos. It's another installment of Awesome/Not Awesome with Luke Burbank.	Luke Burbank	8:00
4/16/2011	ART	The artist John Frame has come down from the mountains with a new exhibit that came out of a dream. "Three Fragments of a Lost Tale" is at the Huntington in San Marino until June 20th. It blends found objects, dozens of eerie hand-carved mannequins, stop-motion animation, and the sets the movie was filmed on. Off-Ramp host John Rabe met Frame at the Huntington.	John Rabe, John Frame	6:04
4/16/2011	ART	Gary Leonard, the ubiquitous freelance photographer who's been covering LA for decades, is bracing for his milestone 60th birthday. He doesn't mind turning 60, he says, but he hates parties. However, his family and friends prevailed on him to throw a big party and sale at his downtown LA gallery. And listen to our interview, done a couple years ago, when he opened his downtown LA gallery, "Take My Picture Gary Leonard," on Broadway at 9th.	John Rabe, Gary Leonard	3:26
4/16/2011	ART	KPCC's John Rabe talks with two men who will be spending Passover -- which starts Monday evening -- in the desert. To get back to their religious roots, Michael Chusid and Marc Weigensberg and up to forty other Jews will gather at a spot somewhere in the Mojave for several days. Away from the distractions of the modern world, they'll experience a Passover much more as their spiritual ancestors did, and not incidentally get closer to the earth.	John Rabe, Michael Chusid, Marc Weigensberg	4:30
4/16/2011	ART	Nick Waterhouse is a twenty-five year old San Francisco-based musician and producer from Huntington Beach who makes R&B records that sound like they're straight out of the 60s. He's got a real love and understanding of analog production and the success of his first single led to several other California bands asking him to produce their records. Off-Ramp's Lainna Fader talked with Nick on his most recent trip to Los Angeles.	Lainna Fader, Nick Waterhouse	4:50
4/16/2011	ART	Dinner Party Download does drinks, history, jokes, and movie culture. All to help win your dinner party in under 10 minutes.	Brendan Francis Newnam, Rico Gagliano	8:40
4/16/2011	SPOR	The Dodgers are back in town for their first home stand after their horrific opening day. Off-Ramp host John Rabe talks with KPCC Managing Editor Nick Roman about how the Dodgers are handling the fallout.	John Rabe, Nick Roman	3:29
4/16/2011	TRAN	If the roads in Los Angeles seem worse than usual, it's because they are. The city's Bureau of Street Services says this year is shaping up to be one of the worst years for potholes in recent memory. KPCC's Sanden Totten found first hand after a pothole on Wilshire Boulevard blew out his tire.	Sanden Totten	5:18
4/16/2011	LIT	Off-Ramp Literary Commentator Marc Haefele tells about two Mann's who lived in LA: the famous Thomas Mann (left), and his better angel and brother, Heinrich.	Marc Haefele	3:53
4/18/11	ECON	Standard & Poor's Ratings Service has downgraded its long-term outlook on the nation's debt, signaling its doubts that Washington can stem its flood of red ink. The S&P outlook mirrors the feeling of many in the country that the White House and Congress will be unable to agree on a debt-reduction plan in the next two years. This morning the Dow Jones Industrial average plunged 200 points. Is this market dip a sign of things to come? What does this new rating foretell for the future? What about the reputation of the rating agency itself? Are these predictors to be trusted? What does any of this mean for your personal investments?	Dave Kansas, Chris Thornberg	14:00
4/18/11	LA	The passage of Measure L last month is proof positive that we still place a great value on our libraries as bastions of learning and information. So can such a trusted resource be allowed to put any kind of limits on the information it disseminates? What if that information is pornographic? This is the thorny issues raised when constituents complained to City Councilman Ed Reyes about their children seeing porn on the public computers at the Chinatown branch of the LA Public library. What is the library's current policy on filtering websites? Is it the library's job to "shield" the public from porn? If website are to be filtered who will establish the parameters?	Ed Reyes, Martin Gomez	20:00

4/18/11	SPOR	Sacramento basketball fans are up in arms about their beloved team's contemplated exit. The Kings have until May 2 <sup>nd</sup> to formally apply to the NBA for permission to move to Anaheim, where they would become the Anaheim Royals. The decision to bring a third NBA team to Southern California could have big consequences for the Lakers and the Clippers, as it would dilute both their fan base and lucrative TV deals. Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson has rallied the business community to commit \$7 million in sponsorships and ticket sales to keep the Kings at home, but the city may also have to throw in a new stadium to sweeten the pot. Billionaire Ron Burkle, co-owner of the NHL team the Pittsburgh Penguins, has offered to step in and buy the team in a bid to block the move. But owners Joe and Gavin Maloof insist the Kings are not for sale. All of this leaves fans wondering: when basketball season starts up next October, will they be rooting for the Kings, or the Royals?	Mark Heisler	20:00
4/18/11	FOOD	Upton Sinclair's book The Jungle, which went into excruciating detail of the grotesque conditions and practices at a meatpacking plant, played a seminal role in federal regulation of the agricultural industry. It is in this same vein that animal rights groups such as The Humane Society and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals have been using surreptitious methods to document unsanitary conditions and abusive behavior at agricultural facilities on video. In Iowa, a state which leads the U.S. in pork and egg production, a bill outlawing undercover videos in agricultural facilities has passed through the House and the Senate Agriculture Committee, but hit a snag as the attorney general cited the issue of free speech in regards to prohibiting the use of imagery. Will the bill's language be compromised to ensure passage? Is this another example of business using the government to protect and serve its own interests? Do the videos serve a positive societal purpose worth safeguarding?	Joe Miller, Wayne Pabelle	24:00
4/18/11	LA	John Deasy, the new Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District lays out his agenda for the district's ailing schools. Deasy wants to increase graduation rates from 55% to 70% by 2015, increase attendance, raise standardized test scores, improve English comprehension, and lower suspension rates. He also intends to double the rates of students in middle and high school who test proficient in math and triple the percentage of students that pass university prep courses. As an incentive he will receive a \$10,000 bonus if he can raise graduation rates by 8% in any given year. Can the new Superintendent achieve such ambitious goals given the district's budget crisis and the other serious problems LAUSD faces?	John Deasy	9:00
4/18/11	BOOK	Everyday on television, on the radio, and in newspapers, experts are offering predictions for the future. They tell us how much oil will be per gallon, what the political climate will be in a particular region of the world or who will win the Superbowl. But according to the author of a new book, all those experts may as well be reading tea leaves. Dan Gardner is a journalist and the author of the critically acclaimed book, The Science of Fear. His latest effort, Future Babble, pulls back the curtain on the industry of expert prediction and shows it for the shell game it is. We'll find out the role our brain chemistry plays in avoiding uncertainty, how the media is complicit in the expert predictor ruse, and if there are any experts out there you can trust!	Dan Gardner	20:00
4/18/11	ART	An hour ago the Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal in the Public Service category was awarded to our hometown newspaper, the Los Angeles Times, for its investigative series exposing how politicians in the working-class city of Bell were paying themselves enormous, six-figure salaries and manipulating records to hide the fact. Staff writers Jeff Gottlieb and Ruben Vives wrote that series and are here to talk about the story.	Jeff Gottlieb, Ruben Vives	00:13
4/18/11	SPOR	It hasn't been a pretty couple of years for the Dodgers—the team missed the playoffs by a good margin last season, only to have salt poured in that wound when division rivals the San Francisco Giants ended up winning the World Series. This year the season opened with an ugly incident of a Giants fan beaten nearly to death in the parking lot of Dodgers Stadium and the team is off to a slow start with a 7-9 record so far. Further embarrassment is on the way for one of the most storied franchises in all of sports: it was revealed over the weekend that embattled Dodgers owner Frank McCourt had to borrow \$30 million from Fox to meet the Dodgers' payroll obligations. The money will cover Dodgers' expenses into the next month and the team is still waiting on the decision of Major League Baseball on a new television contract between Fox and the Dodgers, which is supposed to solve a lot of the team's financial problems. Regardless of how MLB rules on the new TV deal, the Dodgers are in big trouble. How did the Dodgers turn into such a mess?	Bill Shaikin, Andrew Zimbalist	00:18

4/18/11	HEAL	Coffee—it's what gets so many of us through the day. But is it good or bad for our health? In the 1970s and 1980s, a slew of contradictory studies came out on the pros and cons of coffee. Some studies claimed that coffee raised the risk of heart attack and stroke; others claimed that it lowered the risk of both. In 1990, a Harvard study found that coffee had no effect on either. But since then, numerous studies have found new health benefits of coffee, particularly in relation to cardiovascular health. A recent Swedish study, for example, reported that coffee seems to lower the risk of stroke in women by up to 25%. Other studies claim coffee may improve insulin metabolism, reduce rates of diabetes, make abnormal heart rhythms less frequent, reduce cognitive impairment such as that of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, and protect against certain cancers. And yet, some are still concerned about coffee's addictive nature and fear that it may raise risk of stroke, diabetes, and hypertension after all. What are we to make of all these coffee studies? Should we be drinking coffee, and if so, how much?	David S. Liebeskind, MD	00:17
4/18/11	HEAL	About half of all meat sold in the U.S. is contaminated with drug-resistant bacteria, according to a new study released Friday that surveyed 136 samples of beef, chicken, pork and turkey from 80 brands and 26 grocery stores in five major cities, including Los Angeles. DNA testing suggests the animals are the source of contamination, which adds fuel to the fiery debate over antibiotic use in the agro business. The findings are more significant to the antibiotics debate than they are a threat to humans' health, but how immediate is the current threat? And where can you buy uncontaminated meat? Is antibiotic, organic or free-range meat bacteria-free?	Steve Roach	00:13
4/18/11	ENV	Hydraulic fracturing, or hydrofracking, isn't a household term but the process by which chemicals are injected into wells to free up large supplies of natural gas around the United States might very well result in byproducts seeping into households. Hydrofracking has been used by oil and gas companies across the country, who are injecting all kinds of substances, from coffee grounds to lead, into rock formations deep under ground. Communities close by these natural gas wells have expressed concern about the use of toxic substances and it turns out there might be reason to worry: a report by Democrats on a Congressional subcommittee found that gas companies are indeed injecting large amounts of toxic, carcinogenic and other hazardous chemicals, such as benzene, into the ground. These chemicals can leak into ground water supplies and the contaminants that are pumped back up to the surface are not being properly disposed. Is the potential natural gas bonanza lying underneath American soil worth the use of risky chemicals to get it out?	Rep. Diana DeGette, Mohamed Soliman	00:18
4/18/11	MIL	guilt he felt over the deaths of his fellow Marines. The 28-year-old former Marine corporal earned a Purple Heart after enemy fire pinned him, a sniper's bullet missed his head by inches and hit his left wrist, and he watched his fellow Marine bleed out from a throat wound—"a scene," he said, "that plays on repeat in my head nearly every day, and most nights as well." He was honorably discharged in 2009, returned home, married and enrolled at Loyola Marymount University. He took up road-biking with wounded veterans and was even selected for a public service announcement reminding veterans that they aren't alone. But soon his marriage dissolved, he dropped out of school and on March 31st, he bolted himself in his Houston apartment and shot himself, a grim reminder of the invisible wounds a generation of Americans are returning home with. Hunt also lobbied for veterans on Capitol Hill. Is enough being done to support returning veterans and what will the wars' impact be on their generation?	Tom Tarantino	00:17
4/18/11	LIT	Greg Mortenson had been hailed as a hero for building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He chronicled his experience in his book, 'Three Cups of Tea', which sold more than 4 million copies. But, a recent expose on CBS' 60 Minutes, found many discrepancies in his story. They found that many of the schools he claimed to have built were empty or being used as storage sheds	Kim Barker	6:00
4/18/11	ECON	Not only is it Monday... it's also tax day. While you may be looking back at a year of receipts and potential write-offs, we decided to look back at many years of tolls, tributes, levies and duties with our tax historian Steve Proffitt.	Steve Proffitt	6:00
4/18/11	YOUT	Postpartum traditions can range from the elimination of spicy and heavy foods, to no sex, to the new mother not washing her hair for 40 days. All in an effort to get closer to the baby and to keep the woman healthy. Writer Rebecca Tuhus-Dubrow chronicled postpartum traditions of women from around the world in a recent article	Rebecca Tuhus-Dubrow	6:00
4/18/11	REL	Tonight at sundown, the Jewish holiday of Passover begins. It's a time for matzo, brisket, and family meals known as Seders. But for some Jewish leaders, it is an opportunity to bring more American Jews back into the fold of Conservative Judaism. One of the three main branches of the Jewish faith, its numbers have dwindled.	David Wolpe	8:00
4/18/11	ENT	In these days of turmoil in Egypt, Libya and the Ivory Coast, the fall of Communism may seem like something from a quaint and distant past. But not to the five men and women featured in the new documentary 'My Perestroika'. These 40 something Muscovites straddled two wildly different eras in Russia. Robin Hessman is the director of 'My Perestroika', which is playing this week here in Southern California.	Robin Hessman	9:00

4/18/11	MEDI	Reporter and Editor of BoingBoing.net, Xeni Jardin, made her way to Russia for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's trip to space. He was the first human being to travel to outer space, in what was a key moment in the space race and a proud time for the country. Xeni is in studio to talk about what she describes as the, "Gaga-esque Gagarin Glitzothon."	Xeni Jardin	7:00
4/19/11	ECON	Now that tax season is over, maybe you're congratulating yourself – or your accountant - on the tax breaks you got. But the three biggest breaks – the exclusion for employer-provided health insurance, the mortgage-interest deduction and the exclusion for 401(k) contributions – cost the government \$1.2 trillion in lost revenues last year. Experts say these loopholes are seriously flawed, and eliminating them would make the tax code more efficient. Democrats and Republicans agree that these tax expenditures are an expensive problem - the first one alone costs us slightly more than the combined budgets of the departments of Education, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, State and Veterans Affairs. In our country's hour of need, would you give up your tax loopholes to help balance the budget?	Jesse Drucker	34:00
4/19/11	LIVI	A California woman is suing match.com, saying she was sexually assaulted by a man she met on the dating site. Attorney Mark L. Webb filed a civil lawsuit in the Los Angeles Superior Court on Wednesday on behalf of Carole Markin an entertainment executive who claims she was attacked in her home by a man she met online who, it turns out, is a documented sex offender. Although their first date went well and she felt safe with him, it was on the second date that she was attacked. The law suit demands that Match.com screen its members for sexual predators and asks for a temporary injunction barring the site from signing up more members. Match.com declined to join us live but issued a statement saying that screening for sexual predators is hardly a guarantee that all members are safe and could actually lead to a false sense of security. But they are moving forward with a plan to do so now because a "combination of improved technology and an improved database now enables a significant degree of accuracy." But because the man was only convicted of misdemeanors he would not have shown up in this kind of screening. So how else can candidates on a paid dating service be better vetted? What are the steps o	Carole Markin	30:00
4/19/11	EDUC	Legislation that aims to include gay, lesbian and transgendered history in middle and high school textbooks passed the California state senate last week and is headed to the assembly. The bill's author, Democratic Senator Mark Leno, says the bill's passage sends the right message to young people who identify themselves as LGBT. According to Leno, research indicates that when a wide range of people and issues are included in instructional materials, students report a more accepting environment at school. But critics say the government has no right to legislate the content of textbooks, and that historical figures should be included based on their contributions, not on their sexual orientation. Have gays been excised from history and their contributions minimized? Is sexual orientation even relevant in this context? And does the government have the responsibility to force the inclusion of LGBTs in history textbooks?	Ned Dolejsi, Jim Carroll	24:00
4/19/11	BOOK	Every day, people, organizations, companies and countries make decisions with the best possible intentions in mind. However, a noble thought does not a successful deed make. Often times these decisions will go astray and end up causing more harm than good. In his new book <i>Best Laid Plans: The Tyranny of Unintended Consequences and How to Avoid Them</i> , William Sherden tackles this issue head-on. Setting aside the myths of human error and generic misfortune as causes for such problems, Sherden, a veteran management consultant, has identified eight specific social mechanisms which work in concert to steer decisions astray. What exactly are these reasons for even the best laid plans to go awry? How can we learn to anticipate such consequences? Is it possible to become better at making decisions and carrying out plans?	William Sherden	30:00
4/19/11	TRAV	The video quickly became a YouTube sensation: a six-year-old girl at the New Orleans airport being subjected to a full body pat down by agents of the Transportation Security Administration. The girl's parents taped the pat down as it was happening and the little girl is very cooperative while she's being frisked in the airport security line, but the absurdity of the situation seems obvious. Since 9/11 there has been a running debate about the procedures of airport security and one of the most heated topics has been TSA searching passengers who would seem to pose very little risk of terrorism, from little girls to babies in their infant seats to grandmothers. After this latest video made the round a Republican Congressman from Utah introduced a bill that would require parental consent before performing enhanced pat-downs on young children. Has airport security gone too far?	Rafi Ron	00:13

4/19/11	LAB	Prison Guard: a job with a reputation for being undesirable is getting some huge overhauls and not a few new perks. In a new provision approved by Governor Jerry Brown, California Correctional Peace Officers will be able to accrue uncapped vacation time. Correctional officers, along with most state workers, already can stockpile a notoriously high 80 days of vacation time, which can be collected as cash when they leave the job. The average correctional officer has an average vacation time of 19 weeks already accrued, which translates into an estimated \$600 million in liability and a huge headache for an already financially beleaguered California. And you thought two weeks was generous!	Jack Dolan, David Lewin	00:18
4/19/11	ECON	Groupon, the online-coupon firm, has built an industry that didn't exist just two years ago and it's attracted quite the following, both in consumers—currently tallying about 51 million in 565 cities across the globe—and in accolades like BlackboardEats, Gilt City and DailyCandy. But of course the tell tale sign they had arrived was when they became a household name; "Groupon anxiety," according to UrbanDictionary.com, is "the preoccupation and feeling of anxiousness and not being able to sleep knowing that a new Groupon will be released after 1am." But are the deals really worth it—both for consumers and businesses? Some businesses say it launches their business, others say it tanks them; some consumers use them regularly, others still have them sitting in their inbox a year later. What's been your experience?	Felix Salmon	00:17
4/19/11	ECON	New data from the U.S. Commerce Department show U.S. multinational corporations—big brand names like GE and Wal-Mart, which employ a fifth of all American workers—cut their U.S. work forces by 2.9 million in the 2000s, while increasing overseas work forces by 2.4 million. Economists say the trend highlights the growing strength of overseas markets and the vulnerability of the U.S. economy, but there's disagreement on how to proceed. Some argue this is a sign that the U.S. is losing its appeal as a place of investment and hire for big companies, while others are calling on the government to more aggressively match job-creating policies in foreign markets, where labor is cheaper and Capitalism dictates corporations will go. But multinational corporation leaders, like GE CEO Jeffrey Immelt, say corporations have "globalized around markets, not cheap labor," and that "the era of globalization around cheap labor it over." Can that be true? And are multinational corporations the canaries in the coalmine for what's to come for the U.S. economy?	David Wessel	00:13
4/19/11	ENT	The Yes Men have long represented themselves as gadflies and pranksters. Utilizing the internet as a forum for drawing negative attention, or as they might describe it, "identity correction," this group misrepresents corporations with which they take issue, often in comical ways. Their latest bit of fake news attracted the real media, which reported it as truth. Using a bogus website masquerading as corporate giant General Electric, the Yes Men falsely reported that G.E. would donate its 3.2 billion dollar tax "refund" in order to aid the faltering U.S. job market. The Associated Press, one of the largest news outlets in America, picked it up and ran it as a story, with other news outlets following. And then the fake news became real news when the Yes Men were called out on their hoax by G.E. How often is the media fooled and what affect does it have on the vital credibility of news agencies?	Jim Rainey	00:18
4/19/11	ART	It's not a new concept that money makes the world go round; nor is it new that in Hollywood product placement and sponsorship are pieces of filmmaking almost as important as scripts and actors. So when documentarian Morgan Spurlock set out to do an expose on the product placement industry within the filmmaking industry, the first thing he naturally had to do was...get some sponsors. In his new film "The Greatest Movie Ever Sold" Spurlock has product placement from no fewer than 20 companies ranging from Mini Cooper (Spurlock drives around in one) to Jet Blue and Hyatt Hotels. The pomegranate juice company POM Wonderful eventually sponsors the entire film ("POM Wonderful Presents...") and in a final twist, Spurlock sold the title of his film as a kind of naming rights deal to the small town of Altoona, PA, which will officially change its name for 60 days for \$25,000. The moral of the story is that everyone and everything has its price, and the next time you take note of a corporate brand or name in a movie it certainly is not there by accident.	Morgan Spurlock	00:17
4/19/11	FOR	After weeks of anti-government protests in Syria, a key demand of the demonstrators has been met today. According to Syria's official news agency, the cabinet has approved lifting the country's nearly 50 year old state of emergency laws and abolished the state security court. Cal Perry, the Middle East correspondent for Al Jazeera English outlines what these changes mean for Syria and the wider issues of reporting from the region.	Cal Perry	7:00
4/19/11	LAW	A case being heard by the Supreme Court starting Tuesday will establish whether states and individuals can use the court system to stop energy companies from releasing carbon emissions which contribute to global climate change. In the absence of federal legislation to cap carbon emissions, six states, including California, are suing five energy companies, claiming that they are creating a "public nuisance" by emitting high levels of greenhouse gases. Professor Ann Carlson of the Center on Climate Change at UCLA School of Law joins us to explain what this case could mean for environmental law.	Ann Carlson	7:00

4/19/11	TECH	Tomorrow President Obama will hold a town hall meeting in Silicon Valley. And in an attempt to connect with the tech savvy crowd, the town hall will be streamed live on Facebook. The virtual town hall meeting is the latest example of how social media is penetrating politics. On to answer questions about new ways campaigns will make use of technology in the 2012 election is Dusty Trice, the Democratic Campaign Consultant and new media strategist.	Dusty Trice	5:00
4/19/11	LGBT	A study recently published in the journal Pediatrics says that supportive environments can play a role in reducing the suicide rate by gay teens, but the suicide-attempt rate for gay teenagers is still much higher than for straight kids - 20.5% compared with 4.2%. The study's author, Mark Hatzenbuehler is a researcher at Columbia University's Center for the Study of Social Inequality and Health. He discusses the study with John.	Mark Hatzenbuehler	9:00
4/19/11	LIT	The Pulitzer Board at Columbia University has announced the winners of this year's Pulitzer Prizes. The Los Angeles Times took home the top journalism award, while Jennifer Egan won in the fiction category for her novel, A Visit from the Goon Squad. David Kipen tells us more about the literary winners and finalists.	David Kipen	8:00
4/19/11	ART	It's new music Tuesday. The day record companies release their new albums. Pop-Music critic for NPR, Ann Powers, is on with John, to talk about new releases from The Head and the Heart and The Belle Brigade. Two new folk indie rock albums that you'll just have to sing along to.	Drew Tewksbury	8:00
4/20/11	ECON	California may finally be seeing a silver lining in the beleaguered housing market: the number of default notices filed by banks in the first quarter of 2011 is the lowest in four years. Industry analysts report that, at just over 68,000, the number of foreclosure notices is down by 2.2 percent from the previous quarter, and nearly 16 percent from 2010. While this cheery news could be a sign that the worst of the foreclosure mess is behind us, experts caution that there are still plenty of foreclosures on the books to sort through. In fact, repossessions of homes already in the process are up by over 21 percent from the previous quarter. Yet the question remains - why the significant drop in foreclosures? Analysts suggest an improved employment outlook and continuing investigations into shoddy foreclosure practices by state and federal officials. As numbers continue to fluctuate throughout the industry, what does it mean for California's real estate market? Have we finally seen the bottom of the barrel? If you've been facing foreclosure, has your situation changed?	John Karevoll, Richard Green	24:00
4/20/11	BOOK	diabetes combined. In the past twenty years, diagnoses of autism have grown exponentially and it has been compared to an epidemic of sorts by those attempting to fight the disorder in the trenches. One of those people is Dr. Ricki G. Robinson, author of <i>Autism Solutions: How to Create a Healthy and Meaningful Life for Your Child</i> . Robinson takes a holistic approach to the treatment of autism and explores the disorder from original diagnosis, through treatment and finally to the beginning of the patient's adult life. The author attempts to provide parents and caretakers with as much information as possible on a wide variety of topics pertinent to those affected by autism so that an individualized approach can be made specific to each child. She covers possible causes for autism and how to identify it in your infant, the physical and neurological characteristics of the disorder, treatment options, abnormal behaviors and how to harness them for positive growth. What explains the recent spike in children with autism? What can be done to best help and nurture those who are affected? Can autism ever fully be cured?	Dr. Ricki G. Robinson	30:00
4/20/11	DISA	It's been a year since the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded into flames, killing 11 workers and sparking the largest ecological disaster in the nation's history. The damage crushed the gulf region that was just starting to get back on even footing after hurricane Katrina. We'll take a look back at the oil spill and examine the toll of the event from a policy, economic and human perspective. We'll speak to the man charged with stopping the massive leak, Admiral Thad Allan, to find out how he accomplished that herculean task and whether the government perhaps ceded too much control to BP. We'll also get the latest news from the gulf and talk to a couple resident about how they're eking out a living in this devastated region of the country.	Admiral Thad Allen, Eileen Fleming, Mike Foster, David Pettit, Darla Rook, Ryan Lambert	54:00
4/20/11	ECON	At the central library this morning, Mayor Villaraigosa released the city's \$6.9 billion budget, which requires city employees to take more than a month of furlough days in the next fiscal year unless they agree to defer pay raises and increase health-care contributions, dashing any hopes of cost-of-living pay raises. The Coalition of City Unions, however, negotiated to avoid the furloughs and layoffs in an unprecedented deal struck with the city in March. Now that deal is up for vote by the unions, who are expected to present their tally on April 26th. The budget aims to trim the city's ballooning deficit, which as of today stands at nearly \$458 million. More positively, the budget makes plans to fill nearly 300,000 potholes and restore public library hours. But are the cuts in budget worth the cuts in hours and will the unions sign on?	Frank Stoltze, David Lewin	00:13

4/20/11	ECON	If you're the child of a baby boomer and also happen to be one of the reported 48% who know the extent of their family's wealth, maybe you're already aware of the terrible news. A poll conducted by U.S. Trust, a unit of Bank of America Corporation has found a slew of interesting information on how little some baby boomers will be leaving in inheritance to their children. The poll shows that 49% of boomers see the value of leaving money to their children -- the remaining majority seek to use their money for personal endeavors like travel, luxury expenses and an increased focus on personal relationships. The study marks a distinct change in mindset on retirement, and the credence of generational entitlement. When asked how their children would respond to a large inheritance: 24% fear they would become lazy, 20% feel they would squander their inheritance and a further 20% feel their kids would just make poor decisions. Is this an emergent sign of a more selfish culture or just the end of insufferable trust-fund babies?	Thong Nguyen	00:18
4/20/11	DIS	As Congress and the White House debate ways to slash spending and reduce the federal debt the first thing that comes to mind when considering diminished or lost government services is probably not asteroid hunting. And yet with funding for NASA and other space exploration programs becoming scarce, the ability of government-funded astronomers and scientists to monitor deep space for approaching "near Earth objects," or NEO's as earth-bound comets and asteroids are known, becomes very limited. Charlie Bolden, a former astronaut and current administrator of NASA, admitted as much when he said that NASA probably couldn't afford to deflect a NEO—the annual federal budget for "planetary defense" is a mere \$5.8 million. The job of defending planet Earth from a malicious asteroid is officially up for grabs and nobody seems excited to grab the mantle. Enter Dana Rohrabacher, a long-time Southern California Congressman who has made the detection and avoidance of NEO's one of his pet projects. Can Rep. Rohrabacher help to keep government attention focused on monitoring the skies for approaching asteroids of doom?	Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, Michael J. Drake	00:17
4/20/11	LAW	Fans at Dodger Stadium are seeing more blue than usual in the last few days, and it's not Dodger blue. LAPD has increased its presence at the stadium since a Giant's fan was severely beaten in the parking lot after the game on opening day, but are they there to stay? And a "flash mob" on Venice boardwalk culminated in a shooting this weekend with the victim hospitalized and in serious condition. According to authorities, ticket quotas do not exist, but a jury recently awarded \$2 million dollars to two officers complaining about penalties levied on them for not making their quota. What are we to think? LAPD Chief Charlie Beck joins Patt in the studio for our regular check-in on these and all issues blue.	LAPD Chief Charlie Beck	00:31
4/20/11	IMM	Why is it that no matter how many madres are in a room, even if it's thousands, when one padre enters, the collective noun for the group becomes padres? Or that the phrase "Que padre!" means "What a great father," and "Me vale madre" means "It's worthless?" Liza Bakewell asks these questions in her new book and examines sexism in the Spanish language and how it interacts with Mexican culture. She makes convincing arguments that the gender of Spanish nouns influences mental perceptions of the objects—which is ironic with masculine nouns like childbirth and pregnancy and is weighty with masculine nouns like love and marriage. Patt sits down with Bakewell to explore the evolution of the Spanish language.	Liza Bakewell	00:17
4/20/11	FOR	According to a Bloomberg article today, the State Department will soon announce \$28 million in grants to help activists in countries that crack down on the internet. The money is left over from last year's budget. Similar grants made in 2008 and 2009 went to develop software and training to help activists get around firewalls imposed by restrictive governments.	Brendan Greeley	7:00
4/20/11	POLI	President Obama was set to host a town hall meeting at Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto Wednesday and Thursday he'll be in Los Angeles for a big fundraiser at Sony Studios. Hollywood has long been a source of financial support for Democrats but many on the left are unhappy about President Obama's performance in the White House. Marty Kaplan, a former White House speech writer and Hollywood executive, and current director of USC's Norman Lear	Marty Kaplan	7:00
4/20/11	ECON	Over the past few years, reports of an impending shortage of health care workers led many job seekers to enroll in nursing programs. But now, more than 40 percent of graduating RNs can't find work in California. Sanden Totten looks into the glut of nurses.	Sanden Totten	6:00
4/20/11	HIST	Fifty years ago today, President John F. Kennedy spoke at a meeting of newspaper executives. His speech came at an awkward time - the country had just learned of the failed attempt to overthrow the government of Cuba's Fidel Castro. The Bay of Pigs invasion was supposed to be a popular uprising by Cubans against Castro, but even as it occurred, it was obvious there were U.S. fingerprints all over the operation. Steve Proffitt takes a look back.	Steve Proffitt	6:00
4/20/11	MEDI	With all of the fun food stuff in LA, it was only a matter of time before there was a grilled cheese competition. Madeleine sat down with Tim Walker, the founder and host of the Grilled Cheese invitational, to talk about the history of the event, what attendees should expect and how to make the best grilled cheese. Click through for a video and recipes.	Tim Walker	6:00

4/20/11	IMM	President Obama hosted a bipartisan group of politicians at the White House Tuesday to discuss possibilities for immigration reform, but activists have been frustrated by the administrations lack of action on the issue. Despite Obama's campaign promises to make the issue a major focus, there have been increased numbers of deportations since he took office. Leslie Berestein Rojas, author of the Multi-American Blog at KPCC, answers the question, "when did May Day become synonymous with immigration rallies?"	Leslie Berestein Rojas	7:00
4/20/11	MEDI	Vintage looking NPR shirts have been spotted in Urban Outfitters. Have we jumped the shark? New Coke sure did, 26 years ago. It's the anniversary of the soda that famously flatted in the market. And a phone sex company has gobbled up almost 1/4 of the 1-800 numbers in the U.S. Helping you with your next soirée conversation starter are Brendan Francis Newnam and Rico Gagliano of The Dinner Party Download.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	7:00
4/21/11	SPOR	Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig announced Wednesday afternoon that he will appoint a representative to oversee the "business and the day-to-day operations" of the Dodgers' baseball club. Selig made the announcement on the heels of reports that owner Frank McCourt had asked for a \$30 million loan from Fox citing "deep concerns regarding the finances and operations of the Dodgers." A new team head is expected to be named in the next few days. So what does this all mean for the future of the LA Dodgers? From opening day on it's already been a rocky season for the team - will MLB taking over turn things around? How are fans taking this newest wrinkle in the troubled team's woes?	Bill Shaikin	34:00
4/21/11	MEDIA	the death of two photojournalists in Libya yesterday shines the spotlight on a very select group of journalists and photographers who specialize in covering war zones. Photographers Tim Hetherington and Chris Hondros were documenting a rebel militia in Misurata, Libya when they were hit by a mortar strike yesterday. Hetherington, who co-directed the Oscar-nominated war documentary 'Restrepo,' was killed instantly; Hondros was wounded and died several hours later. These men are just two of over a dozen journalists killed this year in war zones. What is the allure of combat journalism? What kinds of reporters and photographers are willing to choose a lifestyle most of us would be terrified to lead?	Rob Mahoney, Greg Marinovich	20:00
4/21/11	POLI	Nearly every state is required to redraw its congressional, senate and other districts between now and 2012, and the 14-member California Citizens' Redistricting Commission is sharpening its pencils for the task. As one of only seven states with a citizen's commission, California promises a number of very interesting outcomes as district lines and demographics shift. Not the least of which is our congressional seating arrangement - thanks in part to our oddly-shaped districting, only one House seat has changed party hands here in the last decade. The shake-up may cause more upset than the San Andreas fault – some Hill-watchers predict that after the fallout, as much as 25 percent of delegates will not be returning to congress in 2012. In this game of musical chairs, which legislators will end up with a seat – and who will be bounced out?	Aaron Blake, Bob Stern, Jeanne Raya, Peter Yao	24:00
4/21/11	BOOK	E. O. Wilson's classic book <i>Sociobiology</i> contends that human society is, in some way, driven by the same forces of evolutionary biology and natural selection that affect living organisms. Taking this tenet as a jumping off point, Frances Fukuyama tackles the history of politics in <i>The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman Times to the French Revolution</i> . In modern times, government institutions can easily be taken for granted. However, when civilizations were in their nascent stages, the notion of political order and accountability could not have been more infeasible. In the first of a two book series, Fukuyama provides a broad historical overview of how politics have evolved; the story covers the era of barbaric, prehuman tribes to the refined intellectualism of the Enlightenment, and spans from China to the Middle East to Europe. How exactly did humanity come around to the issue of politics? What specific gains have been made over time, and how? What trends for development, or devolution, can we expect in the future?	Francis Fukuyama	30:00
4/21/11	TECH	iPhones, the ubiquitous black devices that seem to do everything have an additional feature and one that even savvy users may not know about. iPhones and iPads both, track where the user has been and where they are while keeping record of the compiled data stored on the iconic gadget. What's especially alarming is that this was, until now, a secret and there is currently no option to halt this intrusive behavior. Security researchers have recently discovered the hidden file and it has the internet, media and even politicians abuzz with questions. Why would Apple hide this and what are they doing with the information? Let's hear from you.	Ashish Soni	00:13

4/21/11	ART	The Geffen Contemporary (MOCA) hoped to turn heads with its "Art in the Streets" show, which opened this month and chronicles the evolution of graffiti and street art from the 1970s to the current global movement in cities like New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, London and Sao Paulo. But more controversial than the exhibit itself may be the alleged tagging it's attracted in the surrounding Little Tokyo neighborhood. The LAPD reports a significant uptick in graffiti and vandalism in the neighborhood, prompting the installation of surveillance cameras. Police officers worry the exhibit is drawing taggers who might be wanted on vandalism charges elsewhere, as well as two Frenchmen detained and released Friday after authorities caught them with buckets of grout and tile. Critics of the exhibit say it's just a liberal elite glorifying graffiti and vandalism while enthusiasts hope it sends a message to young artists that if "you harness your talent, you can be in a museum one day." Can illegal graffiti also have artistic value; is it art or urban blight?	Man One, Heather MacDonald	00:18
4/21/11	LAW	Poker went mainstream in 2003, when ESPN started to broadcast the World Series of Poker tournament from Las Vegas and the resulting explosion in popularity brought in thousands of young players. The average young age of new poker players made the advent and spread of online poker websites a natural development and soon young players were making substantial amounts of money, enough to live on and then some, off of the poker sites. Congress passed the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act in 2006 did not redefine online gambling but instead criminalized various actions related to facilitating financial transactions for it—and it's this law that made the Justice Department crackdown on three poker websites, PokerStars, Full Tilt Poker and Absolute Poker, possible. The sites were charged with various forms of wire fraud but the issues surrounding online gaming are still an interesting mix of moral and financial concerns. We get behind the arguments for and against online poker and see if online gaming still has a future.	John Pappas, Les Bernal	00:17
4/21/11	POLI	The nation's credit outlook dims ... the housing market is still bumpy ... multinationals send jobs overseas ... is this the new status quo? Are we reaping the results of a financial whirlwind decades long? Nobel Laureate and Columbia University economics professor Joseph Stiglitz gives the government's efforts to deal with "The Great Recession" a bad grade and voices his warnings about the growing federal deficit and debt and weighs in on the various budget fixes being touted by Republicans and Democrats.	Joseph Stiglitz	00:22
4/21/11	TRAV	By the time President Obama's plane lands at LAX this afternoon, motorists on the Westside should be prepared for congestion and delays throughout the area. Even though officials have been assured there won't be a repeat of the gridlock caused by a previous visit in 2010, when drivers waited for hours to go short distances and fumed over street closures. According to Westside City Councilman Bill Rosendahl in an interview with NBC LA, "I get the assurance the roads won't remained hard-closed for hours and hours, that closures will be based on the president's real-time movements. They're giving me comfort -- we'll see -- that they're sensitive to our issues, and I'm hopeful." The president is in Los Angeles to raise support for his deficit plan and money for his re-election campaign, but could he lose both if commuting Los Angelenos bear the brunt of his visit?	Jeff Baugh	00:09
4/21/11	LIT	Some people are "pun people" (pun intended), and others roll their eyes at puns as tomfoolery. Whichever side you're on, John Pollack writes in The Pun Also Rises that puns are experiencing a "pun renaissance" in our culture and are a part of virtually every language spoken. Who better than a former presidential speechwriter and winner of the 1995 O. Henry World Championship Pun-Off to discuss the role puns play all around us in movie titles, news headlines, and billboard ads? Pollock joins Patt to explain how puns can make you smarter, how puns have impacted the development of human language and language creativity, and ultimately why, after years of existence, puns still matter.	John Pollack	00:17
4/21/11	SPOR	Yesterday, Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig took control of the Dodgers from Frank McCourt, who bought the team in 2004. Selig said that it was because of the poor financial situation that the Dodgers were in - a situation brought on by the McCourt's messy divorce. What sort of effect will this have on the Dodgers?	Jon Heyman	6:00
4/21/11	POLI	It's not all about Donald Trump for 2012. Today, former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson threw his hat into the ring for the 2012 Presidential race. Johnson joins a wide field of potential GOP candidates vying to run. But, in a CBS/New York Times poll out today, 56 percent of Republican voters were not enthusiastic about the field. Yet, with the election 18 months away, there's still plenty of time for more candidates to emerge.	Mark McKinnon	7:00
4/21/11	TECH	The iPhone and iPad are tracking your every step and sending the information to Apple. Should you be worried? Also, Amazon announces it will be lending Kindle books through public libraries and Weird Al and even weirder Lady Gaga get into a scuffle. John Moe of the Marketplace Tech Report gives us the latest on these topics.	John Moe	7:00
4/21/11	ECON	The city and county of Los Angeles came out with their new budgets this week... and it's not quite as ugly as it's been the past couple of years. Both face deficits and the lagging economy means tax revenues are still down. And still, local governments continue to struggle with rising health care and pension costs. KPCC's reporter, Frank Stoltze, is in with a closer look.	Frank Stoltze	6:00

4/21/11	POLI	LA County continues to struggle with deficit issues. With cuts left and right, one thing they're not getting rid of is the giant pair of ribbon cutting scissors that they hold near and dear. They have special handlers. And they are stored in special places. Kevin Ferguson--Off-Ramp's Producer--spent the day with one of those pairs from the warehouse to the ribbon cutting and back again.	Kevin Ferguson	6:00
4/21/11	ECON	Since last Friday, when Justice Department officials shut down three major online poker sites, fans who play cards online, sometimes for big money, have been in a tizzy. Not only have they not been able to engage in card play, but in many cases, money they had in online gambling accounts has been frozen. Still, not everyone in the gaming world is unhappy about this. For example, card clubs in the LA area are reporting higher traffic. Steve Proffitt explains.	Steve Proffitt	5:00
4/21/11	SPOR	The Sklar brothers, hosts of the podcast Sklarbro country, are in studio to talk about this week in sports. The MLB steps in to save one of the oldest franchises in baseball, the Dodgers. Defending NBA champions, the Lakers, are tied with the Charlotte Hornets in their 7 game series. And in this week's bad behavior by an athlete, Cincinnati Reds pitcher, Mike Leake wins the honor. Leake, who makes approximately half a million a year, was arrested for shoplifting six tee	Mike Leake	8:00
4/22/11	POLI	Could Donald Trump actually run for president of the United State? Why not? He's got name recognition that any candidate would die for and pop culture cred that hardly any politician in the history of presidential politics can rival. He takes bold stands that appeal to those who see the present administration as weak and waffling but is he really a viable option either as a Republican or an Independent? Would his candidacy for president compare to Arnold Schwarzenegger's when he ran for governor or is he on his way to becoming the another Ross Perot?	Jonathan Wilcox	24:00
4/22/11	LA	The union representing thousands of Southern California grocery workers has voted to authorize a strike against the three largest grocery chains, Ralphs, Safeway (which own Vons and Pavilions stores) and Albertsons. The labor contract between the union and their employers, ratified four years ago, expired March 6th, and workers have continued on a day-to-day basis since then. While a work stoppage isn't a foregone conclusion, the threat does bring up painful memories of 2003-2004's protracted strike and lockout, which lasted four months and cost the stores roughly \$2 billion. During that time, many shoppers drove out of their way to non-union stores rather than cross picket lines, either in support of the action or to avoid risking heated confrontations with striking workers. If you're on of the 62,000 members of Local 770, do you support the union's decision? Whether you're an employee or a customer, how was your life affected during the last grocery strike? And -- are you ready for another one?	Rick Icaza, Mike Shimpock, Terry O'Neil	20:00
4/22/11	SPOR	Embattled Dodgers owner Frank McCourt is facing a full count in what may turn out to be a long fight over who gets to retain the management of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig seized the Dodgers on Wednesday, citing McCourt's tenuous financial position -- he had to borrow \$30 million to make payroll -- and mismanagement of the franchise. McCourt is weighing his options to try and retain the team. Legal experts say that McCourt's choices are limited, but he could opt to fight the League in court, an outcome that likely does not favor the trouble millionaire. Declaring bankruptcy would allow McCourt to retain his financial interest in the Dodgers but would not return control of the team to him. His final option is to sell the team, an outcome experts say is the League's intent. Is it time for McCourt to cut and run? What is the best path forward for the Dodgers organization and its legion of loyal fans?	Clark C. Griffith	10:00
4/22/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Claudia Puig and Wade Major join Larry to review the week's new film releases including <i>Water for Elephants</i> , <i>Meek's Cutoff</i> , <i>The Bang Bang Club</i> , <i>Pom Wonderful Presents: The Greatest Movie Ever Sold</i> and more. TGI-FilmWeek!	Claudia Puid, Wade Major	34:00
4/22/11	BOOK	In the late 1920s, a young woman drove an aspiring actress to Fox Studios in Hollywood for an appointment. The aspiring actress went on to become Rosalie Roy, who worked mostly in uncredited roles throughout her career. The woman who drove her, Harlean Carpenter, was noticed while sitting in the car by Fox executives and encouraged to audition at Central Casting. She started auditioning under the name Jean Harlow, and as they say, a star was born. In <i>Harlow in Hollywood</i> , co-authors Darrell Rooney and Mark A. Vieira provide a comprehensive look at the Blonde Bombshell's career in cinema, her glamorous life off-screen and her untimely death after only a decade in Tinseltown. What were the high points of Harlow's time on film? How did she influence actresses who followed her? What qualities made this young woman so very desirable and attractive to men and women alike?	Darrell Rooney, Mark A. Vieira	20:00

4/22/11	ECON	President Obama announced yesterday that a new task force will investigate possible fraud or manipulation behind high gasoline prices. Obama explained that this task force will examine "the role of traders and spectators" and "make sure that no one is taking advantage of the American people for their own short-term gain." With the price of gasoline reaching \$4 a gallon and the economy still in recovery, consumer demand for gas has declined steadily; some are filling up with natural gas and others are turning to bicycling, carpooling, or just plain staying home. How likely is it that there are fraudulent reasons for high gas prices? And, more importantly, how long will gas prices be sky high?	Tom Kloza	00:13
4/22/11	ENV	With everything being filmed in black and white it's not often that one thinks of the past as being... green? But Idaho was innovating with geothermal heating systems in 1910; electric cabs were a staple of Manhattan's streets in 1890 and in 1941 the first megawatt turbine was constructed – this wouldn't happen again for another 40 years. With all of these seemingly "green" projects happening so early in America's history one might wonder why we haven't seen a resurgence in alternative energy solutions until now. Well, we need only look to 1970, during the oil embargo and the explosion in green-technology research that followed and was only dropped after oil, once again, seeped into the market. With oil being cheap and plentiful, few people would look elsewhere... besides the truly ingenious. Powering the Dream expounds upon the tales of these forward thinking inventors who, before their time, made the decision to work toward a greener future.	Alexis Madrigal	00:18
4/22/11	ART	Pianist Hershey Felder joins Patt to talk about his 10th anniversary presentation of George Gershwin Alone, his one man show about the life and music of American great George Gershwin. Felder brings his show to the Pasadena Playhouse and to Los Angeles, where Gershwin lived out his life. Tune in for Gershwin's stories and his standards from Porgy and Bess, Rhapsody and Blue and more.	Hershey Felder	00:17
4/22/11	ART	The only true medicine for the pain of politics is laughter—after all, if we weren't laughing at the (mostly) unintentional humor emanating from Washington D.C. and state capitols, chances are we'd be crying. Budget pandemonium is in full effect as Republicans race to slash social services, leaving poor, sick & helpless grandmothers in their wake, while Democrats do a lot of hand wringing and crying and not much else. And it's always fun to laugh at a gloriously uninspiring field of GOP presidential candidates. Tomorrow we'll probably cry about our lost jobs, but today join us in laughing at the madness of it all—the truth hurts far less when it's told by comedians.	Aisha Tyler, Alonzo Bodden, Ben Gleib	00:48
4/22/11	FOR	Thousands of protesters hit the streets of Syria today to push for democratic reforms. Security forces responded with tear gas and bullets. We get an update from Cal Perry in Damascus. He's the Middle East reporter for Al Jazeera English. He's one of the few American journalists in Syria.	Cal Perry	7:00
4/22/11	POLI	Samir Hammado, a Syrian living in Pomona who immigrated in 1985, is watching the events in Syria closely. His family was affected by the violent crackdown during uprisings in the 1980s. Two of his brothers were arrested by the security police in 1982 and never seen again. We speak to Hammado about his hopes for the future of his country.	Samir Hammado	7:00
4/22/11	ECON	A lawsuit filed this week by California Attorney General Kamala Harris casts a dark light on one of the pillars of the funeral industry - so called pre-need funeral plans. These policies can provide real savings to families when loved ones die. Yet, an audit by the Attorney General alleges that prominent industry players, including the California Funeral Directors Association, raided the fund that pays for burials. That could cost consumers, many of them seniors, millions of dollars.	Teri Sforza	6:00
4/22/11	MEDI	The hosts of the Sporkful podcast, Dan Pashman and Mark Garrison, share their love of Easter food and sing the praises of spiral cut ham. Plus, why Peeps have crept into other holidays and why are their eyes made of car wax?	Dan Pashman, Mark Garrison	7:00
4/22/11	ENER	Gas prices across California have left drivers a little lighter in the pocket; currently a gallon of gas will set you back \$4.21 compared to \$3.10 this time last year. With high fuel costs and concerns for the environment, researchers at the University of California, Riverside are investigating how driving styles could change, if motorists became more aware of how much gas they really consume. The California Report's Erik Anderson investigates.	Erik Anderson	4:00
4/22/11	SCI	This Sunday the Hubble Telescope marks it's 21st year in space. Rather than hitting the bars, NASA scientists celebrated by releasing new pictures from Hubble. One image, called "Rose," shows two galaxies that together look like a flower. It's the kind of image only Hubble could capture. But for all the good work the telescope does now, it had a very troubled "childhood." Sanden Totten reports.	Sanden Totten	6:00

4/22/11	MEDI	Luke Burbank has found himself stuck in a room for days, playing online poker, while staying in a place on the beach. He thinks that maybe it's a good thing that online poker sites have been shut down. The Dilbert creator, Scott Adams breaks the golden rule of never to argue on the internet. He sought vigilante justice online, against those talking trash about him. And Steve and Luke debate the legitimacy of covering the royal wedding.	Luke Burbank	11:00
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4/23/2011	ENT	NPR's Pop-Music critic Ann Powers stops by Off-Ramp with new releases from The Head and the Heart and The Belle Brigade, two new folk indie rock albums that you'll just have to sing along to.	John Rabe, Ann Powers	4:37
4/23/2011	ART	Colleen Bates of Eat-LA takes us to the South Pasadena Farmers Market to talk "localvore" with LA restaurateur Susan Feniger, and Miles Clements takes us to a backyard in Silverlake, where Mark Stambler bakes his blue-ribbon bread.	Colleen Bates, Susan Feniger, Miles Clements	9:32
4/23/2011	HOUS	Over the last few months you might remember hearing Off-Ramp's coverage of the Sterling Oaks project in Sierra Madre. It's a giant hole that Jeff Hildreth dug underneath his home using nothing more than a shovel and a bucket. You might have also heard about the hole on the evening TV news, the LA Times, or any number of other outlets who picked up on the story after Off-Ramp broke it. To help fund his lengthy battle with the city in court, Jeff and his wife are putting on a silent art auction and party on Saturday, April 30.	Kevin Ferguson, Jeff Hildreth	3:13
4/23/2011	ART	Like the six-million dollar man, you'll be smarter, faster, and more attractive after listening to this weekend's DPD.	Brendan Francis Newnam, Rico Gagliano	8:37
4/23/2011	LAB	For our series Hard Times, Off-Ramp correspondent Hank Rosenfeld asks people in Pasadena, "What's the richest you've ever been?"	Hank Rosenfeld	3:03
4/23/2011	ART	One of the people Off-Ramp correspondent Hank Rosenfeld spoke with about their past riches admitted that he'd been jailed for an insurance scam, and he told Hank exactly how it worked (until it didn't).	Hank Rosenfeld	2:46
4/23/2011	DIV	Off-Ramp host John Rabe talks with Leslie Berestein-Rojas, of KPCC's MultiAmerican blog, about the upcoming May Day rally and the new way that Latino youth kids are "coming out" as illegal immigrants.	John Rabe, Leslie Berestein-Rojas	3:39
4/25/11	POLI	A new poll from USC and the Los Angeles Times reveals that California voters align with Governor on the solutions to the budget crisis. Voters want a mix of taxes increases, spending cuts, caps on spending and curbs in public employee pensions and they want to vote on the Governor's plan. The survey also indicated that 71 percent of voters polled do not want to balance the budget by cutting money for K through 12 schools. In addition, most voters are unhappy with the direction that California is taking; 68 percent say they are "disappointed," "uncertain" or "angry" about the state of the State. Speaking of pessimism, another poll out last week from CBS and the New York Times finds that American people feel worse today about the state of the union than they did two years ago at the height of the great recession. In fact the number of people who think the economy is getting worse jumped 13 points in just one month. So, why the lack of public confidence? Should we blame gas prices, political infighting - or just the lackluster economy? What's ruining your mood?	Dan Schnur, Bob Huff, Gil Cedillo	54:00
4/25/11	CRIM	A federal program aimed at deporting illegal immigrants convicted of serious crimes has been casting a wider net. New numbers show half of the people targeted do not fall into the category of violent felons. It's reported even victims of domestic abuse have been turned over to immigration authorities. It's called the Secure Communities program and run by the Department of Homeland Security. Supporters of it say that while serious criminals are a priority, every illegal alien is subject to the law. Now some California legislators want their communities to be allowed to opt-out of the program - as they were told they'd be allowed to do. Should California communities have that option? Would the program have more support if it only focused on violent offenders?	Jessica Vaughan	14:00
4/25/11	HEAL	AirTalk continues our new, semi-regular series looking at the top health stories, fads and frustrations facing patients and doctors. Dr. Lachs is in to take your questions and calls - no health insurance or appointment necessary. Today, we focus on concern about aging parents. As difficult as it is for baby boomers to accept that mom and dad's health may be deteriorating, it can be even harder for their parents to admit. There are delicate questions to be asked, challenging issues to be faced. What do you do when a parent or an older loved one needs help but won't accept it? How do you know if there's a legitimate concern, or if you're being meddling and overprotective? If you do have to step in, how can it be done with dignity, affording maximum independence? What if adult siblings disagree about health care options?	Mark Lachs	40:00

4/25/11	FOR	One detainee told military investigators that he was simply a driver for the Taliban, caught up in the madness that ensued in Afghanistan after the 9/11 attacks until he was captured by American forces. Another detainee talked up his integral role to planning and execution of terrorist plots in al Qaeda and offered seemingly juicy pieces of information on the terror organization's leading players. In the end both tales were lies and interrogators fell for them, as outlined in a new batch of documents released by WikiLeaks that shows detailed accounts of the men who have done time at the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba. The assessments written by military officials, and the subsequent handling of Guantanamo detainees—who was kept there, who was released to allied countries, whose account was trusted and whose was not—paints a picture of confusion about who the United States can and cannot trust during its fight against Muslim extremism. The documents also show the delicacy of dealing with the Guantanamo detention facility, a place that President Obama promised to shut down but has so far been unable to do so. What do the past interrogations of terror suspects mean for the next 10 years in the war on te	Karen Greenburg, Michael F. Scheuer, Col. Randy Larsen, Vijay Padmanabhan	00:31
4/25/11	GEND	As the philosophy of sex identity progresses and continues to gain traction with the world, the two gender system that we've lived by has become increasingly a topic of debate. However, with society becoming more tolerant, in part due to the constantly shifting definitions of masculine and feminine, the LGBT community has been able to open many doors for people living an alternative lifestyle. But not all doors open. Prisoners, a segment of the population locked away into traditionally bi-gendered complexes, are currently being exposed to an upswing in transgender politics. In the late 1990s a court verdict was reached that would provide transgender prisoners with continued hormone treatments, and the issue has been expanded into the question of a prisoner's right to receive state funded sex-reassignment therapy, including surgery. Should the state pay for an elective operation? And what other types of issues do transgendered prisoners face?	Shannon Minter, Valerie Jenness	00:17
4/25/11	ECON	rate should be reduced. House Republicans want it lowered to 25%--it's currently at 35%. The Obama Administration and many Democrats want it reduced as well, but not by as much. The proposed cut comes at a time when U.S. corporations are doing better than ever. In 2010, Hewlett-Packard, for example, reported \$11 billion in profit in 2010. Its CEO made \$24 million, but the company paid \$2.2 billion in taxes—a 20% rate that's well below 35%. Big corporations hire professionals to find loopholes which can wind up saving millions in taxes. Some argue that the corporate tax cut will make U.S. corporations more competitive and level the playing field for smaller business that don't have the resources to employ tax attorneys to find loopholes. Is a lower corporate tax rate good for U.S. business and thus good for the economy? Will a corporate tax cut trickle down and benefit all Americans, or will it result in the need to make up government revenue elsewhere, such as cuts to Medicare or Social Security?	Rep. Jim McDermott, Curtis Dubay, Steve Breau	00:31
4/25/11	HEAL	When speaking of emotional pain, we often use the language of physical pain. "Burned" by a friend, "crushed" by a family member, or "heartbroken" over a lover—we all talk this way, and researchers are now finding that we have every right to do so. What they've found is that the same part of our brain that processes physical pain also processes emotional pain—in fact, our brain may scarcely make a distinction between the two. One recent study among many now coming out found that acetaminophen actually made study participants less sensitive to social rejection. But hurt feelings, researchers suspect, may hurt for a good reason. They may motivate us to get up and get back into the game—make up with an estranged lover, reconcile with an aggrieved family member, find a new friend. What does this tell us about how to treat emotional pain. Do we take it more seriously, or less seriously? Is Tylenol all we really need?	C. Nathan DeWall, Geoff MacDonald	00:17
4/25/11	POLI	The New York Times recently received 700 classified documents from Wikileaks about Guantanamo and the detainees there. Charlie Savage, one of the reporters who examined the documents, is on with Madeleine.	Charlie Savage	11:00
4/25/11	POLI	It's believed that the recently released, classified Guantanamo documents, came from Private Bradley Manning. He's thought to have been behind previous Wikileaks data dumps, as well, including all those State Department memos. He's currently in custody at Fort Leavenworth, in Kansas. With more on Bradley Manning, is Evan Perez of the Wall Street Journal.	Evan Perez	6:00
4/25/11	LIT	Every spring and summer, Philip Connors goes into solitary confinement. And he has the best time of his life. From April to August, he leaves his wife and his regular life and heads into the New Mexico wilderness to be a fire lookout for the U.S. Forest Service. And he's all by himself, without any internet, phone, or television. It's just him and thousands of acres of forest below. In his new memoir, he reflects on nature, solitude, and how forest science has changed in the 10 years he has manned his lookout.	Philip Connors	8:00
4/25/11	YOUT	Summer is nearly upon us and travel plans are being made. Author and parent Teresa Strasser explains why child-free flights would benefit everyone.	Teresa Strasser	8:00
4/25/11	MEDI	At various times in the past, the Griffith Park Bear has been clad in leiderhosen, in a jumper decorated with hearts, and even in a pair of surfer's baggies, all lovingly crocheted by an anonymous yarn artist. Reporter Jennifer Sharpe isn't going to blow her cover, but she has the inside scoop on the woman behind the bear costumes.	Jennifer Sharpe	6:00

4/26/11	POLI	The California Marriage Protection Act, which bans same-sex marriages in California, passed in 2008 despite protestations from gay rights activists. Last year in federal court, Judge Vaughn Walker, now retired, ruled that the measure was unconstitutional. Now ProtectMarriage, the organization that led the charge against same-sex marriage, has filed court papers asking that Judge Vaughn Walker's decision be overturned. Why? Because he failed to disclose during the trial that he was in a long-term same-sex relationship, which, they claim, meant that he could personally benefit from the outcome of the trial. The move brings up the question of whether judges should recuse themselves for personal reasons. What personal experience or circumstances constitute conflicts of interest for judges? Do you think ProtectMarriage has a reasonable case?	Rick Jacobs, Steve Crampton	24:00
4/26/11	SPOR	The N-F-L Players scored a major victory off the field on Monday in their labor dispute with team owners. After bargaining talks broke down earlier this year (check timing), owners locked out the players union. So the players changed their strategy entirely and launched an anti-trust suit against the owners. But they could only sue if the players union was allowed by law to disband or de-certify and yesterday a judge granted the players the right to do just that. With the season beginning soon will this decision force the owners back to the bargaining table? If the labor dispute drags on, how would that affect the NFL season?	Jason Cole, NFL Writer for Yahoo! Sports	10:00
4/26/11	BOOK	Radio and television broadcaster Tavis Smiley made Time magazine's 2009 list of "The World's 100 Most Influential People." However, it was only a few years prior to this, on his 40 <sup>th</sup> birthday, that he faced an existential crisis and feared he would die a failure. This led to some serious introspection, and Smiley realized how large a role one's failures play in his or her overall success. Smiley's new book <i>Fail Up: 20 Lessons on Building Success from Failure</i> , is his effort to impart the wisdom he's gleaned to others. Using accounts from his personal life, as well as historical and modern day examples, Smiley shows how a wrong turn can eventually lead you down the right path. What defining moments does he consider his biggest missed opportunities? When in your life have you been able to get back on the horse after falling off?	Tavis Smiley	20:00
4/26/11	POLI	There has been another major leak of military secrets care of the Wikileaks organization this week.	Tom Gjelten	14:00
4/26/11	TECH	bloody battles. You can even inject your virtual dog with steroids and the game supplies players with a gun in case of a police raid. Not surprisingly the backlash from the animal rights community and law enforcement has been swift and vociferous. They say the app should be yanked because it can be used to recruit potential dogfighters and even help them learn the ins and outs of the business. Animal rights groups point out that the app reinforces breed-specific stereotypes, which contributes to the negative image pit-bulls have. The developers of the game aren't talking. They're an elusive group called Kage Games, a company that has no phone number, no address and no other contact but an email. They claim they've received death threats from animal rights activists. They also contend that what happens in the virtual world has no bearing on real life. But is that true? Does virtual dog-fighting make people less likely to engage in the real behavior? Or, as the Los Angeles Police Protective League says, could this encourage real-life dog fighting and be embraced by local gang members?	Wayne Pacelle, Lawrence Walters	20:00
4/26/11	BOOK	Titillating, arousing and salacious are words not normally ascribed to a writer's memoir, unless, of course, that writer happens to be Susie Bright. Bright has been at the forefront of modern erotic literature since its inception during the Cultural Revolution. In <i>Big Sex Little Death</i> , the author recounts the arc of her life: seeing the world with her academic parents in the '60s, indulging in Beatnik culture after her parents divorced, contributing to the underground paper, <i>The Red Tide</i> as a high school student, organizing for labor unions, and co-founding <i>On Our Backs</i> , the first erotic magazine ran by women for a lesbian audience. Truly a trailblazer in her field, Bright's account shows a world of constant shifts and tumultuous progress, which no doubt influenced the woman who affected as much change as she saw herself. What role did sex play in Bright's formative years as a person and as a writer? How did she earn the moniker "the Godmother of Erotica?"	Susie Bright	20:00
4/26/11	ECON	Gasoline in California costs on average \$4.22/gallon, inching closer to the all-time high of \$4.58 and putting a serious scare in the Golden State's ubiquitous drivers. Stubbornly high gas prices are also starting to put a dent in the economic recovery, or at the very least dampening the spirits of consumers as last month's consumer confidence index chiefly because of gas prices. Watching the price to fill your tank jump up to \$50 or \$60 is a thoroughly helpless and depressing feeling, but you may not be as powerless as you think. In 2008, during the last spike in gas prices, sales of hybrid and fuel-efficient cars jumped, only to tail off once prices went back to normal levels. This time around sales of hybrid cars are once again jumping and initial estimates from gas station shows sales are dropping off, meaning people might be driving less. The psychological impacts of expensive gas are almost greater than the economic, but are consumers as powerless to change the energy dynamic in this country as we might believe?	Steve LeVine	00:24

4/26/11	HOUS	There were no green shoots in February's home-building industry numbers: the U.S. fell to the slowest home-building pace since the Commerce Department began keeping track in 1963. Home construction isn't dead, but once the country does start building houses again, is it time to rethink the basic American floor plan? No more McMansions? Different blueprints for different family types? Is it the end of subdivisions and the start of new shelter sizing? For starters, experts predict developers will be thinking about clients not as first-time or move-up buyers, but in life-cycle terms, targeting "empty-nesters" looking to downsize, aging boomers who want single-stories, single women with children, two women who want equal master bedrooms, and more multigenerational families living together. If you're a potential home buyer, what are you looking for? Or do you think there's no chance you'll ever be a home-owner?	Katherine Perez, Phyllis Alzamora	00:24
4/26/11	FOR	Ugly scenes are emerging from Syria where it's estimated that hundreds of protesters have been killed by either military or pro-government paramilitary forces have fired on large crowds of demonstrators. In the southern city of Daraa, which residents had been describing as "liberated Syria," the Syrian army laid siege to the residents there with a unit of tanks and thousands of soldiers circling the city. This comes after the government of Bashar Assad had revoked the long-standing "emergency laws" that gave the government broad authority to arrest dissidents. So far outside groups and countries seem powerless to stop the Syrian crackdown, aside from verbal condemnations. And there's a tricky regional political equation in play as well, because as deplorable as the Assad regime might be they have also acted as a bulwark against Islamic extremism. Will a harsh military crackdown mean the end of a democracy movement in Syria, and what would a Syrian democracy look like?	Salman Shaikh, Reva Bhalla	00:13
4/26/11	ECON	Are you used to walking into a store and selecting a pant or dress in a particular size, taking it into the fitting room and having a good chance of a good fit? Not any more... you can go from store to store and find you're a size 4 in one, a size 6 in another and a size 10 in still another. Frustration and confusion are the result of an imprecise sizing system though out the retail clothing industry, causing many shoppers to carry bundles of various sized garments into that fitting room or order multiple sizes on line. Some manufacturers are trying to fix the problem, but a solution that works for all isn't easy. Would you rather know you're really a size 12, or continue to find a "vanity" size 8 out there that fits?	Marie-Eve Faust, Joanna Gould Thorpe	00:18
4/26/11	TECH	Have you ever wanted to ask an expert whether you should buy a laptop or a desktop, if your cell phone or your ISP (Internet Service Provider) is the best option for Wi-Fi at home, if anyone needs a camcorder or a point-and-shoot camera anymore? It seems there is a "new" or "improved" something everyday. First it was 3G, now it's 4G. Does it ever feel like you can't keep up? Is every technological need satisfied by our smart phone and laptop? Is it time to end our love affair with our cable bill? So many questions and Sam Grobart, the New York Time's personal technology editor and author of "Gadgets You Should Get Rid Of (or Not)" will give us some answers. But should you stream it live from your laptop or your smart phone, or go old school and listen on the radio?	Sam Grobart	00:17
4/26/11	ECON	California farms are set to have the best season in years, thanks in part to heavy rains this winter. Parts of the Central Valley where water was cut during drought years are getting bigger allotments. That means easier lines of credit and a lot more planting near Fresno and Coalinga. Will profits also rise when harvest season comes? We speak with Mark Borba who runs Borba Farms along Interstate 5. He grows lettuce, tomatoes, almonds and more on 8,600 acres.	Mark Borba	7:00
4/26/11	ENV	Now, there are more Great White Sharks swimming off of California's coast. But don't be afraid. This is a good news story. Marine Biologist, Chris Lowe from Cal State Long Beach, is tracking white sharks and monitoring their migration patterns. He's trying to determine if environmental regulations enacted in the 1994 and 2002 have helped the sharks bounce back. He believes they have. Chris and Madeleine met at the San Clemente Pier to talk sharks, and whether surfers and swimmers should be concerned about their resurgence.	Chris Lowe	6:00
4/26/11	ART	The father of California coffee shop design has died. Eldon Davis was the architect who designed many landmark L.A. diners, including Norm's, Johnie's and Pann's. The style he pioneered was known as "Google" modernism, and has influenced the landscape of Southern California as well as the look and feel of diners across the country. Architect and historian Alan Hess wrote the book on Google architecture. He tells us more about Davis's legacy.	Alan Hess	6:00
4/26/11	TECH	The battle over video on demand is heating up. The Wrap.com is reporting that YouTube is entering the video-on-demand market, launching a big challenge to Apple and iTunes. The Wrap's editor Sharon Waxman tells us more. Would you pay for streaming video and movies from YouTube?	Sharon Waxman	6:00
4/26/11	SCI	A recent study in the journal Science argues that many of the most famous dinosaurs may have been creatures of the night. It's one of many studies over the last decade that have used new approaches to study these very old creatures. Sanden Totten gives us an update on this study and the larger renaissance of dinosaur research.	Sanden Totten	6:00

4/26/11	ART	For today's new music we'll hear from Hauschka, a German pianist who is known to tamper with his instrument by adding paperclips to the strings and throwing ping pong balls under the hood. We also check out the latest album from Dengue Fever, a band that makes Cambodian rock for Western ears.	Drew Tewksbury	7:00
4/27/11	POLI	During Barack Obama's 2008 run for presidency, opponents and critics repeatedly raised the question of his citizenship. In response to rumors that he was not born in Hawaii, as he claimed, his campaign released a certificate of live birth, which was then deemed "insufficient" by die-hard critics. Recently real estate and entertainment mogul Donald Trump, who is contemplating a run for the White House, has once again called for proof that Obama was born in this country. The White House, which has long resisted requests to produce the president's long-form birth certificate, yesterday released the document to reporters and also posted it on their website. Does this put to rest any doubts about Obama's eligibility for office? Should the White House have averted controversy by releasing his birth certificate sooner? Is the whole issue just a distraction orchestrated to sabotage Obama's reelection campaign?	Open Phones	24:00
4/27/11	POLI	During an ABC News interview on Tuesday House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner said he would consider cutting multi-million dollar tax subsidies to oil companies, saying "it's certainly something we should be looking at." Traditionally, Republicans have been very supportive of oil subsidies, claiming that removing them would increase the cost of petroleum based energy and make high gas prices go even higher (though experts say that might not truly be a consequence). Although President Obama has supported the removal of oil subsidies during the last Congress, repealing the tax breaks now could translate into 6 dollars a gallon at the pump, a possible death knell for his re-election. Removing the subsidies would provide about \$4 billion of revenue yearly to the federal government, an obvious boon to the cash strapped federal budget, and would also counter Democratic criticism that Republicans unfairly protect the financial interests of the oil industry. Is Speaker Boehner serious about his intention to look at repealing the oil subsidies? Is his party feeling the heat from progressives who criticize Republicans for cutting social welfare without considering cuts to "corporate welfare?" Or did he just stick his foot in his	Doyle McManus, Rayola Dougher, Phil Verleger	30:00
4/27/11	LA	On Tuesday, Los Angeles County Supervisors passed a motion to develop new business and residential properties along the marina, but some local residents say the plans don't fit the community, and would harm existing wetland and recreation areas.	Don Knabe, David Barish	30:00
4/27/11	MEDIA	Five years ago Katie Couric made headlines as the first woman to anchor a network evening news broadcast. Her \$15 million dollar salary – more than the combined budgets of NPR's <i>Morning Edition</i> and <i>All Things Considered</i> --has made news as well. Many feel her salary was unjustified since the CBS Evening News has remained in third place since before Couric took the chair in 2006. This week, it was announced that Couric is leaving the show at the end of May. The change underscores a general decline in evening "appointment" news viewing over the past decade. What's luring viewers away from their nightly dose of news? With the advent of cable news, webcasts, text updates and the 24-hour news cycle, do people still turn to the networks for reliable coverage? Are the days of the trusted figure behind the desk gone forever?	Chris Ariens	20:00
4/27/11	ENT	We are less than 48 hours away from the wedding of the year, possibly the decade -- Prince William and Kate Middleton's nuptials will mark the first marriage of British royalty in 30 years. The coveted invites have been sent out. The seating charts revealed. And the bookies are taking bets on every conceivable variable: who will shed a tear? What color hat will the Queen wear? And of course, what gown has Kate chosen? The event has taken over London this week. Security is heavy and tight. How will the pomp compare to the wedding of Diana and Prince Charles? To regale us with all the details, Patt Morrison, KPCC's resident royal wedding expert, joins Larry to guide us through the intricacies of such a historical and grand affair.	Patt Morrison	10:00
4/27/11	POLI	President Obama yesterday released his long-form birth certificate in response to calls from potential Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump. But why now? Democratic strategists long saw the withheld long-form certificate as a political tool for the President, one that made so-called "birthers" appear increasingly apoplectic and ridiculous in the eyes of liberals. Could withholding it until the 2012 presidential race was underway have returned more political punch? Did he create more distraction by not releasing it sooner? Does the long-form version put the doubts to rest and take the attention away from, as he put it, the "sideshowes and carnival barkers," and back on the economy, jobs and Libya?	Michael Shear	00:13

4/27/11	ECON	Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke made history this morning when he gave the first press conference by a sitting chairman to announce the end of the latest round of cash stimulus by the Federal Reserve and that interest rates will stay close to 0% for a bit longer. On the overall state of the economy the Federal Reserve found that "the economic recovery is proceeding at a moderate pace and overall conditions in the labor market are improving gradually," which sounds like the equivalent of 0-0 tie score in a soccer game: no winners, no losers and kind of unsatisfying. Bernanke's press conference is a good opportunity to take a broader view of the past four years that has proven to be one of the strangest economic periods in American history. Staggering out of the housing market collapse and the financial crisis into a "moderate" economic recovery, things still don't feel right for the average American worker with stubborn unemployment and the prospects of a government austerity program that will probably cut social services. Does this feel like a recovery to you?	Roben Farzad	00:18
4/27/11	SCI	It takes a plot of farmland the size of Virginia to feed New York City, and the food problem is worldwide. With over 80% of the world's agriculturally-suitable land in use and the UN's projection that the world's population will rise from the current 6.8 billion to 9.1 billion by 2050, the way we feed ourselves may not be sustainable. But horticulture experts abroad and environmental scientists at home have a surprise solution—indoor farms in sky-scrapers. These so-called vertical farms are designed to out-produce conventional farms by 11-30% all without plow, tractors, herbicides, pesticides, or fertilizers! Because all water and nutrients are to be recycled, the only thing that will leave the vertical farm building is produce. In countries with crowded cities and almost no arable land—like the Arab Emirates—there will also be no shipping costs: the vertical farm will be a farmer's market surrounded by grocery shoppers. Bean plants on the 90th floor—is this the future of food?	Dickson Despommier, Gertjan Meeuws	00:17
4/27/11	POLI	When a riot breaks out in a California prison, as they often do, the wardens will "lock down" the inmates, separating them from the rest of the prison population and restricting them to their cells 24 hours a day – seven days a week. That gives prison staff a chance to quell the violence, investigate the cause - and isolate the inmates involved. The law gives prison officials a lot of discretion to use lockdowns - but there are limits. A prisoner advocacy group says California routinely violates those limits with frequent and lengthy race-based lockdowns. We talk with KPCC's state capital reporter, Julie Small, who is reporting on this story.	Julie Small	00:06
4/27/11	MEDI	The royal wedding – a combination fairy tale and extravagant 17-ring circus - has something for everybody. You may hate the monarchy as an institution but you can't help watching, can you? Every little detail, from the dress Kate will wear to the honeymoon destination, is subject of conversation, speculation or parody on some radio or TV network, online chat room, or at the water cooler. And everyone thinks they're an expert. But, we have news for you, the real Royals expert is our own Patt Morrison, and she will take your calls on all things sovereign in the British Isles.	Patt Morrison	00:16
4/27/11	POLI	List all of your addresses since birth; list your entire employment history including the names of your supervisors; list your mother's residence one year prior to your birth; list any "religious ceremony" around the time of your birth. If you would find those requests for personal information a bit too pushy then you might want to think twice about applying for a U.S. passport in the near future. The State Department has proposed a new list of requirements to obtain a passport, making it much more difficult to get the one document necessary for international travel, including going to Canada and Mexico. The new passport form is technically still under review but the public comment period just ended and it's now up to the Office of Management & Budget to approve the form. Looking forward to that long-awaited vacation to Europe? Hopefully you can "describe the circumstances of your birth including the names (as well as address and phone number, if available) of persons present or in attendance at your birth" in order to get your hands on a passport.	Edward Hasbrouck	00:09
4/27/11	BOOK	Plastic: the all encompassing material that facilitates our modern world. From how we keep our teeth clean, to how we get to work; plastic is involved in more than one step of the process. As ubiquitous as it is harmful, plastic has taken on its own tragic love story with our planet Earth. How did we find ourselves caught in this total dependence on such a strange material? On the show to discuss our abusive relationship with "sweet lady plastic" is Susan Freinkel, author of Plastic: A Toxic Love Story.	Susan Freinkel	00:17
4/27/11	TECH	Last week people who use Sony's PlayStation for gaming, listening to music and watching movies found they couldn't access the network. Sony acknowledged there was a problem, but said little else. Now Sony has announced that "malicious hackers" have accessed the personal data of the network's 77 million users--and that could include credit card numbers. Is it time to freak out? We ask Brian Krebs, a reporter specializing in computer security.	Brian Krebs	6:00

4/27/11	ECON	Fed Chairman, Ben Bernanke, is answering questions from reporters in what is the central bank's first press conference ever. He's been preparing for weeks, getting ready to speak in layman's terms and explain what's going on to the general public. Not only is he going to be talking about the country's economic future, but depending on how he does, the stock market could rise, or fall. Jacob Goldstein of NPR's Planet Money joins us.	Jacob Goldstein	6:00
4/27/11	FOR	Maybe you're thinking, as an American, I could care less about the royal wedding. Well, it turns out that Britons aren't in a tizzy either. According to a recent poll, most really don't care about the marriage between Prince William and Kate Middleton. Guardian columnist Jonathan Freedland says, monarchy is just a part of the furniture in England. He worries that all the fairy tale pageantry outshines Britain's achievements as a modern state. And even though many UK citizens agree that monarchy is a few centuries out-of-date, don't expect the Queen to be ousted anytime soon.	Jonathan Freedland	8:00
4/27/11	SCI	The search for life in outer space has been put on hold. The non-profit SETI Institute no longer has the funds to search for signals from alien civilizations. Located in Northern California, near Mount Lassen, scientists there say that ending the program is the modern-day equivalent of putting "the Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria into dry dock." Was the Institute anywhere near a breakthrough? We hear from SETI senior astronomer Seth Shostak.	Seth Shostak	7:00
4/27/11	LIT	John Darnton has the New York Times in his blood. He was a reporter and editor there for 40 years. Before that, his older brother and his mother worked there. And even more significantly, his father, Byron Darnton, one of the Times most celebrated reporters, died covering the Second World War. John was just 11 months old. He never knew his father, but he does now. He's written a memoir called Almost a Family and in the course of his research was able to unpack the myth of Byron Darnton as the perfect husband, father and journalist.	John Darnton	17:30
4/28/11	DISA	Yesterday, just after 5pm local time, a mile-wide tornado ripped through the South, cutting a wide swath through Alabama and causing damage in Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia. In Alabama whole neighborhoods and towns have been flattened and a massive search and rescue effort is currently underway. The death toll is now over 150 and emergency management officials say they expect it to rise as they get a clearer picture of the devastation caused by the massive twister. The President will visit Alabama tomorrow to survey the ravaged cities and town, but today we'll bring you the latest on the recovery efforts and eyewitness account from Alabamians.	David Armstrong, Christopher England	13:00
4/28/11	FA	The violence in Syria has continued this week -- coming after last Friday's spike that saw more than 100 people killed. The government of Bashar Al-Asad is cracking down on protestors in a number of towns throughout the country. According to witnesses, Syrian forces have detained hundreds in raids -- in the last few days alone. Leaders at both the European Union and the United Nations will meet on Friday to debate options for the region. How should NATO and the US in particular respond to the growing violence in Syria? Should the U.S. recall its Ambassador in Damascus? Would sanctions have any effect? What standard do we apply for intervention given our current involvement in the conflict in Libya?	Jennifer Windsor, Danielle Pletka	20:00
4/28/11	LA	On April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1992, Los Angeles erupted in riots. Sparked by anger after four white police officers were acquitted for the beating of black motorist Rodney King, thousands wreaked havoc on the city for six days. Widespread looting, arson, assault and murder left 53 people dead, thousands injured and over \$1 billion in property damage. Several members of the KPCC news team were there to cover the story, a defining event for many journalists. Nick Roman, Frank Stoltze and Kitty Felde worked for KLON at the time (now KKJZ). Cheryl Devall was an NPR reporter in Chicago, who arrived the day after the riots began. Nearly 20 years later, they share their memories of those volatile days and reflect on what it taught them about journalism and the region we call home. Where were you during the riots of '92? How did the experience change your view of Los Angeles? How far have we come from those days of racially motivated violence, and could it happen again?	Nick Roman, Cheryl Devall, Frank Stoltze, Kitty Felde	20:00
4/28/11	RELI	It's an accepted religious practice for followers of both Judaism and Islam, and during the 20 <sup>th</sup> century, it was routine for all male babies born in American hospitals to be circumcised. But the battle over whether circumcision is beneficial or harmful has long raged in the medical and parenting communities. Many modern parents, concerned about the health risks raised by anti-circumcision groups, have chosen to leave their baby boys as they were born. Now, a San Francisco group wants to make the practice illegal. They've gathered over 12 thousand signatures, more than enough to put a measure on the November ballot that would ban performing circumcision on males under 18 in that city. The measure seeks to amend an existing law that prohibits genital mutilation on females by including protection for males as well. Those who violate the law would face a fine of up to \$1000, and up to a year in jail. Religious groups have spoken out against the proposed law, calling it unconstitutional because it violates religious freedom. Should parents be penalized for having their sons circumcised? Do you consider the practice a religious rite, or a form of mutilation? Should we legislate against an act that many see as a private	Jonathon Conte, Eugene Volokh	24:00

4/28/11	BOOK	For anyone who is familiar with an office environment, it goes without saying that often times the emotions of oneself and others can and will bleed into the work itself. In her new book <i>It's Always Personal: Emotion in the New Workplace</i> , Anne Kreamer examines the social construct of the modern office through the perspective of personal emotions and relationships. Kreamer administered national polls of working, adult men and women and gleaned some interesting results: 75% of Americans experience frustration while in the workplace, crying on the job does not necessarily mean that a person dislikes their job and 88% of employees look to human sensitivity as a positive attribute to have in the office. The author also determined that there are four basic emotional types, and your particular status will influence how you feel, how you work and how you interact with your colleagues. What emotional type are you? How can you harness your emotions for the betterment of yourself and your office? What types of emotional displays have you made or seen while working?	Anne Kreamer	30:00
4/28/11	LAW	In 2005 the California Supreme Court ruled on a class action lawsuit against AT&T brought by a couple from San Diego who wanted to recoup the \$30 they were charged when they thought they were signing up for a free cell phone. The couple, Vincent & Liza Concepcion, tried to join a class-action suit against AT&T but were blocked by the company, saying that the cell service contract called for arbitration and forbid lawsuits over small amounts of money. The California Supreme Court ruled that companies should not be allowed to "deliberately cheat large numbers of consumers out of small amounts of money" by shielding themselves from being sued. Late on Tuesday the U.S. Supreme Court overturned that ruling, siding with AT&T and other large corporations that use arbitration as a way to settle these types of claims. The ramifications could be huge, taking away class action suits as a tool for consumers to fight corporations on questionable practices, like collected \$30 in fees for an allegedly free cell phone. Does this mean the end of class action lawsuits?	Deepak Gupta, Alan Kaplinsky	00:13
4/28/11	LAW	Pick your metaphor: if it's good for the goose it's good for the gander; have a taste of your own medicine; time to put your money where your mouth is. These are all the equivalents of what California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer said to a Bay Area newspaper editorial board earlier this week when he suggested that if Republicans in the legislature continued to block the placement of tax extensions on the ballot, perhaps spending cuts should start in their home districts. Lockyer said it comes down to "basic fairness. You don't want to pay for government, well then, you get less of it," he said. Republicans tend to differ, accusing Democrats of protecting their base of public employees unions by not putting reform measures on the ballot right next to tax extensions. As the clock ticks on closing the roughly \$14 billion remaining budget deficit the brinkmanship in Sacramento is sure to increase, and this is the first shot—should Republican districts bear the brunt of spending cuts if their representatives won't consider tax extensions?	Bill Lockyer, State Senator Bob Huff	00:17
4/28/11	LAW	We've all done it—a quick glance down at your Blackberry or iPhone while you're stopped at a red light or crawling along in traffic, a text comes in from a friend that only needs a fast reply. You give a quick glance around to see if there are any cops in sight, and as you move forward on the road you type out a text message. Sure, you just broke the law, but if no one catches you and you managed to not smash into the car in front of you, no harm, no foul...right? Texting while driving has been illegal for three years but surveys and anecdotal evidence seem to indicate that drivers are still texting away as if it were perfectly legal. The fines for getting caught the first time used to be just \$20, but on Monday the State Senate voted to jack up the price significantly in the hopes of creating a stronger deterrent. If you're caught, the costs to you could be going up to more than \$300 for your first offense. We've all been guilty of it at least once, but if you were facing much stiffer fines, would you think twice before texting in the drivers seat?	State Senator Joe Simitian, Russ Rader	00:17
4/28/11	HEAL	Sugar is omnipresent in our culture. You can't walk down an aisle in any grocery store in America without finding its presence in almost every product on the shelf. We are indoctrinated to its pleasures from the start--blowing out the candles on our birthday cake, drinking it in our "juice" or popping it in our bags after shouting "trick or treat!" Sugar is as American as apple pie. But what if sugar were like a toxic drug to the body? What if it had addictive qualities that could lead to serious health conditions like obesity, diabetes, hypertension and even cancer? One very prominent researcher believes sugar is a "toxin" and a "poison." David Lazarus talks to him about why he calls sugar "evil" and high-fructose corn syrup "the most demonized additive known to man."	Robert Lustig	00:13
4/28/11	SPOR	Home town team owner Frank McCourt came out swinging in a news conference on the East Coast yesterday, declaring "Nobody handed the Dodgers to me... Nobody is going to take them away." But baseball commissioner Bud Selig has another idea. Ever since he announced that Major League Baseball was taking over the operations of the team, he has moved forward by appointing former ambassador Tom Schieffer as trustee, some would say "Boss," to oversee the business operations and finances of the team. What will Frank do? He says he'll protect his rights, but does he really have any rights left?	Matt "Money" Smith	00:09

4/28/11	SPOR	Known as Lady Magic for her skills on the court, Nancy Lieberman's achievements are legendary in the world of basketball: at 18 years old she was the youngest player in Olympic history (male or female) and earned a silver medal at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal; she is the only woman to play in an all-male professional league; and in November of 2010 she became the first female head coach to lead an NBA or NBA Development League team. How did she manage to cross over the gender divide in this almost all-male world of NBA basketball, and is her success a sign of things to come?	Nancy Lieberman	00:17
4/28/11	HEAL	A 5 minute quiz may tell parents if their infants have autism. A new study out today from UC San Diego's Autism Center of Excellence shows that this screening process can identify babies at a year old...which could give them a crucial early start in treatment. The test however has a 25% false positive rate. What does it all mean? Karen Pierce, the lead author of the study is on with Madeleine to discuss.	Karen Pierce	7:00
4/28/11	EDU	The second season of TV chef Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution has had no shortage of drama during its short run. Oliver had hoped to bring his message of healthy food - and his TV crews - into the kitchens of the Los Angeles Unified School District. But when public school officials said no, Oliver turned to guerilla tactics, declaring war on the second biggest school district in the nation. Now, with the arrival of new LAUSD Super Intendant John Deasy, some of those tensions have thawed. We talk to Jamie Oliver about their new collaboration.	Jamie Oliver	8:00
4/28/11	TECH	The white iPhone 4 goes on sale today. Will the apple loving hordes rush to buy it or will the controversy over the company's data tracking policy give them pause? Will the development of better voice recognition software, by Google, make people use their keyboards less and less? John Moe is on every Thursday with the latest in tech news. He's also the host of the Marketplace Tech Report.	John Moe	7:00
4/28/11	MEDI	Tomorrow is April 29, which means the wait is finally over for one of the most highly anticipated events of the year: The Royal Wedding. The wedding will commence at 11:00 am in London, which is 3:00 a.m. in LA. But, there are some die hard royal fanatics who will be keeping an all night vigil to watch the big event. J. Anthony McAlister is one of them. He's the president of the LA Chapter of the International Monarchist League, and he joins Madeleine on the program today.	J. Anthony McAlister	7:00
4/28/11	LIT	Book lovers, vendors, and authors will gather at USC this weekend for the LA Times Festival of Books. From Dave Eggers and Patti Smith, to Jonathan Lethem, to panels on maps and the Bell scandal, David Kipen shares his crib notes. He's our regular book critic and the proprietor of Libros Schimbros, a bookstore/lending library in Boyle Heights. We also hear about a Spanish-language book fair this weekend, LéaLA.	David Kipen	9:00
4/28/11	SPOR	The Sklar Brothers are back with the latest in sports news. The Lakers rallied last night against the New Orleans Hornets. And Kobe set it all off when he dunked... hard. Soccer team Real Madrid won a championship cup, which met its doom as it fell out of the hands of a player... and was then run over by a bus. Randy and Jason Sklar join us on Thursdays. They're the hosts of Sklarbro Country - a hilarious sports podcast, which is available for free on iTunes.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	9:00
4/29/11	SPOR	Last week Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig stunned Dodgers fans – and the team's owner, Frank McCourt – when he seized control of the team, citing “deep concerns regarding the finances and operations of the Dodgers.” He followed up by naming former Texas Rangers owner Tom Schieffer to oversee Dodger business until a full ownership change can be effected. Schieffer arrived in Los Angeles Wednesday, vowing to stay until the Dodgers are back on their feet. McCourt is expected to take legal action to hold onto the franchise, but with a protracted divorce battle on his hands and the \$30 million loan he took out to meet the Dodgers' last payroll, his chances look slim. How does Schieffer plan to shine up this diamond? How bad are the finances for the franchise? What's ahead for the Dodgers?	Tom Schieffer	14:00
4/29/11	LA	friendly enclave. Founded by Basque merchant John Leonis and run almost continually by the Leonis family since then, Vernon's low utility, insurance and tax rates have attracted many of California's family-owned businesses, including Simply Fresh Fruit, Tapatio Hot Sauce and the city's largest employer, Farmer John Meat Co. In just over 5 square miles, Vernon generates \$343 million annually in state and local tax revenues. But in recent years, the criminal indictments of three of the city's top officials have brought to light decades of corruption, insider dealings and lavish spending by Vernon's ruling class. Now, in an unprecedented move, California's state Assembly has overwhelmingly approved a bill to dissolve the city charter of any city of less than 150 residents – and guess what? Vernon, with a resident population of 96, is the only one. Assembly Speaker John Perez, the bill's author, contends that in a city with so few voters, there is no real accountability for government activity and thus ample opportunity for corruption. Business owners in Vernon are up in arms, saying the move would damage t	John Vigna, Marisa Olguin, John Van de Kamp	20:00

4/29/11	POP	Prince William and, now the Duchess, Kate Middleton were married today in the grandest affair the British monarchy has seen in 30 years. Westminster Abbey was surrounded by crowds of well-wishers – all vying for a look at the dress, which we've all seen now. We know the details of the vows. And who did and did not shed happy tears. Patt Morrison, KPCC's resident royal wedding expert, joins Larry to guide us through the momentous event that took place this morning starting at 2:00 am.	Patt Morrison	10:00
4/29/11	ART	musicians Justo Almario and Tamir Hendelman talked to Larry about the uniting influence of jazz and their upcoming appearance at the Playboy Jazz Festival's free community concert at the Beverly Hills Civic Center on May 1 <sup>st</sup> . Cuban-born Almario incorporates a musical melting pot of styles into his distinctive saxophone playing and has performed with such marquee acts as Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Linda Ronstadt and Charles Mingus. Tamir Hendelman started at the piano at the tender age of 6 in Israel and had moved to the US and won Yamaha's National Keyboard competition by age 14. His fluid piano playing can be heard accompanying Barbara Streisand and Natalie Cole as well as with his own trio. Almario's Afro-Cuban ensemble will share the stage with Hendelman's trio at 3pm on Sunday in a preview of the upcoming 33 <sup>rd</sup> Playboy Jazz Festival in June. What role does jazz play in modern music? Is jazz America's finest musical export?	Justo Almario, Tamir Hendelman	10:00
4/29/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Peter Rainer, Henry Sheehan and Charles Solomon join Larry to review the week's new film releases including <i>Fast Five</i> , <i>13 Assassins</i> , <i>Hoodwinked Too: Hood vs. Evil</i> , <i>Cave of Forgotten Dreams</i> and more. TGI-FilmWeek!	Claudia Puig, Peter Rainer, Henry Sheehan, Charles Solomon	24:00
4/29/11	BOOK	Martin Scorsese has forever enriched American cinema with films like Mean Streets, Taxi Driver, Raging Bull, The Last Temptation of Christ, Kundun, The Departed, The Aviator and Shutter Island. Film critic Richard Schickel sat down with Scorsese for a series of conversations that illuminate his phenomenal filmmaking career, from his first movie Who's That Knocking at My Door in 1967 to last year's Shutter Island. Schickel's interviews guide us through Scorsese's life and work, how he escaped the realities of Little Italy in the 1950s and became the man whose encyclopedic knowledge of film shaped his artistic ambition. Scorsese reveals which films have been forays into unknown territory and which films are the most autobiographical. He talks about his documentaries, his influences and his lesser-known movies, and those already considered to be classics. And he discusses what being a lifelong student of film has taught him about all aspects of filmmaking.	Richard Schickel	20:00
4/29/11	FOR	In the first quarter of 2011 Exxon Mobil earned nearly \$11 billion, a 69% increase over its performance for the same period last year; Royal Dutch Shell turned a profit of \$6.3 billion; BP, even with all of the ongoing costs connected to the Deepwater Horizon Gulf oil spill, made \$7.1 billion. The profit reports are particularly galling as Americans are shelling out close-to-record prices for gasoline, approaching \$4.50/gallon here in Southern California, but there's something else amiss. Despite increasing demand, gasoline refiners are producing less gasoline and diesel fuel in the U.S. than usual for this time of year, and they're exporting more of their product to foreign countries. There are several market forces at work, from uncertainty in the politics of the Middle East to interruptions in oil production from Libya to the North Sea, and oil speculators have been steadily driving up the price of oil on the international market. But with these profit reports one can't help but feel a little gouged by high fuel prices. Is this profiteering or the naturally opaque forces of the oil markets?	Tom Kloza, Charles Langley	00:22
4/29/11	POLI	Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that corporations and unions can donate unlimited sums of money to political campaigns, both parties are clamoring to out raise the other. But one lawmaker wants to make sure we know where all that money is coming from. Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) has filed a lawsuit against the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to achieve that aim. Van Hollen says disclosure "is essential to our democracy" and without it "special interest groups [will] bankroll campaign initiatives." At the same time, President Obama is contemplating issuing an executive order that would require federal contractors to disclose political donations. Some conservatives complain that requiring disclosure could hamper political fund raising for the 2012 election and create a political backlash against donors whose goals differ from that of the current administration. Most estimates put the amount of money being raised for the 2012 election in the billions. Do we need to know where all this money is coming from?	Rep. Chris Van Hollen, Jeff Patch, Lisa Graves	00:26

4/29/11	ENV	Saturday is the annual "Great Los Angeles River CleanUp," when Angelenos take the majestic concrete banks of the L.A. River to clean up what are sure to be copious amounts of trash. There was once ambitious talk of completely remaking the L.A. River, which has always looked much more like a soulless flood control channel than an actual river—concrete was going to be ripped out in place of natural habitat like real dirt, trees and native plants; parks and trails would line the rehabilitated river to be used as public gather places and peaceful spots to watch the river amble by. Almost none of this has taken place, and with only one stretch of river made natural—the Tujunga wash greenway project in the San Fernando Valley—the new era of slashed budgets and spending makes major river rehab projects look unrealistic. We talk about the L.A. River CleanUp and the prospects for Los Angeles ever having a real river running through it.	Lewis MacAdams	00:13
4/29/11	ENV	Beach season is almost here, but with budget cuts and record rainfall, what do you need to know before you head out to the coast? Patt checks in with the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors for details on their beach service cuts set to go into effect this Sunday and we hear from a water expert about what the record rainfall could have washed into an ocean near you. Call with your questions about where to find the best fun in the sun this summer.	Noah Garrison, Ken Foreman	00:18
4/29/11	FOR	You can hear the wedding-bells echoing; even from across that vast pond we sometimes call the Atlantic Ocean. Prince William and Kate Middleton have finally gotten hitched! The long awaited spectacle, driven forward by tenacious media, wedding-enthusiasts and curious onlookers alike, has finally come to fruition. In the wake of the massive ceremony we are left to catch our breath... but only so we can extrapolate on the recent wedding developments! Patt Morrison turns to herself once again for our closing coverage of the royal wedding.		00:17
4/29/11	SAC	Governor Jerry Brown has canceled plans for a new death row complex at San Quentin prison. The project would have expanded prisoner housing, costing the state \$356 million. Governor Brown says the California can't justify that cost right now.	Julie Small	5:00
4/29/11	SCI	The Friday launch of the space shuttle Endeavour will mark the second to last manned space flight for NASA. President Obama and a crowd of up to 750,000 are expected to watch the launch. Here in Southern California, Gerald Blackburn, one of the original engineers who built Endeavour will also be watching. Madeleine speaks to him about the end of an era for the shuttle program.	Gerald Blackburn	8:00
4/29/11	ART	Madeleine takes a tour of the new new exhibition, Houdini: Art and Magic, at the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles. The show brings together historical artifacts from the life and work of the magician and showman who remains an enduring subject of fascination.		9:00
4/29/11	TECH	This year you might see a lot less spam in your inbox than before. The bad news is, you're going to see a lot more spam on your Facebook page. The Internet security firm Symantec released its annual report on cyber scams this month and they say that the amount of e-mail spam sent out is down by about a third from last year. But, viruses, scams and ads for Viagra are expected to rise dramatically on sites like Facebook and Twitter in the months ahead. Producer Sanden Totten has more on how this so-called "social spam" works - and how to protect yourself.	Sanden Totten	7:00
4/29/11	TRAN	Marketplace Money will be all about cars this weekend. First, in a live event at KPCC's Crawford Family Forum, and then on Sunday's broadcast. As a preview, listen in to Madeleine's tale of her love/hate affair with her Volkswagen. Jetta Clean Diesel SportWagen, you had me at "Gutentag." And yet, its mileage leaves something to be desired.	Madeleine Brand	4:00
4/29/11	MEDI	Off-Ramp's Kevin Ferguson goes underneath the home of Jeffrey Hildreth, where he's been digging underground for over six years.	Kevin Ferguson	5:00
4/29/11	MEDI	This week, Luke Burbank takes on the Royal Wedding, the death of Friendster and the Atlas Shrugged movie.	Luke Burbank	11:00
4/30/2011	ART	Saturday, thousands of people are expected to help clean up the LA River. The volunteer effort, dubbed La Gran Limpieza is in its third decade. This year, there'll be 14 cleanup sites with bands at each one, and even Mayor Villaraigosa will be rolling up his sleeves. KPCC's Brian Watt went down to the river to speak with the cleanup's organizer, Lewis MacAdams.	Brian Watt, Lewis MacAdams	4:25
4/30/2011	ART	Off-Ramp host-pro-tem Brian Watt goes to the Astro 24-hour diner in Silverlake to talk with Chris Nichols of Los Angeles Magazine about Eldon Davis, the architect who designed Norm's, Pann's. and other monuments of Google architecture. Davis died Friday, April 22d, at the age of 94.	Brian Watt, Chris Nichols	3:29
4/30/2011	ART	LA County continues to struggle with deficit issues. With cuts left and right, one thing they're not getting rid of is the giant pair of ribbon cutting scissors that they hold near and dear. They have special handlers. And they are stored in special places. Kevin Ferguson--Off-Ramp's Producer--spent the day with one of those pairs from the warehouse to the ribbon cutting and back again	Kevin Ferguson	5:38

4/30/2011	ART	In his life, Frank Zappa released over 60 albums total and recorded dozens more that never saw the light of day. Kevin Ferguson talks with Gail Zappa--Frank's widow--and Joe Travers--the Zappa family's official archivist--about how you maintain an archive for one of the most prolific musicians of all time. Gail and Joe will be giving a more in depth talk about the Zappa archives in Downtown LA on Thursday, May 12 as part of the Association for Record Sound Collections' 45th annual conference.	Kevin Ferguson, Gail Zappa, Joe Travers	7:26
4/30/2011	ART	Novelist Denise Hamilton remembers Terry McGarry, an old school LA Times reporter -- "a link to the swashbuckling school of early journalism" -- who welcomed her to the trade of writing.	Denise Hamilton	2:41
4/30/2011	POLI	KPCC Reporter (and host of this week's Off-Ramp) Brian Watt moderated this week's congressional debate to replace outgoing US Rep Jane Harman. Not an easy task, considering there were 15 candidates.	Brian Watt	4:2=38
4/30/2011	YOUT	Chris Balme is the co-founder of SPARK, an organization that creates one-on-one apprenticeships for middle school students from disadvantaged communities. Students get direct experience with firefighters, architects, costume designers, and veterinarians, the types of jobs students dream about attaining. At the end of the 9-week apprenticeships, students take part in a Discovery Night: a show-and-tell open house for the kids and their mentors. That's where Brian Watt met 13-year old Luz Moreno last year, a student at Camino Nuevo Charter Academy.	Brian Watt, Chris Balme	4:21
5/2/11	FA	operatives had killed Osama Bin Laden after a firefight in Pakistan on Sunday. According to reports the world's most wanted terrorist was hiding in plain sight in a large mansion in an affluent suburb outside Islamabad. Even before the President's announcement, jubilant crowds gathered at the White House and at Ground Zero in New York City, celebrating and chanting "U.S.A., U.S.A.!" In the President's words "justice has been done," but now the question is: What does it mean? Al-Qaida is no longer contained in the mountains of Pakistan and Afghanistan; they've spread to Iraq, Yemen and beyond. Will the death of Bin Laden be anything but symbolic? How powerful is al-Qaida today and will groups sympathetic to Bin Laden's cause retaliate? With the fate of several Muslim countries in flux, how will this news affect uprisings in that part of the world? And finally, a decade after Osama Bin Laden masterminded the 9-11 attacks, with the country mired in two increasingly unpopular wars in the Middle East, what does his death mean to us?	Kamal Hyder, Salam al Marayati, Adam Schiff, Amy Zegart, Brian Michael Jenkins, Doyle McManus, Colonel Joe Felter, Charles "Cully" Stimson	108:00
5/2/11	FOR	Osama bin Laden, the figurehead of the terrorist organization Al Qaeda, has been killed in a military operation supervised by the CIA. The operation, which occurred this past Sunday, was centered on a walled compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Navy Seals bypassed 18 foot falls under the cover of darkness and after reportedly being fired on by bin Laden and his three sons, emerged triumphant. They were then able to acquire the corpse of the notorious terror suspect. Last night President Obama went before press to confirm reports in a hopeful, yet pragmatic speech. What could this monumental casualty mean for the future of America's war on terror? How influential is Al Qaeda today and how greatly will this loss affect them?	Cyril Almeida, Colonel Joseph (Joe) Felter	00:13
5/2/11	FOR	In recent weeks and months, the rallying cry for social justice and democracy has been heard in the streets and across borders of Middle Eastern countries like Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, and Yemen. Dynamic forces are pushing for change, old regimes are dissolving, and opportunities for more open and entrepreneurial economic systems seem to be developing. In fact it could be argued that it was economic, rather than political, pressures that ultimately did in the regimes of Hosni Mubarak and his Arab colleagues—huge unemployment among the middle and restive lower classes proved instrumental in fueling the protest movements. With the death of Osama bin Laden, what will the impact be on Al Qaeda and how will it affect the change brewing in the Middle East?	Dalia Dassa Kaye, Neveen El-Tahri	00:18
5/2/11	ECON	It's arguably been the biggest debate over organized labor since the turn of the 20th century--as governors and mayors across the country look to cut back spending and balance budgets, the contracts of public employee unions have become their biggest targets for savings. Unions have also become big political targets even as they have gone on the offensive in places like Wisconsin, Ohio and right here in California. Organized workers in the private sector have fallen to historic lows, making up only 9% of the American workforce, but they still represent the kind of highly-valued blue-collar manufacturing jobs that have been on the decline in this country. As public employee unions fight to keep their political influence, benefits and pay, what role will they play in creating and keeping American jobs? What is the future of unions and can they still play a key part in the 21st century economy?	Mary Kay Henry, Deborah Wince-Smith	00:17

5/2/11	ECON	Investors are rushing to put their money in gold; with talk of a possible failure of Congress to raise the debt ceiling, the most stable investment in the world in U.S. treasury bonds suddenly look shaky; the rapid ascent of the stock exchange, even as the broader economy lags, is sparking talk of another big bubble waiting to pop. These are the pitfalls of the economy for the average investor in 2011, an uncertain time for everyone from multinational corporations to average 401(k) holder. The small investor, in particular, can be excused for feeling less-than-secure after watching their retirement accounts drop a third or more in value from 2007 – 2010, only to perform better in the past year even as salaries remain stagnant. What's the average investor to do? Are there any truly safe places for your money to grow that are immune from the seemingly perpetual ups and downs in the global economy?	Mohamed El-Erian	00:13
5/2/11	HEAL	Jeanne Calment, who died at 122 years old to become the longest human life on record, attributed her longevity to olive oil, chocolate, and port wine. And it's not just Jeanne—people around the world are living longer than ever before in human history. But each case of impressive longevity seems to be attributed to something different. Will being vegetarian or vegan fend off the common-killer, cancer? Will working out every day prevent diabetes and cardiovascular disease? Should we be doing strenuous workouts or just walking to maintain our memory and bone density? Should we restrict our calorie intake or our fat intake? Patt talks to two experts in the field to get some answers and find out what we can do to age healthfully.	Dr. Luigi Fontana, David Kirchoff	00:18
5/2/11	FOR	It's been a national obsession for almost ten years, a symbol of closure (of sorts) for the most destructive and deadly foreign attack on American soil in the history of the country. Osama bin Laden is now dead but the questions of how we got him, what we can learn from him and what this means for the national healing process are plentiful. The CIA and military intelligence pursued bin Laden for years but other high level terrorist leaders remain at large, and there are new targets that present threats to American security. What can be gleaned from the long effort to track bin Laden to his unexpected hiding spot outside of Islamabad, Pakistan? And for the victims of 9/11 there seem to be mixed reactions, from rejoicing for justice finally being served to an unfulfilled void, as the death of bin Laden will not bring back the 3,000 people killed on that morning in 2001. We talk to a former deputy director of the CIA and the mother of a woman who died in the World Trade Center to get their reactions on this day after.	Jami Miscik, Donna Marsh O'Connor	00:17
5/2/11	MIL	We hear about the operation that led to bin Laden's death as well as reactions from 9/11 families and the possible political repercussions for President Obama	Bob Drogin, Maureen Santora, Steve Clemons, Will McCants, Douglas Brinkley, Mark McKinnon	48:00
5/3/11	FA	The so-called Arab Spring has dominated headlines this year, only to be eclipsed by even bigger headlines yesterday announcing that U.S. forces had killed Osama bin Laden. Both are big stories, but which will have the largest impact and influence on the future of the Middle East? The heroes of revolutions in Egypt's Tahrir Square were their own union leaders and student activists -- none holding placards of Osama bin Laden or even his Egyptian heir apparent Ayman al-Zawahiri. Experts say Bin Laden's popularity was overstated by entrenched Arab regimes such as Hosni Mubarak in Egypt. Yet, Bin Laden's appeal did extend far in to South Asian countries, particularly Pakistan -- and may not be abated by revolutions. What's the future of Al-Qaeda? Has the success of the pro-democracy movements sidelined jihadist aspirations? Or are there more dangerous groups springing up?	Borzou Daragahi, Haider Mullick, Frederic Wehrey	34:00
5/3/11	RELI	After the news of Osama Bin Laden's death, Muslim-American leaders were asked to react. Ever the optimist, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf said he believed it could ease tensions that exist for Muslims here. Imam Feisal is the New Yorker who sparked a lot of controversy and furious debate by trying to locate a mosque and Muslim cultural center near Ground Zero in lower Manhattan. This year, Time Magazine named him in their list of the Top 100 influential people -- citing his moderate colloquial eloquence. In his role as Chairman of the Cordoba Initiative, Imam Feisal directs projects aimed at healing conflict between Islamic and Western Communities. Rauf has since curtailed his involvement with the Manhattan project, known as Park51, but is contemplating the creation of another interfaith community center in the same area. In his recent article Five Myths About Muslims in America, Imam Rauf outlines some of the misunderstandings that divide Americans of differing faiths and his dedication to promoting unity between people of all creeds.	Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf	20:00

5/3/11	MEDIA	From Glenn Beck to Keith Olbermann, from Rachel Maddow to Fox News there has been intense focus and debate on the spin of broadcast journalism. Some argue that journalists should admit their biases and not pretend to be impartial. Others insist that they should aspire to the traditional standard, as outlined by The New York Times' Editor Bill Keller: "Impartiality is not just a matter of pretending to be neutral; it is a healthful, intellectual discipline." Even if the goal of objectivity is not entirely attainable, should media outlets strive to achieve the standard of objective journalism or do away with the pretense all together and advocate for a point of view?	Eric Alterman, Geneva Overholser	56:00
5/3/11	FOR	We've been told that Osama bin Laden is dead, we've been assured that there is an exact DNA match to prove that the man killed by an elite team of SEAL's is indeed the leader of al Qaeda. But as the White House grapples with the question of whether to release a graphic picture showing a dead bin Laden, there is a serious question about making such violent pictures public. Should the picture of a dead Osama bin Laden be released to the public?		00:13
5/3/11	HEAL	Bad health is bad government, or so argues the director of the bioethics department at the National Institutes of Health Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel. A combination of an economist and an oncologist, Dr. Emanuel has argued for some time that it goes beyond just a moral imperative for the federal government to encourage and incentivize good health habits, especially eating right. At the tip of the spear of a new government initiative lead by First Lady Michelle Obama that is gently encouraging active lifestyles and weight management, Dr. Emanuel has put forward the case that heavier Americans are bad for the economy. If it's bad for the economy and the well being of the country then it should be an imperative for the government to get involved, says Dr. Emanuel—but how and how far can we go to regulate someone's weight?	Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel	00:18
5/3/11	TECH	Technology and the Internet: the driving forces of the future that, for many, can do no wrong. In the 1950s a suggestible American populace was enamored with the idea of the "nuclear age," with people looking toward a brighter tomorrow fueled by a potentially destructive technology. Today, we are locked into the same mindset, almost completely ignorant to the darker side of modern gadgetry. Technology may hinder our ability to process information, think creatively and might even be helping to ensure a dumbed-down future. Can technology designed to help us actually shave points off the ol' IQ? Are computers in a classroom more harmful than helpful? Does our occupation with all things tech create an emotional distance from one another and change the way society operates?	Nicholas Carr, Sherry Turkle	00:17
5/3/11	SAC	Public employees unions have made headlines in recent months, most notably in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and here in California. The story there is much the same as the story everywhere: states are broke, public service employees are owed pension and benefits plans and those pension plans are dramatically under-funded. The difference, however, is that California's Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) has been uniquely successful in its long term investments. Patt sits down with the man in charge of investments for CalPERS--the agency responsible for managing the pension and health care benefits of more than 1.6 million California public employees, retirees, and their families--to talk about the future financial obligation for California taxpayers, CalPERS' shareholder activism and the current market's higher degree of uncertainty.	Joseph Dear	00:13
5/3/11	ECON	U.S. treasury bonds are among the safest investments in the world—while Uncle Sam runs up a heck of a lot of debt, they always repay their lenders. That's why it sent such a shock wave when Standard & Poor's, which sets the sovereign credit rating of various governments, warned the U.S. government two weeks ago that it could lose its tripe-A credit rating if Congress and the president don't do something serious about cutting the federal debt and deficit. Uncle Sam kept his high credit rating but S&P fired a shot across the country's financial bow by changing its outlook on the rating from stable to negative. While the U.S. got a warning from S&P, California has been on its bad list for quite some time. Last week Standard & Poor's affirmed California's A-minus general obligation rating with a negative rating, meaning that California's perpetually indebtedness and stalemated political situation made it a bad investment. We take a look at the credit reports of our state and country and ask what can be done to improve what looks to be a depressing situation.	Robin Prunty	00:18
5/3/11	ENV	Three years ago, oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens was the darling of the green movement--an oil-baron-turned-environmentalist, who, as then Sierra Club Director Carl Pope put it, was "out to save America." At the time, Pickens was touting an ambitious plan to wean the U.S. off foreign oil by building a \$1 trillion network of wind farms to replace domestic natural gas used to generate electricity and use that excess compressed natural gas to power American trucks and cars. The plan fizzled out in a year or so, but now Pickens is back on the clean energy stage, this time with a plan that might not be as green and relies on some controversial methods of natural gas extraction. President Obama is a fan, as are several legislators who have introduced a bill in the House that would provide tax credits for cars and trucks that convert to compressed natural gas. But is the plan what's best for the environment, for the U.S. economy or for T. Boone Pickens?	T. Boone Pickens	00:17

5/3/11	MIL	Behind the elite Navy SEAL Team 6 that carried out the killing of Osama bin Laden is the Joint Special Operations Command, a collection of classified special task forces. In the past decade JSOC, as its known, has grown and taken on an increasingly important role in the war on terror.	Marc Ambinder	7:00
5/3/11	MIL	The killing of Bin Laden has raised some uncomfortable questions. Primarily, was Bin Laden protected by members of the Pakistani government? In an op-ed today in the Washington Post, President Asaaf Zadari says that is "baseless speculation" and that Pakistan had as much reason to despise Al Qaeda, as any nation. And yet, secret documents revealed by Wikileaks recently show that the United States is deeply suspicious of at least one part of the government, Pakistan's spy agency, the ISI.	Sebastian Rotella	7:00
5/3/11	HEAL	Remember the swine flu, H1N1? Remember how the flu was supposed to become a worldwide pandemic during the 2009-2010 flu season? People swarmed doctors for flu shots... they stocked up on Tamiflu. But that flu season actually turned out to be milder than most. And now, some scientists are looking into whether the panic had something to do with drug companies. Author Helen Epstein has had an essay published in the latest New York Review of Books, titled, Flu Warning. Beware the Drug Companies!	Helen Epstein	9:00
5/3/11	YOUT	Worried about the rising cost of college? Well, Madeleine is too. So, she did some research and found out that it's going to cost her \$207,000 to send her nine year old daughter to school.	Stuart Ritter	7:00
5/3/11	SCI	Show marine biologist Pat Krug has returned from Australia and shares his tales of finding undiscovered sea slug species, being harassed by angry damselfish and tickling the rare Blue Ring Octopus on Lord Howe Island.	Pat Krug	11:00
5/3/11	ART	Music critic Drew Tewksbury reviews two albums that are bursting with creativity. The multi-talented duo Thao and Mirah's self titled collaboration is heavy on production and well-planned beats. The latest release from the guitar-driven group Explosions in the Sky is much more organic. Both are refreshing new releases.	Drew Tewksbury	7:00
5/4/11	POLI	There appears to be a hot debate at the top levels in Washington over whether to release photos of Osama bin Laden's corpse. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert Gates have reportedly advised the President not to release the images. However, CIA Director Leon Panetta thinks it's important to do so. There have been voices of skepticism of bin Laden's death -- perhaps easily refuted by the absence of the man himself. Some Pentagon and State Department officials are concerned about a potential backlash against the U.S. for killing of the al-Qaida leader. According to a senior government source, the White House has three sets of photographs, including one close-up image described as too gruesome for the front page of newspapers. Should the photos be released anyway? What's the White House's strategy regarding the photos? What are the pros and cons of releasing them? Does the world need photographic proof to believe bin Laden is really dead?	Open Phones	24:00
5/4/11	FA	Hamas and Fatah, the two major Palestinian political movements, are reportedly hours away from signing a unity deal in Cairo. The Egyptian-brokered talks, kept secret until last week, received further support today from fifteen Palestinian factions. But Israel has taken swift action against the reconciliation by withholding funds owed to the Palestinian Authority (PA). The finance minister of Israel wants the PA to guarantee that none of the money would end up with Hamas -- classified as a terrorist organization by Israel and the United States. After a lengthy and bitter split, what has brought Hamas and Fatah together? What divisions remain? How will the international community view Israel's position against the deal?	Jackie Northam, Hussein Ibish, Honorable Jacob Dayan	30:00
5/4/11	SPOR	The Pac-10/12 formerly announced a 12-year, \$3-billion television deal with Fox and ESPN at a news conference in Phoenix today (WED). The record contract, which will begin with the 2012-13 season, is worth \$250-million a year. Most of the high-profile football and basketball games will be on channels owned by Fox or ESPN. But there are other games still in play, which could provide content for the conference to start its own network. Given today's economic landscape, is this huge deal a gamble for the networks? Or does it prove that sports are king? Will fencing fans finally have a place to get their foils on...TV?	Larry Scott	6:00
5/4/11	BOOK	How did Bernie Madoff pull off the biggest Ponzi scheme in history and how does he feel about it now? In her new book, "The Wizard of Crimes," New York Times senior financial writer Diana Henriques digs into these questions, revealing the man and motives behind these crimes. Drawing on in-person interviews with Madoff in prison and over a hundred of interviews with people related to the crimes, Henriques reveals who Bernie Madoff really is, how he started his first money borrowing cover-up scheme and how that scheme grew into the full blown scandal. Madoff was one of Wall Street's most successful and respected traders. How did he go from trusted New York financier to swindling his relatives, friends and investors out of \$65 billion through a fraud that lasted for decades?	Diana Henriques	20:00

5/4/11	CRIM	Looks like California won't resume executions this year. Corrections officials have asked a federal judge who halted executions four years ago to wait until at least December before reviewing the state's revised lethal injection procedures and its new death chamber at San Quentin State Prison. There are currently 713 condemned inmates on death row. Why is the review being delayed? Will the state's revised three-drug execution method ever pass muster? Should California join the national trend away from seeking new executions?	Julie Small	10:00
5/4/11	BOOK	As smartphone-carrying members of the Information Age, we often take for granted the fact that data has not always been so easily categorized for easy access and retrieval. Actually, there was a time when information as we know it didn't even exist. Any thought or idea, no matter how small or significant, evaporated as soon as it originated. Before the dawn of speech, language, communication and documentation, there was no way of voicing, transferring and recording info. In James Gleick's new book <i>The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood</i> , the author details how humanity has learned to harness sounds, symbols and eventually logic itself to create and develop a complete theory of information. How far have humans come in their wielding of data, ideas and facts? What specific figures does Gleick examine in his book and why? How will information evolve in the future?	James Gleick	20:00
5/4/11	FOR	Without a top secret national security clearance it's difficult to piece together the evidence that led to the tracking and killing of Osama bin Laden, but based on accounts that have leaked out it's clear the path to the compound in Pakistan went back years and several captured al Qaeda operatives. Intelligence authorities had to find out the identities of the couriers who carried messages to and from bin Laden, and from there the now infamous Abbottabad compound was located—but how was this information extracted and could it have involved "enhanced" interrogation tactics like waterboarding? The debate over torture of terrorist detainees has begun anew after bin Laden's death with supporters of the Bush Administration claiming that enhanced interrogation provided the intelligence that led to bin Laden. Meanwhile Sen. Dianne Feinstein, chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said she did not think that torture produced any actionable bin Laden intelligence. Would you think differently about torture if it helped find Osama bin Laden?	Michael Isikoff, Glenn L. Carle, John Radsan	00:31
5/4/11	ECON	Last year, Congress set a spending limit of \$14.3 billion and it is now coming very close to exceeding that limit. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has warned that if the U.S. does not raise the debt ceiling, fiscal calamity will spread globally. Republicans are holding steadfast to promises made to conservative voters to cut and cap government spending at all costs. One conservative leader, former Congressional Budget Office director Douglas Holtz-Eakin, has broken ranks. Holtz-Eakin agrees with his conservative colleagues about the need to cut spending, but he argues that defaulting on U.S. debt will send the wrong message to foreign investors. At a time when the country needs international borrowing more than ever, Holtz-Eakin argues that the U.S. needs to protect its credit rating. Patt sits down with Holtz-Eakin to find out how he envisions raising a debt ceiling while also cutting government spending. Should investors be worried about the U.S. credit rating? After compromise between Republicans and Democrats has proven nearly impossible, will leaders on both sides of the isle be able to come together to avoid exceeding the limit they themselves set?	Douglas Holtz-Eakin	00:17
5/4/11	SCI	In 1962 James Watson was awarded the Nobel Prize, along with his research partners Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins, for discovering the double helix structure of DNA. In 2011 Watson is wondering what happened to the class of super drugs—pharmaceuticals targeted for specific diseases based on the specific DNA structure of a person's cells—that he feels should have been developed by now. At the Milken Institute Global Conference Watson spoke on the promise of medical science and to Patt he states bluntly that the promise has not been fulfilled. He saves the bulk of his criticism for pharmaceutical companies that, Watson believes, is simply not turning out the kind of effective drugs quickly enough. The discoverer of the double helix talks to Patt about what should come next in modern medicine.	James Watson	00:13
5/4/11	FOR	Patt talks with economist Esther Duflo about her new theory debunking the conventional wisdom about hunger and poverty. After collecting data from rural villages and urban slums around the world, speaking with poor people from Morocco to Kenya, Indonesia to India about what they eat and what else they buy, she and colleague Abhijit V. Banerjee have uncovered a current and far more complex picture of world hunger. It's a picture of a world, as they put it, "where those without enough to eat may save up to buy a TV instead, where more money doesn't necessarily translate into more food, and where making rice cheaper can sometimes even lead people to buy less rice." What implications could their research have for international policy, foreign aid and farming? Duflo joins Patt to talk about how her research might aid policy makers in avoiding sweeping, ideological solutions to problems that defy one-size-fits-all answers.	Esther Duflo	00:18

5/4/11	ART	John Waters, the outlandish American filmmaker with an affinity for the weird, the extreme, and the shocking, has had a cult following since the early 1970s for his films Pink Flamingos and Desperate Living, among others. Waters' release of the 1988 film Hairspray, starring Ricki Lake, brought him mainstream acclaim, after which the film was turned into a wildly popular, Tony Award-winning musical. Waters came out with a memoir last year, Role Models, in which he includes as the most inspiring individuals in his life himself, Johnny Mathis, Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten, and a lesbian stripper named Zorro. Now Waters is in-studio to talk to Patt about his one-man vaudeville act, This Filthy World Goes Hollywood, described as "a send up of show business, the art world and his own lunatic career in a rapid-fire performance."	John Waters	00:17
5/4/11	POLI	Release the photos or not? Americans are debating whether President Obama should release the photos of Osama bin Laden to prove that he was killed, and so are senior officials in the White House. CIA director Leon Panetta told NBC News that he favors releasing the photos, while White House Press Secretary Jay Carney was more cautious.	James Fallows, Alan Dershowitz	15:00
5/4/11	ENV	Four years ago, a massive tornado ripped through the town of Greensburg, Kansas, destroying or damaging virtually every building in that small farming community of 1600 and killing 11 people. Within a week after the disaster, residents decided to rebuild the town and make Greensburg a model for green living.	Daniel Wallch	6:00
5/4/11	POLI	There's a battle in California over bed sheets - the state legislature is considering a bill that would require hotels to switch from flat sheets to elastic fitted sheets. Advocates for the bill say requiring hotel staff to lift up heavy mattresses to tuck in sheets is a crippling strain on the shoulders, wrists and backs of hotel housekeepers but hotel owners say spending on new sheets could cripple their business.	Sanden Totten	5:00
5/4/11	ENT	Summer movie season is upon us. This weekend Marvel Studios kicks things off with its release of "Thor," the first of a long parade of superhero movies, sequels and big budget films.	Sharon Waxman	5:00
5/4/11	ENT	One movie opening this weekend has already gotten lots of buzz - but not because of a big budget or flashy special effects. It's because of its lead actor - Mel Gibson. He stars in "The Beaver," along with Jodie Foster, who also directed the film. Gibson plays a man whose life and career have hit rock bottom - sound familiar? But then, Gibson's character finds redemption through a beaver hand-puppet.	Dana Stevens	6:00
5/4/11	MEDI	Forget the farmer's market. In San Francisco, where many find the rent-is-too-damned-high, chefs prepare food at home and bring it to the Underground Market. It's set up in a big club and in one night Rico saw 3,000 people stream through. Food rave anyone? Plus, how a Facebook user's reaction to bin Laden's killing was falsely attributed to Martin Luther King, Jr. And this week back in 2001, one of England's best-known celebrities returned home, fugitive train robber Ronnie Biggs.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	9:00
5/5/11	POLI	Pension reform advocates are bracing for a huge fight over two new proposals that could slash up to 40% from public employee pension benefits. The proposals are being pushed by the non-profit California Foundation for Fiscal Responsibility, which just released an analysis of public employee pensions saying the five biggest pension funds in the state don't have enough money to cover their current financial obligations. The study says that unless public employee pensions are scaled back, California's budget will be further squeezed to make up short falls in pension benefits. Public employee unions are organizing opposition to the proposals and dispatching truth squads to the state Capital to debunk what they call myths and exaggerations about the burden of public pensions on California taxpayers.	Dan Pellissier, Steven Maviglio	24:00
5/5/11	CRIM	Losing a loved one unexpectedly is always a tragic. The only thing that might be harder would be to learn that your loved one never really existed and was fabricated by a stranger for inexplicable reasons. That is exactly what happened to Paula Bonhomme, a woman from Los Angeles, who carried out a relationship online from 2005 to 2006 with Jesse Jubilee James, a volunteer firefighter from Colorado. In 2007, Bonhomme learned that Janna St. James, previously thought of as a friend of Jesse's, was actually the mastermind behind the entire relationship. St. James posted as James on message boards, used a device to alter her voice on the phone for oral communication, sent Bonhomme letters and gifts in the mail, and created dozens of other characters to embellish her story. Now, Bonhomme has filed a lawsuit against St. James on the basis of fraudulent misrepresentation, usually reserved solely for business litigation. How will this court case proceed? What possible motives did St. James have for hatching this elaborate hoax?	Dahlia Saper	30:00

5/5/11	SPOR	They say all press is good press. For the Los Angeles Dodgers however, that might not be the case. From violence at the games, payroll problems, ownership battles and divorce court, headlines about the Dodgers' troubles just keep coming. Recently, Major League Baseball (MLB) appointed J. Thomas Schieffer as a monitor to oversee the day-to-day operations of the team. Today, Dodgers V.P. Steve Soboroff shares some choice words with AirTalk about how that's working out. Just how bad are the Dodgers' finances? What does the future hold for LA's blue team?	Steve Soboroff	24:00
5/5/11	CRIM	slumlords. Yesterday a lawsuit filed by the city attorney's office showed evidence of homes and apartments left to rot, and listed reams of addresses where tenants were evicted from foreclosed properties, allegedly without cause. Deutsche Bank claims it is merely a trustee for the properties and blames loan servicers. Los Angeles is not the first city to go after the bank for hundreds of millions of dollars in penalties and restitution. Cleveland and Milwaukee have pursued it as well. Los Angeles hopes to be the first in the country to successfully collect monies from a bank for the conditions of foreclosed homes. City officials said it also may take action against HSBC, Bank of New York and U.S. Bank. Earlier this week, federal prosecutors launched a suit in New York against Deutsche Bank accusing it of "recklessly" lying to the U.S. Government and causing the Department of House and Urban Development to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance claims when homeowners defaulted on their "risky" mortgages.	Carmen Trutanich	10:00
5/5/11	BOOK	Today is the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Americans in space, but as the Shuttle program winds down, no one knows when humans will be making future forays into the void. Space is a deadly place lacking in the things we need most to live and thrive: air, gravity, hot showers, fresh produce, privacy, beer. So how does a human being survive a stint in space, not to mention a bailout at 4,000 miles per hour? To answer these questions and prepare humans for orbital travel, space agencies set up all manner of space simulations -- making it possible to preview space without ever leaving Earth. In Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void, author Mary Roach takes us on a surreal trip into the bizarre science of life in space and space on Earth.	Mary Roach	17:00
5/5/11	ECON	For the third time in four weeks, jobless claims across the country rose. The productivity of U.S. workers declined. And while a report earlier this week had U.S. employers adding 185,000 jobs in April, that is far below the pace needed to make up for the millions of jobs lost since the recession began three years ago. So while there is still talk of an economic recovery and while corporate profits are back above pre-recession levels, job creation is still somewhat elusive. The big April jobs report from the Labor Department comes out tomorrow and expectations are that it will present the same muddled picture, minimal job creation, more jobless claims, more uncertainty about the future. After several forms of government stimulus, near zero interest rates from the Federal Reserve and extensions of jobless benefits, why can't job creation get any kind of traction? Is there something more than the government can do, and if corporate profits are up why aren't jobs up with them?	Kurt Karl, Sylvia A. Allegretto	00:13
5/5/11	RELI	guidelines of the 1976 Hyde Amendment banning taxpayer funding of abortion, the legislation would also eliminate any tax credits for businesses whose health insurance covers abortion, regardless of whether or not an individual uses the service. The bill would also prevent individuals from receiving tax deductions for the cost of an abortion when itemizing health expenses on their taxes, or from using a tax-exempt savings account to pay for the procedure. Opponents of the bill say it amounts to a tax increase on small businesses and distracts from the narrow focus GOP lawmakers should keep on the budget and spending issues, while proponents say it undoubtedly saves lives. The so-called "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" (the same bill that turned heads when it originally tried to replace the legal exception for rape with an exception for forcible rape) passed along party lines and stands little chance of passing but how significant of a shift does it mark in the nation's views on abortion? Could it cause insurance companies to begin dropping their abortion coverage? Could it set preced	Rep. Jackie Speier, Chuck Donovan	00:18
5/5/11	ENV	It could be as simple as improving your rain gutters to turn them into water collectors or as complex as installing solar panels on your roof—green living has become more than just a fad for Southern California, it's slowly turning into a lifestyle. For a region that's generally dry (the past two years aside) and very expensive (especially for electricity) doing both the big and little things around your house to make it more environmentally friendly not only helps the Earth but should also save you a little green (get it?). The AltBuild Expo rolls into town this weekend, showcasing exhibits that include green building and design, energy efficiency, water conservation, ecologically sustainable landscaping, waste management and more. So instead of letting the big industrial builders all of the fun we bring the Expo to you with tips and advice for turning your home into a green machine.	Dean Kubani	00:17

5/5/11	FOR	Interesting times for American troops in Iraq, who are preparing to wind down their mission and will be completely withdrawn from the country by the end of this year. Sectarian and anti-government violence in Iraq is still a constant threat but American troops are no longer taking the lead in patrols to stop terrorists—and of course, there was some news earlier this week about Osama something or other meeting his demise at the hands of a U.S. special operations unit in Pakistan. With all of these important developments, the natural question that comes to mind is: how can I make a joke out all of it? Comedy Congress has mustered up the funds, with a little help from the USO, to send our lead member Alonzo Bodden to Iraq to entertain the troops and gauge the mood on the front lines. We check in live with Alonzo in Iraq, where the humor will flow like the Tigris.	Alonzo Bodden	00:13
5/5/11	HEAL	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (C.D.C.) just released a new study, which found a dramatic rise in the number of Americans suffering from Asthma. Today in the United States, one in 10 children and nearly one in 12 adults have asthma, an inflammatory disorder that makes breathing difficult. The C.D.C. found a 12.3 percent increase from 2001 to 2009, but had no explanation for the sudden surge in asthma cases. The alarming rates of asthma were found among all demographic groups including women, Hispanics, whites and blacks, but the rise in the numbers of black children diagnosed were especially striking—nearly one in five were diagnosed with asthma in 2009. What's causing our fragile airways to breakdown? Listen to Patt and you may breathe a little easier tomorrow.	Paul Garbe, Dr. Raffi Tachdjian	00:18
5/5/11	ENV	Bjorn Lomborg, Danish environmental academic, infuriated scientists around the world when he published The Skeptical Environmentalist in 2001. The book claimed that overpopulation, destruction of resources, and global warming are not imminent problems. It would be a waste of time, Lomborg wrote, and even detrimental, if countries focused on environmental problems like global warming instead of on bigger problems such as worldwide poverty and disease. Denmark's Committees on Scientific Dishonesty (DCSD) accused Lomborg of spreading a "deluge of inaccuracies" and violating "standards of good scientific practice." But the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MSTI), which oversees the dishonesty committee, annulled its decision. And now Lomborg is back with a new book that calls climate change "undoubtedly one of the chief concerns facing the world today." A mea culpa? A flip-flop? Lomborg says he just wants climate change money to be spent right. Patt sits down with Lomborg to ask: should our concern about global warming heat up or cool down?	Bjorn Lomborg	00:17
5/5/11	ECON	Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich sued Deutsche Bank on Wednesday, alleging the bank has failed to properly keep up properties it foreclosed on and calling it a "slumlord." Several cities have tried this approach of targeting lenders for the results of their bad loans to no avail.	Guy Cecala	7:00
5/5/11	ENV	Around the world sea levels have been rising at an increasing rate over the last 20 years - except off California. A new study from the Scripps Institute of Oceanography explains why wind patterns could be keeping levels steady and why that could be about to change.	Molly Peterson	6:00
5/5/11	TECH	Marketplace Tech Report's John Moe joins Madeleine for the latest in tech news: the state of California is moving closer to passing 'do not track' legislation that would prevent web browsers from tracking your movements on the internet without your permission. Sony has blamed the hacker group Anonymous for the breach of its Play Station network and the Navy is developing robot pirates to fight real-life pirates!	John Moe	8:00
5/5/11	LAW	The suicide of teenager Phoebe Prince in January of 2010 has become an emblematic case in a rash of teen suicides blamed on bullying. The 15-year old Irish immigrant hanged herself in her parents apartment in South Hadley, Massachusetts just months after starting school there. Prosecutors said she was the victim of relentless bullying and six teenagers were charged in connection with her death. This week five of those teens have reached a plea deal and several have already pleaded guilty to harassment.	Emily Bazelon	8:00
5/5/11	TECH	May 6, 2010 was a harrowing day for the nation's financial markets. There was a flash crash. The US stock market's Dow Jones industrial average fell 600 points in minutes. But, just as quickly as that happened, the Dow Jones bounced back. And while there are a lot of theories about what actually triggered the flash crash, there's little doubt that computers programmed for "high-frequency trading" were involved.	Barry Ritholtz	5:00
5/5/11	SPOR	The Sklar Brothers tackle another misbehaving pro athlete. They break down the Lakers' trouble and let us know if they still have a shot at the finals. More drama from the Dodgers. And a man is accused of poisoning a dog. He drugged a competitor's canine at a dog show to give his girlfriend and her dog the upper hand.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	11:00

5/6/11	POLI	Vice President Joe Biden and top congressional budget negotiators met Thursday, hoping to bridge the wide partisan divide over taxes and spending. Seeking to reduce a \$1.4 trillion budget deficit, Democrats and Republicans agreed to focus first on areas of potential compromise, side-stepping raising taxes and the divisive proposal to revamp Medicare. President Obama has said he hopes the talks will lead to an agreement by June, before the federal government hits its debt ceiling. But finding common ground on a deficit reduction strategy will be a struggle. Democrats have criticized House Republicans for passing a fiscal year 2012 budget that Dems claim would weaken Medicare. The GOP meanwhile has blasted President Obama's fiscal blueprint for not cutting enough. If Medicare and taxes are off the table – what should we cut? Why have Republicans backed off calls to overhaul Medicare? Should lawmakers raise the country's \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling?	Gail Russell Chaddock	14:00
5/6/11	POLI	Fox News and the South Carolina Republican Party co-sponsored the first GOP debate of the 2012 presidential race last night (THURS) and there were several conspicuous absences. Namely, just about anyone who has a chance at winning the party's nomination. We heard from big name also-rans like Ron Paul and Rick Santorum and a few no-names like Herman Cain, the former owner of the Godfather Pizza Chain. Tim Pawlenty, the former Minnesota Governor, may have been the only viable candidate on the dais, since Mitt Romney, Mitch Daniels, Mike Huckabee and Michelle Bachman all declined the invitation. So who came out ahead and who fell to the back of the pack? Can any of these candidates topple President Barack Obama? And with most of the big fish not showing up, are we seeing a rift in the usually stalwart Republican Party?	Jon Fleischman	10:00
5/6/11	OPIN	prisoners serving life without parole. Now, California officials put off reviewing the state's revised lethal injection methods until December. The delay means that California will have gone at least six years without executing any condemned prisoners. Last month, Governor Jerry Brown canceled a plan to construct a new Death Row at San Quentin State Prison, which was expected to cost \$356-million. Opponents of the death penalty argue the Governor should take it further and commute the sentences of all prisoners on death row to life in prison, saving taxpayers about \$1-billion over the next five years. According to a recent public opinion poll conducted by David Binder Research, 65% of 800 voters polled, support such commutations. Motivated at least in part by cost savings, fifteen states have abolished the death penalty. Should California follow suit? Is the death penalty just too expensive and convoluted a process to be worth it? Is it cruel and unusual to keep prisoners on death row for indeterminate periods of time? If you support the death penalty do these numbers cause you to rethink your position?	Open Phones	30:00
5/6/11	FILM		Henry Sheehan, Andy Klein, Charles Solomon	34:00
5/6/11	FILM	Before there was Charlie Sheen, there was Mel Gibson. In 2006, Gibson got a DUI and while being arrested he accosted the arresting Jewish officer with anti-Semitic remarks. In 2010, audio recordings revealed Gibson verbally abusing his wife, complete with sexist and racist remarks. He also has a history of homophobic statements going back to 1991. This week, Gibson makes his return to the big screen in <i>The Beaver</i> . The actor has apologized profusely, usually through his publicist, for his words and actions. But has he managed to redeem himself, despite all he's done? Will his egregious behavior affect the movie negatively? Is it possible to disassociate "Mad Mel" with <i>Mad Max</i> ?	Henry Sheehan, Andy Klein, Charles Solomon	34:00
5/6/11	SPOR	The word "three-peat" has been part of the Lakers vernacular in the past, but will Phil Jackson's career live to see the word used again? The fans attribute the Lakers' latest series of chokes and foibles to a lack of heart, an ego that has exceeded their abilities, or less philosophically, an aging player base. Paying the price for his team's shortcomings, Phil Jackson, arguably the most prolific basketball coach in recent history who is scheduled to retire after this season, may be leaving his dynasty on a sour note. Down 0-2 in their series against the Dallas Mavericks and heading on the road to what will surely be an intensely hostile crowd in Big-D, will the Lakers pull it together? Have they been planning a Globe Trotters scenario and if so, will they steal the win from the Generals in the final hour?	Andy & Brian Kamemetzky	00:13
5/6/11	IMM	For California, a state with perhaps the largest population of undocumented immigrants in the country, pro-immigrant reforms have not come easily. The state's version of the DREAM Act, which would allow illegal immigrant students who currently qualify for in-state college tuition to apply for aid from private gifts or endowments, has gone down to defeat for six straight years. Concerns about the budget and immigration policy have scuttled California's DREAM Act to date but 2011 might finally be the year it passes—the bill, AB 130, passed the Assembly yesterday and looks set to clear the Senate and be signed by Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown. This comes at a time when immigration reform is back in the political arena and when Congress has introduced a bill that would punish self-declared "sanctuary cities" for failing to follow federal immigration laws. Can California afford its own DREAM Act and will comprehensive immigration reform ever become a reality?	Assemblyman Gil Cedillo	00:18

5/6/11	EDU	and a research powerhouse. Berkeley has also been asked to shoulder the largest percentage of budget cuts as California seeks to close a \$26 billion deficit—of the \$500 million cut from the UC system, Berkeley's share will be nearly \$81 million. Combine that with the cuts made to the system over the past few years and one must inevitably ask if UC Berkeley can maintain its status as a premiere public university. According to Berkeley's chancellor, the answer is yes, but with a few caveats. More out of state students must be accepted to the system to offset the cuts (but that might be a good thing for the culture and academics of Berkeley); research labs will have to get leaner and meaner (something that should benefit the university long term); and students might have to pay higher tuition in exchange for more financial aid (something that might squeeze out the middle class). We look at the future of UC Berkeley and the entire UC system with the man right in the thick of it.	Robert Birgeneau	00:17
5/6/11	EDU	In "Waiting for Superman," a documentary about public education, teachers unions were largely portrayed as the villains in the soap opera that is American education. The Cruella de Vil of the film is Randi Weingarten, president of the powerful American Federation of Teachers, who is shown speaking out against several education reform measures, including teacher evaluations. Even as they are vilified and attacked as obstacles to change, teachers unions continue to wield political and social influence—Ms. Weingarten's AFT was instrumental in forcing out Adrian Fenty, the former mayor of Washington D.C. who lost his reelection bid after working closely with aggressive school reformer Michelle Rhee. Teachers unions seem to be coming around to the inevitability of some changes and have been increasingly working with school districts on reforms in the classrooms and the much maligned teacher assessments. What will ultimately be the role of teachers and their unions in changing the way American public education operates?	Randi Weingarten	00:13
5/6/11	EDU	From President Obama and Arne Duncan's Race to the Top, to alternative plans from private business, labor leaders, and nonprofit groups like the Gates Foundation, there are plenty of solutions on the table for how to fix the country's broken public education system. But who should be held accountable? Parents and politicians point to teachers; teachers point to administrators and politicians—but who should ultimately be responsible for student success and how should those results be evaluated? How can we restructure the teaching profession to attract the most highly educated and skilled applicants? What initiatives, both public and private, are succeeding in retaining the most talented teachers? Can there be consensus and collaboration between teachers' unions and school districts on reaching shared goals? Patt sits down with two major leaders in the education reform conversation for their thoughts.	Allan Golston, Adrian Fenty	00:18
5/6/11	ART	Nerves—they're why we can't stand public speaking, can't sleep before the SAT's, and can't seem to speak English around a romantic crush. What's going on in our brain that makes us sweat, stutter, and jitter in these situations? Taylor Clark asks this question in his new book Nerve: Poise Under Pressure, Serenity Under Stress, and the Brave New Science of Fear and Cool. Clark traverses the findings of stress studies throughout the years, exploring subjects ranging from Russian sub commanders to game-show contestants to tsunami survivors. What he comes up with is the conclusion that fear is useful, and we should not avoid it. In an era when anxiety is the most prominent mental health issue in the U.S., what can we do to reduce stress and face our fears head-on? How do we play it cool and, as Clark puts it, perform with "poise under pressure and serenity under stress"?	Taylor Clark	00:17
5/6/11	MIL	Military experts are buzzing about the never-before-seen stealth helicopters used in the raid on the Bin Laden compound. The Seals had to ditch one of the helicopters after mechanical problems and pictures of the wreckage indicate the military is using a new helicopter.	Daniel Goure	8:00
5/6/11	MEDI	While more details about the death of Osama bin Laden continue to play out, comedians have been taking advantage of all of the fresh headlines. Maz Jobrani is one of them, and he's on with Madeleine.	Maz Jobrani	5:00
5/6/11	HIST	Mother's Day is this Sunday. You might be planning to send a card or a dozen roses to Mom. If so, you're not alone. Mother's Day has become one of the most commercial holidays of the year.	Sanden Totten	8:00
5/6/11	ECON	As gasoline pushes towards four and a half dollars a gallon in Southern California, some people are thinking about trading in their gas guzzlers for more efficient vehicles. And, apparently, a lot of folks are thinking about trading in four wheels for two. Sales of motor scooters have risen along with prices at the pump. Susan Carpenter is on with Madeleine.	Susan Carpenter	6:00
5/6/11	TRAN	California's high speed rail line may now go through the Grapevine. Yesterday, rail commissioners revived a plan to put the rail line along route 5. That means they'll study that option for another few months. It also means more contentious debates.	Dan Weikel	7:00
5/6/11	MEDI	Luke Burbank is back for his weekly installment of Awesome/Not Awesome. This week, advice on how, when you're doing five hours of live radio a day, you can avoid making the all too common mistake of calling "Obama," "Osama" and vice versa.	Luke Burbank	10:00

5/7/2011	ENT	Fifty years ago Monday, the fresh young head of the Federal Communications Commission told a group of TV broadcasters to their face that what they were putting on the air was 99% rubbish, and that they risked their licenses if they didn't shape up. Newton Minow's speech was formally titled "Television and the Public Interest," but it immediately became known as the "Vast Wasteland" speech. Off-Ramp host John Rabe talked with Newton Minow, now 85, about the speech and its impact ... and about being immortalized on "Gilligan's Island." Yes, he's the namesake for the SS Minnow.	John Rabe, Newton Minow	10:51
5/7/2011	ENT	Robert Thompson, head of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University, tells Off-Ramp's John Rabe that Minow's speech is seared into the memory of all serious students of recent history, but it didn't have the impact Minow hoped for.	John Rabe, Robert Thompson	5:14
5/7/2011	ENT	Actor Don Murray told Off-Ramp's John Rabe that, before Minow's groundbreaking Vast Wasteland speech, television was a vast wasteland for serious actors, despite a promising start. He says his short-lived but critically acclaimed series, "The Outcasts," in which he co-starred with Otis Young, was a direct result of the speech.	John Rabe, Don Murray	2:04
5/7/2011	SEC	Ever since it was created in 2001, the FBI's notorious most wanted terrorist list always kept Osama Bin Laden in the top left hand corner. Even though there's no official order to the list, it's safe to assume the Al-Qaida leader was priority number 1. For almost as long, the mug shot for a man named Adam Gadahn stayed next to Bin Laden's on the list. That means Gadahn--a native Southern Californian--might be the FBI's second most wanted terrorist? Producer Kevin Ferguson talked with writer Nick Schou, who covered Gadahn's story for the OC Weekly.	Kevin Ferguson, Nick Schou	7:54
5/7/2011	ART	Unlike many of his fellow rockers, Paul Stanley has always worn hearing protection, and he's the spokesman for a national effort to get kids to protect their hearing. (A new JAMA study says the number of kids with hearing loss is up 30% from 15 years ago.) Stanley is appearing at an after school event at the Director's Guild on Thursday, May 12, to promote the cause. The event is put on by LA's House Research Institute. Dr John House joined Off-Ramp's John Rabe to talk about the problem, and to do an in-studio hearing test.	John Rabe, John House	4:50
5/7/2011	ART	Los Angeles has an accidental gothic repertory company on its hands. It's in residence at the Steve Allen Theatre in Hollywood, where two original plays are running. Both are brilliant nights of theatre, and as Off-Ramp contributor RH Greene tells us, they're as different as night from day.	RH Greene	5:43
5/7/2011	TECH	In anticipation of next weekend's open house at Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Labs, CyberFrequencies' Tanya Jo Miller and Queena Kim stopped by JPL for a tour of what goes on inside: mars rovers, satellites, and the future of NASA.	Tanya Jo Miller, Queena Kim	6:51
5/9/11	SPOR	Lakers coach Phil Jackson has won 11 NBA Championship titles, more than any other coach in pro-basketball, but Sunday's big loss against the Dallas Mavericks (122-86) served up the second worst loss of his career. In addition to seeing his team swept out of the playoffs, earlier in the day Jackson was fined thirty-five thousand dollars for bad mouthing the refs. Team that up with a couple embarrassing fouls from two star players and last night ended the Lakers' shot at another "three-peat." Jackson has said this would be his final season coaching. The Zen master coach thrown in the towel before but this time it looks like it's going to stick. Jackson is dealing with some health issues and after several decades in the game he's tired. But is this really the end for one of basketball's winningest coaches? And if so, who will be the next Lakers' head coach? And with this stunning defeat, what's next for the Lakers? Can they pull it back together, or is this the end of a dynasty?	Sam Amick, Mark Medina	14:00
5/9/11	POLI	The race to replace incumbent U.S. Representative Jane Harman, who resigned to become the head of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, is crowded. There are five Dems, six Republicans, a Libertarian, a Peace and Freedom candidate and three candidates with no party affiliation all vying for the seat. The special primary election, set for May 17, is the first congressional race in California to be conducted under the "jungle primary" system passed by voters a year ago with Proposition 14. The top two vote-getters will run against each other in a general election on July 12, regardless of party affiliation. Today, AirTalk host Larry Mantle moderates a debate between the top contenders.	Debra Bowen, Mike Gin, Janice Hahn, Marcy Winograd	40:00

5/9/11	EDUC	If you want to be a lawyer or a doctor, an advanced degree is necessary. But graduate work isn't a requirement for other professions such as journalism, writing, film making or business. Advocates of grad school argue that students gain tremendous experience, improve their job prospects and earning potential and make great contacts in the process. Others say that it's an unnecessary expense and that just as many connections can be made actually doing the work in the real world. Take for example two adults with undergraduate degrees who are interested in becoming journalists. If one went to grad school for two years, they'd likely learn their trade and make a few connections, but upon graduation, they'd probably have to take an entry level job. If the other person had spent those two years working their way up from intern, they might have gained just as much expertise and even landed a full-time staff position in the same period of time – without accruing the same debt. How does one decide if grad school is right for them? When is it worth the cost and when isn't it? Have you struggled with this decision?	Penelope Trunk, Peter Temes	24:00
5/9/11	FA	In an interview last night, President Obama insisted Pakistan has been a strong counterterrorism partner to the United States. However, since the revelation that Osama bin Laden had been hiding in the South Asian country for years, rumblings have started in Washington over U.S. aid it receives. Some lawmakers say this is the time to reign in the unpredictable ally. And they might start by targeting the \$3 billion in civilian and military aid proposed for it next year. Should the U.S. continue dealing with Pakistan? What's the alternative? Should we cut funding? What influence does the U.S. have over the Pakistani military and government? Were Pakistani officials complicit or incompetent in dealing with bin Laden? How dangerous is al-Qaida and other fringe groups in Pakistan?	Ambassador Wendy J. Chamberlin, Haider Mullick	30:00
5/9/11	ECON	Over the past decade, Los Angeles police brought an average of about three times more lawsuits against the LAPD than police in Chicago and Boston. From 2005-2010, officers sued the department more than 250 times, resulting in the city paying out more than \$18 million for about 45 cases, in addition to millions more in cases it is currently appealing, while tens of millions of more dollars in open cases remain. Almost all of the cases stem from workplace issues, like sexual harassment, racial discrimination, retaliation, etc. Why are these cases so much more prevalent in Los Angeles and what is the LAPD doing to address—or bungle—the issue?	Stuart Maislin, Nicole Bershon	00:13
5/9/11	EDU	In an era of historic budget cuts, California's higher education institutions are forced to consider any and all new ideas to cut spending and increase revenue. To that end, the University of California system is considering something that was previously unheard of in a system that was proud of the "all for one, one for all" mentality of its 10 campuses: should some campuses be allowed to charge a higher tuition than others? The tiered tuition proposal would allow higher-profile campuses, like UC Berkeley and UCLA, to charge its students more to attend while smaller campuses like UC Santa Cruz and UC Riverside would be more affordable. UC officials liken the plan to allowing divisions within a large corporation to act more independently while critics say that the inevitable competition among UC campuses would be destructive. If allowed to operate more independently, would you consider paying more for an education at UC Berkeley than at UC Santa Cruz?	Bonnie Reiss, Terry Hartle	00:18
5/9/11	ENV	We've heard the warnings about melting glaciers, disappearing ice flows and rising sea levels, as the impact of climate change is felt over the next 100 years. According to new surveys by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change the planet is warming at rates faster than previously realized and all of that melting ice might be creating more climate chaos. The IPCC found a phenomenon that had long concerned climate scientists called "feedback loops" is already in practice, demonstrating the self sustaining nature of global warming. As temperatures rise and ice melts the ocean absorbs more of the sun's energy and that energy is released as heat, further warming the Arctic. As a result sea levels are expected to rise far faster, and those rising seas might alter ocean currents which will further mess with the climate cycle. Is there any hope to reverse these predictions?	Shawn Marshall, Cecilia Bitz, Marty Spitzer	00:17
5/9/11	ECON	The United Nations recently issued a report which projects that the world's population could reach 10.1 billion by the year 2100. Africa's population could triple in this century, Yemen's population seems to be growing exponentially, and the United States is expanding faster than many other developed countries—our population is expected to rise from 311 million to 478 million by 2100. Many call over population the single biggest environmental issue plaguing our world. Too many people can put a strain on the planet's natural resources. Will there be enough land to sustain a Western, mostly meat based, diet and will our water supply be adequate enough to support 10 billion people? And if not, what can we do about it? Will technology and innovation help us discover new ways to produce food and limit our 10 billion sized carbon footprint? Some nations around the world have de-emphasized family planning programs because of controversial issues like birth control and abortion, sex education and women's roles in society. The problems of our ever growing planet on the next Pat Morrison.	Jamais Cascio, Jason Clay, Joel E. Cohen	00:31

5/9/11	ART	You most likely know him as Dwight Schrute from "The Office," but beneath that caustic veneer is a deep thinker. Meet Rainn Wilson, lover of philosophy, religious studies and flapjacks. Patt sat down with the actor at the Los Angeles Times Book Festival last week to talk about his book and web site "Soul Pancake," which chews on life's big questions. Patt also caught up with another chewer of life's big questions, Australian climatologist Tim Flannery. Flannery is almost single-handedly responsible for waking Aussies up to the realities of climate change and our own species' finite time on Earth's crust. How did he do it and how can his lessons be applied in a global setting? Tune in for some answers and God's phone number, which Patt just might prank call.	Rainn Wilson, Tim Flannery	00:17
5/9/11	POLI	Both houses of Congress are back in session tomorrow. Senate Democrats are pushing to end subsidies to oil companies, while House Republicans look at reversing the moratorium on deep-water drilling. President Obama travels to Texas to seek support for immigration reform.	David Mark	08:00
5/9/11	POLI	The City University of New York may be awarding playwright Tony Kushner an honorary degree today after last week deciding to deny him the degree because of his views on Israel.	Peter Beinart	08:00
5/9/11	YOUT	Do you spend time worrying about the amount of T.V. your kids watch, or whether they're doing enough extracurricular activity? If so, it's time to relax and let go. So says author and economist Bryan Caplan.	Bryan Caplan	09:30
5/9/11	ECON	A bill under consideration would allow the state's regulator to stop health plans from raising premiums. If passed, would the law provide important protection for consumers?	Sarah Varney	03:00
5/9/11	SPOR	Lakers were shut-out by the Dallas Mavericks, who humiliated them yesterday, winning the fourth straight game in the Western Conference semi-finals.	Mike Pesca	08:00
5/9/11	ART	Roland Kelts, is back with two colleagues, Motoyuki Shibata and Hideo Furukawa. They're in to discuss the release of the new literary journal, Monkey Business: New Writing from Japan, which showcases contemporary Japanese writing.	Roland Kelts, Motoyuki Shibata, Hideo Furukawa	09:45
5/10/11	POLI	President Barack Obama is making a high profile trip to the border city of El Paso, Texas today to talk about immigration reform. The White House says it is time to fix "the broken immigration system so that it meets America's 21st century economic and security needs." While the administration has provided some clear policy pronouncements on it in the past, this speech could be more about politics than policy. After the defeat of the DREAM Act last year, bipartisan and public support could be the real goal of his El Paso speech. Is there political will from all sides for dealing with immigration issues? Is the President willing to invest his political capital in this fight? GOP leadership said the border must be secured first -- what will that take? The White House insists there are economic gains to be made in immigration reform, but for whom?	Chris Newman, Steven Camarota, Steve Smith	24:00
5/10/11	POLI	President Obama is considering an executive order that would require companies bidding on federal contracts disclose all donations to federal candidates, political parties, committees or interest groups spending money on campaigns once the total exceeds \$5,000 in a given year. In 2010 the Supreme Court upheld the First Amendment rights of groups to spend money on campaign ads but confirmed the prohibition of corporations or unions to give money directly to campaigns. To get around this prohibition, some interest groups have formed nonprofits through which they can funnel campaign contributions, thus avoiding the requirement to reveal their funding sources. The White House contends that the order provides transparency to taxpayers about political spending by government contractors but critics like California Rep. Kevin McCarthy, the No. 3 Republican in the House, says the proposed order "seems like a blatant attempt to intimidate, and potentially silence, certain speakers who are engaged in their constitutionally protected right to free speech." What do you think of this order to require disclosure of political spending?	Gary Toebben, Tara Malloy	30:00
5/10/11	LA	Currently business owners in Los Angeles are required to own a certain number of parking spaces based on the size and type of business they run. But a new city ordinance would change all that. Under the new plan the city would create parking districts then determine the amount of parking needed for the entire district. It would mean a lot more flexibility for business owners as they would no longer have to buy or build new parking spaces. LA City rolled out a pilot parking project in Eagle Rock four years ago which allowed businesses to pay into a city-run parking fund to maintain street parking and meters. The goal of this program was to increase development by saving small business owners money. The LA City Council will vote on the ordinance this summer but the debate is already heating up. Residents in one proposed parking district in West L.A have filed suit against the city saying the spill-over from the businesses reduces parking available for neighborhood residents. So it's a question of developers versus homeowners. Should the city of Los Angeles give businesses a break? And if so...at what cost?	Mott Smith, Cary Brazeman	24:00

5/10/11	BOOK	In an age when anyone with a computer can produce and circulate instant information, what is "truth?" When photographs, and even faces, can be doctored to fit popular standards of attractiveness, how do we define "beauty?" And with the explosion of internet rumors and the ease of illegal downloading, does anyone value "goodness?" Every civilization has defined these principals for itself, but as times change, so do our perceptions of traditional values. In his new book, author and educator Howard Gardner argues that despite our ever-changing world, truth, beauty and goodness are and should remain cornerstones of our society. Gardner, who pioneered the theory of multiple intelligences, sheds some much-needed light on how these elusive concepts may be reframed, reformulated and nurtured into the next century.	Howard Gardner	30:00
5/10/11	IMM	President Obama gave his much-anticipated immigration speech in El Paso, Texas this afternoon, highlighting the work his administration has done to complete the fence along the U.S.-Mexico border and the efforts by his party to pass the failed DREAM Act last year. At this point, there seems to have been a drought of political will and bipartisanship necessary to achieve any substantive reform. More than enough proposals have been put on the table, from the DREAM Act and various paths to citizenship on one side of the aisle, to calls to fully secure the border on the other. Both intended and unintended consequences have all been debated ad nauseam—whether more immigrants ultimately help or hinder the U.S. economy; how significant a homeland security threat it poses, etc. Could today's speech really be the first olive branch on a road to comprehensive immigration reform? With the county at a crossroads, where do you want to see us go from here?	Mark Lopez	00:22
5/10/11	LAW	He's cut money-saving deals with several of the public employee unions that help to run Los Angeles, and have also helped to add to the city's budget deficit with unfunded pension liabilities; he's pushing hard for tax extensions on the California ballot to save education programs and jobs; he has drawn up a budget that is meant to close a \$457-million shortfall while preserving most city services, but his revenue projections have been called overly-optimistic; he's keeping a wary eye on L.A.'s dysfunctional iconic baseball team, the Dodgers. Yes, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is a busy guy these days and the times demand it, as Los Angeles attempts to keep up a baseline level of public services while cutting spending and closing deficits. The city has come to a bit of a crossroads under the two-term Mayor, being forced to trim aspirations while still planning for a re-envisioned Los Angeles with a redeveloped downtown, expanded public transportation and healthier finances. The Mayor sits down with Patt to lay out his grand vision for the present and future of L.A.	Antonio Villaraigosa	00:26
5/10/11	FOR	With gas prices now averaging \$3.97 per gallon, it seems like every member of Congress has a different solution to the problem. The House Republican solution is to open the Virginia coast to drilling and expand production in the Gulf of Mexico. Senate Democrats, who think drilling should wait until new safeguards are put into effect, have proposed eliminating tax breaks for big oil companies and using the extra tax revenue to offset the deficit. By eliminating tax breaks to the five largest oil companies, the Democrats' proposal would bring in \$21 billion over 10 years. By proposing a simple cut to government spending—rather than attaching an allocation of savings to alternative energies—Democrats are hoping to gather the Republican votes they need to break a filibuster. Will tax cuts to big oil companies come to an end? Or will Congress decide to embrace oil and expand its own drilling? And, most importantly, which solution will produce lower prices at the pump?	Rep. Tom McClintock, Phil Verleger, Brian Johnson	00:22
5/10/11	POLI	America has fallen in and out of love with many well-known power couples who have similarly fallen in and out of love with each other. Who can forget: Bennifer, Brangelina and now the latest casualty to the lime-light, Schrivernater. That's right, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver are seperatin, ending one of the great political power couples of our time. After 25 years of marriage and four children together, the former California governor and Peabody Award winning journalist are calling it quits. What could have caused this split? And now that Schwarzenegger is about to be back on the market, will he be reliving his days as an eligible bachelor à la Pumping Iron?	Mark Barabak	00:06
5/10/11	EDU	If it's a civics question, you probably do Do you know the purpose of the Bill of Rights? If you do, you're way ahead of fewer than half of American eighth graders. If you find that statistic a little disconcerting, how about the fact that fewer than three-quarters of high school seniors are unable to explain what power is granted to Congress by the Constitution. Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor says that the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress demonstrate that we have a "crisis on our hands when it comes to civics education." Some critics say that programs like No Child Left Behind are squeezing out important civics courses in elementary and high schools across the nation and leaving our children somewhat clueless about their government.	Charles N. Guigley	00:17
5/10/11	MIL	With the death of Osama bin Laden, many are wondering what's next for U.S. involvement in Afghanistan: should the mission end or change?	Adam Entous	07:00
5/10/11	POLI	About a thousand protesters organized by the California Teachers Association stormed the California state capitol building Monday.	John Myers	03:45

5/10/11	TECH	John Moe of Marketplace Tech Report brings us the latest in tech news: Microsoft buys Skype but how will it help their business? Google is planning to announce a new music service	John Moe	08:00
5/10/11	TECH	Steve Proffitt looks at a new report by Consumer Reports that says of the 20 million minors who actively used Facebook in the last year, 7.5 million of them were younger than 13, in violation of the site's terms of service.	Steve Proffitt	05:00
5/10/11	DIS	A year and a half after the Station Fire devastated the foothills of Los Angeles, including parts of the Angeles National Forest, hiking trails in the burn areas are being reopened.	Molly Peterson	03:00
5/10/11	ART	On Wednesday President Obama and the First Lady will host a night of American poetry and prose at the White House.	David Kipen	07:00
5/10/11	ART	They review the new album 'Soul Stone Rollin' from Raphael Saadiq, 'Move Like This' from The Cars, and 'Road from Memphis' with Booker T Jones of the Booker T & the MG's fame.	Ann Powers	10:00
5/11/11	bin Laden	The debate continues over whether photos of Osama bin Laden's corpse should be made public. Now major news organizations and some advocacy groups are pushing for access. They argue the photos have news value, so they're using the Freedom of Information Act to get them released. But those same media companies go on to say if they get the images, they might decide against publishing them. The Associated Press spokesperson says it would assess "whether [the photos] could cause harm or danger to others." The question for AirTalk listeners: who should decide whether you see the photos? President Obama made the decision not to release the images citing national security concerns. Do you trust his judgment? If the media is granted access to the photos, should the public have the freedom to access them, too? Or should journalists act as gatekeepers? Who should rule on what you should and should not see?	Dick Meyer	34:00
5/11/11	FOOD	Southern Californians are passionate about Chinese food and will drive miles from one end of the city to the other to sample their favorite specialties. Patric Kuh, restaurant critic for Los Angeles Magazine talks about his picks of the region's best Chinese restaurants including his choices for eateries offering the most interesting Chinese specialties and his guide to what to eat from the dim sum cart. Kuh's picks are in the magazine's May issue. Will your favorite be among them?	Patric Kuh	20:00
5/11/11	POLI	Oil companies are using Hydraulic Fracturing or "fracking" more and more to get oil and natural gas out of the ground and into our cars and heaters. Fracking involves shooting high pressured sand, water and a mix of other chemicals into the ground to break up rock and release the gas hidden inside. Unfortunately those "other chemicals" may contaminate groundwater. But we don't know for sure because very few studies have been done on the practice and a recent editorial in the Los Angeles Times blames political interference. Industry proponents argue that fracking trade secrets should be protected. Is that a fair business concern? Or does the public's right to know trump that – even though there isn't conclusive evidence about water contamination? Do you think Sacramento needs a bill that goes further than similar laws in other states, such as Texas?	Bob Wieckowski, Tom Kurth	24:00
5/11/11	BOOK	If you took a personality test, could you fail? If you have a life coach, might he bench you? In reality, personality tests are no joke, and have long been used as serious approaches to examine the mental stability of pilots, police officers and others in high-pressure occupations. Recently, there has been a trend to use such tests as the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, the Life Styles Inventory, and the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 to help people better understand themselves, their relationships and their roles in society. Proponents of personality-typing argue that the tests can be used to help a person find the right job or improve a failing marriage. But, critics claim they are inaccurate, subjective and should not be relied on implicitly. Have you ever taken a personality test? Did it lead to an increased self-awareness or help you in any way? What "type" are you?	John D. Mayer	30:00
5/11/11	LAW	It's the largest insider trading case in the country's history: a jury this morning found hedge fund guru Raj Rajaratnam guilty on all 14 counts of conspiracy and securities fraud. The prosecution amassed a great amount of evidence including secretly recorded conversations between Rajaratnam and his alleged tipsters, including a member of the Goldman Sachs board and a former head of the international management consulting giant McKinsey & Co. Rajaratnam is part of a recent, larger crackdown on white collar crimes, he is the 35th person to be convicted of insider trading in the Southern District of New York in the past year and a half. Sentencing is scheduled for July 29th. In the meantime, Rajaratnam is free after posting \$100 million in bail.	Anthony Sabino	00:13

5/11/11	MIL	our soldiers have been put into unbelievably tense combat situations: the treatment of battlefield-related mental health problems of America's warriors. The Department of Veterans Affairs has come under constant criticism for its failure to adequately treat veterans grappling with post traumatic stress disorder and yesterday the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals made that criticism official when it ruled against the VA in a two-year-long lawsuit. Two veterans groups sued the VA over mental health care and benefits that had been delayed or denied, and the 9th Circuit Court found that treatment delays for PTSD and other combat-related mental illnesses are so "egregious" that they violate veterans' constitutional rights. The 9th Circuit even attempted to negotiate with the VA over potential solutions to the problem, without success. Suicides among returning service members are averaging 18-per-day, an alarming rate that clearly cries out for attention—after this ruling, will the VA be forced into treating America's mentally wounded warriors?	Gordon Erspamer, Tom Tarantino, Joyce Lucey	00:18
5/11/11	YOUT	We all want to give to a worthy cause, we all talk about volunteering for that worthy cause and giving our time to help those in need. The reality of modern life is that everyone's personal responsibilities reign supreme and taking time out of your schedule to volunteer is easier said than done. There is one day out of the year where giving your time and contributing toward a good cause has been made so easy it's hard to pass it up: Big Sunday is the largest regional community service event in America and it's happening this weekend. You have an opportunity to volunteer your time this weekend to lend a hand at more than 500 different projects from San Diego to Solvang. If you've wanted to dedicate yourself to a worthy cause but never had the time, now's your chance.	David Levinson	00:17
5/11/11	FOR	The Arab Spring of 2011 actually has its roots in Persia—the democracy movement that has swept across the Middle East actually got its start, no matter how fleeting and ultimately unsuccessful, with the massive protests in Iran after that country's suspect 2009 presidential election. Hundreds, and possibly thousands, died in the popular uprising against the likely fraudulent victory of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that seemed to genuinely threaten the ruling Islamic clerics. Iran's revolt died out after a crushing government response and since then not much has been heard from the country's reformers. As democratic revolutions swept across Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and more, Iran has remained quiet. There has been a quiet power struggle that has developed between President Ahmadinejad and Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khomeini but the anger in the Iranian streets is all but gone. Is there still hope for reform and change in Iran?	Nader Hashemi, Reza Aslan	00:22
5/11/11	LIT	For just about everyone, there is something out there that is annoying. How is it that the littlest things, such as your coworker tapping her foot or your husband picking at his teeth, can just about drive us crazy? NPR science correspondent Joe Palca and Science Friday's Flora Lichtman must have been really annoyed at something—because they set out to write a book just to answer this question. In their book Annoying, they even spell out, step-by-step, how to annoy like you've never annoyed before (the key is to make the annoyance "unpredictable, unpleasant, and of uncertain duration"). Are you annoyed at not knowing why you're annoyed? Will understanding the science of annoyance help you overcome that which irks you? Patt sits down with Joe Palca to see about debugging that which bugs.	Joe Palca	00:26
5/11/11	HOUS	In Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties, a drop in big Fannie and Freddie-backed mortgages could cause home values to fall, and keep some buyers out of the market.	Richard Green, Chris Thornburg	10:00
5/11/11	DIS	Update on the recovery effort, the strength of the yen, the progress at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, and how the event changed the lives the Japanese people	Willie Pesek	07:00
5/11/11	POLI	The city of Los Angeles is facing its worst budget deficit in decades and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has proposed deep cuts to the city's fire department to help bridge the gap.	Frank Stoltze	04:30
5/11/11	RACE	New York magazine writer Wesley Yang responds with his recent article, "Paper Tigers," about what happens to overachieving Asian children after the test-taking is done.	Wesley Yang	10:00
5/11/11	YOUT	Nationally, unemployment is around 9 percent and in California it's as high as 12. But for students graduating from USC's video game development program, it's a different story.	Sanden Totten	04:30
5/11/11	ART	The Dinner Party Download boys are back to talk with Madeleine about celebrities eating sandwiches, a dog with the voice of a man, e-hoarders, and the FBI's investigation into The Kingsmen song, Louie Louie.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	09:00
5/12/11	TERR	Counter-terror officials have revealed details of what was gathered after last week's raid. Described as "terabytes" of new information – everything from hand-written notes to discs and thumb drives -- all revealing the strategy and intent of the al-Qaida leader. They are also reported to show bin Laden was still highly engaged in the network. In his final years, he mused about killing President Barack Obama and attacking cities in the U.S. and Europe. The documents are even said to paint a portrait of him as a micro-manager. How much power did bin Laden still yield from his Pakistani compound? What were his plans for al-Qaida as a network? How valuable is this information? And is it "actionable?"	Sebastian Rotella	14:00

5/12/11	CRIM	A new ruling states suspected gang members should be able to fight that label before being subject to anti-gang injunctions. The case stems from a February 2009 injunction against the Orange Varrio Cypress street gang. It barred about 150 suspected gang members from associating with each other and from going out in public after 10 p.m. About 60 of the suspected members fought their designation in court – a move that was supported by the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. What's the response from law enforcement? Are some individuals unfairly targeted? What implications might this ruling have for Los Angeles city and county?	Peter Bibring, Anne Tremblay	20:00
5/12/11	BOOK	If you named Homo sapiens the world's deadliest inhabitants, you'd be wrong. The lowly mosquito has killed more people than all of history's wars combined. In her new book "Wicked Bugs" author Amy Stewart shows us the sinister side of the insect world. Stewart recounts the horrifying details of historical bug infestations like the body lice that helped bring down Napoleon's army during his failed invasion of Russia on 1812 or the chigoe flea that incited members of Christopher Columbus's crew cut off their flea infested toes. The varieties and survival mechanisms of these creatures seem almost endless and speak to the extraordinary relationship we have with them as they infect, infest and very often wreak havoc on human beings. What bugs bug you the most?	Amy Stewart	20:00
5/12/11	POLI	Luis Santos was 22 years old when he was stabbed to death during a late night brawl near San Diego State University. What came out later was that one of the men who pulled a weapon and stabbed a friend of Santos' during the fight was Esteban Nunez, the son of former Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez. The younger Nunez was eventually sentenced to 16 years in prison for his part in the brawl. But just as former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger was on his way out of office he shortened Nunez's sentence to just seven years as a favor to his friend Fabian Nunez. Schwarzenegger apparently forgot to let the San Diego District Attorney or the victim's family know his plan. Yesterday San Diego D.A Bonnie Dumanis announced that her office filed a civil suit seeking to overturn the Schwarzenegger's commutation saying it violates Marsy's Law, which gives certain rights to victims. Dumanis says this is the first lawsuit of its kind, so the question is, will it work? Governors routinely make last minute deals on their way out of office, but in this case was it unconstitutional? Schwarzenegger makes no bones about the fact that he did his friend Fabian a solid by commuting his son's sentence. Is that an appropriate use of gubernatorial	Tony Perry, Bonnie Dumanis	14:00
5/12/11	BOOK	A lot of popular thinking about dog behavior is based on the idea that they're much like house-broken wolves. Owners are advised to be the leader of the pack if they want their pooch to behave. But a new book says early science has been wrong about that and more. In his new book "Dog Sense," anthrozoologist John Bradshaw analyzes the latest in canine science. He believes that dogs do not want you to be an "alpha;" that they are more sensitive than we realize; and that there are fundamental misunderstandings about man's best friend. So what are your pups really thinking? What are their emotional limitations? How can you get them to obey, and how can you make them happy?	John Bradshaw	20:00
5/12/11	BOOK	To understand the making of America, author Andrea Wulf believes we must see George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and John Adams as farmers first. It turns out, the Founding Fathers relished farming and gardening as much – if not more – than politics. In her new book "Founding Gardeners," Wulf reveals how the founders' agrarian vision of the balance of nature underlies the principles on which they founded the nation. Of course the great paradox of their agrarian dream was that it relied on the labor of slaves. But that fact never dampened their passion for nature, plants, gardens and agriculture. How did the Founding Fathers' green thumbs shape our country?	Andrea Wulf	20:00
5/12/11	FOR	Narcissistic, micro-managing and like a football star re-watching his greatest plays. Those are just some of the observations of Osama bin Laden's psyche being gleaned from the more than 110 flash drives, laptops and piles of paper documents, including handwritten notes, recovered from bin Laden's compound. One U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity even said "bin Laden got lazy and complacent. I don't think he thought he would meet his maker in that house. And he certainly didn't make any preparations" to escape a raid or destroy information in the compound. Together, the data is beginning to paint a rich and intimate profile of the man, who was obsessed above all else—including local operations in Afghanistan and Pakistan—with carrying out another attack on the U.S. How does this information square with what we thought we already knew about bin Laden and the Al-Qaeda network's operations, and what does it reveal about the mind of a terrorist who holed himself up in one room for six years?	Dr. Jerrold Post, Rick Nelson	00:22

5/12/11	RELI	The religion-in-schools debate is back, except this time it's about secularism in schools—at Pitzer College, to be specific. This small liberal arts college in Claremont, CA has announced that it will soon become the first college to offer secularism as its own major. The major will be made up of professors from the history, philosophy, religion, science, and sociology departments, who will teach courses such as "God, Darwin, and Design in America," "Anxiety in the Age of Reason," and "Bible as Literature." The founder of the major, professor Phil Zuckerman, says that the major is not about debating if God exists. Rather, he says, it's about studying the fact that 660,000 Americans join the ranks of those claiming no religion each year and asking who these people are, what they believe in, and why they are nonreligious. Zuckerman argues that this "huge wave of secularism" is not being studied and needs to be. Does secularism need to be studied separately from religious studies? If Christianity, Judaism, and Islam do not have their own majors, should secularism? Is not believing in something a belief?	Phil Zuckerman, Mark Juergensmeyer	00:26
5/12/11	EDU	The bill put before the California Senate Education Committee on Wednesday morning, amidst the din of protesters and TV cameras, would have allowed school districts to base layoffs on teacher performance rather than teacher seniority. The bill, if it had passed, would have effectively ended the decades-old practice of teacher tenure and shifted the profession toward a more performance-based model. Alas SB 355 was killed in committee late Wednesday afternoon in the face of fierce protests organized by teachers unions looking to save their sacred principle of tenure, the same principle that is so maligned by education reformers. Tenure allows the protection of the state's most senior teachers under numerous scenarios, most importantly when teachers are facing layoffs. Reformers want layoffs or any firings to be based on performance rather than seniority. Although the bill is dead it's probably just the first shot in a long battle on education reform—should teacher tenure stay or go?	Gloria Romero, Seth Bramble	00:22
5/12/11	SAC	There was a time when California's youthful population was its greatest resource—young families moving to the Golden State for a solid stretch of 50+ years kept the work force young, nimble and energetic, and drove the state's economy into one of the biggest in the world. Times have changed for a golden state that has perhaps lost a little of its luster and gotten a little older in the process. Data released from the 2010 Census today reveals the median age of Californians rose from 33.3 in 2000 to 35.2, the oldest median age in state history. The number of people ages 55 to 64 in the state shot up from 2.6 to 4 million in the past decade, putting stress on a social and medical system that is already going through drastic spending cuts. Additionally a whopping 8.1% of California's houses stand empty in 2010, clearly a byproduct of the housing crash that has so badly dented the state's economy. Can California get older and still remain an economic powerhouse?	Hans Johnson	00:09
5/12/11	HIST	Hitler and The Third Reich are both seldom seen as being topics to laugh at. That is unless you're Rudolph Herzog: in which case you've already written a book about how funny both are! Additionally, if you were Rudolph Herzog, you'd know about the hippest comedy scenes in Germany, the whispered jokes, the smoky anti-Nazi cabarets and everything in between – all during the 1930s, of course. Dangerous habits for a German of his time but plenty of fun for us today! For those of you who are not Rudolph Herzog, you may listen to the show wherein he discusses his new book Dead Funny: Humor in Hitler's Germany. We promise the Gestapo will not be coming after you if you laugh during this interview.	Rudolph Herzog	00:17
5/12/11	ENER	Thursday, the heads of Chevron, Shell, ConocoPhillips, BP America and Exxon Mobil were testifying before the Senate Finance Committee to defend why they need such financial benefits.	Severin Borenstein	08:30
5/12/11	FOR	The Syrian government is stepping up it's crackdown on protesters. Military forces armed with tanks and artillery have moved into towns across the country.	Deborah Amos	07:00
5/12/11	HIST	The LA Conservancy held its annual Preservation Awards Thursday to recognize efforts to safeguard LA's historic sites.	Meghan McCarty	05:30
5/12/11	MEDI	Laker's demise, Dodgers anxiety and a victory for UCLA students	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	08:00
5/12/11	ART	Writer/director Paul Feig tells us about his new feature film	Paul Feig	06:00

5/13/11	POLI	California GOP leaders came out with a detailed budget proposal yesterday, outlining their plan to dig the state out of its deep fiscal hole. Among the recommendations are enacting over \$3 billion dollars in cuts proposed by Governor Brown, as well as big cuts to Medi-Cal and prisoner health programs. State republicans will also trim the state's workforce and operating budget. The republicans rejected the idea that there's no way to save school and law enforcement budgets without raising taxes. However, their numbers do depend on fairly high revenue projections, prompting democrats to ask if the republicans have pixie-dust to sprinkle on budget shortfalls. Is the GOP plan feasible? Or, as State Treasurer Bill Lockyer says, will the state republicans need to hire Tinkerbell to make it work? Meanwhile a week of action from California teachers is ending today with big protests here in Los Angeles and at the capitol. We'll find out what they have to say on the latest budget proposals. And given the state's budget realities, what, if anything, can realistically be done to adequately fund our schools?	Donald Wagner, Bill Lockyer, A.J. Duffy, Julie Small	24:00
5/13/11	OPIN	Certainly one of the main tenets of A.A. is its first-name-only policy. When it was created in small-town Ohio in the 1930s, alcoholism was a shame-filled label. Problem drinkers, it was reasoned, were more likely to seek help if they could do so discreetly. Now some influential A.A. members -- among the "quitterati" -- are coming out and pushing for openness. They argue that while anonymity protects, it also hides -- creating prejudice and confusion. So is the privacy harmful or essential? Should A.A. remove anonymity from its set of traditions? Do you think alcoholism still carries a stigma? How could such a change impact members and people looking for help?	Susan Cheever	30:00
5/13/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Peter Rainer, and Lael Loewenstein join Larry to review the week's new film releases including Bridesmaids, The Big Bang, Everything Must Go, Hesh, Hey, Boo: Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird and more. Claudia Puig also brings us the best films at Cannes 2011. TGI-FilmWeek!	Peter Rainer, Lael Loewenstein	34:00
5/13/11	ENT	James Gandolfini is best known for playing the likeable, sociopathic mob boss Tony Soprano for six seasons on HBO. But the actor has starred in numerous films in a wide variety of roles including Get Shorty, In the Loop, All the King's Men and the just aired HBO movie Cinema Verite about the reality TV pioneers the Loud Family of San Diego. Now, Gandolfini is on stage at the Ahmanson in the Tony Award winning play God of Carnage written by French playwright Yasmina Reza and translated by Christopher Hampton. The funny, dark play stars Marcia Gay Harden, Hope Davis, Jeff Daniels and James Gandolfini. All four were in the New York production on Broadway, which was a huge success. The production is about two upscale Brooklyn couples who've met to talk through a physical encounter between their kids. The initially civilized conversation takes a hilarious and revealing turn. The usually media-shy Gandolfini joins Larry in-studio to talk God of Carnage and the double-edged sword of playing an iconic character like Tony Soprano.	James Gandolfini	20:00
5/13/11	ECON	The tangible effects of California's perpetual budget deficits have been felt over the past few years but this development will strike close to home for Californians gearing up for the summer camping season. Gov. Jerry Brown's January budget plan proposed reductions for the state parks budget and directed the California State Parks System to identify which parks would close based on attendance rates and historical significance. Today that list was released and 70 state parks are on the chopping block, from some iconic parks like Del Norte Coast Redwoods to smaller outposts like the Los Encinos mission that's right here in San Fernando Valley. Service reductions at the parks will begin over the summer and closures will begin in September. The parks system is still holding out hope to save some of these parks, seeking partnerships with local government and non-profits to keep funding in place. Regardless, California's budget mess will impact your vacation plans and close some of the state's most sacred public parks.		00:13
5/13/11	ART	A mother of two children, a critic of societal norms, and an anthropologist who made ground-breaking progress in microfinance, Stanley Ann Dunham was the Virtruvian woman. She was also the mother of Barack Obama. It's not often that a parent dwells in the shadow of her child and through examination of Dunham, she is not the exception. Janny Scott, author of A Singular Woman, chronicles the extraordinary life of Stanley Ann Dunham, the choices she made and the adversity she overcame as a free-thinking woman of her time.	Janny Scott	00:18
5/13/11	ART	Betty White stole America's heart first as the man-crazy straight-shooter Sue Ann Nivens on the Mary Tyler Moore show from 1973-1977 and then as the naive, kind-hearted Rose Nylund on Golden Girls from 1985-1992. In both roles, White won us over as the wholesome, sweet girl-next-door and then surprised us over and over with her sassy, hilarious remarks. Now White is touring with her new memoir, in which she shares her wackiest Hollywood moments and explores the role of aging, romance, friendship, children, comedy, and her love of animals in her life. What is the woman behind those lovable roles like herself? And what has she learned throughout the years of her full, humor-filled life? Patt sits down with Betty to find out and to laugh along the way.	Betty White	00:17

5/13/11	ENT	We've learned about al Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's diary entries on planning mass casualty terrorist attacks, on continuing the global jihad in the face of American aggression and his musings on the state of Islam. But what about the mundane details of bin Laden's five years hiding out in Pakistan? Did he complain about being trapped in close quarters with his wife (wives); did he spy on any of his neighbors; did he long for the simple pleasures of the outside world, like a big flat screen TV or a BLT on rye bread? KPCC and Patt Morrison have obtained exclusive access to bin Laden's diary and we will bring you excerpts of the al Qaida leader's life behind the walls of his Abbottabad compound. From his demands that his kids clean up the living room to his long deliberations on what robes to wear for a given day, Patt goes beyond the pesky terrorism stuff and drills down on the life of Osama bin Laden.	Alonzo Bodden, Ben Gleib	00:13
5/13/11	EDU	What if research showed that eating a plant-based diet could fend off heart disease, prostate cancer, diabetes, colon cancer, breast cancer and rheumatoid arthritis? What if research showed that this diet, in some cases, could actually reverse those diseases? Well, in the new documentary Forks over Knives two prominent researchers show exactly that. The evidence is profound--so compelling that former President William Jefferson Clinton has changed his diet based on their research. He's come full circle from the days of jogging into a Mickey D's for a quarter pounder and fries. The documentary makes the claim, based on hard science, that the western-diet full of animal protein, fat, sugar, and dairy is literally killing us. But, they say, we can change it. Their message is simple: we don't need pills--we can stop and in some cases reverse many of the diseases that harm us with beans, legumes, vegetables, and fruit. But if the science is clear and the change so simple, why isn't our government doing more to educate us? Can Americans separate themselves from a diet that is so fundamentally a part of our culture and one that we've exported around the world? Is popping pills and open heart surgery easier than giving up chicken and	Brian Wendel, T. Colin Campbell, Ph.D	00:18
5/13/11	LAB	Today LAUSD schools let out early so teachers can take part in a rally to protest cuts to public education. Sanden Totten talked to students and teachers at Crenshaw High School about how protests like these can be a chance to teach real world politics.	Sanden Totten	06:00
5/13/11	GEND	An Op-Ed in yesterday's New York Times took issue with some of these story lines, saying it casts these women into the traditional roles of the political wife, as either props or problems.	Nichola Gutgold	06:00
5/13/11	ART	In 1976, when she was just 15 years old Andrea Dunbar wrote her first play, The Arbor, as a school assignment. It's about a pregnant teenager with an abusive drunken father.	Clio Barnard	09:30
5/13/11	ART	Uncharacteristically though, there's a strong presence of women directors in the competition this year.	Sharon Waxman	06:00
5/13/11	SCI	The countdown has begun for the final launch of the space shuttle Endeavor. It's scheduled to lift off on the 36th shuttle mission to the International Space Station, Monday morning.	Xeni Jardin	07:00
5/13/11	MEDI	Driver-less cars and a big bee heist	Luke Burbank	10:00
5/14/2011	ART	There's a big auction of artwork from animated films today at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills. Off Ramp animation expert Charles Solomon says that's good, and bad.	Charles Solomon	2:10
5/14/2011	SPOR	KPCC's Managing Editor, Nick Roman, has an elegant solution to The Dodger Situation.	Nick Roman	3:14
5/14/2011	ART	The craft beer scene in Los Angeles has been picking up steam in the past few years, but Andrea Domanick has the story of one brewer that's trying—and succeeding—at changing one of beer's most ubiquitous and annoying stereotypes: a women-only beer tasting.	Andrea Domanick	4:18
5/14/2011	ART	For ten years now, LA residents have been lining to get into Hollywood Forever Cemetery. They aren't waiting to pay their respects, or visit a famous grave, but to see a classic movie under the moonlight--sometimes just a few feet from where the stars of the film are buried. Off-Ramp producer Kevin Ferguson talked about the 10 year anniversary with John Wyatt. Wyatt founded Cinespia, the group that organizes the cemetery screenings.	Kevin Ferguson, John Wyatt	4:31
5/14/2011	ECON	Marketplace Money, the esteemed personal finance program, recently focused on the car culture, doing a whole show out of Los Angeles. Host Tess Vigeland talked with two experts about car buying, Madeleine Brand talked about her boyfriend the car, and Off-Ramp host John Rabe described his travails with a vegetable-oil burning Mercedes.	Tess Vigeland, Madeleine Brand, John Rabe	3:37; 2:39
5/14/2011	ART	Haskell Wexler is an academy award winning Cinematographer responsible for films like American Graffiti and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. But he was also an underrated director of documentaries touching on topics like sleep deprivation, torture, and the infamous Weather Underground. This past month he discussed his work with a panel of cinematographer at Cinefamily's Silent Movie Theater for a discussion on cinematography put on by the International Documentary Association. Here, he speaks with panel moderator Richard Pearce.	Richard Pearce, Haskell Wexler	2:23
5/14/2011	ART	With former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins in hand, Brendan Francis Newnam and Rico Gagliano help you win your dinner party.	Brendan Francis Newnam, Rico Gagliano	8:35

5/16/11	DISA	Mississippi floodwaters are threatening major cities so army corps of engineers opens the Morganza spillway. Residents know what's coming, they're asked to sign a release every year saying they understand the consequences of living in a flood plane. But that doesn't stop tensions from riding high. Residents say the Army Corp of Engineers is burying the rich to save the poor. And what about the potential environmental impact of releasing hundreds of thousands of gallons of water into the flood plane? Can the acres and acres of farmland survive the deluge? And if so, how long until the area is back to normal?	Dr. G. Paul Kemp	14:00
5/16/11	POLI	question their impartiality. Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia have attended political events hosted by conservative, billionaire brothers David and Charles Koch, known backers of the Tea Party movement – with travel expenses paid for by groups funded by the Koch brothers. They've also allowed their names to be used in partisan fundraising efforts, and Judge Alito has been criticized for speaking at dinners sponsored by the <i>American Spectator</i> , a politically oriented magazine. Last year's controversial Supreme Court case <i>Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission</i> , which opened the door to greater political contributions by big businesses, was decided by a narrow majority - backed by Thomas and Scalia. The official Code of Conduct for United States judges specifically prohibits such activities, but it doesn't apply to the highest court in the land. When it comes to ethics, Supreme Court judges are answerable only to themselves. Now, a bill has been introduced into Congress that would require Supreme Court justices to adhere to that code of conduct. The Supreme Court Tra	Anthony V. Alfieri, John Eastman	30:00
5/16/11	POLI	It's been four months since Tunisia's Jasmine Revolution toppled the Ben Ali regime. Now an interim government is trying to maintain law & order, but moreover trying to build a brand new government. And they're getting help from a Tunisian-Angelino. Bechir Blagui created an organization called Free Tunisia. In the early days of the revolution, his social media kept Tunisians in-the-know. Today he's organizing election monitoring for the upcoming vote in July. He says he learned local organizing tactics from Hollywood neighborhood councils. That's why we're featuring Blagui in KPCC's new video series all about the Arab Spring. The series launches online today. And will be followed up every day this week, with a new video story showing how the so-called Arab Spring is playing out for people in Southern California.	Bechir Blagui	10:00
5/16/11	POLI	Budget talks have been stalled for weeks as both sides dug in their heels. Governor Jerry Brown refused to compromise on a key campaign promise to consult voters before raising taxes while republicans insist tax hikes aren't necessary while major reforms for public sector retirement benefits are. The stakes are getting higher as the state gets closer to having to issue IOUs instead of paying on debts, so today Governor Brown is releasing a revised budget. Details are still sketchy,	Holly Mitchell, Donald Wagner, Dan Weintraub, Allan Mansoor, Susan Bonilla, Jon Fleischman, H.D. Palmer	34:00
5/16/11	ENT	In these days of dwindling music sales, it's hard to imagine how a band of any size can keep it together. Make that an 18-piece jazz ensemble and it's nearly incomprehensible. Unless, that is, you're talking about Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band. Goodwin is a GRAMMY-winning composer and arranger, known in Hollywood for his cinematic scoring in such films as <i>The Incredibles</i> , <i>Armageddon</i> , <i>Enemy of State</i> and even the classic cult film <i>Attack of the Killer Tomatoes</i> . He's a musician's musician, who has worked with the likes of Ray Charles, Arturo Sandoval, Michael Brecker and Quincy Jones. His West Coast group the Big Phat Band brings together some of L.A.'s finest players like Eric Marienthal, Marcus Miller and Gerald Albright. Goodwin's Big Phat Band's latest album "That's How We Roll," which hit #1 on the iTunes Jazz Charts, features 10 originals and a daring reinterpretation of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." Goodwin rolls into KPCC for an in-studio big-beat chat with Larry.	Gordon Goodwin	20:00
5/16/11	SAC	thought over the next 13 months. The bad news: even with more money coming in, California still faces a budget hole of several billion dollars after already making steep cuts to several government programs and the debate over tax extensions continues. Gov. Jerry Brown presented his revised budget this morning, using the good news on tax collections to soften the blow of his call to extend tax increases—nonetheless, the governor still wants voters to approve tax extensions to avoid deep budget deficits in future years. Gov. Brown's budget calls for a 1% sales tax extension and a 0.5% increase on vehicle license fees; his request for a 0.25% income tax surcharge remains in place, but it would be delayed by a year and last until at least 2015. Republicans remain opposed to any tax increases and Democrats continue to charge the GOP with obstructionism, and some are even considering skipping voter approval for tax extensions. Let the season of budget angst in Sacramento commence.	H. D. Palmer, Bob Stern, Tom Del Beccaro	00:31

5/16/11	ECON	people collecting "general relief" checks each month. That adds up to a lot of money--it's now costs the county close to \$300 million annually. Most recipients genuinely need help (we are in tough economic times after all), but are some just riding the system and costing the county millions? L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe has introduced a plan that would limit the amount of time welfare recipients can receive cash assistance. He wants to replace the monthly general-relief grants with housing vouchers for those folks who haven't looked for a job or applied for federal disability assistance within a prescribed period of time. He notes that general relief is not set up to be a permanent solution for the county's indigent population--most receive a maximum of \$221 per month and are homeless or have mental, physical or substance abuse issues. Knabe wants to funnel folks into federal assistance programs and find stable housing solutions for others. A similar system was enacted in San Francisco and has been extremely successful. Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky calls the proposal a win-win, b	Don Knabe, John Marceri, Gavin Newsom	00:17
5/16/11	FOR	Since unrest in the Middle East started to hop scotch across the region earlier this year, the climate around the always combustible Israel and the Palestinian territories remained quiet--almost disconnected from the chaotic democratic movements in places like Egypt and Syria. That sense of quiet was shattered yesterday when thousands of Palestinians marched from Syria, Lebanon, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank toward the Israeli border to mark the anniversary of Israel's independence. As protesters attempted to cross Israel's borders the Israeli military opened fire on them, killing at least 12 people. The Syrian government did not waste the opportunity to deflect attention away from its own internal problems--upwards of 1,000 Syrians are estimated to have been killed during two months of anti-government protests--and criticize Israel for using violence against unarmed Palestinians. In Egypt there were more clashes today in front of the Israeli consulate in Cairo, resulting in 350 people injured. The Arab Spring arrived on Israel's doorstep in a messy fashion, sharpening questions about the future of the entire region.	Salman Shaikh, Stephen Walt	00:13
5/16/11	ECON	The current fuel efficiency standard, governing the average fuel economy of cars, is almost at 32 miles per gallon. If the rumors are accurate and the Obama administration can have its way, those standards will soon be set at an amazing 62-mpg by 2025, a major increase in fuel efficiency that will quite literally change the way Americans drive. Changing the CAFÉ standards, as they're known, always prompts debate among environmentalists, car enthusiasts and the automobile industry over how much new fuel efficient technology will cost and how much of an impact on air quality it might have. The auto industry estimates that a 62-mpg standard will add at least \$10,000 to the cost of every car for the consumer, and their surveys show that even though Americans say they want increased efficiency they are not willing to sacrifice performance to get it. Environmentalists charge the auto industry with purposely dragging its feet in implementing new technology and that consumers are more than willing to pony up a little extra for higher MPG in the face of \$4/gallon gasoline. Would you pay extra for a 62-mpg car?	Sean McAlinden, Dan Becker	00:18
5/16/11	ENT	The good news is you may be able to watch big movie releases on-demand in your living room much sooner than in the past. The bad news is it's sparked a feud between movie studios, filmmakers and theater owners. Four major movie studios, Warner Brothers, Sony Pictures Entertainment, 20th Century Fox and Universal Studios have announced that they will make big box office releases available to the consumer much faster. The movies will be available on-demand through DirecTV and will cost about \$30 (movie fans will have two-or three-days viewing privileges). The problem is theater owners and filmmakers are concerned that releasing movies sooner will prevent people from going to the movie theater--theater owners typically get a four month exclusive on films before they get released on video. Studios counter that theater owners make most of their money in the first few weeks of a release, so the financial hit won't be too significant. But big time directors like James Cameron (Avatar) and Peter Jackson (Lord of the Rings) say video on demand could threaten ticket sales and "irrevocably harm the financial model of our film industry." Who knew eating popcorn and watching a movie on your couch would cause such	John Horn, Patrick Corcoran	00:17
5/16/11	FOR	French investigators announced today that they've recovered the black box from Air France flight 447.	Peter Goelz	08:30
5/16/11	SAC	There are sixteen candidates competing to replace Harman, and with such a large field, it's unlikely that anyone will claim a majority of the vote.	Frank Stoltze	07:00
5/16/11	ENT	Fox and NBC both presented a slew of new shows Monday, while ABC and CBS will follow up later in the week with their new lineups.	Brian Stelter	06:00
5/16/11	MEDI	Now that the system is back, button smashers across the US are ready to get back to their digital lives. But not all gamers are rejoicing.	Ken Morrow	07:00
5/16/11	ART	Over the course of the play, Charlie then loses everything, including his grip on what's real. It won critical acclaim in Britain and it's now being staged in Pasadena at The Boston Court theater	Fin Kennedy	10:00
5/16/11	YOUT	If you're the parent, you're probably already stressed out over the costs of summer camp.	Dani Klein Modisett	08:00

5/17/11	POLI	Former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger admitted today that he fathered a child with a member of his household staff ten years ago. He reportedly told his wife, Maria Shriver, about the affair and the child shortly after leaving office in January and the two have been living separate lives for months. Gossip site TMZ is reporting that, though Shriver has not filed for divorce, she has consulted a financial planner, which may be the first step towards dissolving the marriage. By all accounts – even his own – Schwarzenegger was a ladies man and has admitted to “bad behavior” in the past, even while married. So what makes this affair different? Does the fact that a child came out of the affair make it worse? Cheating is, by definition, dishonest. Might politicians who have affairs, lack integrity at work? What right, if any, does the public have to learn the details? Can a politician or their family really expect to keep their private lives private?	Open Phones	24:00
5/17/11	POLI	France is reeling from news that one of its most revered politicians, Dominique Strauss-Kahn (DSK), was arrested Saturday for allegedly attacking a chambermaid in his hotel room in New York. Strauss-Kahn, chief of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), was refused bail on Monday and remanded to jail, where he’s expected to remain until his next court appearance on May 20. He is charged with attempted rape, sex abuse, a criminal sex act, unlawful imprisonment and forcible touching. The most serious charge carries up to 25 years in prison. Strauss-Kahn has denied all charges. French President Nicholas Sarkozy responded cautiously, saying the presumption of innocence must be maintained and the courts must be allowed to do their job. But of course the court of public opinion is already churning – and DSK isn’t the only one on trial. Some critics argue that he’s a known womanizer and that the French are too accepting of bad behavior from their politicians. NPR’s Eleanor Beardsley joins us from Paris to talk about the café chatter and what impact this story might have on French politics and culture.	Eleanor Beardsley	10:00
5/17/11	POLI	After tinkering with the budget proposed in January, Governor Jerry Brown unveiled Monday a revised state budget with some surprising fixes. Key highlights? \$2 billion less in income taxes than proposed in January. Increased funding for public K-12 education. Bureaucratic slash-and-burn, starting with the elimination of 43 boards, commissions, task forces, offices and departments deemed an “inefficient use of taxpayer dollars.” And, the unloading of state-owned properties, such as the L.A. Coliseum and Ramirez Canyon, underutilized real estate which Brown hopes could be sold to beef up state coffers. Republican leaders have applauded the plan to fund education and pay down state debt, but fret that it still has us on a path to overspending, relying too heavily on future tax increases. What’s the real takeaway and what comes next?	Dan Walters, Marisa Lagos, John Myers	20:00
5/17/11	POLI	Tonight, the Senate will vote on the future of tax perks for the five biggest private oil companies. The tax loopholes save “Big Oil” about \$2 billion a year -- money intended for oil exploration and job creation. But in light of their robust profits during these hard times, oil executives were grilled in Senate hearings last week about why they need taxpayer help. In the last quarter, the top five oil companies alone brought in \$35 billion in profit. Today we put some of those questions to the CEO of the American Petroleum Institute -- the political arm of the oil industry. Why did some oil execs call the tax breaks unnecessary a few years ago, but not today? If the tax breaks were eliminated, how many jobs would be impacted? Considering climate change and pollution problems, particularly in our region, should we be subsidizing exploration of energy with lower emissions?	Jack Gerard, Daniel J. Weiss	24:00
5/17/11	BOOK	In his new book “Force of Nature,” Pulitzer Prize- winning journalist and author Ed Humes tells the story of the unlikely partnership between H. Lee Scott, the CEO of Wal-Mart and Jib Ellison, a sustainability consultant and how they’ve struggled to define what is means for the biggest of big box superstores to go green. For a company the size of Wal-Mart to make the commitment to sustainability is a veritable paradigm shift, which required the CEO and the environmentalist to prove that going green is the most efficient and most profitable way to do business. According to Humes, Wal-Mart’s embrace of sustainability created a tipping point for other companies and then for whole industries. This green revolution in big business is causing Wall Street to rethink how corporations are valued while it shatters the myth that profit and sustainability are incompatible. Can Wal-Mart or other behemoth retailers ever really become green?	Ed Humes	30:00

5/17/11	POLI	The scandalous revelations about former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger—after the separation from his Maria Shriver was announced last week, today it was revealed that Schwarzenegger fathered a child with a long-time member of his household staff—demonstrates the tricky political calculations necessary for anyone in public office, and especially someone with a reputation like the movie star. California's former First Lady called her husband's admission "heartbreaking" and asked for privacy as her and her children tried to rebuild their lives and heal, but for over 20 years Shriver was Schwarzenegger's rock of support. When accusations that he had groped several women were leveled against Schwarzenegger while he was running for governor during the recall election in 2003, Shriver fiercely defended her husband. While he governed as a Republican, Schwarzenegger's Democrat wife fully supported him. We spend some time mapping the political rise and fall of perhaps the ultimate power couple, and to see if there's anything to learn from the separation of Arnold and Maria.	Dan Walters	00:13
5/17/11	LAW	In an 8-1 vote, the Supreme Court yesterday made it much easier for police to force entry into a home without a warrant. The Lexington, KY case involved police who were pursuing a drug suspect knocking on an apartment from which they thought they smelled marijuana. After identifying themselves, getting no answer and believing they heard people inside flushing drugs down the toilet to destroy evidence, they broke down the door rather than getting a warrant—a procedure that usually takes only a few minutes. A Kentucky Supreme Court initially ruled the drugs found in the apartment couldn't be used as evidence because the officers had created the "emergency circumstances" they cited in circumventing the warrant requirement—a loophole in the 4th amendment barring warrantless searches. Today's SCOTUS decision overturns that decision, and endorses warrantless searches in similar situations. Patt finds out what legal precedent this sets; and what implications it has both for expectations of privacy in one's own home and the way that law enforcement officials do their job.	Bernard Harcourt	00:18
5/17/11	TRAV	The best in travel writing collected by the one of the finest travel writers around, ... that is what you will find in Paul Theroux's new work, The Tao of Travel. Part philosophical guide, part how-to, part remembrance, he has put together writings that shaped him as both a reader and a traveler for the last 50 years. Bound as a traveler's journal, Theroux includes sections on the places various peoples consider to be "the navel of the earth;" odd items travelers insist on carrying with them – disguises, sealing wax – you name it; neuroses and fears of legendary travelers; travel advice and lessons from journalist Mort Rosenblum; Theroux's own tao of travel; and much, much more. Paul Theroux is here to share with us the misery, joy, nostalgia and anticipation that are the essence of travel.	Paul Theroux	00:17
5/17/11	POLI	the country go broke; reforming the budget process so we can close the \$14+ trillion debt; reforming immigration policies so the fate of 12 million illegal immigrants in the country can be settled. For all of the partisan rancor that has dominated Congress for the past two years, there actually has been a fair amount of bipartisan cooperation on some really tough issues and there are hints that the reforming spirit can overcome bitter politics. To that end we welcome Rep. Xavier Becerra, the Democratic Congressman representing California's 31st District, to talk about all of the various reform efforts that are underway and how the his party (he's the Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus) can work more effectively with Republicans. Can a budget deal be worked out where the size and scope of government will be cut back in exchange for higher taxes on rich Americans; can a pragmatic deal be struck on immigration reform that normalizes the status of the undocumented in exchange for much tougher enforcement of the law? We take your questions and comments for Rep. Becerra	Rep. Xavier Becerra	00:31
5/17/11	HEAL	There's nothing funny or cool about Crohn's disease, an inflammatory disease of the intestines that cause a wide range of unpleasant symptoms, from abdominal pain to diarrhea and vomiting. Having Crohn's disease is not something that you're necessarily eager to announce to the world—not unless your name is Ben Morrison, you suffer from Crohn's disease, and instead of dealing with the delicate health issue in private, you deal with it right out in the open. Ben's one-man show, "Pain in the butt" is not quite a celebration of Crohn's disease but it presents the issues that Crohn's sufferers deal with in a straight-forward, non-squeamish way. It also raises the question of how far one should go in confronting a sensitive subject, like diseases, with comedy—would it be OK to make fun of cancer? We talk humor and disease, two things that don't normally go together.	Ben Morrison	00:17
5/17/11	SAC	The L.A. Times is reporting that Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger fathered a child with a member of his household staff.	Barbara O'Connor	08:00
5/17/11	SAC	A cool 6.6 billion dollars. Yesterday, Governor Jerry Brown said new projections for state revenues would exceed expectations by that amount.	Steve Proffitt	05:00
5/17/11	SEC	If the U.S. can get Osama bin Laden, why can't it disable Pakistan's nuclear weapons capability?	Greg Thielmann	08:00
5/17/11	ART	It's the number one best-selling title on Amazon and it hasn't even been released yet. The publisher bumped up the release date from October to June because it was in such high demand.	Seth Godin	06:00
5/17/11	MEDI	Should you pepper your speech with plenty of dramatic pauses or be fast talker? A new study from the University of Michigan on speech patterns tried to answer questions like these.	Sanden Totten	05:00

5/17/11	ART	Rockstar Games releases it new "L.A. Noire" game for PlayStation May 17. With its hyper-realistic graphics, Verve soundtrack and slick storyline, it's a video game for people who don't like video games, but it's also highly anticipated in the industry.	Brian Crecente	06:00
5/17/11	ART	Critic Drew Tewksbury is back with new releases from Helado Negro and a collaboration between DJ Dangermouse and Daniele Luppi.	Drew Tewksbury	06:00
5/18/11	RELI	A landmark five-year study conducted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and commissioned by Roman Catholic bishops has just been released to the public. The purpose of the study was to investigate the root cause of, or an explanation for, the sexual abuse scandals which broke within the clergy in 2002. Colloquially, conservative opponents of the church have blamed homosexuality and gay priests for such illicit behavior, while liberals place the onus on the male-dominated, celibate culture and lifestyle by which the priests must abide. In a surprise to both factions, the report concludes that a timely combination of poorly trained and supervised priests experienced undue stress at a tumultuous point both socially and sexually in the nation's history: the 1960s and '70s. How does hierarchy, stress and matter of time period conflate to cause such a pattern of abuse? Is the study in anyway suspect due to who is behind it? How will the knowledge gleaned be used and implemented in the future?	David Clohessy	24:00
5/18/11	POLI	Voters in the South Bay cast ballots yesterday (TUES) in a special election in the 36th Congressional District, which includes Marina Del Rey, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance. There were 16 candidates vying to replace Democrat Rep. Jane Harman, who vacated her seat to head a think tank. The race was widely expected to come down to a duel between the Dems with the most name recognition: California Secretary Debra Bowen and Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn. But when yesterday's votes were counted, Craig Huey, a Republican darkhorse candidate, had apparently nudged his way into a second-place finish – and a spot in the July runoff. It's not certain yet, but Huey's success so far has surprised many. Who is Huey? How did he do it? When will we know the final tally?	Kitty Felde, Janice Hahn	10:00
5/18/11	LA	If you're into red-roped nightclubs and Cucumer Melon Margaritas, you're probably familiar with Sam Nazarian's magic touch. He's already arguably the West Coast's most powerful nightclub operator and he's expanding his empire. Nazarian's Los Angeles based hospitality group SBE owns hipster hangouts like Hyde Lounge, the Bazaar, Gladstone's and the Redbury and SLS hotels. Now, Nazarian has gulped up the privately held Syndicate Hospitality, nearly doubling SBE's night-life holdings. Despite these recessionary times, Nazarian projects his company will rake in \$150-million in food and beverage revenue this year. In 2007, SBE acquired Las Vegas' once-glamorous casino hotel, The Sahara. On Monday, the slots fell silent and the doors were closed to the public. Nazarian has declined to discuss his plans for the property, but promises to be back. Today, the King of Hospitality joins the King of Radio to talk about all that is hip. What's behind Nazarian's magic touch? What new hot spots can Angelenos expect?	Sam Nazarian	20:00
5/18/11	POLI	The Pentagon is considering granting visitation rights for the prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay. According to The Washington Post, the International Committee of the Red Cross has been in secret talks to allow family visits. Up until now, some detainees have been allowed video phone calls with their families, but no in-person visitation. Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R-CA) -- who chairs the House Armed Services Committee -- is against the proposal. He warns that it "would create major security concerns for our nation." Would allowing more contact with family members create a national security risk? Or could it be avoided with strict protocols? We'll talk with a couple security experts about the risks, real or imagined. Should these detainees be allowed family visits regardless of the risks?	Kori Schake, Marc Thiessen	24:00
5/18/11	MILI	It's nearly impossible to think about Area 51 without images of flying saucers and extraterrestrials being conjured in one's head. The clandestine location has long been inextricably tied to conspiracy theories, government cover-ups and "proof" of life in outer space. This Sunday at 10pm ET/PT, the National Geographic Channel is premiering Area 51 Declassified, a companion piece to Annie Jacobsen's new book Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base. Drawing on over 70 employee interviews and first-person testimonies from experts and former insiders, the program provides a first look at photographs, documents and information that has previously been classified as top secret. What will be revealed? Will any theories be strengthened or debunked? Does Area 51 hold the secrets to alien life?	Annie Jacobsen, T.D. Barnes	30:00

5/18/11	LAW	A 10-year-old boy appeared, shackled and wearing an orange jumpsuit, in court this morning to face charges of murdering his 32-year-old white supremacist father, Jeff Hall. Hall was the head of the National Socialist Movement's west coast chapter and died earlier this month after being shot in his Riverside home. Parricide, or the killing of one's parent, is extremely rare, which is one reason any court proceedings will be concerned with determining a motive for the murder. Detectives say the boy has admitted to shooting his dad and the defense is expected to plead not guilty by reason of insanity. In today's plea hearing, the defense asked for and received a continuance until July so the boy can be psychologically evaluated. Patt gets an eye-witness account of this morning's court appearance and talks with a parricide expert about what leads children to kill and why society regards it differently from adult homicide.	Steven Cuevas, Kathleen Heide	00:22
5/18/11	YOUT	Is your two year old under performing? Are you worried about their chances of getting into a really good kindergarten? Never fear, Junior Kumon preschool enrichment program is here! Your two year old will be whipped into academic shape in no time. Little Jane or Johnny, for \$200 to \$300 per month, will be tutored by "assistants" (they don't refer to them as teachers) who will sharpen their reading and math skills and get them performing on par in no time. Eager parents are signing up in droves and many see results. Junior Kumon has taken New York by storm—enrollment has tripled there since 2007 and nationwide it has grown by 30 percent. However one stubborn fact remains, research indicates that there is little to be gained from tutoring programs aimed at young children—one professor of psychology at the University of Berkeley says, "The best you can say is that they're useless." But executives at Kumon say, "the earlier you start, the better" and "age three is the sweet spot." Have parents become a little over zealous in terms of putting their kids on the competitive track to academic success, or is this a symptom of the high stakes, highly competitive world we live in today?	Dr. Mary Mokris, Roberta Golinkoff	00:26
5/18/11	EDU	argument could be made that no one has had to fight harder to keep their jobs than 85 school librarians. Librarians may not be the type you'd expect to have to go toe-toe with heavy hitting LAUSD lawyers to keep their jobs, but in a downtown basement last week, librarian after librarian took the hot seat to do just that. LAUSD wants to get rid of the librarians, but if the librarians can prove that they have taught classes in the library within the last five-years, they will be eligible to be transferred to teach in the classroom and remain on payroll. So the showdown over whether there was any teaching going on between the four walls and all those books ensued. LAUSD lawyers asked questions like "Do you take attendance?" and "Do you issue grades?" The librarians countered with statements like, "I teach all subjects, all day. In the library." While the librarians fight for their jobs one thing remains unclear, what will happen to the library without the custodians of all those books? Will self-serve kiosks be able to replace the expert advice and the stern "Shhh! Use your inside voice!" we've come to expect and rely on at th	Hector Tobar, Roza Besser, John Hamrick	00:22
5/18/11	HEAL	It seemed like a well meaning element of the controversial Affordable Health Care Act: until the full reform plan kicks into gear in 2014, give a chance to people with preexisting medical conditions—people who have the most difficulties finding insurance—a chance to apply for low-cost coverage. But after nearly a year in practice, only 18,313 people (as of March) have signed up for the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan, even though there are potentially millions of Americans who would be eligible for the program. Why hasn't the program picked up traction? At the same time the debate over Medicare's future rages in Washington and the news for the giant, troubled entitlement health care program isn't good: the annual Medicare forecast, produced by Medicare's chief actuary, predicts that the main trust fund will be depleted by 2024. We get the latest financial report card of Medicare, especially as the health care reform bill kicks into gear, and ask why more people haven't signed up for a program that could be so beneficial for the hard-to-insure.	David Sayen, Jim Capretta	00:26
5/18/11	SAC	Unknown candidate may get #2 spot to replace Jane Harman	Alan Hoffenblum	05:00
5/18/11	LAW	The 10 year-old boy accused of murdering his father will appear in a juvenile court in Riverside County, today.	Maureen Pacheco	07:00
5/18/11	FOR	Guatemala is under an official "state of siege" after the brutal massacre of 27 farm workers in an area near the Mexican border.	Ken Ellingwood	02:00
5/18/11	MEDI	Jerry's last telethon and a congressman gets beaten with a cane	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	08:00
5/18/11	ART	In his latest book, Jon Ronson has turned his own obsessive eye to psychopaths.	Jon Ronson	16:00

5/19/11	FA	Today, President Obama gave his first major speech on U.S. policy in the Middle East and North Africa since the killing of Osama bin Laden and the eruption of unrest in the Arab world. The President unveiled his administration's policy priorities, aiming his words at audiences in the Middle East as well Americans here. President Barack Obama called for Syrian President Bashar Assad to lead his country to democracy or "get out of the way" and he also said the United States has a historic opportunity and the responsibility to support the rights of people clamoring for freedoms. The U.S. government has been criticized for what some call contradictory positions towards different Arab regimes. Did President Obama answer the key question: "Where will the U.S. go from here?" Do you support the new financial aid packages? What was missing from the speech? Should he have said more about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?	Samer Shehata, Blake Hounshell, Anthony Shadid, Shadi Hamid, Salam Al-Marayati	34:00
5/19/11	TELE	It's "upfronts" week, in television lingo. That's when all the major networks release their program schedules for the upcoming year to advertisers. CBS announced a handful of changes, including moving CSI to Wednesday and The Good Wife to Sunday. But their biggest news is that Ashton Kutcher will be the Two and a Half Men replacement. (Apparently there was a personnel issue with Charlie Sheen.) NBC and ABC are trying to rebuild, each with new shows set in the early 1960s, a la Mad Men. Fox is betting big on X Factor, Terra Nova and The New Girl, and also announced that Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane will oversee a new version of The Flintstones, targeted for 2013. Despite labor strife roiling the NFL, ESPN execs expressed optimism in their wares. We'll find out what's hot and what's not from Variety's Brian Lowry. Will there be any new must-see TV? Can Two and a Half Men survive without Sheen? How predictive are the upfronts, in terms of what viewers will ultimately get?	Brian Lowry	20:00
5/19/11	TECH	Ah, the internet. There's so much about it that we love: the instant information, the interaction and the communal vibe. But as anyone who reads or contributes to comments boards knows, this back-and-forth can be a double-edged sword. Commenters, sometimes emboldened by anonymity, leave cruel, hurtful and incendiary comments. Following the recent revelations about Arnold Schwarzenegger, there was no shortage of furious fingers. Some of the comments were compassionate. Some argued that the public should respect the family's privacy. But many were simply tossed out there with total disregard for the additional hurt they might cause to Schwarzenegger, Maria Shriver or the truly innocent victims, their children. When CBS correspondent Lara Logan was attacked in Egypt, comment boards were covered with ugly comments blaming the victim, saying she was too blonde or too female to be in a danger zone. News organizations appreciate the input, but have been grappling with how to manage these hotbeds of hotheads. NPR and the Los Angeles Times are moving to more tightly moderated comments, sometimes requiring approval before they are posted. But how do they decide what's appropriate and what isn't? Are you a fan	James Rainey	24:00
5/19/11	SCI	What do you get when cross brain research at Caltech with the moral exploration of Fuller Theological Seminary? You get a two day seminar on the nature of virtue and whether there's something intrinsic in our brains that allows us to lead virtuous lives. The conference is organized around research that explores the empirical and philosophical underpinnings of virtuous action. Researchers used a new experimental approach, studying generosity in the laboratory and new data on how brain activity contributes to action. With the results, they're hoping to explain how behavior and brain activation relate and what causes us to make "good" decisions. What's the connection between morality and neuroscience? If there's a proven connection between brain activity and behavior does that mean that some people's brains are wired to be generous and others aren't? What does that say about free will?	Steven R. Quartz, Warren S. Brown	30:00
5/19/11	EDU	Budget, budget, budget... new LAUSD superintendent John Deasy promises fast action on increasing graduation rates, attendance and test scores in the vast L.A. school system, but the challenge to everything he wants to do is a shrinking budget. Even though the governor's May revise is in and there is good news for K-12 education, several years of cost cutting have left fewer teachers and more students in the classroom, elimination of art and music classes, and general downsizing across the board. Can he accomplish reform while juggling pennies, dimes, dollars and people? Superintendent Deasy lays out his plans and takes your questions as he sits down with Patt for our monthly check-in.	John Deasy	00:31
5/19/11	LIT	He's played part to the origination of such films as: "Poltergeist," "Apollo 13" and "The Fugitive." His first film "Return of the Secaucus 7" was just entered into the Library of Congress on recommendation from the National Film Preservation Board and he just keeps bringing the heat. King of the Indies, John Sayles, who can already claim a vast and well known body of work, has added another credit to his name: A Moment in the Sun is his latest and it is one goliath of a novel. Set in 1897, the book captures three years in three locales—New York, the Yukon and Cuba—leading up to a "moment" that would be the turn of the twentieth century, at least as imagined by one of the great story tellers of our time. Standing at nearly one-thousand pages, it's already drawing comparisons to Deadwood and Doctorow's masterpiece Ragtime.	John Sayles	00:17

5/19/11	POLI	In 2006 a bipartisan group of 14 U.S. Senators reached an agreement that would leave the filibuster rules—allowing a minority of senators to block bills and nominations—intact, but only to be used to block judicial nominations under “extraordinary circumstances.” The idea was to move beyond the filibuster in getting a president’s nominees onto federal courts, from the Supreme Court to district courts. While the gentlemen’s agreement lasted five years it died today when President Obama’s controversial nominee for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, UC Berkeley Professor Goodwin Liu, was blocked from a confirmation vote with a Republican-lead filibuster. Liu has been consistently criticized by conservative Senators and groups as being too liberal to be an objective judge, and in 2005 he submitted written testimony arguing against the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, using some very inflammatory language in the process. Still, the partisan warfare over judicial nominees had been subdued up until now—is the war over judges back on?	Richard Painter, Hans von Spakovsky	00:13
5/19/11	GEND	Beauty is different things to different people, different cultures and different time periods. The model Twiggy in the late 1970’s made the ultra-thin look beautiful; Peter Paul Rubens in 1600 helped to coin the term “Rubenesque” with his paintings of full figured women. While beauty is truly in the eye of the beholder, societal ideals and pressures certainly help to form our opinions of what is beautiful, and to that end the Annenberg Space for Photography is presenting a new exhibit to trace the culture of beauty. The aptly named “Beauty CULTure” exhibit is a photographic exploration of how feminine beauty is defined, challenged and revered in modern culture. Women have shouldered the burden of the beauty cult, spending billions of dollars every year in makeup, fashion and even plastic surgery—and as Annenberg says in their press release, “As much as beauty can astonish and inspire, it can also corrupt and subvert.” As the exhibit of photographs on beauty prepares to open, we search for the ever elusive definition of true beauty.	Jamie Lee Curtis, Patricia Lanza	00:18
5/19/11	LAW	There are more marijuana dispensaries in California than public schools. In Denver, Colorado, there are more dispensaries than Starbucks and liquor stores combined. And yet the industry is still largely unknown to many of us. Trish Regan, who gained notoriety with her Emmy-nominated documentary Marijuana, Inc., goes behind the scenes in her new book to uncover the inside workings of this largely secret world. After California came close to legalizing marijuana with Prop 19 and as Los Angeles prepares to hold a lottery to allow only 100 dispensaries to operate, Regan lays out the economic impact of locally legalized marijuana, explains the link between marijuana and violent Mexican cartels, and questions whether decriminalization would work on a national scale, as it has in Portugal. Are California and then the nation on their way to legalizing marijuana? And if they do, what would legalization look like? Regan gets “blunt” with Patt about America’s new “green rush.”	Trish Regan	00:17
5/20/11	FA	The Israeli government is vehemently criticizing aspects of President Obama’s latest peace plan. In his speech about Middle East issues Thursday, Obama reiterated that Israel and Palestine should live side by side in separate states based on the 1967 borders that existed before the Six Day War. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected this, stating that “Those borders are not defensible” and a Palestinian state must not come “at Israel’s expense.” Netanyahu is scheduled to be at the White House today, for what’s bound to be a tense meeting with Obama. We’ll talk with Jacob Dayan, the Consul General of Israel, about Israel’s negative reaction to Obama’s stated policy and what comes next.	Jacob Dayan	14:00
5/20/11	LA	Since its opening in 1966, the Los Angeles Zoo has been owned and operated by the city. Now, LA’s top administrator says the taxpayer-funded animal attraction should be turned over to a private manager. Chief Administrative Officer Miguel Santana pitched the idea saying that the combination of spiraling employee costs and years of deep budget cuts, could cripple the beloved institution. But not everyone’s happy with the plan. Leaders of SEIU 721, which represents about 230 zookeepers and other workers, want to make sure any change wouldn’t be at the expense of the workers or the lions and tigers and bears. How would the proposed private/public partnership work? Is it easier to raise money for the zoo, if it’s privately run? Can the zoo survive without it?	Miguel Santana,Julie Butcher	20:00
5/20/11	RELI	Happy Friday! Or Rapture Eve, we could call it. You’ve seen the billboards around town -- warning Judgment Day is upon us. This latest doomsday prophecy comes courtesy of a California Christian radio broadcaster, Harold Camping, who launched the ad campaign after he did some number crunching to divine the date of the end of the world. Funnily enough, it’s not the first time he’s predicted the end is nigh. Nor is he the first person to do so. What is our endless fascination with Armageddon and doomsday? What do you think of these billboards and the campaign? Is it just a laugh? Does it cause any worry or anxiety? Does it bug you, or maybe inspire you?	Kurt Fredrickson	20:00
5/20/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Andy Klein and Tim Cogshell join Larry to review the week’s new film releases including Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, Midnight in Paris, Bloodworth, Earthwork, The Big Uneasy, How to Live Forever and more. Claudia Puig also brings us the best films at Cannes 2011. TGI-FilmWeek!	Andy Klein, Tim Cogshell, Claudia Puig	34:00

5/20/11	FILM	In 1967, Peter Bart made a risky decision to leave his job as a reporter at the New York Times and go to work at Paramount with his friend, the legendary Robert Evans. As inexperienced as they were, the two of them set about to breath new life into the studio of Hitchcock, Wilder and DeMille. When Bart left Paramount in 1975, the studio had completed a remarkable run with such films as <i>The Godfather</i> , <i>Rosemary's Baby</i> , <i>Harold and Maude</i> , <i>Love Story</i> , <i>Chinatown</i> , <i>Paper Moon</i> , and <i>True Grit</i> . But sex, drugs, management infighting, runaway budgets and even the Mafia provided Bart with plenty of chaos and company turmoil during his years at Paramount. This is the stuff of Peter Bart's new book "Infamous Players," a story told from the unique vantage point of 5 decades in the movie business.	Peter Bart	20:00
5/20/11	DIV	Not God, but recognizably holy, oftentimes a martyr and always a miracle worker, how does one become a saint? The earliest form of the canonization process was more or less a popularity contest, but over the centuries, it's become more stringent. Sometime after the year 400, bishops decided who would be declared a saint, until around the year 1100, when a priest got into a bar fight in Scandinavia and was killed. When his bishop friends began to revere him as a saint, the pope reserved the saint-making process for himself, and it's been in the hands of Rome ever since. Today, the process is a complex affair involving formal investigations and witness testimonies, of sometimes up to 1,000 pages. In addition to the Virgin Mary and St. Patrick, there are as many as 40,000 Catholic saints and now some southlanders are petitioning to canonize a local Basque Claretian Missionary priest buried at the San Gabriel Mission. Tune in as Patt gets the latest on the story of Father Aloysius Ellacuria and a brief history of sainthood.	Thomas Craughwell	00:18
5/20/11	DIS	The billboards have been all over Southern California for the past several months. "Save the date!" they read. "Jesus is coming on May 21!" We first checked in with the man behind these apocalypse-advertising billboards two months ago—Harold Camping, the founder of Family Radio, had previously predicted the rapture would arrive on May 21, 1994, but as he told Patt Morrison he made a few miscalculations in his Biblical translation. Now he's positive that this Saturday is the date when Jesus will return to Earth to retrieve saved souls and has paid for 5,500 billboards across the country to advertise the date. How will you know if the rapture is upon us on Saturday? It will start with an earthquake so large that it will be felt across the planet with the apocalypse officially arriving in California at 6pm local time. We explain the thinking behind this particular claim of the apocalypse and the other movements over time that have taken their shot at predicting the end of the world.	Steve Friesen	00:17
5/20/11	DIS	You may know him better as The Simpsons' Ned Flanders or the bassist from the rock group Spinal Tap, but Harry Shearer has more on his plate than just comic roles. More recently, he's taken upon the very serious and real world duty of documenting the tragic events that took place in New Orleans during and after hurricane Katrina. With sidekick and native New Orleanian John Goodman in tow – along with an additional investigative team of scientists and engineers – the group has set off to tell the whole story of Katrina. The documentary "The Big Uneasy" is the end product of their work and Shearer is confident that it's going to change some minds. Could the disaster have been prevented by the army core and did the media's sensationalistic tendencies undermine the potential lessons to be learned? Patt sits down with Harry Shearer and KPCC's own Molly Peterson.	Harry Shearer, Molly Peterson	00:17
5/20/11	BOOK	Roy Blount Jr.—you've heard him on Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!, but did you know he is a usage consultant to the American Heritage Dictionary? Blount's love affair with words is clear from his previous book's subtitle: <i>The Energies, Gists, and Spirits of Letters, Words, and Combinations Thereof; Their Roots, Bones, Innards, Piths, Pips, and Secret Parts, Tinctures, Tonics, and Essences; with Examples of Their Usage Foul and Savory</i> . In his new, follow-up to that "wordy" book, Blount explains that letters and sounds are not arbitrary but rather that there's a purpose to the juiciness of some words connecting to our sight and sound. Blount, who is jealous of Hunter Thompson for his word booger, Jimmy Breslin for boozehound, and William Safire for hoohah, coins his own—"sonicky"—to describe the satisfying or curious sounds of words. Blount creates a chapter for each letter of the alphabet and explores the origin, meaning, and pronunciation of words as old as prick (1598) and as new as mediablur, with juicy anecdotes and crazy stories told along the way.	Roy Blount Jr	00:17

5/20/11	ECON	It's the kind of abuse of power that has driven voters crazy for decades: over a two-year period approximately 1,000 L.A. city parking citations were dismissed through an obscure service inside the Department of Transportation known as the "Gold Card Desk" that allows the mayor and other elected officials to fast-track citation reviews. City Controller Wendy Greuel's audit of the program, which was started 20 years ago to expedite appeals of parking tickets and possibly have fines reduced or eliminated, found that some people connected with the mayor's office and city council may have received special treatment in the handling of contested tickets. Mayor Villaraigosa's office shot back, questioning the Controller's surprise at the Gold Card Desk since she knew about the service during her time on the city council. Regardless of who knew what and when, it seems clear that some people within city government had used the Gold Card Desk to get out of the expensive nuisance that Angelenos deal with every day, dreaded parking tickets. Will anything be done about it?	Wendy Greuel	00:13
5/20/11	POLI	Turns out that no, they can't—maybe. Proposition 25, passed by California's voters in fall of 2010, allowed the legislature to pass the state budget and spending bills by a simple majority vote and not the old two-thirds requirement. Prop 25 backed up this change by declaring that if a budget bill had not been passed by June 15 all members of the legislature would permanently forfeit any reimbursement for salary and all expenses for every day until the legislature passes a budget bill. The catch is that the proposition language didn't say BALANCED budget, merely a budget bill; and so when the legislature passed Gov. Jerry Brown's budget on March 17, which cut roughly \$14 billion from the state's deficit but still left a hole of roughly \$11 billion, the requirements of Prop 25 were seemingly met. Even if the legislature were to take no further action to balance the budget, or if they acted well after June 15th, it's questionable whether they will lose any pay or benefits. Will legislators be punished if they fail to balance the budget, and how much do you hate the pesky fine print?	Jon Coupal	00:13
5/20/11	POLI	KPCC's resident videographer, Grant Slater, spent time in Little Arabia, a single street in Anaheim where there's a little revolution going on as well.	Grant Slater	07:00
5/20/11	POLI	President Obama's speech on the Middle East, yesterday, called for concessions from Israelis and Palestinians leading up to Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's White House visit.	Aaron David Miller	07:00
5/20/11	POLI	President Obama's speech on the Middle East, yesterday, called for concessions from Israelis and Palestinians leading up to Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's White House visit.	Joel Achenbach	07:00
5/20/11	LIT	Filmmaker Mark Wexler, spent three years interviewing gerontologists, biologists, centenarians, funeral directors, and others in the fields of life and death. His effort to explain what it's like to grow old comes to fruition in his new documentary, How to Live Forever.	Mark Wexler	07:00
5/20/11	LAW	Yesterday, a jury awarded Crump more than a million dollars. Sgt. Crump joins us to respond to the ruling.	Sgt. Ronald Crump	07:00
5/20/11	MEDI	The end of the world and signs of the apocalypse. Plus men behaving badly; Arnold Schwarzenegger you are not alone.	Luke Burbank	07:00
5/21/2011	ART	For more than a decade, the large sign over Highland Park's only movie theater was hard to see at night. A ceremony recently shed light on the neighborhood's resurgence. The Highland Theatre sign has risen a few stories above Figueroa Street since 1924. But nobody's changed its lightbulbs in a long time. Local organizations, businesses and the National Park Service finally teamed up to raise money to restore its former glow.	Kevin Ferguson	3:59
5/21/2011	ART	Colleen Bates hosts another episode of EatLA, checking out a Neapolitan pizza joint and talking with LA Magazine's (James Beard Award-winning) Patric Kuh about the top Chinese restaurants in LA. Plus, Jenn Garbee on the problem with "underground" restaurants.	Colleen Bates, Patric Kuh, Jenn Garbee	8:54
5/21/2011	LAB	Here's another installment of our Hard Times series, where Off-Ramp talks to everyday people and ask them how they're faring, since the recession ended, supposedly. This time, Kevin Ferguson talks with a Mt Washington couple whose plans have changed drastically: they've lost their jobs, possibly their house, but that might not be a bad thing.	Kevin Ferguson	4:59
5/21/2011	TECH	CyberFrequencies takes a highly skeptical look at Google's Chrome Netbook, which saves your data remotely, and the company's proposal for self-driving cars in Nevada.	Tanya Jo Miller, Queena Kim	5:19
5/21/2011	LAW	For the next month, psychiatrists will evaluate a 10-year-old Riverside boy accused of murdering his father. Authorities say the young boy confessed to the killing during an interview with detectives.  The father was Jeff Hall, the leader of a local white supremacist group. His son had been steeped in his violent, neo-Nazi rhetoric. But there could have been a more basic motive: an attempt to stop beatings in the Hall home.	Steven Cuevas	4:27

5/21/2011	ART	UPDATE 5-20-2011: The Theatricum Botanicum, a 3-hundred seat outdoor amphitheater nestled in unspoiled Topanga Canyon, opens its season the first weekend of June with two Shakespeare plays - The Merry Wives of Windsor and A Midsummer Night's Dream. They'll be joined over the summer by four other plays in repertory. The Theatricum Botanicum was founded by noted actor and liberal Will Geer, and it's still run by his daughter Ellen Geer. The plays are just part of the story. Thousands of schoolkids also come to the compound every year on field trips, to learn about the stage and stagecraft. Here's a piece from the Off-Ramp archives.	John Rabe	6:27
5/21/2011	ART	In 1900, in the last months of Queen Victoria's reign, a young man from Indiana published "Sister Carrie," a book that blew away the Victorian literary era. The man was Theodore Dreiser. Off-Ramp literary commentator Marc Haefele says he was the greatest author ever to live in Los Angeles.	Marc Haefele	3:52
5/23/11	CRIM	Today, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered California to cut its prison population by approximately 32,000 inmates. In a 5-4 decision, Justice Anthony Kennedy said that the reduction is "required by the Constitution" to correct longstanding violations of inmates' rights. California's 33 adult prisons currently house more than 142,000 inmates. The order mandates capping the state's prison population at 110,000 inmates, which is still higher than the capacity the system was designed to accommodate. In two decades-old cases, federal judges have found that California's overcrowding situation is so bad, inmates have been needlessly dying, due lack of medical care. But Justice Antonin Scalia said in dissent that the court order is "perhaps the most radical injunction issued by a court in our nation's history." Will California have to abide by this ruling? Will the state begin releasing prisoners? If so, how will officials decide who gets released? Or might Governor Brown's recently enacted "realignment plan" to shift thousands of inmates from state prisons to county jails come into play?	Don Specter, Todd Spitzer, Lee Baca	24:00
5/23/11	OPIN	Senator Alex Padilla has introduced a bill in California which would allow landlords to prohibit smoking in apartments, duplexes and townhomes if they so desire. The legislation passed the Senate, and is now with the Assembly. If passed, your landlord could legally ban you from smoking in your own pad. Is that fair? Who has more rights in this situation, renters who smoke or landlords who own the property? Is this an issue of property owner rights or individual freedoms? Do we really need a law to sort this out?	Alex Padilla, Jacob Sullum	30:00
5/23/11	BUSI	California Assemblyman Tony Mendoza's bill to ban employers from performing credit checks on prospective employees has just passed the assembly. According to Mendoza assessing a person's credit history as a condition of employment is unfair and shameful. Mendoza says financial history is not a good indicator of trustworthiness or work ethic. That may be true, there's no evidence to the contrary, but industry groups still aren't on board. They claim credit screening is far less widespread than lawmakers would have us believe. They also say that - for the most part - the people who are being screened are employees who handle money or sensitive information. Mendoza's bill, and the dozen or so others across the country, provide exemptions for these worker so the credit check industry claims the legislation will actually make very little difference. Either way, the bill is headed to the senate, but will it make it past Governor Jerry Brown? And will this remove a barrier to employment for the long-term unemployed or BE a barrier to businesses just trying to find the best person for the job?	Tony Mendoza, John Kabateck	24:00
5/23/11	CRIM	Police Chief Charlie Beck says he waited seven weeks to hear the news -- that hundreds of tips and thousands of man hours has led to an arrest in the violent assault at the Dodgers Stadium home opener. The victim, Bryan Stow, had been blind-sided by two attackers and repeatedly kicked and punched after he fell to the ground. Stow is still in critical condition since the March 31st assault. Thirty-one year old Giovanni Ramirez was arrested yesterday at 7 a.m. after a tip from his parole officer. Police are still looking for a second suspect in the beating and a woman who was seen driving the getaway car. The case brought intense scrutiny to safety concerns at Dodgers stadium. To talk about it all we're joined by Police Chief Beck. What is the latest on the search for the other suspects? How is the current security situation at Dodgers stadium?	Charlie Beck	10:00
5/23/11	BOOK	Recently four high profile public figures, Bernie Madoff, Martha Stewart, "Scooter" Libby and Barry Bonds lied under oath. In his new book "Tangled Webs," author James Stewart argues that this behavior is emblematic of a troubling trend in American society, that the celebrated and the very wealthy often perceive themselves to be above the law. Stewart contends that these rampant acts of perjury undercut the foundations of our legal system which relies on witnesses to tell the truth. Based on exclusive interviews with insiders from each case, Stewart explores the various motivations of those involved and looks at how this challenge to our judicial system affects business, academia, government and the medical profession. Has the importance of honesty been undermined by these high profile liars? When famous people trash the truth, does it hurt all of us?	James Stewart	30:00

5/23/11	SPOR	For seven weeks, wanted posters with drawings of two suspects dotted the southland, advertising a \$200,000 reward for information about the beating at Dodger Stadium that left Giants fan Bryan Stow in a comma. Yesterday, 31-year-old gang member and ex-convict Giovanni Ramirez was arrested as a suspect in the case. But in the end, it wasn't a lead or a tip from a reward seeker that led to his arrest, but a routine meeting between Ramirez and his parole agent. Is that surprising? How successful are rewards in leading police to suspects? Law enforcement has increasingly relied on them in the past several years, but their effectiveness is debatable. Are higher rewards more successful in leading to arrests of suspects or does it have more to do with the LAPD's relationship to a community in question? Guest host Pilar Marrero looks at the culture of snitching.	Lieutenant Andy Neiman, Alexandra Natapoff	00:22
5/23/11	HOUS	forces—investigations that are supposed to root out nefarious behavior in the mortgage markets, from corporate fraud to scams aimed at vulnerable homeowners. So far the various task forces haven't turned up much but that will not stop the state of California from taking its own crack at identifying and preventing fraudulent practices in the mortgage industry. California Attorney General Kamala Harris today will announce the creation of a 25-person task force to target mortgage fraud of any size, from small operations that preyed on troubled borrowers to corporations that sold risky mortgage-backed securities to investors. Other states have been pressuring lenders to come clean, including New York's attorney general that is seeking records from three major Wall Street banks; there is also an ongoing investigation from all 50 attorneys general about the foreclosure practices of the nation's five largest mortgage servicers. Will California's mortgage fraud task force succeed where others have failed?	Paul Leonard	00:09
5/23/11	TECH	Certain widely utilized applications of the internet are attempting to... get to know you. They do this by analyzing patterns in usage data. The practical application of this data is to contextualize things - things like advertisements and search results. Ultimately, the objective is to present the user with more appealing data and even fitting it to them. With websites like Facebook and Google becoming more and more a staple of our day-to-day lives, so does the automatic personalization, until the end result may be that we are browsing our own tailored internet. At least that's one of the arguments posed in The Filter Bubble a new book by Eli Pariser. Not skirting the issues, Eli discusses a number of the ways the internet is able to hide information from us. Has the consumerization of the internet really had an inverse affect on our freedom to access information?	Eli Pariser	00:17
5/23/11	LAW	Seven years ago, then Microsoft chairman Bill Gates predicted that spam would be eradicated in two years. Today, it accounts for about 90% of all e-mail. Despite increasingly sophisticated filtering technology, those pesky ads for Viagra, herbal remedies and urgent appeals for assistance withdrawing an inheritance from a foreign bank account have proved particularly difficult to eliminate. Now, a team of computer scientists think they've cracked the code. After three months of systematically making several thousand dollars-worth of purchases from web sites advertised in nearly a billion spam messages, they've mapped an elusive network. They found that just three financial companies handled 95% of their credit card transactions, suggesting that it would be very easy to identify spammers' merchant accounts and cripple the operation if those financial companies refused to authorize online credit card payments to the flagged accounts. So far, credit card companies have been mum on the subject but the research could be formative in fulfilling Bill Gates' 2004 prophecy.	Chris Kanich	00:13
5/23/11	HIST	With a dysfunctional economy and a deep financial crisis, Cuba's aged leaders have signaled in recent months that significant change is needed in the country's system of management. Fidel Castro said it himself to U.S. journalist Jeffrey Goldberg and Latin American scholar Julia Sweig last August: "The Cuban model doesn't even work for us anymore." * His brother and now president, Raul, is pushing an array of changes, including expansion of small businesses and, for the first time since the 1959 revolution, allowing Cubans to buy and sell private homes, something that until now has been done only on the black market. He has backed away from his announcement that 500,000 state workers would be laid off, but suggests ration books for food should be eliminated. What do the citizens of this small island think about these seemingly radical changes in a society that has failed them, but to which they've become accustomed? Many are concerned about losing the food subsidies they receive every month and their government salaries, small as they are. Some are hopeful these moves are harbingers of better days. Others don't expect much from the rhetoric, thinking that in spite of change, everything will really remain the same. Are the sket	Randy Archibold, Jose Manuel Prieto	00:18

5/23/11	LAW	More than 56,000 dogs and cats were impounded in Los Angeles last year, one of the highest years on record, and many worry that this year could be worse. One Los Angeles councilman is proposing a solution. Councilman Paul Koretz wants to ban large-scale commercial animal mills that breed dogs, cats, chickens and rabbits. The goal is to promote the adoption of animals in shelters rather than allow commercial breeding that officials and animals rights groups say add to the cities' over population problem. The councilman wants the city to investigate ways to create stronger bonds between pet stores and animal shelters so that unwanted animals can find homes and to put a stop to mills that raise puppies and kittens in unsanitary and overcrowded conditions. Will this plan be effective in curbing the animal over population problem? Will it make finding a breed more difficult and tempt consumers to buy illegally, or from mills out of state?	Paul Koretz, Judie Mancuso	00:17
5/23/11	LAW	California must cut its prison population by forty thousand inmates following a US Supreme Court decision today.	Julie Small	07:00
5/23/11	LAW	Early Sunday morning the Los Angeles Police Department arrested Giovanni Ramirez in connection with the near-fatal beating of Giants fan Bryan Stow at the opening game at Dodgers stadium March 31.	Joel Rubin	07:00
5/23/11	HEAL	According to a new study released by USC, housework stresses women out.	Darbe Saxbe	07:00
5/23/11	YOUT	Dahlia Lithwick, from Slate, talks with Madeleine about parental alienation syndrome; when one parent turns a child against the other parent during a nasty divorce.	Dahlia Lithwick	07:00
5/23/11	LGBT	Now, at age 42, Chaz Bono is the subject of a new documentary called Becoming Chaz, where he allows cameras to capture his transition from female to male.	Chaz Bono	07:00
5/23/11	SPOR	Last night, 60 Minutes aired a report on CBS featuring an interview with Lance Armstrong's former teammate Tyler Hamilton.	Mike Pesca	07:00
5/24/11	HEAL	Allergen Inc. is seeking approval from the Food and Drug Administration to market its relatively new weight-loss device to obese teenagers. Clinical trials are currently taking place on young adults. The surgery works by fitting a silicone ring around the stomach to decrease food intake. More than 600,000 people have had the surgery since 1993, including teenagers. Doctors already can perform the surgery on minors with parental approval. Allowing Allergan to specifically target teens could make it more likely that insurers would pay for the surgery. How effective has the surgery been for adults? What are the safety concerns long-term? Is surgery the only answer for some teens?	Dr. Robert Cywes, Diana Zuckerman, Steven Mittelman	24:00
5/24/11	CRIM	Tomorrow (WED) a federal court in Tucson, Arizona is expected to rule on whether Jared Lee Loughner is competent to stand trial. The young man stands accused in the infamous January shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and 18 others. The violent rampage that left six people dead – including a little girl and a federal judge – shook the country. New reports suggest that Loughner will be found incompetent to stand trial – for now. How is competency assessed in such cases? How do you quantify "crazy?" Could he be medicated in order to be competent for trial at a later date? What will public reaction be if he is found incompetent?	George Parnham	10:00
5/24/11	FA	Earlier this morning, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed a joint meeting of the House and Senate. Just last week, the Israeli leader sharply criticized President Obama for proposing that Israel's pre-1967 borders should be the basis for peace talks with the Palestinians. Today Netanyahu pledged to make "painful compromises" and for the first time explicitly said that some West Bank settlements would find themselves outside Israel's final borders. But Netanyahu also reiterated a number of conditions that have been unacceptable to Palestinians in the past. Will Netanyahu's words today entice Palestinians back to the negotiating table? Or is this just more of the same?	Open Phones	20:00
5/24/11	INFR	Construction on California's high-speed rail system is supposed to get underway in 2012, but a couple of new reports are throwing some monkey wrenches into the works. The Legislative Analysts Office just released a report on the project questioning the plan to start laying track in the central valley instead of in a more populace area. They also slam the California High-Speed Rail Authority as being too weak to handle the growing project. Another report from an independent peer review panel of transportation experts says the authority is understaffed and their planning is inadequate. The CHSRA says the criticism is constructive. But they're moving forward, noting that President Barack Obama and Governor Jerry Brown have shown their strong support for the project by allocating millions of dollars to it. So, is high-speed rail in California a boondoggle or the most viable plan out there? And will legislative wrangling hamstring the project?	Jeff Barker, Daniel Krause, Rick Geddes	24:00

5/24/11	BOOK	Besides having sex for pleasure and cooking food before ingestion, there is one other way in which humans differentiate from the rest of the animal kingdom: our big, believing brains. Michael Shermer, the founder of Skeptic magazine, attempts to explore this heady notion in his new book <i>The Believing Brain: From Ghosts and Gods to Politics and Conspiracies – How We Construct Beliefs and Reinforce Them as Truths</i> . Shermer argues that the brain is a "belief engine," and it is hardwired to construct a belief system as a way of assigning patterns and meaning to the surrounding world. Actual explanations for these beliefs, he argues, come later, after the beliefs have already been formed. What do you think about Shermer's take on brains? What, more importantly, do you believe?	Michael Shermer	30:00
5/24/11	EDU	It's often hard for students to see the benefit of doing well on standardized tests. It's more obvious to school officials: proposed teacher evaluation systems tie teacher tenure to these tests; low test scores can ultimately shutter schools; and even Superintendent John Deasy's salary depends on those numbers. The LAUSD is now aiming to make it more glaringly apparent to students, by tying their performance on the California Standards Tests (CST) to their grades. If students at 39 L.A. campuses improve their test scores by one achievement category, they'll see their Grade Point Average (GPA) jump a whole grade. A pilot program at Jefferson High in south LA saw significant improvement last year, with ¼ of its students boosting at least one grade with a bump on their CST scores. How effective are these incentive programs? Schools in Dallas and Washington have even started offering cash rewards for a job well done, but critics worry this is "teaching to the test" and only temporarily motivates students. Is that alone maybe enough?	Michael Taft	00:13
5/24/11	IMM	It was a big part of the enforcement side of President Obama's immigration policy that was intended to target hardened criminals amongst the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in this country. Secure Communities is designed to identify and deport illegal immigrants who have been convicted of crimes—the fingerprints of people booked into a jail are sent to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and if they are found to be undocumented, they face deportation. The problem is that, according to figures from the Department of Homeland Security itself, over half of those deporting under Secure Communities had minor or no criminal convictions. The program was further muddled when there was confusion about whether it was voluntary or mandatory for states and local law enforcement agencies to participate. States across the country, including California, are moving to opt-out of the program and last week DHS agreed to conduct an internal review. Is this the right way to go about deporting illegal immigrants?	Sheriff Michael Hennessey, Jessica Vaughn, Assemblyman Tom Ammiano	00:18
5/24/11	SAC	some empirical evidence (not based solely on who won the World Series) that gives Northern California bragging rights. A first-ever study called A Portrait of California conducted by the American Human Development Project took a close look at well-being and access to opportunity in the Golden State and ranked cities based on issues like health, education and standard of living. The results? San Francisco scored a 6.97, Los Angeles a 5.52 and the Silicon Valley was the big winner earning a 9.35. The study notes that some residents in California are so far ahead of the other states in the nation that they won't catch up until 2060, while others are experiencing "health, education and earnings levels that characterized the U.S. in the 1960s." California's can expect to live a longer life than those living in other states in the nation, but "100 of California's nearly 2,500 high schools account for nearly half of the state's dropouts" and "men earn more than women in every racial and ethnic group." What does the evidence show about your city?	Sarah Burd-Sharps, Elise Buik	00:17
5/24/11	SPOR	As parents feel more and more pressure to give their children as many competitive advantages as possible, a couple companies are now offering, for just \$200 a genetic test to determine which sports your child will be best at. Coming in the form of an online order and mail-in cheek swab, these tests tell you which percentile your child is in with regard to his or her potential for endurance training versus for speed and strength training. The results also reveal whether or not your child is genetically predisposed to be at risk for concussions and cardiac failure. However, geneticists are skeptical of just how accurate these readings are. Are genetic tests such as this sports gene test ready to be on the market? As mail-order and Internet DNA scans become more in demand, is it possible that more damage than good is being done with hard-to-read and possibly misleading test results? Could these sports gene tests help kids move towards success in sports more quickly and safely? Or will they mislead, mislabel, and possibly discourage kids who have athletic aspirations or who just want to have fun?	Bill Miller, Vishy Iyer, Lainie Ross, MD	00:22

5/24/11	IMM	The numbers are startling and the reasons behind them depressing. According to analysis of 2010 census numbers by Dowell Myers, who directs the USC Population Dynamics Research Group, the number of households shared by unmarried couples in California has spiked by 32 percent since 2000; households headed by single fathers have increased by 17 percent in the same period; and perhaps most surprisingly, Los Angeles County has lost 21 percent of its children aged five to nine. These numbers reflect difficult living conditions in a state and region with high unemployment, high housing costs and diminishing social services – all of which push young families to rebuild their lives elsewhere. Added to the mix is an upswing in the number of residents 45 and older, and you see a state on the extreme edge of a nationwide trend toward an aging population. What does this all mean as California tries to recover from a long-lasting economic downturn and a budget deficit that defies fixing?	Dowell Myers	00:09
5/24/11	SCI	A new Nature study looking at bacteria systems growing in the gut divides people into three groups. Similar to the way blood types divide people into four groups, the new research finds there are three distinct bacteria ecosystems that transcend sex, weight, health, age and race. It's not clear yet whether these bacteria types are hereditary or whether they randomly colonize our guts as infants and stick around for the rest of our lives, but they could hold some big keys to personalized medicine. Understanding our bacteria type could aid in more precisely predicting a patient's disease susceptibility and drug efficacy, to more accurately tailoring our diets.	Rob Knight	00:17
5/24/11	HIST	In 1976, a Paris wine merchant set up a now-legendary contest: nine of France's great wine experts would sip the best of the French vineyards and compare them to some upstart California wines.	George Taber	07:00
5/24/11	ECON	While President Obama has pushed for bail-outs and stimulus spending, Prime Minister Cameron has led the biggest cuts since World War II, cuts that ordinary Britons are finding very tough.	Nariman Behraves	07:00
5/24/11	LIT	Locke High School in Watts is one of the most famous schools in America. Alexander Russo's new book, "Stray Dogs, Saints, and Saviors: Fighting for the Soul of America's Toughest High School", chronicles the reformation at the school.	Alexander Russo	07:00
5/24/11	FOR	In Chicago a trial is underway that seems like something out of a Hollywood movie. The case centers around Tahawwur Rana, a businessman accused of participating in the Mumbai, India terrorist attacks.	Sebastian Rotella	07:00
5/24/11	ART	Lady Gaga and David Bazan	Ann Powers	07:00
5/25/11	SPOR	The family of Bryan Stow, the Giants fan who was beaten on opening day at Dodger Stadium, has filed a civil suit alleging that cutbacks in security and outdated facilities contributed to the attack. The suit was filed on behalf of Bryan Stow, who remains in critical condition in San Francisco General Hospital, and his two children. In response, the Dodgers released a statement acknowledging the seriousness of Bryan Stow's injury and reiterating their support to the family and commitment to safety. "But, to be clear," the statement continued, "Mr. McCourt and the Dodgers will defend themselves against the allegations made by Mr. Girardi in the lawsuit that he filed..." Should the Dodgers have provided more security? Will Frank McCourt or the Dodgers be found liable?	Tom Girardi	14:00
5/25/11	MEDIA	Today, the final episode of The Oprah Winfrey Show will air. The crowned "Queen of Day-Time" has had a three-day farewell bash fit for royalty. Appearances by Aretha Franklin, Tom Cruise, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jordan and Madonna, were among a plethora of other stars. Over 25 years, some 30,000 guests have appeared on the show. It had plenty of razzle dazzle in that time -- but also intense personal drama from the guests and Oprah herself. Fellow talk-show host Ellen Degeneres said of Oprah's impact, "She's changed the lives of millions of people. She brought important issues to the dinner table that never would have been there otherwise." True enough, she talked about sexual abuse, weight-loss battles and racism. It brought her legions of fans and, of course, her fair share of detractors. Today we'll open the phones to talk with Oprah fans and critics alike. Why do you think she was so long-lasting and successful? What doors, if any, has Oprah's success opened for others? What were your most memorable or most uncomfortable Oprah moments? Who can replace her? And have you watched her newest venture, the Oprah Winfrey Network?	Open Phones	20:00

5/25/11	SPOR	The Harlem Renaissance is probably the greatest basketball team you have never heard of. They were the first all-African American professional basketball team to win a national championship, a little known fact even in sports circles. Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar co-wrote and stars in "On the Shoulders of Giants," a documentary about the team's rise to fame in the early part of the last century when all pro sports were segregated and all-black teams were excluded from competing in national championships. The Harlem Rens were known for their very fluid and fast style of play, not typical of professional basketball at the time. They were the first all-black team to win a national championship title when they won the World Professional Basketball Tournament in 1939. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is a former Lakers assistant coach but has recently expressed disappointment with the way the team has treated him, complaining that they haven't erected a statue of him in front of Staples Center where statues of Magic Johnson and Jerry West stand.	Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	20:00
5/25/11	OPIN	A Canadian couple is testing that idea on their four-month old baby. As reported in the "Toronto Star" newspaper, parents Kathy Witterick and David Stocker, have chosen to keep the sex of their new baby, Storm, a secret. The parents want him or her to grow up free from social conventions about males and females. So they have shared Storm's gender identity only with their two sons, Jazz, 5, and Kio, 2, a good family friend and, of course, the two midwives who helped deliver Storm. Witterick wrote to the "Star": "In fact, in not telling the gender of my precious baby, I am saying to the world, 'Please can you just let Storm discover for him/herself what s(he) wants to be?!.' The notion of sexless child-rearing isn't new. For decades, girls have been crashing Hot Wheels and boys have cooked up brownies in Easy Bake Ovens. Nevertheless, this couple's unconventional choice is getting a strong backlash. What do you think of their choice? Why might they feel the need to keep Storm's sex a secret? What are the benefits or the risks for the child? Where do children get their gender identity anyway? We'll talk with an expert in gender identity and take calls from boys and girls – however they identify!	Diane Ehrensaft	24:00
5/25/11	BOOK	If you were popular in high school, look out! Your unpopular geek counterparts are probably going to be more successful than you are. In her new book The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth, Alexandra Robbins promotes her "Quirk Theory" which states that the traits that cause people to be excluded from the "in crowd" in high school are the same qualities that others will admire, love and respect in adulthood. Robbins argues that too many students are disparaged, rejected or ignored by their peers because they exhibit certain unpopular qualities but that these same students are often the most imaginative, creative and interesting ones in the school. Robbins also addresses the treatment of outsiders and explores what popularity means, how "sticky" social labels are and whether students are better off being popular or unpopular. Were you a geek or a popular kid and how did your status in high school prepare you for a life in the adult world?	Alexandra Robbins	30:00
5/25/11	FOR	More active duty soldiers and veterans have died from suicide than from combat wounds over the past two years, a source of fear for soldiers returning from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and a source of major concern for the government agencies treating these vets. Today the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee held a hearing to investigate the causes of these suicides and what the Department of Veterans Affairs and other groups can do to offer more support to military members and their families. Earlier this month the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals cited "incompetence" at the VA in how they have treated soldiers with mental health problems, citing long delays and missed diagnoses from veterans showing symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD. The National Institute of Mental Health found that suicide recently surpassed combat death as a cause of mortality in the military—what can be done to help a generation of young soldiers who will live the rest of their lives with hidden war wounds?	Jeff Milman, Randy Steiner	00:13
5/25/11	LAW	President Obama pledged full support to the state of Missouri Monday, after the worst tornado in 50 years ripped through the town of Joplin and churned up \$3 billion in damages. But House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) said that before Congress approved federal funds for disaster relief, it had to offset the spending with cuts to other programs. In the short term, a House panel yesterday proposed \$1 billion in emergency disaster relief money that would be offset by a spending cut elsewhere. Where that money will be taken from remains to be seen, but as natural disasters seem to occur more frequently, and the Republican-controlled House aims to rein in government spending, how will the government offset these future costs? Should other programs be cut in preparation?	Greg Carbin, Nikhil daVictoria Lobo	00:18
5/25/11	TRAN	Car insurance rates jump for drivers by almost 20% after just one moving violation ticket and soar over 50% after a second ticket. That's according to a new report from insurance.com that looked at 397,000 insurance quotes in 2010. Those rate increases were even higher for drivers age 65 and older who were ticketed for moving violations such as speeding. At an average annual auto insurance premium of \$1,119 for a driver with no violations, that can be up to \$1,713 after three tickets. That cost is also in addition to the cost of the ticket itself, which for a moving violation in California can now exceed \$200. How do insurance companies determine these increased rates for higher risk drivers and do they fairly account for insuring that higher risk?	Pete Moraga, Doug Heller	00:17

5/25/11	POLI	Since the Supreme Court gave the green light to allow unlimited sums of money to flow into political campaigns, the rules on what is and is not allowed in terms of money and disclosure has become increasingly unclear. Most projections indicate that the candidates in the 2012 presidential race will raise unprecedented amounts of money--President Obama is expected raise close to a billion. So who's keeping a watchful eye to ensure regulations are being followed? We've seen the creation of Super PACs and non profit political organizations with the sole purpose of acquiring large sums of money for specific candidates raising some eyebrows. We've also seen the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) allow shareholders the opportunity to weigh-in on the political contributions made by corporations, a lawsuit against the FEC (Federal Election Commission) that aims to open the political process up to foreign nationals, and even the IRS has jumped into the fray. The agency recently sent letters to some large non-profit political groups suggesting that they declare large political donations they "gift" to political campaigns. But with the Supreme Court decision and campaign finance laws seemingly at odds, and no new d	Jim Bopp Jr, Lisa Graves, Yaakov Roth	00:31
5/25/11	SCI	Besides devising better methods for putting things up their noses: what could occupy the minds of children more than dinosaurs? There's a child in us all and although we may grow out of our more primitive aspirations -- dinosaurs have continually been a source of curiosity for children and adults alike. Boneheads: My Search for T. Rex is Richard Polsky's story of joining up with a ragtag group of unlikely "bone hunters" on their quest to find the full skeleton of a T-Rex. Meet up with Richard on his journey and be prepared to sate some of that childhood wonder.	Richard Polsky	00:17
5/25/11	ENT	It's no secret that China is big business for Hollywood. It's the fastest growing movie market in the world. Last year China accounted for 1.5 billion dollars in ticket sales. But rather than just watching Hollywood movies, China is getting into the business of making them.	Sanden Totten	07:00
5/25/11	FOR	It's been two months since NATO bombing operations in Libya began. Today President Obama had a meeting in London with his counterpart, David Cameron, and declared that NATO will continue dropping bombs in an effort to oust Moammar Gadhafi. Patrick McDonnell of the Los Angeles Times is in Tripoli, the heavily shelled capital of Libya.	Patrick McDonnell	07:00
5/25/11	FOR	ens of thousands of refugees have been displaced by the uprisings in the Middle East. To find out where they are landing, and whether they will end up in America, Madeleine turned to Leslie Berestein Rojas. She writes the Multi-American blog at KPCC.	Leslie Berestein Rojas	07:00
5/25/11	ENT	To commemorate her last daytime talk show, after 25 years on the air, our producer Steve Proffitt prepared a mash-up capturing the essence of all that is Oprah.	Kathryn Lofton	07:00
5/25/11	MEDI	Rico Gagliano and Brendan Francis Newnam of The Dinner Party Download are back with conversation starters you can use at your next get-together. Arizona State University recently released a list of the top ten new species for 2011. The list includes the Underwater Mushroom, the Pancake Batfish, the Duiker, and other unique looking creatures.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	07:00
5/26/11	POLI	Today, in a 5 to 3 split decision, the U.S Supreme Court upheld a 2007 Arizona law that would impose sanctions on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants. That law also requires Arizona employers to utilize E-Verify, a federal program to check the immigration status of potential employees. Employers who violate the statute could lose their business license for 10 days if they're found in violation once, or permanently for bigger infractions. Opponents, including the U.S Chamber of Commerce, say the law amounts to a death penalty for Arizona's businesses but the Court's ruling declared that the law fits within the powers of the state and doesn't infringe on federal law. What affect will this decision have on employers in California and other states that depend on immigrant labor? How might this ruling influence the way you hire workers for your business?	Kris Kobach, Lawrence Rosenthal	24:00
5/26/11	POLI	The fight within the Republican Party over entitlement reform kicked into high gear this week after the surprise victory of Democrat Kathy Hochul, the now Congresswoman-elect in New York's upstate district 26. Hochul won 47% of the vote in a district that has been held by a Republican since the 1960s. Some politicos are saying her victory is a referendum on Paul Ryan's Medicare reform plan. Republicans rushed to defend their drive to cut government health spending, despite possible voter backlash. But on Wednesday, the Senate rejected Ryan's plan — with five Republicans joining the majority. Dems are celebrating these victories and pledging to make Medicare the defining issue of the 2012 election. Was the New York race a clear referendum on Medicare reform? Is it good strategy for the GOP to stick with Ryan's plan? Or is it too unpopular with voters to be worth the political cost?	Jon Fleischman, Jonathan Wilcox	30:00
5/26/11	FA	The new leadership in Egypt has announced it will open the Rafah crossing this Saturday as part of efforts "to end the status of the Palestinian division and achieve national reconciliation." The Mubarak regime had restricted the movement of people and goods for years -- in line with Israel's blockade on the Palestinian territory since the election of Hamas in 2007. How will this effect Egypt-Israel relations? What will it mean for the humanitarian situation in Gaza? Will it lead to an increase of weapons smuggled in?	Ayman Mohyeldin, Hussein Ibish, Jacob Dayan	34:00

5/26/11	LA	Larry and our talented trio of Orange County journalists riff on the latest news from the OC including stories on the <a href="#">crackdown on nudity and gambling in Little Saigon coffeehouses</a> , <a href="#">public employee unions battle with Costa Mesa City Council</a> , <a href="#">how 75 County execs are prospering while county workers are being laid off</a> , <a href="#">Tony Rackauckas standing against Toyota</a> , the <a href="#">"Godless" billboard in Westminster attracts Bible study group and others</a> .	Gustavo Arellano, Teri Sforza, Norberto Santana	20:00
5/26/11	POLI	The Republican Party is toiling away on its love song to the American people, but as they court the nation, they are also busy deciding on a sweetheart for the 2012 presidential election. The GOP roster is filling up and today Rick Santorum threw his hat into the race - joining the likes of Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney and Tim Pawlenty. Though it's still early in the process, prominent members of the Grand Ol' Party like Sarah Palin and Michelle Bachman have yet to issue official statements of their intent. Conservatives everywhere are watching and waiting to see: who will be the belle of the ball at the Republican party?	Molly Ball	00:13
5/26/11	LAW	By most anyone's estimation, a recession would be the perfect recipe for a crime spike. But in the last several years, and in fact consistently over the last 20 years, crime rates have been falling in cities nationwide. A new report from the Brookings Institution provides a snapshot of 100 metropolitan areas, which have become increasingly safer; when communities become more diverse, economically and demographically, crime rates tend to fall. In California, where the economy has been depressed for going on five years, the rate of violent crime has fallen to a 44-year-low. What happened to the old conventional wisdom that in bad economic times, crime increases? That's not the only thinking that was turned upside down in the crime statistics: the gap between suburban and city crime rates declined dramatically; the social characteristics associated with crime, like immigration or ethnic diversity, had limited connection to crime rates since 1990. Has the U.S. simply become a safer place in which to live?	Steven Raphael, Michael Stoll	00:18
5/26/11	HEAL	There is perhaps no greater symbol for American cuisine, and all of the good and bad that goes along with it, than the Golden Arches of McDonalds. The Happy Meal wars started years ago, when health and nutrition advocates targeted McDonalds for their aggressive marketing to kids and the connection between childhood obesity and the cheeseburger, fries and cheap toys that come in each friendly-looking child's meal. San Francisco and Santa Clara counties banned the sale of Happy Meals, New York City and even Nebraska considered bans. McDonalds and other fast food chains fought back, pushing legislation that would restrict how local governments could regulate restaurant food. The latest shot comes from public health advocates who are pressuring McDonalds to stop using Ronald McDonald as their mascot. Who should exercise the ultimate control over whether you or your child can eat a Happy Meal?	Deborah Lapidus, J. Justin Wilson	00:17
5/26/11	EDU	You know the old joke about education—the engineering major says, "how does it work?" the English major says, "do you want fries with that?" Now, the first study ever to try and quantify lifetime earnings of different majors shows that that joke may be funny because it's true. According to previously unreported census data definitively linking college majors to career earnings, those who majored in engineering, computer science or business earn as much as 50% more over a lifetime than those who major in the humanities, arts, education and psychology. Overall, the study conducted by the Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce found a college degree was still worth it: workers with a bachelor's degree can still expect to make 84% more in a lifetime than a colleague with only a high school diploma. But as the recession and increasing college costs renew the age-old debate of the value of a college education, are those "critical thinking skills" promised to dance majors really worth it?	Anthony Carnevale	00:13
5/26/11	EDU	California fell short in the federal government's controversial "Race to the Top" program for federal funds, but might not leave the track empty-handed. Instead of winning a 700 million dollar grant, the Golden State, which was considered a front-runner for the payday, could instead receive a modest consolation prize of up to 50 million dollars. The state will still get another chance to compete for the big bucks—the Department of Education announced yesterday another round of competition, this time boasting a prize of 500 million. In order to qualify for the last round of competition, local school districts pledged to embrace controversial reforms such as linking teacher evaluations to standardized test scores and allowing poorly performing schools to be converted into independently run charters. Critics argued that states like California are too willing to trade desperately needed one-time funding for unproven, aggressive policies handed down from the federal government. How will California do things differently to win and what can what reforms can be expected if we do win?	Howard Blume	00:09

5/26/11	LIT	The Academy-Award winner Alan Arkin has always been a supremely gifted role-player on screen, delivering deadpan comedy and harrowing realities to his audiences. Now he emerges as a charismatic storyteller, revealing in his memoir, <i>An Improvised Life</i> , his childhood epiphany that ever since the age of five he had wanted to be an actor. However, it wasn't until many years later, while on a location shoot overlooking the Hudson Valley, that he discovered during an intimate conversation with one of his co-stars what he had really been doing throughout his life, in pursuit of his artistic dream. "With that one statement I realized that what she'd said about herself was the impulse behind all of my own interests, all of my needs, all of my studying, compulsions, and passions," Arkin writes in the beginning pages of his book. "This is dedicated to everyone who wants to be the music."	Alan Arkin	00:17
5/26/11	POLI	Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin has added new staff, planned some travel dates, and bought a new house in Arizona. There will also be a glowing feature-length documentary about her premiering in the key state of Iowa next month. Is she about to announce her presidential bid? With just about eight months to go before the Iowa caucuses officially kick off the election, the herd of GOP hopefuls is thinning out and firming up a bit. Who will be the front runner? And what their chances are against President Obama?	Dan Shnur, Bruce Cain	07:00
5/26/11	TECH	Marketplace's John Moe joins us each week with the Tech Report. Google is introducing a payment system for Android phones. Given recent security flaws, is it a good idea to store your credit card number on your phone? Plus, malware attacks on Apple and Skype is on the fritz.	John Moe	07:00
5/26/11	TRAN	The Los Angeles Metro Board of Directors met Thursday to consider a proposed stop in Leimert Park - the historic cultural core of black L.A. - on the Crenshaw - LAX metro line. African American leaders like Cornel West and Tavis Smiley have been vocal in their support for the station and the need to move part of the light rail line underground because of safety concerns.	Frank Stoltze	07:00
5/26/11	LIT	Publishers, book sellers, celebrity authors and straight up celebrities converge in New York this week for Book Expo America. It's the premiere event in publishing each year, where readers can rub elbows with big authors like Jeffrey Eugenides, and less auspicious ones, including rapper Flava Flav.	David Kipen	07:00
5/26/11	SPOR	Mike Brown, the new coach for the Lakers, has got some big shoes to fill. Barry Bonds has offered to help the family of Brian Stow, the Giants fan, who was severely beaten at Dodger Stadium. Jose Canseco is in love with Lady Gaga. And a famous NASCAR driver was cited for speeding. He was caught going 128mph... which was a bit over the posted limit of 45mph.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	07:00
5/27/11	CRIM	El Monte criminal defense attorney Jose Romero has signed on to represent the alleged Dodger Stadium attacker, Giovanni Ramirez, along with Century City defense lawyer Anthony Brooklier. Whether or not Ramirez is guilty is for a jury to decide, and everyone deserves representation under our system of government, but what makes someone decide to undertake a case like this? Is it the publicity? The challenge? Or a strong belief in justice for all? Also, what's next for Ramirez after this weeks failed lineup? Why have no charges been pressed yet? And is there any truth to his lawyer's contention that Ramirez was home with his daughter at the time of the attack?	Jose Romero	14:00
5/27/11	FOOD	are that people within the industry are mislabeling cheaper, more readily available species of fish as big sellers like red snapper or wild salmon. In fact, the study claims that about half of the fish we're eating is not what we think it is. The fisheries industry responded to the report, saying they want to clean up fishing as much as anyone but they say they've taken big strides in doing so. They point to the fact that they've pledged to stamp out fraud by creating the Better Seafood Board in 2007. The board is an offshoot of the National Fisheries Institute, whose members commit to a higher set of standards. This report comes at a time when people are trying to be more aware of where their food comes from. It could have a major impact on the seafood industry if the public feels like they can't trust the labels they see in the display cases. On the other hand, the fisheries industry cautions us not to put too much stock in the numbers of a clearly biased group of researchers. So, is this flagrant fish fraud...or a set of funny numbers?	Gavin Gibbons, Margot Stiles	20:00
5/27/11	ART	A coalition of musicians is protesting a recent decision by the Recording Academy to drastically trim the number of Grammy categories. The 2012 awards show will feature 78, down from 109 this year. Last month, Grammy President and CEO Neil Portnow said a yearlong examination of the awards structure led to the decision -- one he said would make the Grammys more competitive and the awards more coveted. However, concerned artists are holding rallies across the country -- calling for a reversal of the move. They also charge that the decision unfairly targets ethnic music. What do you think of the major changes for the Grammys? Would it make the awards more competitive? Or is it sacrificing the recognition of distinct musical genres?	Corey Moore, Bobby Matos	20:00
5/27/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Peter Rainer, Henry Sheehan and Charles Soloman join Larry to review the week's new film releases including <i>The Hangover Part II</i> , <i>Kung Fu Panda 2</i> , <i>The Tree of Life</i> , <i>The Abduction of Zack Butterfield</i> , <i>Blank City</i> , <i>Dumbstruck</i> and <i>Make Believe</i> . TGI-FilmWeek!	Peter Rainer, Henry Sheehan, Charles Solomon	34:00

5/27/11	FILM	In his new documentary film "Make Believe" director J Clay Tweel followed six adolescent outsiders who all share a passion for magic. He chronicles the journey of these teen magicians who take their talent and paraphernalia to the annual World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas where they vie for the title of Teen World Champion. Tweel explores the lives of these teens whose onstage presence is poised and gifted but whose offstage lives are filled with the same alienation and pressures that many adolescents experience. This film won Best Documentary Film at the Los Angeles Film Festival in 2010 and the Audience Award at the Austin Film Festival in 2010.	J. Clay Tweel	10:00
5/27/11	FILM	Mark Goffman's new documentary DUMBSTRUCK is a humorous and heartfelt story of five ventriloquists as they pursue their dreams of a career in puppetry. The film follows the performers as they take their acts across the United States, the Mexican Riviera, the Bahamas and Japan. The film's true life characters include Kim, a former Miss Ohio beauty queen yearning for her big break; Dan, a thriving cruise ship performer whose wife may divorce him when he comes ashore; Dylan, an introverted 13-year-old with dreams of hitting the professional circuit; Wilma – all six-foot-five of her – a former security guard who brings her dummies to senior homes and Wal-Marts; and Terry, who struggled for decades as a small-time performer before winning America's Got Talent on his way to a \$100 million contract to headline the Mirage Casino in Las Vegas. It won the Best of the Festival in the Palm Springs International Film Festival.	Mark Goffman	8:30
5/27/11	POLI	Citing the estimated \$204,000 annual cost of enforcing a ban on gifts to themselves, California lawmakers yesterday killed a bill aiming to keep them accountable. As a result, companies who lobby lawmakers for preferable treatment can continue to curry favor through tickets to Dodgers and Lakers games, Disneyland and all-inclusive trips to golf resorts like Torrey Pines. Supporters of the law say the failure of the bill shows lawmakers' unwillingness to police themselves, but opponents say the law was just written too specifically, banning tickets to some sporting events and not others, rather than an all-out ban. They also say this is a job not for the legislators but for the Fair Political Practices Commission, which is already in the process of looking into new regulations. What standards should lawmakers be held to and who should police them?	State Sen. Sam Blakeslee, Anjuli Kronheim	00:13
5/27/11	CRIM	At what point does a person's right to self-defense become murder? Jerome Ersland, an Oklahoma City pharmacist, answered this question the hard way after being found guilty of first-degree murder in the aftermath of an attempted robbery. Antwun Parker, the robber/victim in question, entered the pharmacy with an armed accomplice and after a brief stand-off, was shot six times while his accomplice fled – once in the head and five more times while laying on the ground unconscious. Because of the race difference between the two parties, the idea that it was a racially motivated crime was soon at the forefront of the judgment. The shooting, which took place in 2009, has prompted the drafting of the "Jerome Ersland Act" which would extend protection under law to people who wound or kill during the course of self-defense. Was justice served or has the victim become the victim twice-over?	Randy Coyne	00:17
5/27/11	ECON	They only cost eight dollars but they saved a million bucks' worth of time. Now, California is hitting the brakes on carpool lane privileges for hybrids. Starting July 1st, gas-electric hybrid vehicles will be banned from driving solo in California's carpool lanes. The program, started 6 years ago, issued 85,000 stickers and undoubtedly pushed up hybrid car sales. It also sparked a black market and a demand for used cars with the stickers, which were nontransferable. After the expiration date, the only cars allowed solo in the carpool lane will be the white-stickered cars (all-electric or natural gas-powered) until the green sticker program rolls out sometime next year. How will that work and how will this affect your car buying decisions?	John Swanton, Mike Omotoso	00:17
5/27/11	HEAL	It's ostensibly a story about marketing and advertising but it says a lot about the health and eating habits of America's fast growing minority population: Kraft's Kool-Aid brand fruit drink is starting an advertising blitz aimed at Hispanics, culminating in a collaboration with Univision Radio in July to sponsor a series of outdoor screenings of Spanish-language movies in public parks in Los Angeles, Chicago, San Antonio, Dallas and Houston. Why would Kool-Aid be targeting Hispanics? Because that ethnic group, along with African Americans, are the largest consumers of not only Kool-Aid but all fruit drinks—Hispanic adults are second only to African Americans in consumption of fruit drinks. Perhaps not coincidentally these same populations are struggling disproportionately with obesity and diabetes, which calls into question the public health ramifications of an add campaign that pushes sugary drinks on minorities. Is this just a case of clever advertising by Kool-Aid or the underpinnings of a health crisis?	Dr. Antronette Yancey	00:17

5/27/11	TRAV	It was a classic Texas showdown—after a bill that would charge agents of the Transportation Security Administration with a misdemeanor if they knowingly touched a person in private areas without probably cause made it through the Texas State House, the TSA decided to fight back. The TSA and the Department of Justice lobbied several members of the Texas state government, arguing that the passage of a measure that violates federal law would cause problems. The TSA said they would have to request an emergency stay of the new law and, until that was resolved, all flights in and out of Texas would be cancelled. In the end the bill died in the state senate, bowing to the pressure of the Feds. The fight in Texas is just the beginning of a multi-state effort to push back against what's seen as invasive security measures at the country's airports, setting the stage for a serious confrontation over the way searches and security is conducted. Could a full blown constitutional crisis break out over pat downs?	Texas State Rep. David Simpson, Alaska State Rep. Sharon Cissna	00:17
5/27/11	TECH	We've all either done it or been a victim of it: having a conversation with a person who is fully engaged with their phone, whether they are texting or checking sports scores on the web. People walk with their heads down, staring at their phones; parents talk to their kids while answering emails; much more dangerously, motorists drive with one eye on the road and the other on their phones. Whipping out one's phone to check for texts or emails, whether it's in the middle of an intimate conversation, in the middle of a business meeting or the in the middle of the family dinner, has become not only common but acceptable behavior. Have manners completely evaporated or have they merely adjusted to the realities of the digital age, when nobody feels that they can ever miss any piece of new information? Is it tacky to live-Tweet or update your Facebook account after every seemingly minor interaction? Is the familiar glow of your smart phone simply too strong to resist? We ask whether texting and manners have to be mutually exclusive.	Lucy Hood	00:17
5/27/11	HIST	Memorial Day Weekend is coming up, a time to remember the veterans of wars past, present and future. For most historians, there are few stories more compelling than that of the USS Indianapolis: a heavy cruiser that had seen battle for nearly all of World War Two. Its final voyage was one of the most integral, yet disastrous missions in the history of the US Navy. And for Off-Ramp producer Kevin Ferguson, it's a story that hits very close to home.	Kevin Ferguson	7:00
5/27/11	FOR	Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made a surprise trip to Pakistan today. They met with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gillani and Army Chief General, Ashfaq Parvez Kayani. According to reports, it was a tense and awkward gathering. Here, with analysis of Clinton's visit, and the relationship between the United States and Pakistan, is Haider Mullick, a fellow at the Joint Special Operations University.	Haider Mullick	7:00
5/27/11	DIS	Nearly 10 years ago Japanese nuclear regulatory officials asked the operator of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant if it could withstand a tsunami. According to the Associated Press, which obtained the response memo, it was wildly optimistic. However, the AP says that science on earthquakes and tsunamis has advanced a lot since that memo was written, yet it was never updated. Now, more than two months after the tsunami, workers still haven't brought the plant under control.	George Maclean	7:00
5/27/11	ECON	It's tough to imagine that we should celebrate four dollars a gallon for gas. Especially, since last year at this time, gas was about a dollar a gallon cheaper. Steve Proffitt joins Madeleine with the answers to some frequently asked questions about gasoline and oil.	Steve Proffitt	7:00
5/27/11	ENV	Susan Carpenter, who writes about cars and motorcycles for the LA Times, turned her house into an experiment in being green and sustainable. About three years ago, she volunteered to try pretty much everything and anything that could turn her house, and her lifestyle, into a model of eco-friendliness. This included using a composting toilet, installing solar panels, and much more. She joined Madeleine in the studio recently. However, before Madeleine got around to asking her why she'd taken on such a task, she asked her to describe the first thing she did on her big green adventure.	Susan Carpenter	7:00
5/27/11	MEDI	This Friday Luke Burbank tells us about a recent celebrity charity event that pitted him and other Seattle stars against the Harlem Globetrotters. It didn't go well... Also, Luke dishes on the rise of a fad known as "planking." He also tells the tale of two government officials who total a Ferrari that was being held as evidence.	Luke Burbank	7:00
5/28/2011	RELI	Freelance journalist Camille Hahn interviews her father-in-law, Leon Leyson, 81. Looking at his modest home in Fullerton, you wouldn't guess the remarkable story of the man who lives inside. Leyson was the youngest person on Schindler's list.	Camille Hahn, Leon Leyson	12:33
5/28/2011	MIL	Off-Ramp host John Rabe talks with Robert Stanton, 50, whose son, Marine Corporal Jordan Stanton, 20, was killed in action in Afghanistan in March. What helped get the Stanton's through it was a non-profit group called Fisher House, which supports families of Marine casualties.	John Rabe, Robert Stanton	5:29

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5/28/2011	MIL	It's been noted many times that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were notable for the relatively small number of deaths during combat. But Aaron Glantz, a reporter for the Bay Citizen in San Francisco, asked what happened to those soldiers when they got back? The answer was disturbing -- more are dying here than when they were in uniform -- and it won Glantz the Society of Professional Journalists's recently awarded Glantz its Sigma Delta Chi Award for Investigative Reporting for his ground-breaking work. Queena Kim spoke with Glantz at the Bay Citizen.	Queen Kim	5:09
5/28/2011	MIL	Not every story on Memorial Day needs to be drama from the battlefield. An army travels on its stomach, its vehicle maintenance facilities, its electricians ... You get the picture. Marine Corporal Rene Casillas is 27, lives in Southern California, and served two tours of duty in Iraq before he was discharged in 2009. Casillas spoke with Off-Ramp host John Rabe about his path into the Marines, and what he found there.	John Rabe, Rene Casillas	4:32
5/28/2011	MIL	Earlier this month, veteran reporters, photographers and editors from all over the country met at Brodard Chateau in Garden Grove for lunch. It was called the "Old Hacks Reunion," a gathering of reporters who all covered the war in Vietnam. Off-Ramp producer Kevin Ferguson stopped by.	Kevin Ferguson	4:45
5/28/2011	HIST	You might have seen a football game Torrance High School's Zamperini Stadium, or landed an airplane Zamperini Field, even Zamperini Plaza, at the front of USC's track and field stadium. They're all named after Louis Zamperini. A former Olympic track runner, World War Two veteran and Los Angeles native who at 93 years old shares his story to this day. This past June, at KPCC's Crawford Family Forum, Zamperini spoke with Fellow Olympian John Naber about how he ended up in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, met Hitler, stole a Nazi flag, served in the airforce, survived for a month and half on a life raft in the Pacific, and endured years of life in captivity as a Japanese prisoner of war.	Louis Zamperini, John Naber	13:49
5/30/11	HIST	Four great men, sometimes allies, sometimes rivals, are portrayed in Noah Feldman's "Scorpions." Feldman, a prominent legal scholar and Professor of Law at Harvard University, has taken over five years to compile this historic narrative of four of America's most influential justices: Felix Frankfurter, Robert Jackson, William O. Douglas and Hugo Black. In this sweeping new group biography, the author recounts how their clashing personalities and philosophies played out during the Roosevelt era and argues that the judicial philosophies encompassed by the Roosevelt justices, continue to give meaning to the Court's terms of debate today.	Noah Feldman	24:00
5/30/11	HIST	The California Gold Rush is well known and much studied but the Alaskan Gold Rush is far less talked about. In his new book "The Floor to Heaven," bestselling author Howard Blum tells the story of the 1897 Klondike Gold Rush. He recounts the history through a series of real-life characters ranging from Charlie Siringo, cowboy turned successful businessman turned Pinkerton detective, Jefferson "Soapy" Smith who epitomized the frontier "confidence man" and George Carmack, the prospector who precipitated the great Alaska gold rush, married a Native American, and pursued his prospecting dreams to the Klondike.	Howard Blum	30:00
5/30/11	MEDIA	From Glenn Beck to Keith Olbermann, from Rachel Maddow to Fox News there has been intense focus and debate on the spin of broadcast journalism. Some argue that journalists should admit their biases and not pretend to be impartial. Others insist that they should aspire to the traditional standard, as outlined by The New York Times' Editor Bill Keller: "Impartiality is not just a matter of pretending to be neutral; it is a healthful, intellectual discipline." Even if the goal of objectivity is not entirely attainable, should media outlets strive to achieve the standard of objective journalism or do away with the pretense all together and advocate for a point of view?	Eric Alterman, Geneva Overholser	60:00

5/30/11	MIL	<p>Can I earn enough to pay the bills?  How can I take care of the kids and work at the same time?  Can I keep the household running without my wife?  He always fixes the car, but now that he's gone...  He's so changed.  She needs help.  We miss him.  We miss her.  I feel so alone.</p> <p>Military families face so many challenges, many amplified by the unknown: finding and keeping a good job, caring for children, staying connected while separated by thousands of miles, helping a loved one who has returned from the war with wounds to the body or brain. Every family has a story; we would like to hear yours.</p>	Tom Tarantino, Tim Kahlor, Debbie Nichols	00:31
5/30/11	ENV	<p>It's an unfortunate annual rite of passage for the sun kissed Southern California coast: the beach report card that judges water quality in the Pacific Ocean just off of our famous coastline, is usually filled with more bad news than good. Especially after a very rainy winter with loads of storm runoff, levels of pollutants at these beaches are high. Water quality at Los Angeles County beaches, in particular, has worsened over the past year, with Topanga beach, at the mouth of Topanga Creek, rating as one of the worst beaches in the state. It's not all bad—Santa Monica Pier, a historically dirty beach, earned an "A" on the Heal the Bay report card, marking a dramatic turn around. There's other ominous news off of California coasts, as old dumping grounds of mercury and PCB's are resulting in high levels of the toxins being found in sport fish like sharks. One of the biggest "superfund" environmental clean up sites in the country lies just off of Palos Verdes, polluted for years by PCB and DDT runoff. What will it take to make our beach environments clean and safe?</p>	Molly Peterson	00:17
5/30/11	ART	<p>The only true medicine for the pain of politics is laughter—after all, if we weren't laughing at the (mostly) unintentional humor emanating from Washington D.C. and state capitols, chances are we'd be crying. Budget pandemonium is in full effect as Republicans race to slash social services, leaving poor, sick &amp; helpless grandmothers in their wake, while Democrats do a lot of hand wringing and crying and not much else. And it's always fun to laugh at a gloriously uninspiring field of GOP presidential candidates. Tomorrow we'll probably cry about our lost jobs, but today join us in laughing at the madness of it all—the truth hurts far less when it's told by comedians.</p>	Aisha Tyler, Alonzo Bodden, Ben Gleib	00:48
5/30/11	MIL	<p>There are almost 170,000 female military veterans in California. Former Staff Sergeant Mary Bandini is one - a machine gunner who served in Bosnia and Qatar. She saw combat in what was considered peacetime when a peace keeping mission turned into a combat mission after 9/11. What unique challenges do women face within the military hierarchy and medical system? The Woodland Hills native shares her war stories with us.</p>	Mary Bandini	7:00
5/30/11	YOUT	<p>As the summer travel season heats up, many Americans will plan family vacations, fill cars and board airplanes. For those adults not traveling with small children, the prospect of a baby in the next aisle may signal a long and frustrating flight ahead. Teresa Strasser has a solution: establish kid-free flights, so parents and single people alike can relax. Strasser is the author of <i>Exploiting My Baby, Because it's Exploiting Me</i>.</p>	Teresa Strasser	7:00
5/30/11	FOR	<p>In Guatemala, one of the deadliest places on earth, the truth is rarely straight-forward. New Yorker journalist David Grann writes about a prominent Guatemalan lawyer who predicted his own murder, and the shocking truth revealed by the ensuing investigation.</p>	David Grann	7:00
5/30/11	SCI	<p>There are more Great White Sharks swimming off of California's coast. But don't be afraid. This is a good news story. Marine Biologist, Chris Lowe from Cal State Long Beach, is tracking white sharks and monitoring their migration patterns. He's trying to determine if environmental regulations enacted in 1994 and 2002 have helped the sharks bounce back. He believes they have. Chris and Madeleine met at the San Clemente Pier to talk sharks, and whether surfers and swimmers should be concerned about their resurgence.</p>	Chris Lowe	7:00
5/30/11	ART	<p>Madeleine takes a tour of the new new exhibition, <i>Houdini: Art and Magic</i>, at the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles. The show brings together historical artifacts from the life and work of the magician and showman who remains an enduring subject of fascination.</p>		7:00

5/31/11	OPIN	A San Diego woman -- aged 91 -- was the target of an F-B-I raid last week. Sharlotte Hydorn is being investigated for selling "suicide kits." The product consists of a clear, plastic bag and medical-grade tubing. A customer wanting to end their life willfully and peacefully connects the tubing to a helium tank and fits the bag over their head. Asphyxiation happens within minutes. While directly assisting suicide is illegal in California, it's unclear whether selling these kits breaks the law. This coincides with a new Gallup poll out today calling doctor-assisted suicide the most morally divisive issue in America. Forty-five per cent say it's morally acceptable, while 48% think it's morally wrong. We're going to debate the legal aspects of what Hydorn has been doing. Is it illegal or is the FBI trying a chill tactic around this type of activity? If someone is going to take their own life, what kind of advice can they legally seek, and what is too far?	Robert Rivas, Wesley J. Smith	24:00
5/31/11	BOOK	What comes to mind when you think about the black market? Illegal passports, firearms, dangerous weapons, drugs and...human body parts? That's right, there is a global industry centered around the sale of organs, bones, blood and even children. In his new book, <i>The Red Market</i> , Scott Carney explores the seedy underbelly of this macabre world. The author takes you on a trip from "Kidneyville," an Indian village in which all the citizens have sold their kidneys for profit, to the blood barns of south Asia, in which hostages are held by "vampires" who drain their blood for years. How have some people and communities resorted to such egregious means of making money? What efforts are being made to crack down? How could people do this?	Scott Carney	30:00
5/31/11	LA	Angelenos love to complain about traffic. Well, commuters on the West side will have more reason than ever starting July 15. That's when the entire San Diego 405 freeway will be shut down for an entire weekend. The closure between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside will start just after midnight that Friday and continue until 5:00am the following Monday, July 18. It's all part of a \$1-billion 405 widening project, to add northbound carpool lanes and radically remodel the 50-year old freeway's bridges and ramps. Sounds great, but how on earth will commuters cope? Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky is here to talk about the project and help get the word out. But we have a feeling some frustrated commuters will be in need of, if not medical advice, a little professional help from Dr. Roadmap himself.	Zev Yaroslavsky, David "Dr. Roadmap" Rizzo	34:00
5/31/11	FILM	The Los Angeles County Museum of Art kicked off its highly anticipated Tim Burton exhibition this past weekend. This major retrospective, which runs through October 31, digs into the dark and quirky world of Burton's creativity as a director, artist, illustrator, photographer and writer. It includes over 700 drawings, paintings, photos, storyboards, puppets, concept artworks, little-known personal projects, and new artwork created for the exhibit. Befitting a man famous for eccentric and elaborate films like Beetlejuice, Edward Scissorhands, Pee-wee's Big Adventure, Batman, The Nightmare Before Christmas and Alice in Wonderland, LACMA's new Resnick Pavilion was transformed into a "Burtonesque" environment complete with music by his longtime collaborator Danny Elfman. Last Saturday, Larry travelled to LACMA to preview the show and interview the man behind the wonderful madness.	Tim Burton	20:00
5/31/11	HEAL	cell phone close to your head while talking and the development of brain tumors? Studies have gone back and forth and today a major global authority weighed in on the matter. The International Agency for the Research on Cancer, an agency of the World Health Organization, looked at the bulk of research done on cell phones and cancer and found that "there is some evidence for an increased risk of glioma" or brain cancer. However the finding is far from definitive, the IARC saying that there still isn't a clearly established connection that the use of mobile phones does in fact cause cancer. There are already warnings on cell phones that advises users to keep the devices a certain distance from their bodies and the FCC has ruled that handsets used within a certain limit are safe. The American Cancer Society points out that research on the cell phone/cancer connection haven't pointed in one direction or another. Based on this latest study, are you more hesitant to snuggle up to your cell phone?	Dr. Keith L. Black, Dr. Len Lichtenfeld	00:31
5/31/11	HEAL	If you felt a sharp pain in your abdomen or broke your leg, you very probably would see a doctor or go to an emergency room. But many people diagnosed with psychotic illness resist treatment, saying they are not mentally ill. One in 17 Americans live with a serious psychosis such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder and about one in 10 children live with a serious mental or emotional disorder. The Lanterman-Perris-Short Act, passed in California in 1967, protects the rights of people with mental illness by making treatment available on a voluntary basis and barring involuntary treatment, except in cases of violence. But many patients end up on the street unable to cope and are arrested for a violent act or taken to an emergency room. Is there a better way? What's the appropriate threshold for intervention? What point do you let a life go to waste over ideology around personal rights?	Mark Gale, Dan Brzovic	00:17

5/31/11	RACE	elected representatives (and their corresponding parties) in Sacramento, is now in the hands of an unprecedented citizen's commission but the competition to establish potential political dominance in California is no less intense. At public hearings last week in front of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission interest groups presented their visions of what new congressional districts should look like, and not surprisingly minority groups were eager to take advantage of their growing numbers and political power in the state. Proposals for "like minded communities" being banded together in one district were put forward; districts that would "respect the Latino voter" were presented by the Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund; old disagreements over the division of the San Fernando Valley surfaced. Beneath it all ethnic politics reared up, and the California Republican Party, in particular, is not happy about the possibility of creating so many safe Democratic districts. We waded into the redistricting fight and look at the hard work ahead for the citizen commissioners.	Jeanne Raya, Eugene Lee, Arturo Vargas	00:22
5/31/11	POLI	Months ago two city field-inspectors were brought up on charges of accepting bribes in exchange for building approvals. Now a leaked mayoral memo has revealed that the entire Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety is facing an FBI probe. The 9 page memo details an investigation that has been instructed to go "as wide and as high as they (the investigators) can." City officials are being investigated for possible "illegal collaboration" and "poor supervisory skills." The inquiry was launched following an anonymous letter sent to the FBI detailing, among other things: gifts of cash, building materials and even bribes of vacation time. What will the investigation reveal and how will this effect the standard operations of the department?	David Zahniser, Robert A. Ringler	00:09
5/31/11	TECH	In recent years, scientists have looked at how the internet affects our brains, but how is it affecting our personalities? In his new book, Stanford University psychiatrist Elias Aboujaoude documents the disturbing phenomena that few medical professionals have written about, or understand, but that any casual observer has noticed. Whether it's obsessive-compulsively checking e-mail or worrying to the point of paranoia about identity theft, the internet has spawned new forms of behavior. It also emphasizes equally hard-to-control character traits, like narcissism and grandiosity, which, whether in rekindled romances facilitated by Facebook friendships or "flaming" rage on a blog, take on new meanings in one's digital life. As video poker and one-click shopping elevate impulsive tendencies and avatars in cyber-universes allow for the creation of alternate personalities, Aboujaoude explains how the way an individual functions in cyberspace impacts his or her behavior in the real world.	Dr. Elias Aboujaoude	00:17
5/31/11	SCI	A year ago a gray whale mysteriously appeared off the coast of Israel. What made the sighting unusual is that it happened at all - gray whales swim only in Pacific waters	Pat Krug	7:00
5/31/11	HOUS	The Case-Shiller index numbers released Tuesday morning show March housing prices were at their lowest point since the housing bubble burst 5 years ago. Prices are down by more than a third from their peak in 2006.	Richard Green	7:00
5/31/11	POLI	Sarah Palin is on day three of a bus trip she insists is not a campaign tour. And Mitt Romney is set to announce he's in the running later this week. Today he had harsh words for President Obama in an interview broadcast on NBC.	Ken Rudin	7:00
5/31/11	TECH	All your base belong to Lulzsec. That message, contained in a graphic featuring a stylized pink cat and a rainbow, briefly greeted visitors to PBS.org over the weekend. The site was hacked by a group that is also claiming credit for shutting down Sony's Playstation network, and hacking other sites.	Xeni Jardin	7:00
5/31/11	ENER	On July first – the carpool lane privileges hybrid vehicle drivers have enjoyed for years will come to a screeching halt. That's the day the yellow access stickers on California's hybrid cars expire for good. State officials describe the program as a huge success that helped convince drivers to give hybrids a try. Now they hope a similar sticker will do the same for electric cars. But many drivers doubt that plug-ins can catch on.	Sanden Totten	7:00
5/31/11	ART	Today's helping of new music comes from Sonic Youth guitarist Thurston Moore and the compilation album Nigeria 70.	Drew Tewksbury	7:00
5/31/11	MEDI	They let you know what kind of food you should choose for your special day, that you should feed people alcohol before the service, and the best tactics for ensuring maximum hor d'oeuvre consumption.	Dan Pashman, Mark Garrison	7:00
6/1/11	POLI	Online businesses are booming, but consumers in California may soon have one less reason to order their books and iphones online. On Tuesday, the California state Assembly passed a bill that would require online retailers with a physical presence in the state or that work with stores on the ground to add at least a 8.25 percent sales tax to online purchases. Proponents are hoping the measure would bring in \$ 83 a year in revenue just from Amazon alone and help consolidate California's broken budget. Businesses with store fronts and inventory are in favor of the bill that passed 47-16. They claim it will help them compete with Internet giants like Amazon. In 2009, then-governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed a similar bill. Amazon threatened to end relationships with more than 10,000 affiliates in California should the online tax bill pass the state Senate and get the Governor's signature. Critics of the new initiative fear it would drive businesses out of California. Will you still buy online if the sales tax becomes law?	James Nash	14:00

6/1/11	TV	If you're a fan of public television, chances are you like being able to watch your favorite PBS shows without interruption. But that's about to change. At the network's recent annual meeting in Orlando, PBS officials told member stations that starting this fall the science shows "Nature" and "Nova" would contain sponsor spots and promotional breaks within the programs. Currently, these are limited to blocks at the end of each show. As a result, there are sometimes eight minute blocks of ads. Not surprisingly, viewers are apt to flee. The format change is meant to address this serious problem. But will it be enough to save public television? Might the viewer backlash outweigh the projected benefits? Is this consistent with PBS' mission? And is this the best plan they can come up with?	Paula Kerger	20:00
6/1/11	OPIN	is a divided country." Just how divided Americans are on moral issues shows up in the annual Gallup poll on <i>Values and Beliefs</i> . Since 2001, the institute asks Americans their opinions on a variety of topics from abortion to gay rights and assisted suicide. This year, results show that Americans find it easier to agree on what they deem morally wrong than on what they think is right. For at least eight in ten adults, extramarital affairs, polygamy, cloning humans and suicide topped the list of unacceptable issues, closely followed by pornography and cloning animals. On the other hand, divorce, the death penalty and gambling, are largely accepted. The top three hot button issues are doctor-assisted suicide, abortion and out-of-wedlock births. Gay and lesbian relations, pornography and premarital sex are less controversial among younger Americans. We'll discuss the results with Frank Newport, editor of the Gallup Poll, and conduct our own informal poll. Do people become more conservative as they get older? Why or why not?	Frank Newport	20:00
6/1/11	IMMI	Imagine you are an illegal immigrant and want to report an act of domestic violence. Would you? A federal immigration enforcement policy launched in 2008 might make you think twice. Under the Secure Communities Program, the identity of anyone arrested -- not just charged and convicted -- is forwarded to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for possible deportation. Critics say the policy was intended to protect communities from dangerous felons -- instead, they say, it's had a chilling effect on immigrant witnesses and victims. Last week, the California State Assembly passed a bill that would allow local governments to opt out of the Secure Communities Program. What's unclear is whether they have that choice. If the measure passes the state senate, California would become the second state after Illinois to say 'No' to the Secure Communities Program. AirTalk is asking: Should local and state jurisdictions be able to opt out of federal immigration enforcement? Do you think initiatives like this create tensions with immigrant communities? Who should be and who should not be subjected to the Secure Communities policy?	Tim Donnelly, Angela F. Chan	24:00
6/1/11	CRIM	Lawyers for Dodgers beating suspect Giovanni Ramirez said Tuesday that the LAPD has the wrong guy in custody. Anthony Brooklier and Jose Romero, now representing Ramirez, are offering more reasons why their client isn't connected to the brutal attack of Bryan Stow on opening day at Dodger Stadium. They're saying, among other things, that Ramirez didn't have a shaved head on the day of the attack, as witnesses have described. Additionally, Ramirez's lawyers say it's unlikely charges will ever be filed in the case. But authorities insist Ramirez is still the "prime suspect." And now, it seems Ramirez is wanted in connection with a gang shooting in Nevada. We'll get the latest details on the case, including whether Ramirez will take a lie detector test today. Was Ramirez in the wrong place at the wrong time? Did the police make an error, or are they on the right track?	Jose Romero	10:00
6/1/11	MUSIC	that allow him to tell stories of a hardscrabble life with an honest pen. Earle's 1986 album, <i>Guitar Town</i> , brought him early success that exacerbated his substance abuse problems - and by the early 1990s he had been imprisoned on gun and drug charges. After kicking his heroin habit in jail, Earle was released in 1994. He then began a very productive artistic period, releasing 2 acclaimed albums in an 18-month period. Aside from his day job as a successful musician, his resume also includes turns as an actor, playwright, activist, producer, teacher and satellite radio host. His highest profile gigs have been roles on a pair of incisive HBO shows; Earle played a recovering junkie on <i>The Wire</i> and currently plays a New Orleans busker on <i>Treme</i> . Earle's recently published first novel, <i>I'll Never Get Out of This World Alive</i> , is filled with a kind of gritty authenticity that only someone who has been to hell and made it back can describe. Does struggle and strife lead to great art? Is there a better way? What are your favorite Steve Earle albums, songs or characters?	Steve Earle	20:00

6/1/11	TRAN	Late Sunday night a pair of Air Force F-16 fighter jets escorted a United Airlines Boeing 767 bound for Ghana back to Dulles International Airport, following a passenger scuffle. One passenger slapped the traveler a seat ahead of him on the head, after the latter reclined his chair too far back into the offended man's lap. A flight attendant and another passenger broke up the ensuing fight, while the pilot turned back to Dulles. In response to a potential terrorist threat, two fighter jets took off from Andrews Air Force Base as soon as the plane had reentered Washington airspace and accompanied the plane on its 25 minute flight to burn off excess fuel before landing. The Dulles police awaited the passengers at the gate, but no charges were pressed. Increased security measures and quick responses to on-flight disturbances have become common in the wake of the September 11th attacks, and in recent years have led to the detection of terrorism plots to blow up aircraft with explosive-laden shoes or clothing. But did this scuffle warrant an entourage of fighter jets? Who determines the intensity of responses to security threats, and how are these decisions made?	Captain Rusty Aimer	00:13
6/1/11	POLI	In a first vote that was meant to set the lines of demarcation in the coming budget fight, a bill that would raise the U.S. debt limit by \$2.4 trillion went down to defeat in the House of Representatives yesterday. Of course the bill was designed to lose as part of the wider posturing and negotiations that are ongoing in the twin efforts to increase the national debt ceiling and cut the \$14+ trillion debt. House Republicans met with President Obama today, looking for an agreement on spending cuts made in exchange for raising the debt ceiling; and Vice President Joe Biden has been leading negotiations for weeks with the idea of a grand bargain that could lead to \$1 trillion in spending cuts for a boost in the debt ceiling. What might \$1 trillion in cuts look like? Farm subsidies, benefits for government workers and spending caps have all been discussed, and while \$1 trillion isn't chump change, there are many more difficult decisions to be made. Will the debt ceiling ultimately be increased and is the country's political leadership finally serious about tackling our structural debt?	Maya MacGuinea	00:18
6/1/11	HEAL	cancer. New research now finds that the same chemical, Tris, is in furniture and baby products, such as nursing pillows, car seats, and highchairs. Critics of the chemical point to studies finding relation between the chemical and reduced IQ in children, reduced fertility, thyroid problems, endocrine disruption, and cancer. Defendants of the fire retardant chemical say that the retardants have dramatically lessened deaths caused by upholstered furniture and that it is not clear that the flame retardant actually comes out of the product. In direct opposition, Tris critics claim the retardant has not actually increased fire safety. About a month ago, state Sen. Mark Leno's Consumer Choice Fire Safety Act, which would create an alternative furniture standard that maintains fire safety without the chemical retardant, was voted down 8 to 1 in committee—critics say because of the powerful fire retardant chemical industry lobby. The Act will be up for a vote again within the year. How will California legislators—whose strict flammability rule has become a de facto national standard—juggle their efforts to protect Californians	Kathryn St. John, Arlene Blum, Ph.D.	00:17
6/1/11	ENT	blue eyes, light brown hair. A year ago, at age 20, JoEllen used the online Donor Sibling Registry to connect with more than a dozen of her half-siblings. The New York Times picked up the story, and Jeffrey Harrison, living alone with four dogs and a pigeon in a broken-down RV in a Venice Beach car park, got a hold of the story. Jeffrey donated sperm three or four times a week, totaling 500 times, during the 1980s and 1990s to help pay the rent—and JoEllen and her half-siblings were the result. The documentary Donor Unknown tells the story of the new kind of 'family' that evolves when Jeffrey decides to give up anonymity and meet his children. As several countries start to ban donor anonymity, there is a booming industry in the U.S. of reproductive tourism and shipping eggs and sperm abroad. Should the U.S. put children's rights over adults', as critics argue, and ban donor anonymity? Given the fear of half-siblings meeting romantically, should there be a limit to the number of times a person can donate egg or sperm? Should parents be obligated to tell their children if they have a donor parent?	JoEllen Marsh, Vardit Ravitsky, Dr. Cappy M. Rothman	00:22
6/1/11	LAW	In 2008 a cyber attack against the Pentagon's computer network—it was believed to have originated in Russia but the Russian government denied complicity—rattled the Defense Department to the point of briefing then President George W. Bush. Defense contractor Lockheed Martin's computer systems were hacked just last week, exposing sensitive military hardware information. And on the offensive side of things, the "Stuxnet" computer virus unleashed on Iran's nuclear centrifuges from an unknown source (Israel, the U.S.?) is credited with slowing down that country's development of nuclear weapons. Cyber warfare is an increasingly expected part of traditional warfare and as such requires the usual doctrines of engagement. The Pentagon first formal cyber strategy goes as far as classifying certain types of cyber attacks as acts of war—under the concept of equivalence, if a cyber attack produces death, destruction or high-level economic disruption then it could be a candidate for a "use of force" response. But can the identity of cyber attackers ever be truly confirmed, and can bullets best megabytes?	Stewart Baker	00:09

6/1/11	SPOR	Should cheerleading be a sport? The question has vexed universities, sports enthusiasts and feminists for decades, but now two groups have submitted competing proposals to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to recognize cheerleading as an emerging sport for women. Opponents have traditionally said it sends the wrong message to women, that it literally and figuratively puts them on the sidelines of male-dominated sports and offers universities an easy path to skirt Title IX obligations to provide equal athletic opportunities to male and female students. But competitive cheerleaders say that's an image from the past; today's cheering is much more sophisticated and deeply rooted in stunts and gymnastics. To the casual observer, the competing proposals differ only in details—how the competition should be scored, how to structure the season and whether the sport will ultimately look more like stunts or gymnastics. But both aim to make it an NCAA-recognized sport that would ban cheerleaders from cheering for other athletic games. What could that mean for athletic scholarships and even the iconic image of cheerleaders on the sidelines?	Nancy Hogshead-Makar	00:17
6/1/11	LIT	Throughout history, no matter what political stripe, the public seems to have rallied around its collective disgust with the media. Charges of bias, shallowness and fear-mongering have been leveled at journalists since the earliest alphabets came into existence.	Brooke Gladstone	7:00
6/1/11	HEAL	In Europe, an extremely rare form of E. coli is responsible for one of the largest outbreaks of the disease ever recorded. 17 people have died in Germany and more than 1500 sickened. And there have been more cases reported in 8 other European countries. It's still a mystery exactly what caused the outbreak, but officials suspect it came from either raw lettuce, tomatoes or cucumbers. What is it that makes this strain worse than normal?	Sarah Klein	7:00
6/1/11	HEAL	The federal government will roll out a new version of its iconic food pyramid, Thursday. The pyramid will be replaced by a circle which will have four colored sections, for fruits, vegetables, grains, and protein. Next to the circle will be a smaller circle for dairy foods.	Marion Nestle	6:00
6/1/11	ENER	Japan's continuing nuclear crisis has left the world nervous over nuclear power, just as many were touting it as a low-carbon energy source. California has a long-standing moratorium on any new nuclear power plants. But an effort to challenge that is underway in Fresno, where some investors are pressing on, in spite of the ban.	Sasha Khoka	7:00
6/1/11	MEDI	We're kicking off a summer series this morning, and it's one you can participate in. We've collected a few stories from people who've told us about their summer vacations that have gone horribly wrong, and we'd like to hear from you too. Our first victim is Lew Schnieder, a writer and producer of the TV show Men of A Certain Age. He shares a story about the danger of being a guest in someone's home on a vacation, and then having to reciprocate.	Lew Schneider	8:00
6/1/11	MEDI	Rico Gagliano and Brendan Francis Newnam from The Dinner Party Download are back with conversation starters for your next soiree. Literally Unbelievable. That's the name of a new site that chronicles Facebook user's reactions to articles from The Onion, that they believe to be true. A list of the most dangerous cities to be a pedestrian in was recently released. Surprisingly, Los Angeles isn't number one. That honor goes to Orlando-Kissimmee, FL. And the boys take time to remember one of the darker, best selling holiday singles... White Christmas by Irving Berlin.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	9:00
6/2/11	POLI	Political junkies are all atwitter over an odd story about outspoken New York Congressman Anthony Weiner. It goes something like this: Over the weekend, Weiner's Twitter account posted a photo of a man's crotch, addressed it to a young woman in Seattle. The lewd pic was quickly deleted, but not before it was seen, noted, re-posted and reported widely. Then came the explanation from the Congressman: his account had been hacked; he'd never met the gal in Seattle; and he would never send out such a photo. The young lady corroborates his version of events, but the story continues to spin. There was the CNN scrum during which Weiner got a little testy. There's conservative columnist Andrew Breitbart providing his version of events. And yesterday, in a very formal sit-down with CNN's Wolf Blitzer, the Congressman himself saying he could not say "with certitude" that the photo wasn't him. What do you make of all this? Is it being blown out of proportion or do you want more messy details? Is Weiner being targeted for his bold views or does his position invite this level of scrutiny? Or has it gotten a little too meta?	Michael Gregg, Declan McCullagh	24:00
6/2/11	RELI	It's been a rough couple of years for mega-churches. The Crystal Cathedral is bankrupt, Bishop Eddie Long settled out of court and Ted Haggard is still trying to pick up the pieces after his sex scandal. Meanwhile micro churches are popping up in night clubs and community centers across the country. Is the pendulum swinging away from jumbo churches and towards smaller, community based religious services? What do YOU want out of your place of worship? Big or small?	Kurt Fredrickson	30:00

6/2/11	POLI	There's a food fight brewing on Capitol Hill. On Tuesday, the House Appropriations Committee passed an agriculture/farm spending bill that pushes back against White House efforts to promote healthier school lunches. Republicans want the Agriculture Department to rewrite rules passed in January, which call for less sodium, fewer fries, more fruits and vegetables and low fat milk, among other things, in subsidized student lunches. The Obama initiatives, aimed at combating childhood obesity, are the first major overhaul of school meals in 15 years. But Republicans say they're too costly and amount to federal level over-regulation. Getting kids to eat better is a worthy goal. But do we need government intervention to make it happen? Can we afford it? Can we afford the alternative?	Margo Wootan, Jacob Sullum	24:00
6/2/11	LA	There is no such thing as a "typical" Angeleno. How could there be? In our fair metropolis we have beach bums in Venice, aspiring starlets in Hollywood, execs in Studio City, the jet set in Beverly Hills, not to mention the numerous and diverse ethnic groups in areas such as Koreatown, Thai Town, Little Armenia and so on. With such a wide variety of people who call Los Angeles home, one would be hard-pressed to try and conflate all of them into one mold. But there are definite behaviors, attitudes and cultural touchstones most Angelenos know intimately and hold dear. Do you use turn signals, while simultaneously taking a shortcut? Do you freak out when you see a movie star – keep your cool? What about if you saw Vin Scully? What makes YOU a true Angeleno?	Open Phones	30:00
6/2/11	LAW	An arrest has been made in the severe beating of a San Francisco Giants fan in the Dodgers parking lot a few weeks ago; do they have the right guy? LAPD Chief Charlie Beck thinks so, but they're still looking for two others involved in the crime. This one incident stands out as new figures are released showing violent crimes down 6.4% over 2010 and the homicide rate in California dropping to a 44 year low. A persistent investigative puzzle; criticism of the department's probe of retaliation claims; the federal deportation program, Secure Communities, coming under fire; LAPD lawsuits costing the city millions, and still more budget cuts – it's all on the table as Chief Charlie Beck joins Patt in the studio for our regular Q&A.	LAPD Chief Charlie Beck	00:31
6/2/11	LAW	The cost of parking has skyrocketed in recent months and some among us (a rapidly growing number) have taken to using fraudulent disabled parking placards to skirt feeding those omnipresent high-tech meters. It's hard to imagine, but according to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, more than one third of the cars parked on any street, at any given time in California are using a fraudulent disabled parking placard. This fact has led to a DMV sting operation aimed at cracking down on the scofflaws. A disabled placard is issued by a medical professional to individuals with serious health issues, but the DMV is finding that more and more drivers are taking advantage of the parking privilege. Today 1 in 10 drivers in the Golden state are issued the blue or red placard that amounts to a parking free pass. How will the DMV catch you in the act and how much will it cost you? You'll have to listen to Patt no find out.	Mike Marando, Michael Manville, Ph.D	00:17
6/2/11	EDU	Do we really need new research to convince us that vacations reduce stress levels, that alcohol can increase errors in decision making, or that women who receive epidurals have less painful childbirths? Studies whose findings seem to confirm conventional wisdom—known colloquially as “duh science”—often support theories that have long been held by the public and the larger scientific community. Critics consistently question the value of such studies, their drain on our tax dollars and the power of their seemingly obvious conclusions to diminish researchers' credibility. Proponents disagree, arguing that scientific progress and real change in social attitudes and public policy comes with the repeated observation. They cite the numerous and continued studies needed to convince a stubborn populace of smoking's harmful effects. Why do researchers continue to pursue duh science? Are current, well-studied issues easier to tackle than new ground, or are grant prospects better for researchers whose studies add to established scientific conclusions?	Eryn Brown, Kyle Stanford	00:24
6/2/11	HEAL	It's a pizza, it's a pie, it's a Rothko painting. It's actually the Obama administration's new version of the food pyramid. Nutritionists aren't crazy about the analogies being made to pies or pizzas, but the new icon unveiled this morning looks a lot like a dinner plate and is meant to give consumers an easy way to remember the basics of healthy eating by dividing the plate into color-coded wedges representing fruits, vegetables, grains and protein. The face-lift has been a long-time coming—experts have for decades derided the flawed and politically contentious pyramid that adorned many food products and confused many a consumer. The new graphic is expected to be a major tool in first lady Michelle Obama's crusade against obesity, and underscores her mantra that half one's plate be fruits and veggies. What's changed and how effective can a new icon be?	William McCarthy, Sasha Strauss	00:07

6/2/11	ENT	Dozens of working and "would-be" producers get together this weekend to listen to and learn from their peers at the annual Produced By Conference, where they'll hear the unvarnished truth about producing for television and film. Think you have the next hot reality show? Want to work in the indie market? How can you get financing? Will your idea make it on new media platforms? It's a tough business, and we have two of the industry's best - Mark Gordon, producer of Saving Private Ryan and ABC's Gray's Anatomy, and Tim Gibbons, executive producer of HBO's comedy Curb Your Enthusiasm - with their insight and advice.	Tim Gibbons, Mark Gordon	00:17
6/2/11	SCI	Ovulating lap dancers make the best tips. That finding in a study caught the eye of UCLA Communications and Psychology professor Martie Haselton. Researchers in New Mexico asked a group of professional lap dancers to record two things: the amount of money they received in nightly tips and their menstrual cycles. The result? The dancers who were ovulating made more money than the women who were not. Martie Haselton wondered, why are ovulating women more attractive to men? And (how) can men tell?	Martie Haselton	6:00
6/2/11	ECON	It's been a rough week for the economy. Yesterday the Dow Jones lost 279 points, a 2.2% drop...it's worst one day loss since last summer. This morning the government said first-time applications for unemployment benefits fell slightly to 422,000, but that's still higher than what most economists expected. Simon Johnson, an economist at MIT's Sloan School of Management, joins Madeleine to explain whether the recovery is losing steam.	Simon Johnson	8:00
6/2/11	MEDI	The story about the New York Congressman Anthony Weiner and whether he did or didn't send a lewd picture of himself to a young woman in Seattle has been at the forefront of news coverage over the past few days. Jim Rainey writes the On the Media column for the LA Times. He joins Madeleine to talk about media coverage in the age of Twitter.	James Rainey	7:00
6/2/11	TECH	Google claims that someone in China has been hacking into the personal Gmail accounts of US government officials, activists and journalists. China is denying that it is involved at all, saying that Google is making it all up. Faceniff, a new app released for Android, allows users to intercept and steal credentials of people using Facebook and Twitter over open Wi-Fi networks. And Groupon announced its new discount travel service: Getaways with Expedia.	John Moe	6:00
6/2/11	ART	He's not a household name, but East LA singer/songwriter Ruben Guevara has been a key figure on the southern California music scene for 50 years. He's collaborated with Frank Zappa, composed film scores, and championed Latin punk groups like the Plugz. Guevara recently marked his 50th anniversary in the music business with a new CD. KPCC's Adolfo Guzman-Lopez sat down with Guevara to talk about his long and varied career.	Adolfo Guzman Lopez	7:00
6/2/11	SPOR	Randy and Jason Sklar are back for their unique take on the week in sports. The Lance Armstrong saga continues. His lawyers are demanding a public apology from 60 Minutes. 60 Minutes said no. Perhaps best known for his role in the movie Kazaam, Shaquille O'Neal, announced his retirement from the NBA yesterday. Things continue to unravel for the Dodgers. With the stadium catching on fire and a father caught on tape dropping his daughter while trying to catch a foul ball. And if you are a Michigan alumni, as the Sklars are, you'll be excited to hear that the Ohio State basketball coach resigned in shame. The Sklar brothers are the hosts of the weekly sports comedy podcast, Sklarbro Country.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	8:00
6/3/11	OPIN	Controversial advocate for assisted suicide Dr. Jack Kevorkian died today at the age of 83 after being treated for pneumonia and kidney problems, his lawyer said. Kevorkian spent eight years in prison for second-degree murder after giving a patient a lethal injection in 1998. His medical license was then revoked, and Kevorkian invented a "suicide machine" he called the "Mercitron" that allowed patients make their own hearts stop beating with a push of a button. Kevorkian claims to have helped more than 130 terminally ill people die over the course of 8 years. The first was Janet Adkins, a 54-year old woman from Portland, who had Alzheimer's disease, was the first user of Kevorkian's "Mercitron." She died in the back of a van in June 1990. According to Kevorkian her last words were "Thank You, Thank you very much." Critics challenged Kevorkian's moral stand on assisted suicide as well as his methods. Did his work change your opinion on assisted suicide? What will be Kevorkian's legacy?	Steve Lee Jones	24:00
6/3/11	BOOK	According to author and former Mexican foreign minister Jorge Castaneda, "Mexico is a country which has been waiting many years to finally achieve its potential..." So what's holding it back? In his new book "Manana Forever" Castaneda takes apart the Mexican psyche to attempt to explain what's preventing Mexico from becoming a full fledged prosperous, middle class, democracy. Castaneda examined civil society in Mexico and argues that certain cultural characteristics that promoted survival through the country's tortured history now serve to hinder that nation's progress toward a modern and successful state. Castaneda joins Larry in studio to discuss these traits, their origins and how they pose hurdles for the country's future.	Jorge Castaneda	23:00

6/3/11	ART	Nothing says "old school" like owning a classic television set. But the number of living rooms glowing with square, flickering black boxes, seems to be shrinking. The dinosaurs that once brought us Bonanza and The Ed Sullivan Show have largely been replaced by computers and other modernized screens. Why have so many of us kicked our former TV-dinner companions to the curb? This is just one question that led KPCC's John Rabe to pay photographic tribute to old-fashioned TVs. Rabe, host of KPCC's Off-Ramp and an avid photographer, has a new exhibition at Bermudez Projects in Downtown LA. The "Vast Wasteland Project" features more than 30 framed photos of discarded televisions. The nostalgic images seem as old as the TVs themselves because Rabe took them using the Hipstamatic i-Phone app to create a Polaroid-like feel. It also includes audio of the "Vast Wasteland" speech former head of the FCC Newton Minow gave 50 years ago. In that legendary address, Minow described what was on TV as a vast wasteland that did not serve the public interest. "What began as a metaphor for programming has become a physical reality in LA's streets and alleys," says Rabe. What did you do with your old	John Rabe	7:00
6/3/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Claudia Puig and Wade Major join Larry to review the week's new film releases including X-Men: First Class, Beginners, Love, Wedding, Marriage, YellowBrickRoad and more. TGI-FilmWeek!	Claudia Puig, Wade Major	34:00
6/3/11	FILM	Legendary movie personality Raoul Walsh got his Hollywood break as John Wilkes Booth in D. W. Griffith's 1915 silent movie <i>The Birth of a Nation</i> . He went on to develop and direct more than 200 films, including classics like <i>High Sierra</i> (1941) and <i>White Heat</i> (1949). Born in 1887, Walsh was a founding member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS). Now, author and critic Marilyn Ann Moss has written the first comprehensive biography of this prolific filmmaker known as the one-eyed bandit since he started wearing an eye patch to cover an injury from a freak car accident in 1928. Walsh directed heavyweights such as Humphrey Bogart, Errol Flynn and Marlene Dietrich and cast future star John Wayne in his first leading role in <i>The Big Trail</i> (1930.) In <i>Raoul Walsh: The True Adventures of Hollywood's Legendary Director</i> , Moss discusses Walsh's career that spanned more than five decades, his film-making style, his personal life and his legacy. What is Walsh's long-lasting legacy and how did he influence the way movies are made today?	Marilyn Ann Moss	20:00
6/3/11	ECON	They have been telling us for months that the recovery was well underway—they being economists, business leaders and the Obama administration. Several months of solid job growth and reports of profitable companies seemed to be putting the American economy back on firm footing but the optimism came to a crashing halt this morning on the release of dreary job figures for May. Payrolls rose 54,000 last month, the smallest job gain in nearly a year, and because there is almost 13.9 million American out of work the unemployment rate went up to 9.1%. Payroll figures for the previous two months were revised down by 39,000 and to end with one final piece of bad news, the incomes of American workers remained depressed—average hourly earnings of all employees raised just \$0.06, while households were squeezed by higher fuel and food prices. The toxic mix means that job creation is still lacking and even those people with jobs aren't earning enough to keep pace with the inflation of consumer goods. Is there really an economic recovery underway or have we been chasing fiscal shadows?	Roben Farzad	00:13
6/3/11	FOR	It was an allegedly innocent hiking trip in Iraqi Kurdistan back in July of 2009—three Americans, all of whom with backgrounds in anti-war activism, were detained by Iranian border guards when they, according to Iran, wandered across the border. Sarah Shourd, who was teaching English in Damascus, Syria when she went on vacation in Kurdistan, says she and her two compatriots (Shane Bauer and Joshua Fattal) didn't realize they were even close to the border when they were confronted by Iranian soldiers, who took them into custody. She was charged with spying against Iran and was held in solitary confinement, her case becoming a political tool in the ongoing enmity between Iran and the United States. Having been released on bail in September of last year, Sarah was supposed to go back to Iran for her trial but has no intention of returning. Sarah Shourd is here in studio to tell her story of imprisonment in Iran, her engagement to her boyfriend Shane Bauer while they were in jail and about her role as a pawn in a stewing international conflict.	Sarah Shourd	00:18
6/3/11	ART	Tomatoes, peaches, watermelon, sweet corn—summer is here, and so is Angeleno chef Susan Feniger. She joins Patt in-studio with some fresh summer recipe ideas that will keep you on a budget and out of a hot kitchen. Whether you're headed to a BBQ or the beach, Susan has culinary tips to share for every summer occasion. Call or tune-in to learn what's best to buy at your local farmers' market or how to assemble the perfect Bento box for a night out at the Hollywood bowl.	Susan Feniger, Regina Schrambling	00:17

6/3/11	EDU	Elite colleges have steadily increased their efforts to admit low-income students in recent years, and 22% of students currently receive federal Pell Grants, an increase of 9% since 2005. However, a recent report by the advocacy group Education Trust found that only 5 colleges of the 1,186 surveyed adequately serviced low-income students—and they aren't the ones you might expect. Some have called the report's benchmarks abnormally high, but Education Trust's conclusions have undoubtedly challenged university procedure and the efficacy of widespread measures to equalize admissions. Just look at the class of 2010—at the country's 193 most selective colleges only 15% of the students came from the bottom half of the national income distribution. What can four-year colleges and our tax dollars do to enroll more low-income students? Are elite universities enabling students from less-affluent families to achieve the American dream, or is their under-representation contributing to the country's widening income gap?	Anthony Carnevale, Richard Kahlenberg, Kevin Carey	00:22
6/3/11	EDU	In the spirit of the National Spelling Bee, which wrapped up last evening in Washington D.C. [Thursday, 6/2], we decided to test the orthographic skills of our listeners. Are you smarter than the 275 young challengers who have practiced for months and years and are competing for the 2011 championship? Their favorite words are tchochke, pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis, and weissnichtwo. Does that give you pause? Don't be shy – call in and find out who's smarter – we dare you.	Open Phones	00:09
6/3/11	LIT	As a prosecutor, Vincent Bugliosi has taken on such big names as Charles Manson, O.J. Simpson and Lee Harvey Oswald. His next trial is weighed against a distinctly higher profile figure: God. The Divinity of Doubt calls the big man to the stand, but can He stand up to Bugliosi's critical mind? Thankfully, God is not alone in this trial by book; Bugliosi's analytical eye is also turned upon pinnacles of atheism such as: Christopher Hitchens, Sam Harris, and Richard Dawkins. Bugliosi's conclusions may not be typical and his answers might not satisfy, but if the critics are to be trusted – his judgments are fair and without bias.	Vincent Buglioso	00:17
6/3/11	EDU	n industry has sprung up around the demand for Chinese students by U.S. universities. Chinese students pay top dollar to go to American colleges. In China, hundreds of agencies have sprung up to help students get into US schools. Fees run into the thousands of dollars. But some students find that when they get here, they've been misled. Bloomberg News reporter Daniel Golden has been investigating this business of bringing Chinese students to the U.S., and he joins us from Boston.	Daniel Golden	8:00
6/3/11	POLI	Two-time presidential candidate John Edwards was indicted today over massive sums of money spent to keep his mistress in hiding during the peak of his 2008 campaign for the White House. Campaign donors provided the funds. Prosecutors in North Carolina say that violates federal election laws, while Edwards lawyers maintain that the money was kept separate from campaign expenses and his only wrongdoing was hiding an affair from his wife.	Richard Wolffe	7:00
6/3/11	LAW	Los Angeles police have yet to charge Giovanni Ramirez in the beating of Bryan Stowe at Dodger Stadium. While police Chief Charlie Beck says Ramirez remains their primary suspect, he concedes that detectives are still gathering evidence. Frank Stoltze came into the studio to discuss the case with Madeleine.	Frank Stoltze	5:00
6/3/11	EDU	Most colleges have had their commencement ceremonies, and many high schools will have them in the coming weeks. Our producer, Steve Proffitt put together a collection of moments from some of the best graduation speeches of 2011. In the piece you'll hear: Arianna Huffington, Bill Clinton, President Barack Obama, actors Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington and Amy Poehler, and House Speaker John Boehner.	Sanden Totten	5:00
6/3/11	EDU	As the class of 2011 graduates, a new batch of freshmen are waiting to take its place. For the University of California campuses, more and more freshmen are from somewhere other than California. This year up to 6 percent of all students at UC schools will come from out-of-state or foreign countries. The UC Board of Regents is looking to increase that number to 10 percent over the next few years. Sanden Totten reports.		5:00
6/3/11	MEDI	Luke Burbank is back for his weekly conversation with Madeleine about what is both awesome and not awesome. Intactivists, or people who want to make circumcision illegal, have pushed to pass legislation in San Francisco. But, the real news maker is the comic that they put out titled Foreskin Man and its anti semitic representation of a Mohel. Also in the news, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has taken the country by storm once again. But, are the young contestants throwing away their childhoods? Will the skills they gain translate to any usable life skills?	Luke Burbank	8:00
6/3/11	ART	KPCC reporter Steve Cuevas reports on legendary X band member's solo work	Steve Cuevas	5:00
6/4/2011	ART	Papaya King, the well-known New York hot dog stand, has opened in Hollywood. Off-Ramp host John Rabe talks with LA's first family of hot dogs, Pink's, to see if they're worried about losing -- sorry -- top dog status.	John Rabe	1:42
6/4/2011	ART	It's true, and when she's petting the tapir, she's thinking about the koala, and possibly the elephant. Betty White, America's sweetheart, talks with KPCC's John Rabe about the LA Zoo (and its upcoming Beastly Ball fundraiser), acting in "Advise and Consent" under Otto Preminger, and about looking like a grandma.	John Rabe, Betty White	5:42

6/4/2011	ART	Off-Ramp animation expert Charles Solomon talks with the voice behind the animated characters any ten-year boy knows: Yuri Lowenthal. Lowenthal's believability and flexibility has led to leads in the anime series "Gurren Lagann," "Naruto Shippuden," and "Ben 10."	Charles Solomon, Yuri Lowenthal	5:05
6/4/2011	LAW	The Los Angeles Police Historical Society in Highland Park is home to all kinds of police memorabilia: bomb squad gear, historic photos... But this year there's a new exhibit on the infamous Symbionese Liberation Army: it opened this past March, and Off-Ramp producer Kevin Ferguson went down to check it out.	Kevin Ferguson	4:19
6/4/2011	HIST	Jim Mitchell was one of the many reporters in the KFWB newsroom. John Rabe talks with him about his scariest story -- covering the SLA Shootout with the LAPD from just feet away.	John Rabe, Jim Mitchell	4:14
6/4/2011	HIST	Mayor Bradley came into office as the SLA, the Symbionese Liberation Army, was making headlines. Bob Kholos talks about the SLA's bloody shoot-out with the LAPD in 1974. And John Rabe talks to radio reporter Jim Mitchell, who gave a play-by-play of the shoot out.	John Rabe, Jim Mitchell, Bob Kholos	
6/4/2011	ART	Off-Ramp correspondent Marc Haefele reviews "A Revolutionary Project: Cuba from Walker Evans to Now," at the Getty Center through October 2. It's part of ¡Si Cuba! SoCal, a celebration of Cuban arts and culture that runs until October. CLICK THROUGH for a link.	Marc Haefele	3:17
6/4/2011	ART	Off-Ramp commentator Mimi Pond is reasonably high-minded, but possibly her favorite scene in the new movie "Bridesmaids" involves beautifully dressed women, in a luxurious salon, upchucking. Why? Because it goes against the male-devised female stereotype.	Mimi Pond	2:49
6/4/2011	ART	A new IMAX movie opened recently that immerses viewers in the culture, history and landscape of Saudi Arabia. Historian Robert Lacey wrote two books about the kingdom and consulted on the film, called "Arabia 3D". He spoke with KPCC's Susanne Whatley.	Susanne Whatley, Robert Lacey	3:43
6/6/11	POLI	Rick Santorum officially joined the growing field of 2012 Republican presidential candidates today. The former Senator from Pennsylvania known as a social and fiscal conservative, kicked off his bid on Good Morning America saying, "We're in it to win." Other major candidates who've formally declared include Mitt Romney, Tim Pawlenty, Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul and wildcard Herman Cain. Have you heard who else might be running for president? Everyone! Or so it seems. Sarah Palin is "Going Rogue," touring the country in a big bus, but says she's "still trying to figure out what the lay of the land will be as these weeks and months go by." Meanwhile, Palin continues to be a Fox News contributor, even though the network ended its contract with Santorum and Newt Gingrich. Who's most likely to win the GOP nomination? And who -- if anyone -- has the goods to beat Obama in 2012?	Dan Schnur, Tom Del Beccaro	24:00
6/6/11	HEAL	them a cease and desist order and refused to issue them a clinic permit. The industry-run clinic operated for over a decade, testing performers for STD's so they could continue to perform without wearing condoms or other prophylactic devices. After a 2004 outbreak the clinic came under increased scrutiny from public health officials and outside groups advocating for mandatory condom use on set. Recently AIM, and its non-profit parent group, The Free Speech Coalition, has come under massive fire from all sides. They were slammed for forcing performers to pay for their own tests, for finding an end run around condom use and for not protecting the privacy of performers' medical records. Now they're unveiling a new testing system for the adult industry. This time they won't be operating the clinic themselves but they will still maintain a database for producers to consult before hiring a performer. But has the FSC learned their lesson? Will this new plan keep performers safe from sexually transmitted diseases? And does it address all the concerns that safety advocates have?	Diane Duke, Brian Chase	30:00
6/6/11	ENT	Every year Los Angeles plays host to the largest video game conference in the world, The Electronic Entertainment Expo. This year all the major players in console gaming have big debuts. Sony is releasing the Next Generation Portable, the latest iteration of its popular portable gaming console. It better be good because Sony has a lot to make up for this year. For the last few weeks they've been besieged by hackers who have compromised thousands of online gaming accounts. Microsoft made waves last year with the Kinect, a movement based console platform. This year they're set to announce Halo 4, the much anticipated sequel to the Halo series. But by most accounts all eyes are on Nintendo. They'll be exhibiting their follow up to the game-changing Wii console. So, what will generate the most buzz? Will we see a revolutionary new product? And, considering the success of games like Angry Birds, why is Apple opting out of E3 altogether?	Ben Fritz, Dmitri Williams	24:00

6/6/11	LA	On April 1, the Union Rescue Mission (URM) on skid row in Los Angeles started a new policy. It was not an April fool's joke, as many homeless people who use URM's services had hoped. CEO Rev. Andy Bales and his team started charging \$7 per night for beds (the first three nights are free) and cut down the free meals for non-residents from three a day to one. Two dollars, out of every seven, go into a savings account that guests get when they leave the mission. Born out of necessity and budget constraints, the changes were also made to inspire clients to participate in efforts to get their lives back on track. There's an alternative for people who don't want to or can't pay: they can enroll in one of URM's free long-term recovery programs with classes in finance, relationships and counseling. At first, angry residents vacated URM's 300 beds. But now, 200 are occupied by those who appreciate the changes and the new, quieter way of life they seem to have brought to skid row. What are the pros and cons of URM's new sustainability plan? Is it fair to charge homeless people for mission services? Does charging for a bed inspire more appreciation and respect? Or might it prevent those most in need from seeking help?	Rev. Andy Bales, CEO Union Rescue Mission	20:00
6/6/11	MUSIC	Jazz clarinet is alive and well – thanks to New York-based musician Anat Cohen. Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, Cohen moved to the Big Apple in 1999 and started playing a number of community and club dates. She established herself not just as a student of music, but as a first rate performer at a very young age. This Saturday, Cohen showcases her talent on stage at the Hollywood Bowl where she will be part of the <i>Cos of Good Music</i> , the all-star jazz band Bill Cosby compiled as part of the Playboy Jazz Festival. Larry talks to Cohen about her time as a saxophonist in the Israeli army and how teachers at Berklee College of Music in Boston encouraged her to give the jazz clarinet another try. Have you been to the Playboy Jazz Festival in previous years?	Anat Cohen	10:00
6/6/11	TRAN	Outside of policing, firefighting and education, it is arguably the biggest job of a city government: fixing and maintaining the streets and roads. In Los Angeles, a city that lives and dies with its cars, the health of the streets is akin to the health of arteries leading to a heart—and L.A.'s arteries are clogged and the patient is sick. Recently ranked as having the second worst roads in the country and made worse by record rainfalls this year, undermanned road crews fanned out across the city this weekend in an effort dubbed "Operation Pothole" with the goal of repairing 20,000 potholes. Mayor Villaraigosa's office estimates that 250,000 potholes are fixed each year and points to the success of the 311 phone service that allows motorists to report potholes—but the road repair agencies admit that budget cuts have limited their ability to act. The craters remain problematic and there are questions about how the city determines when a pothole should be filled versus when an entire street should be repaved. How are the potholes in your neighborhood and is the city acting quickly enough to fill them?	Andrea Alarcon, Robert A. Ringle	00:22
6/6/11	TRAN	Join Patt for the latest installment in a transportation series with Metro chief Art Leahy, with updates on the Metropolitan Transit Authority's plans for new highways, railways, and extensions of the existing Orange and Gold Lines. How will the Metro's decisions to eliminate some bus lines and significantly reduce others affect its low-income ridership, which is expected to increase in light of rising gas prices? Whatever came of the controversy surrounding the construction of a new station in Leimert Park? And are you prepared for the temporary closing of the 405 freeway, July 16-17? Plus, check out the Metro's new online bus-tracking service, NexTrip, and its revolutionary Spanish-language blog El Pasajero, which attempts to put a "Latino face on Metro." Weigh in with your transit questions and comments.	Arthur Leahy	00:16
6/6/11	EDU	A teacher charged with exposing middle school students to pornography; another arrested on charges for crimes from prostitution to petty theft; a substitute teacher who urinated in the classroom in front of students and banned from teaching for one year... these are among the cases highlighted by the California state auditor in a scathing report issued earlier this year on how the Commission on Teacher Credentialing handles, or mishandles, reports of teacher misconduct. Finding slow or no action on hundreds of files, including a three-year backlog of 12,600 arrest or prosecution reports, Auditor Elaine Howle called for major changes, telling the Sacramento Bee, "It's one of the worst-run organizations we've seen in a long, long time – of any state agency that we've looked at." Top managers of the commission have stepped down and California lawmakers are demanding change, but what is the collateral damage to students and schools when misconduct isn't investigated and questionable teachers are allowed to stay in the classroom?	Margarita Fernandez, State Assemblymember Ricardo Lara, AJ Duffy, Kathleen Carroll	00:22
6/6/11	POLI	"That picture was of me, and I sent it," confessed Rep. Anthony Weiner of New York in a press conference this afternoon, speaking of the now-infamous crotch photo sent from his Twitter account to a female college student last week. Weiner also admitted to having publicly lied about the image's origins and to electronic relationships with three women over the past six years. Despite the emotional apology, however, he has refused to resign. Will Weiner keep his congressional seat in the consequent storm of public anger and distrust? And what does Weiner's case say about the intersection between personal privacy and public knowledge in an age where social networking is the norm?	Ken Vogel	00:09

6/6/11	HIST	Lady Gaga expects to take more than just the perfume world by surprise when she unveils her first fragrance this September—she's requested it "smell of blood and semen." Too bad that doesn't raise many eyebrows in the perfume industry, where scents inspired by bodily fluids, even skank ones, have been a longtime in the making. There was the 2006 Secretions Magnifiques, by L'Etat Libre D'Orange that featured "salty, metallic, medicinal, milky and decayed-white-florals-in-a-coffin notes." There was also this year's La Petite Mort, which "embodies the elusive substance that is created by a woman as she is about to climax" with hints of warm skin, milk, urea secretions and "animalic darkness." Even Sarah Jessica Parker has announced she's working on a perfume with a B.O. note. How will Gaga's scent be received? Patt talks with an expert about the history and origins of perfumery and we also hear from a perfumer about what it takes to develop that special scent.	Denise Hamilton, Brent Leonesio	00:17
6/6/11	RACE	According to a new Pew Internet and American Life Project survey, the number of adults using social messaging services jumped from 8 percent to 13 percent in the past year. But for African Americans that number is much higher. About 25 percent of all African Americans online have an active Twitter account. John McWhorter joins Madeleine to discuss where social media fits into the black community. He teaches linguistics at Columbia University and he wrote about this issue for TheRoot.com.	John McWhorter	5:00
6/6/11	TECH	Of course, black people using Twitter isn't news to many in the black community. In fact some, are getting tired of hearing about it. Elon James White is a comedian and host of the Internet radio show "Blacking it Up." He recently wrote an article titled "We Get It: Black People Like Twitter."	Elon James White	5:00
6/6/11	LAW	Dominique Strauss-Kahn was arraigned in New York earlier this morning, where he pleaded not guilty to charges that he attempted to rape a hotel maid. Since he was released on 6 million dollars in bail, he's been under house arrest in a Tribeca townhouse with a monthly rent of \$50,000. Here to talk about what's next in the case is Michael Rothfeld of the Wall Street Journal.	Michael Rothfeld	5:00
6/6/11	TECH	Later this morning Apple CEO Steve Jobs is expected to announce the company is launching a service that will allow users to access their files no matter what device they are using. Many analysts believe, if it works, that iCloud could become an important part of Apple's business. But many are also interested in Steve Jobs who has been on medical leave since early this year after treatment for pancreatic cancer and a liver transplant in 2009. Molly Wood of CNET joins us to preview Jobs' keynote address at the worldwide developers' conference.	Molly Wood	5:00
6/6/11	POLI	The California state legislature is expected to begin formal debate on the budget this week. But so far, negotiations remain stuck on the issue of taxes. And Republicans are insisting on some major policy changes, including a new, formal cap on state spending. The state had had a legal spending limit for more than a generation, but it's done nothing to end the debate over the size of government. KQED's John Myers reports from Sacramento.	John Myers	5:00
6/6/11	MEDI	The beginning of May is kind of a TV dead zone: May sweeps are over and we've bid goodbye to favorite shows like "30 Rock" and "Glee." But just because it's summer doesn't mean you have to wander in the desert of reruns for the next three months. Slate's TV critic, Troy Patterson, joins Madeleine to preview the best of summer TV.	Troy Patterson	5:00
6/6/11	TRAN	Forget Judgment Day, Friday, July 15, the 405 freeway will be closed between the 10 and the 101, and will remain shut down through the weekend. It's part of an ongoing project to widen the connection between the Westside and the Valley. Area officials are holding a press conference this morning to get out the message: stay away from the Westside on the weekend of July 15. And if you live there, just stay at home. That's not good news for people in the area who work on the weekend. One of them joins us now. He's Steve Moritz, a Westside native and real estate agent.	Steve Moritz	5:00
6/6/11	EDU	The most popular education website in the world, The Khan Academy, has made its way into the classroom. How effective is the website and the integrated Khan program at supplementing traditional lesson plans? Elaine Korry from The California Report has more	Elaine Korry	5:00
6/7/11	POLI	After days of lying, New York Rep. Anthony Weiner finally 'fessed up to sending sexually-explicit photos of himself and engaging in inappropriate online conversations with at least six young women – over several years. Speaking of the now-infamous bulging-boxers shot that started the saga, Weiner confessed, "That picture was of me, and I sent it." But despite the teary apology Wiener said he has no intention of stepping down. Now, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi is calling for an ethics committee investigation into whether Weiner broke any House rules. Will Weiner lose his congressional seat over this scandal? Given the very public deception, should he? Can Weiner regain credibility after having admitted he lied? Would it have made any difference with voters, if he'd been more upfront about his personal indiscretions from the beginning?	Gail Chaddock	37:00

6/7/11	POLI	House Republicans have introduced a bill to repeal the 10-percent tax levied on tanning salons to help pay for provisions of President Obama's health law. Supporters of the tax say tanning contributes to skin cancer and spiraling health costs. And the tax, which went into effect July 1, will raise a much needed \$2.7-billion over ten years. But Republicans, lead by Reps. Michael Grimm of New York, Phil Roe of Tennessee and Pat Tiberi of Ohio, say it's an onerous burden on thousands of small businesses and is costing jobs. Should fake tans be taxed? Or does this unfairly burn tanning salons?	Rob Quinn	13:00
6/7/11	EDUC	No, we're not still talking about Congressman Anthony Weiner. This "sexting" story is about a bill that just passed the California State Senate unanimously (and now heads to the Assembly). It says that school kids caught sexting can be kicked out of school permanently. It defines sexting specifically as "the sending or receiving of sexually explicit pictures or video images by means of an electronic act." Senator Ted Lieu (D-28) introduced the legislation. He called sexting a growing problem in California schools, and cited a recent study showing 20 percent of teens have sent or posted nude or semi-nude photos of themselves. But does the punishment fit the crime? Is this generation's sexting the back-seat groping of yesteryear? Or is it a destructive behavior that should have zero tolerance?	Ted Lieu, Yalda T. Uhls	24:00
6/7/11	ECON	After a year of intense speculation, Steve Jobs has introduced Apple's new online cloud storage service, iCloud. Challenging Google's cloud-based offerings, which include Gmail, Calendar and Google Docs, iCloud promises to make it simple to share e-mail, photos, music and other data without the need to use your personal server. It sounds good, but there are some drawbacks, including some restrictions in what music can be transferred to Apple's cloud. Are you ready for yet another digital service that may or may not live up to its hype?	Donald Bell	00:11
6/7/11	LAW	liquor stash or getting an older friend or family member to buy booze is almost a right of passage. Now a few experts and 130 college chancellors are saying, let's stop pretending and lower the drinking age from 21 to 18. They claim that underage drinking forces kids to drink subversively and can mystify the behavior in a way that makes it more enticing to young adults. The result can be an over consumption of alcohol (a.k.a binge drinking) which can be extremely dangerous, if not fatal. One expert wants to institute a type of learner's permit for drinking. An underage person can have a few privileges, like drinking with the family, until they prove they are responsible enough to drink without supervision. But not everyone agrees. The number of 8th, 10th and 12th graders who have engaged in binge drinking has gone down since the drinking age was increased to 21 and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that keeping the drinking age at 21 saves about 800 each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Medical Association both agree that the drinking age should be 21.	David J. Hanson, James C. Fell, Laura Dean-Mooney	00:20
6/7/11	ENV	accessories for Barbie a few years back and just this year is running a design contest to build a greener Barbie house. Mattel would have you believe that Barbie is a true defender of the Earth, but the truth might be a little more complicated. According to testing done by Greenpeace, the packaging for Barbie is made up of 25 – 30% wood pulp that originated in the protected rainforests of Indonesia. Greenpeace stormed the Mattel headquarters in El Segundo this morning and promised a sustained campaign against Barbie, just as Mattel is picking up its own marketing efforts to sell the popular doll and her reunited boyfriend Ken. The real target for Greenpeace is the supplier of packaging to Mattel, a Chinese-based pulp and paper company that is responsible for leveling thousands of acres of rain forests over the last two decades. If consumers want to be more ecologically conscience when buying these products, where can they turn? And aside from an activist group like Greenpeace, who is monitoring what kind of protected resources go into our goods, from toys to furniture?	Molly Peterson, Thomas Lyon	00:11
6/7/11	EDU	The stats are sobering: only 52 percent of LAUSD students graduate in four years; Latinos make up 73 percent of LAUSD's student body but their graduation rate is about 40 percent; only a little more than 10 percent of LAUSD's 9th grade students are proficient in Algebra 1, a key indicator for success in high school. The targets for blame are always plentiful when looking at the failures of public education and one group that has received its fair share are teachers. A new report out by National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) has released a comprehensive study entitled Teacher Quality Roadmap: Improving Policies and Practices in LAUSD wades into the debate of teacher performance, echoing calls for reforming the profession. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa calls the report thorough and thoughtful and hopes to use the research to work with LAUSD to improve outcomes. The report calls for changes in teacher recruitment and screening and improvement in teacher evaluations and tenure. Is the reform easier said than done, or as simple as ABC?	Elise Buik	00:11
6/7/11	LIT	Having trouble with your e-mail? T.V. not working how you remember it? Laptop being uncooperative? Then it's already happening, the Robopocalypse. A new book by Daniel Wilson, Robopocalypse details the not so far-flung future of a world ending disaster, committed not by fire or ice, but by robot. Today we have Daniel on the show to, most importantly, quell our fears regarding the imminent threat of machines to our wellbeing. Afterwards we might then talk about his new book. What you could learn might (will) save your life. Tune in and make sure the Robopocalypse stays a work of fiction.	Donald H. Wilson	00:10

6/7/11	ART	NPR music critic Ann Powers is back with some '80s covers and new music from an indie-pop duo that's blown up over the past year. Cults debuts with their self titled album, full of bubble gum indie-pop reminiscent of the early '80s. In that same vein, Ann has also brought along Duncan Sheik's new album, 'Covers the 80s.' The album provides for some reminiscing and relaxing as he takes old tunes for a new turn.	Ann Powers	7:00
6/7/11	LAW	The Los Angeles City Council will consider supporting legislation today that would allow local jurisdictions to opt out of the federal Secure Communities program. That program checks the immigration status of people who are arrested and allows them to be deported. What does it really mean to "opt out"? Is it even possible for cities or counties?	Frank Stoltze	7:00
6/7/11	LAB	Former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of sexual assault against a hotel housekeeper in New York. Since his arrest last month, hotel maids across the country have come forward with their own stories of unwanted encounters with guests. But many hotel owners claim those employees never informed them about the incidents. It points to a breakdown in communication between workers and employers when things go wrong.	Sanden Totten	7:00
6/7/11	SPOR	The NCAA stripped USC's football program of its 2004 championship title yesterday following an investigation into rules violations. The team had already been penalized for giving "improper benefits" to star running back Reggie Bush while he was a player there. It was banned from playing bowl games for two years. NPR sports correspondent Mike Pesca fills us in on the new dishonor for the Trojans, and another sports tale of woe.	Mike Pesca	8:00
6/7/11	TECH	There's some major big game hunting going on in Los Angeles this week: the annual E3 conference, where tens of thousands of video game insiders gather for the largest trade show of the industry. Nintendo will introduce its follow-up to the popular Wii, and video game giants like Electronic Arts will introduce new games.	Joel Johnson	7:00
6/8/11	POLI	The U.S. Supreme Court last month upheld the order to reduce overcrowding in California's prison by about 33,000 inmates in two years. The justices ruled that easing congestion is the only way for California to improve the unconstitutionally poor medical and mental health care for inmates. Yesterday, Governor Jerry Brown's administration unveiled the state's plan to comply with the order. The plan depends almost entirely on shifting thousands of prisoners to county jails instead of state prisons. That's a plan that Governor Brown signed earlier this year. But that law is stuck in the legislature as lawmakers wrangle over how to fund it. If Democrats and Republicans can't come agree on funding, how will the state comply with the Supreme Court's order? Will Brown's administration have to ask for more time or realign the plan?	Julie Small	13:00
6/8/11	BOOK	"In war, truth is the first casualty," is one of the most commonly used phrases to describe how civilians never truly know what it's like on the battle field. But after spending 15 months embedded with a U.S. platoon in Afghanistan, journalist and author Sebastian Junger got pretty good sense of what it feels like to survive behind enemy lines. Junger's book <i>War</i> , written in the first person, takes readers on that journey, as soldiers patrol the remote Korenangal Valley of eastern Afghanistan. Junger is well known for his best seller <i>The Perfect Storm</i> , which was made into a movie starring George Clooney. He also co-directed the war documentary <i>Restrepo</i> with fellow journalist and photographer Tim Hetherington, who died April 20 while covering the conflict in Libya. Sebastian Junger joins Larry in-studio to talk about the paperback release of <i>War</i> and the book's enduring message.	Sebastian Junger	13:00
6/8/11	OPIN	In the middle of the quiet desert community of Alamogordo, New Mexico stands a blaring billboard. It shows a picture of the billboard creator Greg Fultz holding the outline of a newborn baby. The accompanying text reads: "This would have been a picture of my 2-month old baby if the mother had decided not to KILL our child!" Fultz alleges that his ex-girlfriend, Nani Lawrence, had an abortion -- something she denies. Last week, Lawrence sought a protection order from her ex-boyfriend. The local court commissioner granted the order and recommended the billboard be taken down. The lawyer for Fultz, Todd Holmes, says as distasteful as the ad might be, his client is exercising his first amendment rights to speak out against abortion. Lawrence's attorney, Ellen Jessen, argues that Fultz's right to free speech ends where Lawrence's right to privacy begins. She also says it's harassing and stalking behavior. Where's the line between free speech and privacy? Who owns the private information about a pregnancy -- the woman, the man or both? Fultz says the billboard isn't just about him -- it's about any man who might be in his position. Does that make it a topic of public concern and therefore a topic for free speech?	Todd Holmes, Eugene Volokh, Barry McDonald	37:00

6/8/11	ECON	We may be poised to see some changes in how we pay our bills. The ubiquitous plastic cards that can solve your every payment problem are currently being faced with two recent propositions. One, Anthem Blue Cross may be implementing a 15 dollar convenience charge to clients who elect to pay with debit or credit cards. In the absence of any real explanation, critics are seeing this as an obvious money grab. Meanwhile and conversely, the Senate voted today 54-45 in favor of reducing debit card swipe fees. Some politicians have voiced concern that small banks would have to hike prices in other areas, like checking fees, to break even. Others can muster little pity for America's financial institutions, the majority of which will be hurt little by the proposed cuts. The Tune in and find out about the changes being made to what's in your wallet!	Ed Mierzwinski, Greg McBride	00:22
6/8/11	HEAL	There's a practice that's becoming more common among drug companies and its beginning to alarm consumer advocates groups and politicians alike. Consumers may not realize that the makers of popular pharmaceuticals strike deals with the manufacturers of generic drugs in order to keep lower cost versions of a particular drug off the pharmacy shelves. The Federal Trade Commission is wading into the battle, urging an appeals court to outlaw certain deals that are struck to delay the introducer of cheaper generic drugs. At the heart of this arrangement is a bargain that is struck to keep a generic product off the market for a year, maybe a few years, even after a patent on the particular medicine is up. This allows a drug manufacturer to retain its monopoly and enables the company to continue to charge the highest market value without fear of competition. The pharmaceutical companies argue that the arrangement saves billions of dollars by avoiding frequent litigations that occur as patent-disputes arise. Is the cost to the consumer worth pain-killer for big pharma?	David Certner, Diana Bieri, Bob Billings	00:26
6/8/11	HEAL	The DSM—or Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders—is known as the “bible” of psychology and psychiatry because it contains the criteria needed for diagnosis of each mental disorder. It has not been revised in almost twenty years, and the new version, the DSM-V, set to come out in May 2013, is likely to create entirely new disorders such as hyperactive sexual disorder, gambling behavioral addition, hoarding disorder (which public health officials are happy about because of the public risk—animal hoarding, fire trap, oh my!), ADHD in older teens and adults (previously considered a problem of children), anxious depression, and binge eating disorder (previously just in the appendix). Some claim that these new disorders are unnecessary and will result in over-diagnosing and excessive prevalence rates. The DSM task force claims that additions are necessary because, for example with anxious depression, more than 50% of people with depression also have anxiety and that mixed group has shown the poorest response to medication. Similarly, the DSM says that merging Asperger's Syndrome into the Autism Spectrum disorders will grant more access to services. Others, however, such as the proud support group “Asb	Darrel A. Regier	00:22
6/8/11	HEAL	Blue Shield of California has announced that it will reduce, your read that right, reduce premiums by 2.5% for many of its policyholders. The health insurance giant has been under the watchful eye of regulators and Congress for enacting a series of steep rate increases. The adjustment should be reflected in subscribers' October bill and will amount to about \$167 million in savings for its 2 million customers. And as if that wasn't enough, the company says that it will cap its earnings to no more than 2 percent of annual revenue. Anything Blue Shield makes above and beyond the cap will be refunded to policy holders. The company plans to return \$180 million for 2010. Why did Blue Shield decide to lower its premiums and give back money to its subscribers and how much?	Doug Heller	00:09
6/8/11	HEAL	Controversy is raging in Sacramento over AB 52, a new bill that would give state officials the right of prior-approval over premium hikes for health insurance. The bill's regulatory proposal is not new—prior approval of health rates is law in 34 states as well as Washington, D.C.—and the process has been used in auto and homeowner policies since 1988. Steep rate increases, and the mistakes revealed in companies' calculation of them, aren't novel either. But health insurance companies and the California Association of Health Plans are vigorously opposing the measure, questioning AB 52's power to address the health care cost increases that underlie premium hikes. They also say that the measure's requirements would cost tax payers \$30 million a year, though the bill's fees to insurers ought to cover the cost of prior-approval. Proponents argue that such regulation would encourage fairer, more accurate rate increases, and point out that health insurance regulators can only use persuasion and public announcements—not actual rejection—to get companies to decrease their rates under existing California law. Should premium hikes be regulated? If not, how will increased costs affect low-income patients and those who n	Mike Feuer, Dave Jones, Patrick Johnston	00:17
6/8/11	FOR	It's Mad Max in Mexico. The Mexican army has found heavily fortified tanks built by drug gangs in the border state of Tamaulipas to withstand fierce fighting between rival forces. The "narco tanks" are covered in inch-thick steel with gun turrets, sniper peep holes and the capability to spill oil and tire-puncturing nails.	Tim Johnson	7:00
6/8/11	SEC	Once drugs make their way across the border, their next stop is usually a stash house in a city like Phoenix or San Diego. There, couriers pick up smaller loads to deliver to cities all over the country.	Jude Joffe Block	8:00
6/8/11	LAW	Governor Jerry Brown seems to be using a recent US Supreme Court decision on prison overcrowding to get Republicans to go his way and allow higher taxes to reduce the \$10 billion deficit.	Dan Walters	8:00

6/8/11	LIT	Last week, two fixtures of Southern California's independent book store scene said they're going to close: Village Books in Pacific Palisades and Latitude 33 in Laguna Beach. Meanwhile, another store in downtown L.A. called The Last Book Store is, true to its name, expanding.	David Kipen	7:00
6/8/11	MEDI	"I Don't Wanna be a Crappy Housewife" challenges Rebecca Black's "Friday" for the honor of the worst music video on YouTube. This week in history: it's the drive-in's birthday. Plus, barbecuing by yourself isn't as sad of an event as you may think. It can be therapeutic.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	7:00
6/9/11	LA	It's been months since the contract between grocery workers and grocery store owners expired, but there's still no deal on the table. Yesterday the union signaled it's ready for a walkout. According to United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770 president, Rick Icaza, the major sticking point in the negotiations is the amount employees must contribute to their health care coverage. The grocery chains say the plan they've put forth is fair and there's no need to talk strike while negotiations are ongoing. Stores aren't the only ones who want to avoid a strike. The last time workers walked out in 2003 they walked the picket line for 141 days and many were flat broke by the time they struck a deal. Talks are happening right now, is a deal imminent? Or will it be 2003 all over again? And who has more to lose? Will it be workers or stores that bear the brunt of a strike?	Rick Icaza	13:00
6/9/11	CRIM	Law enforcement officials and community organizations agree: more family intervention is needed to prevent youths from entering gang life. The Parent Accountability Act, which went into effect last year, sentences the parents of young offenders who were convicted of gang-related crimes to attend parenting classes and to meet with families who have been victimized by gang violence. The law, authored by Assemblyman Tony Mendoza, aims to curb juvenile gang involvement by putting parents into the equation, helping them identify criminal tendencies in their child and giving them tools and resources to steer their kids away from gangs. Now Mendoza has introduced a new bill that would expand the list of violations for which parents could be sentenced to the classes beyond gang-related activity. The augmented list would also include lighter offenses such as truancy, vandalism, trespassing, possession of a fake I.D., disorderly conduct and fare evasion on public transit. Calling these minor crimes "gateway activities for gang involvement," Mendoza hopes that holding parents accountable will open their eyes to the warning signs and prevent kids from getting into deeper trouble. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Public Safety	Tony Mendoza	13:00
6/9/11	POLI	Every day for nearly two weeks there have been new revelations about Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) and his sexually explicit online relationships. And the fact that it continues to be in the headlines is why Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) for one is saying Weiner should step down. It's not just Republican lawmakers. Several Congressional Democrats have called on the seven-term lawmaker to quit. The latest detail to emerge is an x-rated photo, and the news that Weiner's wife, Huma Abedin, is newly pregnant. Weiner continues to insist he will not step down and he plans to get back to work. Is that the right move?	Open Phones	11:00
6/9/11	CRIM	Pat Nolan knows something about prison – and its problems. A former California legislator who served 29 months in federal custody for racketeering, he experienced first-hand a system desperately in need of reform. Motivated by his stint behind bars, Nolan became an expert on a variety of prison reform issues including rehabilitation, 3-strikes reform, sentencing, recidivism and overcrowding. He also put together Right on Crime, a new national organization of major conservative leaders (including David Keene, Grover Norquist and Newt Gingrich) that promotes alternatives to conventional punishment, new approaches to parole violations and rehabilitation through counseling, education and job training. Conservatives who believe in rehabilitation? Yes. The members of Right on Crime reject the status quo, espousing a bi-partisan, comprehensive approach to prison reform. Critics of Nolan's approach argue that rehabilitation and early release programs put the public at risk and advocate building <i>more</i> prisons. Can restorative justice work to reduce the growing prison population and recidivism? In an era of shrinking state budgets, which reform plan saves taxpayers money?	Pat Nolan, Michael D. Rushford	37:00
6/9/11	FOR	Since the end of the Cold War the United States has not been in a particularly cooperative mood. Iraq is the easy example, President George W. Bush assembling a "coalition of the willing" and blowing past international criticism when the U.S. invaded Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein. But it goes beyond President Bush, with President Bill Clinton taking his own page out of the unilateral playbook when he forced NATO action to stop Serbian hostiles in Kosovo in 1999. The times, they are a changing—facing war weariness in Iraq and Afghanistan and serious budget constraints that limit the size and scope of military adventures, the U.S. under President Barack Obama has rediscovered multilateralism. In Libya the U.S. was quite hesitant to get involved in the brewing civil war, until the Arab League asked for action against Muammar Gaddafi; and even after the UN passed a resolution authorizing force to protect civilians, the U.S. was more than happy to take a backseat to its European partners. Will this new multilateral outlook on the world carry over to other policy areas, like the efforts to stop Iran from building a nuclear weapon or the possibility of an international agreement on climate change? We check in with the Amer	Mark Kornblau	00:13

6/9/11	FOR	independence and 63 years of existence, protesters in Lebanon and Syria were rushing the northern Israeli border, forcing a confrontation that killed over a dozen mostly Palestinian demonstrators. The scene was repeated earlier this week on the anniversary of the 1967 war—Syria allowed protesters to cross the border and the Israeli military opened fire, killing 23. The two incidents are indicative of the complicated situation in which Israel finds itself, with chaos and uncertainty all around it from a violent repression of anti-government protests in Syria to a whole new paradigm in previously friendly Egypt. The dormant peace process with the Palestinians lurks in the shadows, a key part of the future of the entire Middle East. The UN is set to host a new twist in the tortured peace process when a vote on the recognition of a Palestinian state is expected to come before the General Assembly in September. When Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke to Congress last month he made a forceful defense of Israel's security interests, in the aftermath of President Obama calling for a return of pre-1967 border	Haim Waxman	00:18
6/9/11	FOR	this "Arab Spring" but there is arguably no more important country that underwent a more significant transformation than Egypt. Guardians of thousands of years of transnational history, longtime vanguard of the Arab world and major ally of the United States, Egypt is still coming to grips with the end of 30 years of totalitarian rule under Hosni Mubarak—the shape of a new, democratic Egypt is far from certain and how that new Egypt interacts with the rest of the world is also remains a mystery. A military council currently rules Egypt with elections tentatively scheduled for the Fall, but will the military voluntarily cede power to civilian rule? The economy remains a stratified mess, and the IMF just agreed to \$3 billion in loans to Egypt—can a new democracy and a new economy be created simultaneously? How does a new Egyptian government deal with Israel and the Palestinians; how does it deal with autocratic Arab allies like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait or Sudan? We peer into a murky crystal ball with Egypt's ambassador to the United Nations about the future of this vitally important country.	Maged Abdelfattah Abdelaziz	00:17
6/9/11	FOR	The United Nations has never been the most popular or well understood body in the United States, nor the rest of the world. Hesitant at some points to definitively act (Rwanda, Serbia) and seemingly impotent at other times (the entire Iraq war controversy), the UN is both distrusted and looked upon to make some sense in a constantly conflicted world. How can the UN walk a fine line in sanctioned operations like in Libya, where the official goal is protect Libyan civilians but the unstated purpose seems to be getting rid of Muammar Gaddafi? Did the UN act quickly enough to stop bloodshed in the Ivory Coast after a disputed presidential election turned bloody? How will the body handle a potentially inflammatory vote to recognize a state of Palestine expected to come in September? We get an insider's view on the complicated tight wire act that is communicating the agenda and decisions of the United Nations from their director of communications who not long ago used to be on the other end of this equation, reporting on the UN for Newsweek.	Michael Meyer	00:13
6/9/11	FOR	and heavily influencing its government for generations; bordering the world's largest democracy in India with the constant threat of all out warfare hanging over both countries; in possession of nuclear weapons; ruled by a shaky civilian government and a strong military with contradictory allegiances and priorities; urban and educated in some areas of the country, tribal and religiously extreme in others; a ally of the United States in some senses and one of its biggest threats in others. Pakistan is a dangerous enigma, and given its size, its location and its nuclear weapons, the future of the country is of vital interest to the entire world. The aftermath of the killing of Osama bin Laden illustrates the conflicts Pakistanis are confronting—many in the country expressed embarrassment that the al Qaeda leader was living such a normal life in the military town of Abbottabad, but they were equally embarrassed that the U.S. military could enter their country with impunity. American drones patrolling their skies and bombing their tribal areas is infuriating and yet the U.S. showers billions of dollars in foreign aid on Pakistan's go	Abdullah Hussain Haroon	00:17
6/9/11	MEDI	"How could you, Anthony?" Eric Weiner isn't the only one asking Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY) for explanations this week. Eric Weiner is, however, among the 12,500 Americans with the last name Weiner according to U.S. Census figures. He and another Weiner complain that the Congressman's bad behavior is dragging their already-challenging name through the mud. Eric Weiner and Jon Weiner, who both pronounce their name "WHINE-er," join us.	Eric Weiner, Jon Weiner	8:00
6/9/11	IMM	A new immigration law that goes beyond the tough Arizona SB1070, most of which was struck down by a federal judge as unconstitutional, was signed into law in Alabama today. The Alabama law would make it illegal to even give an undocumented immigrant a ride, while also authorizing police to arrest anyone they suspect of being illegal. Georgia also recently passed similar legislation. Will these new laws be struck down	Kevin Johnson	7:00
6/9/11	TECH	Marketplace Tech Report's John Moe joins Madeleine for his weekly take on the latest in tech news: Facebook facial recognition technology is disputed in Europe, a Tennessee law bans posting "disturbing" photos online and the world's most exclusive website - only celebs with verified Twitter accounts can get through.	John Moe	8:00
6/9/11	LAW	Civil rights and veterans groups in Southern California say the Veterans Administration has failed to provide adequate services for homeless vets.	Frank Stoltze	5:00
6/9/11	SPOR	Randy and Jason Sklar join Madeleine for their weekly roundup of sports news. The NBA finals continue in a dead heat Thursday night with the Heat and the Mavericks each with two wins under their belt.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	9:00

6/10/11	POLI	That's one description of the redistricting of California's Senate, Assembly and congressional districts: The group of citizens charged with redrawing California's district lines is slated to release its first draft maps today. The 14-member California Citizens Redistricting Commission, established by voters under Proposition 11 in 2008, has convened more than 20 public hearings as part of its effort to draw the new legislative and congressional district boundaries. The commission has until mid-August to turn in the final drafts. But we'll take a look at the new lines and their implications. Might they reduce political gridlock, as hoped? How will incumbents and candidates be impacted?	Jessica Levinson, Dan Schnur	13:00
6/10/11	BOOK	In 2009, journalist Maziar Bahari kissed his pregnant wife goodbye and left his home in London for Iran. Bahari, an Iranian-born journalist, documentary filmmaker and human rights activist, had been sent by <i>Newsweek</i> to cover the presidential election between popular progressive candidate Mir-Hossein Mousavi and incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. But upon landing, he was immediately seized by the paramilitary Revolutionary Guards and arrested under the false charge of espionage. Bahari's new book is the harrowing account of his 118 days of imprisonment in a six-by-twelve foot cell and brutal interrogation at the hands of the Guards. Ironically, his father and sister had both shared a similar fate – his father was incarcerated and tortured in the 1950's under the Shah, and his sister under Ayatollah Khomeini in the 1980's. It was thoughts of their strength, as well the desire to see his unborn child, that inspired Bahari throughout his long ordeal. Much more than a prison account, <i>Then They Came for Me</i> is both a family saga told against the backdrop of Iran's volatile modern political history and a brilliant insight into the future of the country.	Maziar Bahari	24:00
6/10/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Andy Klein and Tim Cogshell join Larry to review the week's new film releases including Super 8, Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer, Bride Flight, The Trip, Viva Riva, Just Like Us and more. TGI-FilmWeek!	Andy Klein, Tim Cogshell	37:00
6/10/11	DIV	It was the LA Times, it was the New York Times... How do New York City and Los Angeles compare when it comes to public education, transit and budget issues? Will Weiner-gate eclipse Schwarzenegger's love child? In one corner, wearing her trademark hat and representing the golden state, is undefeated champ Patt Morrison. In the other corner is Brian Lehrer, host of the Brian Lehrer show on WNYC. Patt takes a bite out of the Big Apple. Will the Big Apple bite back?	<b>Brian Lehrer</b>	00:12
6/10/11	POLI	It started with a tweet and has turned into a 24-hour national story. Representing New York's 9th Congressional district, Anthony Weiner has been engulfed by this political scandal. From lewd photos tweeted to strangers and now the news of his wife's pregnancy, the story just keeps growing. But do New Yorkers, his constituents, actually care? Is this the end of his political career or just a tweet in the road?	Amy Davidson	00:11
6/10/11	ART	"The Book of Mormon," the latest brain child of South Park creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker, is taking the world of Broadway by storm, first opening to rave reviews and now nominated for 14 Tony awards. This "slick and smutty" messiahcal (get it?) comedy is the story of two Mormon missionaries on their religious quest across the poverty-stricken and warfare-ravaged country of Uganda. "The Book of Mormon," while not the original religious text penned by Joseph Smith, still draws heavily from the work and, like Mormonism, continues to draw crowds. Patt talks with Andrew Rannells (Elder Price) about his chances for the Tony this weekend.	Andrew Rannells, Nikki James	00:10
6/10/11	FOR	The "special relationship" between the United States and the United Kingdom has at times grown cooler, but both nations closely cooperated in supporting the recent UN resolution to protect Libyans from embattled leader Muammar Gaddafi's forces. Since then, the UK has taken a leading role in the NATO air strikes on Libya's military and governmental infrastructure, and in fact has become so invested in the operations that Defense Secretary Liam Fox refused to adhere to a strict 6-month deadline for military action in the country, declaring that Britain is "there for the long haul to protect the Libyan people." Why is the UK eager to involve itself in an expensive and potentially bloody conflict? And why is its intervention in Libya less controversial than in Iraq? Join Patt in a conversation with Sir Mark Lyall Grant, the UK's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.	Sir Mark Lyall Grant	00:13
6/10/11	TRAN	New York city boasts one of the greatest public transportation systems in the nation. They may soon also be able to claim the largest bike share program. Following models based in Paris, London and Washington D.C., riders with a ticket can rent a bike at one station, ride it for as long as they wish and return it to another station--on the other side of town. In just a few months, New York City plans to roll out a 24-hour system including about 10,000 bikes. They're seeking a private company to start up the program with wireless technology, GPS tracking devices and solar-powered bike stations, but the city plans to share in the profits. How will a bike-share change New Yorkers' transportation networks? And, proponents of the plan say New York's flat landscape and high density make it a perfect candidate, but could something like this ever work in Los Angeles?	Andrea Bernstein	00:18

6/10/11	ART	Founded in 2002 in response to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Tribeca Film Festival's mission is "to enable the international film community and the general public to experience the power of film by redefining the film festival experience." The Tribeca Film Festival was founded to celebrate New York City as a major filmmaking center and to contribute to the long-term recovery of lower Manhattan.	Nancy Schafer, David Edelstein	00:17
6/10/11	ECON	If you live in Southern California, chances are you've probably been to, or seen, or heard a Quinceanera in your neighborhood. That's the coming of age party for girls when they turn 15 that's celebrated in many Latin American cultures. They began as fairly modest affairs with a church service and a reception, but have become a big deal, and big business.	Leslie Berestein Rojas	5:00
6/10/11	POLI	Another day, another shake up for the GOP presidential nomination race. Newt Gingrich says he'll continue to run despite much of his senior staff abandoning him. He'll be in California this weekend trying to raise money. Mitt Romney plans to skip out on the Iowa straw poll. In Alaska close to 25,000 e-mails from Sarah Palin will be printed and handed off to reporters.	Jennifer Duffy	8:00
6/10/11	POLI	The first results of a bold political experiment will be released later this morning. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission will release draft versions of new legislative and congressional districts. The commission was formed after a voter approved proposition took the process out of the hands of the legislature.	John Myers	8:00
6/10/11	ENV	It's mid-June but in the Central Sierra mountains it looks more like December. A record amount of snow still covers the ground. As things heat up that snow could melt rapidly, sending more water to California's already full reservoirs.	Mike Pechner	8:00
6/10/11	MEDI	Luke Burbank, host of the show Too Beautiful To Live, joins us every Friday. This week he discusses how the Anthony Weiner scandal has made Americans rethink their social media. He also tells the tale of a divorced couple who both used Facebook to try and trick each other in a plot involving fake accounts, GPS tracking and a murder.	Luke Burbank	8:00
6/11/2011	ART	Papaya King, the well-known New York hot dog stand, has opened in Hollywood. Off-Ramp host John Rabe talks with LA's first family of hot dogs, Pink's, to see if they're worried about losing -- sorry -- top dog status.	John Rabe	1:42
6/11/2011	ART	Off-Ramp host John Rabe and Eat-LA's Colleen Bates visit Papaya King's Hollywood outpost for a taste test.	John Rabe, Colleen Bates	2:19
6/11/2011	ART	Madame Ganna Walska was a Polish-born socialite, married six times. She was an aspiring opera vocalist who despite years of voice lessons simply couldn't sing-- her story inspired Orson Welle's to write Citizen Kane's second wife. In 1941 she bought a huge estate in Montecito (just outside of Santa Barbara) and called it Lotusland. It's one of the most impressive botanical gardens in the country. Madame Walska died in 1984 but her estate has thrived with myriad lotus flowers, topiary bushes and cycad plants--those are stout seed plants that kind of look like short palm trees. Cyndi Bemel walked through the gardens with Lotusland curator Virginia Hayes.	Cyndi Bemel, Virginia Hayes	4:06
6/11/2011	ART	Ever heard of an adapted viola? What about a chromalodeon? Or a harmonic canon? They're all instruments invented by avante-garde composer Harry Partch. Partch was a California native who threw out traditional keys and patterns in favor of strange and complex 43+ note microtonal scales. Off-Ramp's Kevin Ferguson headed to a rehearsal studio on Mount Washington to talk to John Schneider, a music professor and a member of Partch, a musical tribute to the late composer.	Kevin Ferguson, John Schneider	6:09
6/11/2011	LAB	In another installment of Off-Ramp's Hard Times series--where we look at those in the area left behind by our economic "recovery"--Kevin Ferguson talks to Gregory Crosby, a California native.	Kevin Ferguson, Gregory Crosby	3:39
6/11/2011	ART	Michael Q Schmidt is 57 years old, and weighs about 300 pounds. You wouldn't guess it by looking at him, but he's made a career based solely on his looks. As an actor, you might have seen him on Cartoon Network, the Harry Potter films and dozens of music videos. Off-Ramp's Kevin Ferguson sat down with Schmidt at his home in Placentia.	Kevin Ferguson, Michael Q Schmidt	4:59
6/11/2011	ART	When you're driving down Whittier Boulevard in East Los Angeles, look for the huge fiberglass rooster sitting on a roof. It's the Al-Salaam Polleria. It's a live-poultry shop that sells halal chickens slaughtered according to Muslim dietary laws. What's a halal chicken shop doing in a mostly Latino neighborhood? Sabiha Khan reports for Off-Ramp.	Sabiha Khan	4:47

6/13/11	POLI	The media storm surrounding Democratic Representative Anthony Weiner continues to grow. Upon the revelation that he tweeted sexually suggestive photos and exchanged explicit messages with women online, fellow members of congress and many of his constituents have called for his resignation. On Saturday, Weiner's office issued a statement requesting a leave of absence and saying he was seeking professional treatment to focus on becoming "a better husband and healthier person." The tabloids have been filled with stories of powerful men who've succumbed to temptation, then blamed it on addiction. But in Weiner's case, there's no evidence that he had extramarital sex – his missteps have been strictly virtual, though certainly not virtuous. Yet many speculate that this is indicative of a deeper problem. Are Weiner's tweets just bad-boy behavior, ego gratification or the signs of sexual addiction?	Dr. Lori Buckley, Robert Weiss	24:00
6/13/11	BOOK	Sugar Ray Leonard has long been known for his ability to take his opponent to the mat. However, in his new book <i>The Big Fight: My Life in and Out of the Ring</i> , Leonard throws jabs at himself. With the same precision and unflinching ferocity that led him to multiple world boxing championships and an Olympic gold medal, he opens up about his childhood and family, the challenges of being a black athlete, widespread corruption in boxing, his alcohol and drug abuse, and the chronic negative treatment of his first wife. How could one man who was so good at winning lose out to his own proclivities and vices? What memories do you have of Sugar Ray Leonard and his career?	Sugar Ray Leonard	30:00
6/13/11	POLI	Californians have had a few days to pore over the newly proposed electoral districts. On Friday, the Citizen's Redistricting Commission released the early draft maps. It's the first time independent voters have been given this power, instead of Sacramento insiders. It appears those citizens were not shy about making dramatic changes. The new boundaries look to challenge some prominent incumbents from both parties. From a national perspective, analysts say the new Congressional map virtually guarantees California will be a battleground state in 2012 -- often a rarity because of decades of gerrymandering that protected incumbent House members. What's new for your district? Are you happy with the results --so far-- of using this new independent process? What is the reaction in Sacramento and on Capitol Hill? Do the new districts give proper weight to minority communities?	Bruce Cain, Fernando Guerra	14:00
6/13/11	TECH	The advent of the internet and its ubiquitous presence in our personal, financial and cultural lives has not always resulted in positive change. In fact, as more information is stored, accessed and sent online, the efforts to tamper and disrupt the digital system have grown. Recently, a group of hackers called "Anonymous" has been attacking the websites of companies like Sony, Spanish banks such as BBVA and the official governments of Egypt, Algeria, Libya and several others. The group originated on the online "imageboard" called 4chan, a site where users post pictures and discuss anime. Due to the decentralized, anonymous nature of these types of boards, users can use their technical savvy to coordinate plans to completely disable major websites, even if there are strident security measures in place. Last week, three of the supposed leaders of "Anonymous" were arrested in Spain. Who are these people? What are they trying to gain? Is this just a band of merry internet pranksters, or legitimate digital revolutionaries? What will be the consequences for these individuals? Will there be an increased backlash from the organization?	Peter Bright	20:00
6/13/11	BOOK	Given the choice between five years in prison and 10 lashes, which would you choose? Peter Moskos, a criminologist and former Baltimore police officer, claims that flogging (a form of corporal punishment, lashes with a whip to a person's back) can be the more humane form of punishment. And it's cheaper than housing white-collar criminals in prison or jail. In his new book <i>In Defense of Flogging</i> , Moskos argues that re-introducing corporal punishment into the U.S. justice system would save money on all levels of the highly cost-ineffective incarceration system; and it would allow non-violent criminals to go on with their lives without being stigmatized. Is corporal punishment a good idea? Should criminals be able to choose a beating over serving time?	Peter Moskos	20:00
6/13/11	IMM	During the presidential campaign of 2008 then candidate Barack Obama promised that immigration reform would be a chief priority of his administration. Flash forward to 2011, and while some attempts have been made at cajoling Congress into acting to settle the status of roughly 12 million undocumented people in the U.S., there is no comprehensive immigration deal in place, nor does anything seem imminent on the horizon. How much of that lack of progress on immigration will hurt President Obama when he seeks Latino voters for his reelection effort next year; and is immigration indeed the biggest issue for Latinos? A new poll of likely Latino voters released this morning works towards answering some of those questions, and while Latinos are still generally supportive of President Obama their disappointment seems palpable. 48% of poll respondents stated they strongly or somewhat approve of the job the President has been doing handling immigration reform while 38% somewhat or strongly disapprove. We check the pulse of Latino voters heading toward 2012 and see if immigration or the economy will determine the choice of America's fastest growing group of voters.	Gary Segura, Pilar Marrero	00:13

6/13/11	LGB	Impartiality has become a constant question for judges presiding over politically charged cases—from campaign finance reform to abortion, the personal background and beliefs of a judge has increasingly come under the microscope, just as charges of “judicial activism” have been on the rise. Judge Vaughn Walker became another chapter in this national debate when he ruled back in August of 2010 that Proposition 8, banning same sex marriage in California, was unconstitutional. During the trial it became public knowledge that Judge Walker was gay, and after the trial it was revealed that he was in a 10-year same sex relationship. As the legal challenge to Prop 8 continues, this morning a district court judge in San Francisco heard an attempt by the proposition’s supporters to throw out Judge Walker’s decision based on his sexuality, arguing that the judge should have recused himself or disclosed his relationship status before the trial. It’s unprecedented to have a legal decision challenged based on the sexuality of a judge but questioning a judge’s motives and objectivity is not news. How much of a judge’s personal experiences and beliefs should carry over into a decision, and should or judges be expected to check	Julie Small, Monroe Freedman, Courtney Joslin	00:17
6/13/11	EDU	One of DeVry’s ads quotes a young woman saying, “I got jobs like that! I mean, right away!” Echoing the promise of private colleges across the country, DeVry’s motto is “We major in careers.” Now the federal government is demanding that these colleges deliver on that promise of jobs. President Obama recently announced that if a vocational school cannot prove it is providing bang (jobs) for the hefty buck it charges, it will lose eligibility for federal aid funding to its students. Consumer advocates argue that these colleges prey on vulnerable, low-income individuals and that taxpayer money, in the form of student loans that aren’t paid back almost 50% of the time, is keeping alive these colleges that would otherwise go bankrupt. For-profit schools say that all colleges—not just for-profit colleges—produce students strapped with loans who have trouble finding jobs and that vocational schools take at-risk students, often first generation, and provide them with a higher degree that they wouldn’t otherwise have. Republicans, who have been calling for less regulation from Obama since he’s been in office	Harris Miller, Barmak Nassirian	00:18
6/13/11	FOR	United Nations Peacekeeping was born in 1948, with the goal of preserving the armistice between Israel and its Arab neighbor states. 63 years later, the forces continue their efforts to keep peace in troubled regions, though political, economic and social relations within and between countries have changed. With 15 current peace operations on four continents, peacekeepers—known colloquially as “Blue Berets”—face a myriad of challenges, from monitoring disputed borders, to eliminating landmines, to protecting civilians in areas with limited resources. Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the Middle East are among their existing missions. What difficulties do UN peacekeepers face in these volatile areas, and how do they interact with local governments and populations? How can peacekeepers adapt to the sometimes dangerous changes in international policy?	Susana Malcorra	00:13
6/13/11	ECON	Walmart, one of America’s most controversial public multinational corporations and infamous star of documentary Walmart Nation, is trying out a new business strategy. At the start of this month, the company announced the opening of the first “Walmart Express” in Gentry, Arkansas, a novel type of small store that will carry grocery products and be contained in 15,000 square feet of space. Will Walmart Express reach into cities that have previously opposed its superstores, like New York and Los Angeles? Why does Walmart want to do business on a small scale, and how do local grocers feel about their new competitors? And what could this mean for California retail? Weigh in with your Walmart-related questions or comments.	Burt Flickinger III, Chris Thornberg	00:17
6/13/11	SCI	Before the discovery of mice stem cells in 1981, the idea of meat that could be grown in a laboratory seemed outlandish to the greater scientific community, and to others, downright crazy. But in recent years, researchers have made major breakthroughs, managing to grow bovine muscle tissue from just a couple of cells in a nutrient mixture. An interesting coalition of proponents—ranging from stem cell researchers, to environmentalists, to animal rights supporters—has emerged, citing greater medical understanding, the reduction of greenhouse gases, and the absence of animal abuse as reasons to welcome the mass-produced meat that could someday appear in our grocery stores. Along with them, however, have come serious ethical questions that do not yet have concrete answers. What does it mean to be “alive”? And can we really call the product of a test-tube “beef”? Somebody call Peter Singer!	Michael Specter	00:17
6/13/11	LIT	For decades, the world’s richest museum--the Getty--was the world’s biggest buyer of illegally looted art. Greek and Italian antiquities, often dug up in the dead of night, carted away in pieces, and sold on the black market ended up cleaned and glowing in the museum’s galleries. The story of how the Getty got involved in this illicit business and how it blew up into a worldwide scandal is told in a new book called Chasing Aphrodite. The non fiction work reads like an international thriller.	Jason Felch	13:00
6/13/11	POLI	Tonight in New Hampshire seven candidates will face off in the first major Republican Presidential Debate of this election. Is it six against Romney? Is Tim Pawlenty going to make a splash?	Mark McKinnon	8:00
6/13/11	ECON	A report prepared by an independent consulting company, LTL Strategies, suggests that aid agencies and other non-governmental organizations often inflate the numbers of those effected by disasters to secure more funding.	David Rieff	8:00

6/13/11	SEC	Madeleine talks to The New Yorker staff writer Jane Mayer about the increase in surveillance of American citizens by the National Security Agency. Mayer has been investigating the national security apparatus for years.	Jane Mayer	8:00
6/13/11	OBIT	Laura Ziskin, one of Hollywood's top producers, died last night after a long battle with breast cancer. She was 61. She produced the Spider Man trilogy, Fight Club, Pretty Woman, and As Good As It Gets, among many others	Sharon Waxman	5:00
6/14/11	POLI	The Grand Old Party's presidential contest kicked off last night in New Hampshire. Seven candidates in the ever-growing Republican field debated each other -- or made a series of announcements, depending on your take. Tea Party favorite Michele Bachman took the opportunity to declare her run officially -- joining Mitt Romney, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Senator Rick Santorum, former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, pizza magnate Herman Cain and Congressman Ron Paul. And to add to the field, former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman announced today his intention to join the fray. The focus of the evening was squarely on Mitt Romney. Though there was little back-biting between the candidates, most of the rhetoric was directed against President Obama and his policies with the economy taking the lead as the topic of discussion. What did you learn about the candidates and their policy platforms? Are you satisfied with the selection so far? Or would you welcome a few more contenders -- perhaps a Texas governor or a former VP candidate?	Jon Fleischman, Chris Lehane	24:00
6/14/11	EDUC	Evaluating teacher effectiveness has long been a goal of both the Los Angeles Unified School District and the teachers' union, UTLA. But just how to go about it has been a point of contention between the two groups. After a controversial database was published that scored teachers on a "value-added" system, grading teachers on how students progressed under their tutelage, the school board voted to begin authorizing a new scoring system based on that method. The UTLA objected, claiming the method is unreliable. Tensions escalated when LAUSD officials announced they would start a pilot voluntary evaluation program in 2012, prompting the UTLA to file a grievance last week alleging unfair labor practices. With teacher tenure, hirings and firings hanging in the balance, there's a lot at stake in this schoolyard brawl. How should the school district evaluate its educators? Which method gives you the most confidence in your child's education? If you're a teacher, would you participate in a voluntary evaluation program?	Yolie Flores, A.J. Duffy	30:00
6/14/11	OPIN	Men – and women – have been cheating on one another since marriage became an institution. But the new millennium has brought many changes to marriage and monogamy. These days, people are more open about having an unconventional marriage. Public figures such as billionaire investor Warren Buffet and actress Tilda Swinton are upfront about their open relationships. Millions of Americans consider themselves swingers; millions more are in a committed relationship with more than one other partner. The "polyamorous" espouse relationships with multiple, mutually consenting partners. So, at a time when a willing sexual partner can be a click away and more of us are admitting that traditional marriage doesn't do it for us, is marriage obsolete? Is it time to do away with the whole notion of "til death do us part?" Do we need to reinvent the concept of marriage for a new American century?	Jennifer Berman	34:00
6/14/11	ART	Charles Dillingham has been managing the finances and overseeing the marketing and administration of the Center Theater Group for nearly 20 years but this month he is stepping down. During his tenure as CTG's managing director, he has presided over the renovations of the Ahmanson Theater and the Mark Taper Forum and the building and opening of the Kirk Douglas Theater in Culver City. Like other arts organization CTG has had to cope with budgetary constraints and last year laid-off a tenth of its full-time staff of 120 employees. With tickets sales slumping for some shows and donations taking a hit, Dillingham admits that these are tough economic times for performing arts organizations but he is optimistic about the future of CTG. How are arts organizations responding to bleak economic times? What does a veteran manager of the arts have to tell us about the state of the performing arts in Southern California?	Charles Dillingham	20:00
6/14/11	ECON	It's the fourth quarter of the California budget debate and the deadline for passing a balanced budget bill is tomorrow, June 15th. Has the Golden State properly weighed their options? In a word: no. Republicans seem to be unwilling to accommodate new plans which would extend "temporary" taxes as a means of stabilizing a financially crippled California. Jerry Brown is left bewildered: "I'm really perplexed why a package of this magnitude and with this permanence that has reforms, which has realignment, and which has temporary tax extensions cannot be allowed for you, the people, to decide on." With the state's new redistricting plan, Democrats in the legislature may have a two-thirds majority, which would make it easier for the boys in blue to pass new proposals (by which I mean those very Democrats). If a balanced budget is not passed, state lawmakers will be left without a paycheck. What kind of hat-trick do our lawmakers have in store for us this time?	Dan Walters	00:13

6/14/11	ECON	repository in East Rutherford, New Jersey, stuffed with hundreds of millions of dollars in cash, bound for Andrews Air Force Base and a C-130 ride to Iraq. It's a real life scenario that played itself out 21 times between 2003 – 2004 as the Bush Administration made a desperate attempt to stabilize post-invasion Iraq and provide basic government services that had all but shutdown in the chaos of war. \$12 billion in cash, in total, made its way to Iraq; because of sloppy (or sometimes nonexistent) tracking, \$6.6 billion of that cash is still unaccounted for. The Pentagon has been asking for more time to investigate the fate of the missing cash but the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction isn't waiting around any longer, hypothesizing that the money could have been stolen outright. Throughout the Iraq war hundreds of millions of dollars were nefariously taken by contractors, Iraqi officials and even U.S. military personnel through graft, theft and extortion, but nothing compares to \$6.6 billion in \$100 bills. Could this be the biggest heist in history?	Stuart Bowen	00:18
6/14/11	SCI	Close your eyes and imagine this: At every top music recording company, a room of white lab-coated scientists monitoring rows of electrode-bedecked teenagers and banks of computers registering their brain waves, while a new pop song blares in the background. At the song's chorus, brain activity becomes patterned and marked, and the scientists nod approvingly as they predict the song's commercial popularity. Sound like a crazy way to forecast the next musical hit? Perhaps not. Researchers at Emory University recently discovered that the teenage brain does respond in telling ways to new music, revealing which songs we are more likely to like—i.e., those that will become popular once released. It turns out that certain songs trigger more cells in the region of the brain known as the nucleus accumbens, which registers rewards and pleasure, though no one knows exactly why. This correlation between brain activity and popularity seems to be so strong that scientists say brain responses can be correlated with song units sold. Will teenage brains become integral to marketing in the not-so-distant future? And what can the way our brains function tell us about the biological foundation of our personal preferences?	Gregory Berns	00:17
6/14/11	POLI	Louisiana State Representative John La Bruzzo is a lightning rod for change. Tired of taking incremental steps toward the reversal of Roe v. Wade, the lawmaker recently introduced a bill that would make all abortions in his state illegal, including cases involving rape, incest and an attempt to save the mother's life. One might ask, isn't that a direct violation of federal law? The answer is yes, but that's the point. LaBruzzo wants to take the issue to the United States Supreme Court in an attempt to challenge, and ultimately overturn, Roe v. Wade. The legislator has an ambitious plan, but he's going to have to wait a little longer. Despite the fact that both the legislative and executive branches in Louisiana do not support abortion rights, his bill did not pass. The lawmaker says it's "more than likely" that he'll try again. But it may not be fast enough. Mississippi and Alabama are considering introducing similar legislation. So is it just a matter of time before the conservative leaning Supreme Court hears a case that could result in a reversal of Roe v. Wade?	John Labruzzo, Donna Crane	00:22
6/14/11	ECON	According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), in 2008 the IRS found 52,000 cases of identity theft. Last year that number jumped to 245,000. And the scary news is most experts expect that number to be much higher due to the delay associated with reporting these crimes. The cases typically involve individuals either using false social security card numbers to collect another person's tax refund or to avoid paying taxes all together. The IRS is somewhat hamstrung in terms of what they can do to help consumers. The agency has set up a special unit to assist tax-payers, but the responsibility falls squarely on the individual to protect their social security number. If the IRS suspects identity theft, laws prevent the agency from disclosing the perpetrator's identity to the taxpayer being cheated, or even, in some cases, to federal authorities. Should more be done and what can you do protect yourself?	Robert Siciliano	00:26
6/14/11	POLI	First Lady Michelle Obama is in California on a two day fundraising trip. Yesterday she sat on a panel in Los Angeles, discussing the portrayal of military personal in the media. Today she's in the Bay Area raising dollars for her husband's re-election campaign. But critics say that taxpayers' dollars shouldn't be spent when on fundraising business.	Paul Ryan	7:00
6/14/11	TECH	The list of sites recently attacked by the hackers known as Lulz Security include PBS, Sony, Fox, a popular pornography site and the United States Senate. Although Lulzsec says they hack just for the fun of it, they're also creating a real sense that the internet is broken, or at least far more insecure than most of us thought. For some perspective on all this, we're joined by Xenii Jardin. She's an editor at the tech and culture blog Boing Boing.	Xeni Jardin	7:00
6/14/11	HIST	Tomorrow is the budget deadline for California lawmakers. Governor Brown is indicating he might accept a deal with so-called gimmicks, like the selling of state buildings, to get a budget passed. 50 years ago another Governor Brown - Pat Brown - faced similar battles with Republicans. But he was able to convince enough of them to go along with his ideas. And some of them were big ideas..ideas that transformed California. Sascha Rice, grand daughter of Pat Brown talks about her documentary California State of Mind: The Legacy of Pat Brown.	Sascha Rice	8:00
6/14/11	MEDI	The third season of Childrens Hospital recently premiered on Adult Swim. Series creator Rob Corddry joins Madeleine to discuss the upcoming shows. You probably know him from his days as a correspondent for The Daily Show and his starring role in Hot Tub Time Machine.	Rob Corddry	5:00

6/14/11	YOUT	Parents try hard to be attuned to their kids' needs, provide for them, help them have a perfect childhood. But what if all that attention is actually making them unhappy adults? Lori Gottlieb is a psychologist and a parent. She noticed in her practice a lot of young adults were coming to her saying they were anxious and depressed but they had nothing to complain about. She joins us to talk about "too-good" parenting.	Lori Gottlieb	8:00
6/14/11	ART	It's New Music Tuesday and Drew Tewksbury is back with reviews of new albums from the bands Battles and The Black Lips.	Drew Tewksbury	5:00
6/15/11	POLI	The clock is ticking for California lawmakers to reach a budget deal before tonight's constitutional deadline. Budget deadlines are rarely met, but this time the stakes are higher than usual. If legislators fail to pass a budget by midnight, they will forfeit their paychecks. The major sticking point appears to be whether to extend several tax increases until a fall special election or have them expire at the end of this month. Republicans firmly oppose the tax revenue Brown has been seeking. After months of failed negotiations, Brown seems to be considering using accounting gimmicks to close California's remaining \$9.6-billion budget deficit. This, however, is something Brown previously promised not to do. Now, Dem lawmakers are beginning to prepare two budgets, one with an extension of expiring increases and one without. The Governor says there will be a budget vote today – one way or another. But with no clear compromise in sight, what options do lawmakers have? Can the budget be balanced without tax hikes or deeper cuts?	Julie Small, Bob Stern	14:00
6/15/11	POLI	Yesterday, a gorilla filmmaker launched what is a deliberately offensive political attack ad. It's a mock rap-video aimed at Janice Hahn, who is running for Congress in California's 36th District. The YouTube video, called "Give us your cash B—ch!," accuses candidate Hahn of enabling gang members to get out of jail "so that they can rape and kill again." Hahn's camp says the premise of the video is entirely baseless. Hahn and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) have asked that the video be removed immediately. But the filmmaker, Ladd Ehrlinger, isn't budging. Text at the end of the video says it was paid for by Turn Right USA and was "Definitely NOT authorized by any candidate. So suck it McCain-Feingold." Do videos like this have a place in politics? Does it go too far? Is Ehlinger just vying for attention, making a legitimate political statement – or both? Will this video help or hurt Hahn or her Republican rival, Craig Huey?	Frank Stoltze, Ladd Ehrlinger, Janice Hahn, Tom Hollihan	30:00
6/15/11	MEDIA	What's a pop-up newsroom you ask? No, it's nothing to do with Rep. Anthony Weiner. It is, according to USC, a place for journalists to experiment and engage in shoulder-to-shoulder editing, try out new media, and explore novel approaches to arts journalism. Over the next couple of weeks, Southern California will be home to one of the largest concentrations of live theater ever to hit the area. For the first five days, a team of about 40 arts journalists, working with USC's Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism, will attempt to cover this theatrical burst by blending old-school reporting with new, digital multimedia strategies. It's hoped that the collaboration will lead to fresh perspectives and new models for arts reporting. We'll get the inside scoop on the performances heading to L.A. and Engine28, as the pop-up project is called.	Sasha Anawalt, Jesse North, Jenny Lawton	10:00
6/15/11	EDUC	Last October, the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Yale University hazed its pledges by having them chant "No means yes, and yes means anal!" while marching past female dorms on campus. Yale responded to the unsavory speech by slapping DKE with a five-year ban from all campus activities. In 2008, another frat at Yale, Zeta Psi, ordered its pledges to surround the Women's Center with posters reading "We Love Yale Sluts." These and other incidents spurred a group of Yale alums, who are predominantly female, to file a complaint against the university with the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights. Since April, the Education Department has been investigating the incidents to determine if they violate Title IX of the Civil Rights Act by creating a "hostile sexual environment." If this is determined to be the case, Yale would have to seriously crack down on frat behavior, if not disavow it entirely, at risk of losing federal funding. Activists, feminists and campus administrators welcome the shunning of what they see as a male-dominated, irrelevant tradition. But not everyone agrees. Should college fraternities be banned altogether? Or should the focus be on offensive language and activities? Or is this an example of, admitt	Open Phones	24:00
6/15/11	POLI	Yesterday, a federal court decided the gay judge in the Proposition 8 case did not need to recuse himself from that same-sex marriage case. It is the first ruling to establish that a gay jurist has the standing to preside over a gay rights trial -- though it follows similar cases based on ethnicity, gender and religion. The decision with the bigger headlines today comes from the largest federal bankruptcy court in the country. It stems from a gay couple that legally married in California in 2008. Gene Balas and Carlos Morales suffered financial problems during the economic downturn, so decided to file for bankruptcy as a married couple. The feds said they couldn't -- citing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which prohibits the federal recognition of same-sex marriage. Yesterday, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California ruled that is unconstitutional. So what is next in these two major cases? How will the Obama administration react?	Rebecca Beyer	10:00

6/15/11	FILM	The way that people get information is changing, perhaps faster than news organizations can adapt. Blogs, Internet-only entities like Politico and the Huffington Post and social media sites like Facebook and Twitter are co-opting territory previously dominated by traditional print and broadcast media outlets. But it's not just how the news is being disseminated that's evolving. A battle for the soul of journalism is taking place, waged between the old, traditional guard and the rising prevalence of blogs and opinion-based content. Director Andrew Rossi's new documentary, Page One: Inside the New York Times, peels back the cover on one of the most stalwart and respected rags in the business to show how the Times is dealing with all this new media stuff. What is the future of news? Is there a difference between independent blogs and New York Times blogs? Can traditional journalism survive the attack of the aggregators?	Andrew Rossi, David Carr	20:00
6/15/11	ECON	Their motorcades won't turn into pumpkins, but when the clock strikes midnight tonight, for the first time ever, state legislators will begin forfeiting their paychecks if they fail to pass a budget by deadline. Democrats want to extend several tax increases until a fall special election; Republicans want them expire by the end of the month. Democrats are preparing two budgets to close California's remaining \$9.6-billion budget deficit, relying on a combination of delayed payments, deep cuts to education, increased fees and a revamped and controversial plan to sell off state properties. But with no bipartisan option on the table, Democrats are set to approve a budget today by majority-vote. Is there a way to balance the budget without deeper cuts and tax hikes? Fed-up voters passed the new measure last year that allows a majority of lawmakers, rather than two-thirds, to approve the budget and ties lawmakers' salaries to their job performance, but is a rushed and sloppy budget the unintended consequence of this well-intentioned measure?	George Runner, Chris Lehane	00:13
6/15/11	POLI	It seems to come up in almost every presidential administration, both Democrats and Republicans—the authority of a president to use military force and how far that president must go in advising and seeking approval from Congress in carrying out that force. When President Obama authorized the participation of the American military in the NATO operation in Libya, with the mandate to protect Libyan citizens from Muammar Gadhafi, aside from a few meetings with members of Congress there was no move for a formal vote from the full body. When the 60-day window for Congressional authorization passed, as mandated under the War Powers Resolution, neither President Obama nor Congress made much fuss about it. Now there's a serious conversation brewing about whether the Libyan operation violated the War Powers Act: Speaker of the House John Boehner is demanding an official counsel from the White House about Libya; and a bipartisan group of 10 Congress members have filed a lawsuit against the president, charging that he made an illegal end-run around Congress when he attacked Libya. What is the role of Congress in a president's ability to make war?	Walter Jones, Michael Capuano, Walter Dellinger	00:18
6/15/11	POLI	There has been a lot of hubbub in Washington over the possible nomination of Elizabeth Warren to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The President gave Warren the power to set up the agency, but many believe she won't get the nomination in spite of strong support from Democrats and consumer advocates. The Harvard law professor and banking expert is perceived to be a threat to the banking industry because of her pro consumer stance and Republican senators have vowed to block her confirmation. Republicans are opposed to a single-figure head and are pushing for a five-person committee to run the agency, but the Obama Administration doesn't seem to be backing down. The White House is contemplating the idea of nominating Warren's key advisor Raj Date to the top post. The showdown between the White House and Senate Republicans has some wondering if Obama will circumvent the confirmation process altogether and appoint someone while Congress is out on recess. Will Obama appease his liberal base and choose consumer advocate Elizabeth Warren, despite a Republican backlash that is sure to follow, or will he cave to pressure from the financial industry and appoint	Stan Collender, Scott Talbot	00:17
6/15/11	EDU	In the nation's second-largest school district, where graduation rates struggle to reach 60%, LAUSD officials, teachers and parents all feel that change is necessary—but how will it be accomplished? A recently released report by the National Council on Teacher Quality has analyzed the district's teacher performance policy and practices, identifying systematic problems and exorbitant expenditures: for example, the \$500 million spent annually on teacher completion of graduate coursework, an academic strategy proven ineffective in improving classroom performance. The Council's recommendations for reform include changes in evaluation procedure, tenure acquisition, the weight of seniority in employment decisions, and increased salaries for those who produce the greatest learning gains. But not everyone is happy with the proposals. Will the district implement the Council's recommendations? Join Patt for her monthly check-in with LAUSD superintendent John Deasy, with the latest on the education budget, teacher employment policy, the elimination of chocolate milk from school cafeterias, and more -- and weigh in with your education questions and comments.	John Deasy	00:31

6/15/11	SCI	Archeologist Paul S. Martin was obsessed with extinct animals in a kind of Jurassic Park sort of way. His "Pleistocene rewilding" theory argued that the extinction of megafauna (large creatures of the past, including saber-toothed cats, mastodons and short-faced kangaroos) had drastically knocked North America's ecological equilibrium off balance and that one way to correct that imbalance would be to reintroduce those creatures back into the modern environment. His followers wanted to bring old world elephants, lions and cheetahs to North America to be ecological stand-ins for their extinct relatives. When science writer Sharon Levy heard about this, she thought it was crazy. Then she started researching it. She joins Patt to talk about what it might entail to bring back mastadons, saber-toothed cats and even dinosaurs to our current world.	Sharon Levy	00:17
6/15/11	LIT	Three years ago a man named Clark Rockefeller kidnapped his daughter and led the FBI on an international manhunt. He was found a week later in Baltimore and his daughter safely returned to her mom. It turned out Clark Rockefeller wasn't a Rockefeller at all. No one including his ex-wife knew who he was.	Mark Seal	17:30
6/15/11	FOR	More than eight thousand refugees have flooded into Turkey from conflict ridden Syria. Meanwhile, Syrian army units are preparing another assault on a northern town to crush anti-government protests.	Borzou Daragahi	8:00
6/15/11	EDU	For years, many middle and upper middle-class parents have balked at sending their children to Los Angeles Unified schools, choosing to enroll them in private and charter schools outside the district.	Adolfo Guzman Lopez	5:00
6/15/11	SCI	The 25th annual SLEEP conference wraps up today. The three-day gathering featured the latest research on things like insomnia, snoring and napping. One study found that women recover from a loss of sleep better than men. Another looked at why night-owls have the edge in Major League Baseball.	Sanden Totten	5:00
6/15/11	ECON	Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat ... nor email will stop the US Postal Service. At least that's the hope of a group of experts convening near Washington today. The Postal Vision 2020 conference is bringing together big thinkers from companies like Google to come up with creative solutions to save the postal service.	Bryant Urstadt	7:00
6/15/11	MEDI	baseball inspired poem from 1888; a TSA inspired security wand for children that goes 'beep'. And joining a revolution from the comfort of your couch.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	8:00
6/16/11	POLI	in foreign intervention. However, a conflation of interests at home and abroad are influencing a sea change within the party. The past ten years spent in Iraq and Afghanistan, not to mention the lives and money lost in both countries, have pushed some Republicans away from their once hawkish stance. They also find the possibility of further military presence and investment in Libya troubling. Beyond that, the rise of the Tea Party as a viable political demographic and its focus on fiscal responsibility have forced mainstream Republican candidates to realign their foreign policy along an economic perspective. Ron Paul is no longer the lone Republican in the field championing a return to isolationism; Mitt Romney, the Republican frontrunner, has said, "We've learned that our troops shouldn't go off and try and fight a war of independence for another nation." This philosophy is in direct opposition to that of the Bush-era neoconservatives. Will this burgeoning difference in opinion lead to larger fissures within the GOP? Are candidates simply trying to garner votes from the Tea Party? At this point in	Sal Russo, Amy Kramer, Danielle Pletka	14:00
6/16/11	LA	Larry and our talented trio of Orange County journalists riff on the latest news from the OC including the effect of the new redistricting plan on congressional districts in the county, Dana Rohrabacher's co-sponsoring of federal protections for state medical marijuana, rancor between public safety unions and OC GOP, layoffs at the Costa Mesa Police Department , and the use of Spanish in a contract that the Latino Health Access has with OC Board of Supervisors.	Teri Sforza, Norberto Santana	20:00
6/16/11	FOOD	Back in May, Marketplace aired a report that began with the provocative assertion that organic food isn't the future – not if we want to feed everyone. According to a report by the U.K.'s Government Office of Science, "Foresight: The Future of Food and Farming," given limited resources and exploding population, organic agriculture cannot be the single solution to the world's food supply. That was the jumping off point for the Marketplace piece, which quite a few listeners challenged – vociferously and voluminously. "Shame on you NPR!" reads one comment. "...the risks of GMOs are constantly ignored by mainstream media, which depend on ad revenue," reads another. This week, CREDO action sent an alert to its supporters, blasting Marketplace and American Public Media (APM) for providing a soapbox for "anti-organic propaganda paid for by Monsanto." We'll talk with a Marketplace editor at the center of the storm and explore whether there's any truth to the seemingly constant criticism that programming is influenced by underwriting. As for feeding the world, what role can organics realistically play in the future? We'll talk with guests on both sides of the debate.	George Judson, Anna Lappé, Kenneth Green	15:00
6/16/11	POLI	Rep. Anthony Weiner delivers a press conference announcing he is stepping down after weeks of scandal, lies and revelations. How did one tweet affect so much? Could this have been avoided if he simply had told the truth when this all began? Why did he decide to resign after stating he wouldn't step down?	Open Phones	30:00

6/16/11	FILM	When thinking of African-American culture, the two musical genres that most likely jump to the forefront of your mind are rap and jazz. But gospel music, while less commercial, has much deeper roots in the black American experience. In the documentary <i>Rejoice and Shout</i> , producer Joe Lauro and director Don McGlynn explore the 200 year history of African-American Christianity. They track the evolution of gospel music from the spirituals that rose out of slavery, to the rise of soul music in the civil rights era, up to today's modern gospel, which combines elements of hip hop and rap. The film is packed with rare photos, recordings and performances featuring the likes of Smokey Robinson, Andrae Crouch and Marie Knight. What role has music played in your faith and vice versa? What is it about gospel music that makes it so inspirational?	Don McGlynn, Joe Lauro	20:00
6/16/11	SAC	This morning Governor Jerry Brown vetoed the budget Sacramento Democrats had cobbled together and passed with their majority on Wednesday, declaring in a short message his unwillingness to accept a plan that would worsen California's long-term financial troubles with "legally questionable maneuvers, costly borrowing and unrealistic savings." Brown's move comes after political gridlock and failed attempts to secure Republican votes on tax extensions, which he says are necessary for financial balance and the adequate funding of education and public safety. A brief letter and Youtube video followed the veto, and the former blamed Republicans for having "blocked the right of the people to vote" on the budget solution that the Governor had presented in January. Brown also acknowledged "valiant" Democratic efforts to pass a budget, though he did not find it acceptable and called for "strong medicine" to remedy the state's financial situation. What might a new budget look like, and when could it be passed? Will Republicans heed Brown's advice? And will state legislators, who passed the budget yesterday, receive their paychecks?	Darrell Steinberg	00:13
6/16/11	TRAN	flying cars and electric highways of Bladerunner—and for many, bad traffic seems an unalterable fact of life here. But Vision Los Angeles, a new advocacy group composed of businesses and environmentalists, hopes to make efficient and sustainable transportation a reality by using a giant computerized system, dubbed "LAccess," to control traffic flow on highways, arteries and allies. LAccess would monitor traffic patterns, decide the necessary speeds for each portion of the traffic network to improve congestion, and then send the data to digital signs on freeways and streets. Also in the works is a new app for smart phone users to determine which route best suits their needs—such as time-efficiency or pollution-minimization—as well as shuttle services for employees of certain institutions from mass transit stops. The group has already involved itself in politics by supporting Mayor Villaraigosa's 30/10 transit initiative, and is gaining greater public awareness daily. Will Vision Los Angeles craft an agreement with the city government to make these futuristic changes? And could its plans actually solve our c	David Grannis, Damien Newton	00:18
6/16/11	LIT	What does it mean for a man when he cooks for his family? For some, it provides a sense of accomplishment, others, a sense of pride. And some ... they just want to get it over with. In his recently released book, <i>Man with a Pan</i> , New Yorker cartoonist and editor John Donohue put together a compendium of stories and recipes from some of the world's most respected chefs and dads. Mario Batali imparts his knowledge alongside Stephen King, Mark Bittman, Michael Ruhlman and many more. These dad-cooks bring their culinary adventures to the pages of the new book just in time for Fathers' Day.	John Donohue	10:00
6/16/11	SAC	Believe it or not... California lawmakers have signed a budget deal on time. On Wednesday, Democrats used their majority to pass the budget in an effort to erase the \$10.4 billion deficit. Cuts will be made to education and state buildings will be sold, but only if Jerry Brown doesn't veto the bill. John Myers from The California Report has more.	John Myers	6:00
6/16/11	EDU	The California state legislature passed a budget Wednesday that includes deep cuts to education. Governor Jerry Brown had hoped to avoid some of those deferred payments through a temporary tax increase that he was unable to garner enough support for.	Nathan Brostrom	7:00
6/16/11	TRAN	It's pretty common for Angelenos to complain about how bad transportation is in Los Angeles. Drivers deal with jammed freeways, smog and ineffective mass transit. The city has tried and failed to fix the situation in the past. Now they have a new grand plan. It's called "Vision LA" and it's the product of some strange bedfellows: business and environmental leaders. KPCC's Brian Watt joins us with more.	Brian Watt	5:00
6/16/11	TECH	John Moe, host of the Marketplace Tech report, joins us every Thursday. This week he tells us about rumblings of a cyber arms race between the US and China, how Google is adding new ways to search that don't involve typing and why the iPod may be on the way out.	John Moe	7:00
6/16/11	SPOR	On Thursdays Randy and Jason Sklar, hosts of the podcast, Sklarburo Country join us with sports news. Today they'll talk about more Lance Armstrong accusations, how Mexican soccer players may have eaten meat tainted with steroids and the brothers vent about Sylvester Stallone's induction into the boxing hall of fame.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	9:00

6/17/11	POLI	California legislators passed the budget on Wednesday, just before the constitutional deadline. That means they fulfilled the legal requirements set out by Proposition 25, a ballot measure approved last November by California voters that stipulates that lawmakers must pass a balanced budget on time or risk losing their salary. The state budget, cobbled together by Democrats with no Republican votes in favor, relies on one-time revenue streams and temporary gimmicks to achieve balance. But Governor Brown vetoed it yesterday saying it didn't go far enough, would have added billions of dollars of new debt and relied on legally questionable maneuvers. So, what's next? Do Dems have another plan? How do Republicans, who were ostensibly left out of the process, feel about the budget's passage and the Governor's veto? And will lawmakers get paid?	Bob Dutton, John Chiang	13:00
6/17/11	SPOR	Frank and Jamie McCourt are before a judge this morning going over their divorce settlement. The couple has reached a deal, but whether or not Frank McCourt will retain ownership of the Los Angeles Dodgers is now contingent on two further decisions. Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig will have to approve a television contract between the Dodgers and Fox Television. If Selig rejects it, the divorce settlement will be void. Second, the divorce judge will have to decide whether the Dodgers belong solely to Frank or to the couple as equal property. The details are messy, which is consistent. The McCourts have been bickering ever since they announced their separation back in October 2009. What move will Selig make? Why has Jamie agreed to these terms? And if there's no FOX deal do we start all over again?	Molly Knight, Bill Shaikin	20:00
6/17/11	OPIN	Many businesses, especially those that involve public interaction, have dress codes that prohibit inappropriate attire. Recently we've seen challenges to dress codes that restrict religious freedom or are otherwise discriminatory. But what about freedom of gender expression? Should those who identify as transgender or transsexual be allowed to cross-dress at their place of employment if they choose? Gender identity is already protected under state law but California Assembly Bill 887, the Gender Nondiscrimination Act authored by Assemblywomen Toni Atkins, aims to strengthen civil rights protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens. One of those rights would be the right to dress as the opposite gender in the workplace. How would you feel being helped by a salesperson or clerk dressed in drag? Would it affect where you do business? What about the teacher at your child's day-care center, the receptionist at your doctor's office, the worker in the next cubicle? What about you – would you welcome the chance to express the real you in your work wardrobe?	Toni Atkins	20:00
6/17/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Henry Sheehan and Lael Loewenstein join Larry to review the week's new film releases including Green Lantern, Mr. Popper's Penguins, The Art of Gettity By, Road to Nowhere and more. TGI-FilmWeek!	Henry Sheehan, Lael Loewenstein	34:00
6/17/11	FILM	The real-life horse whisperer who inspired the 1998 fictional movie "The Horse Whisperer" starring Robert Redford is now the star of his own documentary that follows the life of the cowboy-philosopher Buck Brannaman. The movie was directed by Cindy Meehl, who shot 300 hours of film following the horse tamer as he works his magic with horses and their owners. Brannaman was raised in Idaho, suffered abuse at hands of his father and ended up in foster care. "The young Buck found solace in horses, and training them became his calling." The film won the Documentary Audience Award at Sundance this year.	Buck Brannaman, Cindy Meehl	20:00
6/17/11	MEDI	New York Congressman Anthony Weiner finally resigned over his much publicized sexting scandal. He's not the first - and won't be the last - public figure to fall so spectacularly from grace; think former New York governor Elliott Spitzer, President Bill Clinton and actor Robert Downey Jr. Mary Elizabeth Williams from Salon.com discusses how Weiner - and others in the public arena - can redeem their characters and careers.	Mary Elizabeth Williams	7:00
6/17/11	SAC	For the first time in possibly ever, a California governor has vetoed a state budget. At least - not since 1901 -- when official records began. Jerry Brown told the Democratically-controlled legislature yesterday that he didn't like what they'd sent him and to start over again.	Dan Shnur	7:00
6/17/11	SEC	Did the CIA illegally gather information to discredit a professor who was critical of the Iraq War? New York Times reporter James Risen has spoken to a former CIA official who says that he was asked by the Bush White House to gather damaging information on Juan Cole. Cole teaches at the University of Michigan and writes a foreign policy blog. He was often interviewed as a prominent Iraq War critic.	James Risen	7:00
6/17/11	YOUT	Sunday will mark the first Father's Day for many new dads. Jason Nash and Jeff Bumgarner from the 'Guys with Feelings' podcast share tips on surviving the annual daddy fest. (Hint: think long and hard before going to The Grove.)	Jason Nash, Jeff Bumgarner	7:00
6/17/11	ENV	Bees have been mysteriously disappearing since about 2006, in a phenomenon called Colony Collapse Disorder. They vanish from the hive leaving behind just the queen and the honey. Scientists don't have a clear explanation, but they theorize that pesticides and mechanized agriculture are to blame. That, essentially, we are killing the bees. A documentary out today called Queen of the Sun explores the disappearance of bees.	Kirk Anderson	7:00
6/17/11	MEDI	In this week's Awesome/Not Awesome, Luke Burbank chews over a sexting resignation at LAX, an arrest for saggy pants on a plane and a case of 'I don't' for octogenarian playboy, Hugh Hefner.	Luke Burbank	9:00

6/18/2011	ART	After years of playing second fiddle to surfing, paddleboarding is enjoying a renaissance! Kevin Ferguson stops by the Santa Monica Pier Paddleboard Race to talk with races, lifeguards, and surfers young and old.	Kevin Ferguson	4:44
6/18/2011	HIST	Today, Off-Ramp marks the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with a trip deep into John Rabe's family archives. In this piece, filed for Savvy Traveler back in 1999, John traces his late mother's and father's footsteps in 1950s Germany. The piece, which John calls one of the best things he's ever done, includes rare audio from his collection, classified documents, and family letters that date back sixty or more years.	John Rabe	14:13
6/18/2011	ART	In 1957 Frederick Kohner published a novel based almost entirely on his teenage daughter, Kathy and her life in the early days of Malibu surf culture. He called it "Gidget", went on to get several film adaptations, tv movies and even a series. Off-Ramp's Kevin Ferguson talked with Kathy the Santa Monica Pier Paddleboard Race.	Kevin Ferguson	2:39
6/18/2011	ART	The artist John Frame has come down from the mountains with a new exhibit that came out of a dream. "Three Fragments of a Lost Tale" is at the Huntington in San Marino until June 27th. It blends found objects, dozens of eerie hand-carved mannequins, stop-motion animation, and the sets the movie was filmed on. Off-Ramp host John Rabe met Frame at the Huntington.	John Rabe, John Frame	6:04
6/18/2011	YOUT	Pulitzer Prize winning reporter Charlie LeDuff talks about giving up his jet-set life to become a stay-at-home dad.	Charlie LeDuff	7:54
6/18/2011	TECH	Cyberfrequencies' Queena Kim and Tanya Jo Miller talk with Airtalk's Karen Fritsche about what it means to be a YouTube celebrity. This week's podcast also features an interview with David Whitman, the guy who made and composed "It's Getting Real in the Whole Foods Parking Lot."	Queen Kim, Tanya Jo Miller, Karen Fritsche	5:44
6/20/11	LAW	Ten years ago a small group of female employees accused one of the nation's largest companies of widespread gender discrimination. The women wanted to sue Walmart on behalf of more than 1.5 million women to make up for lost pay and promotions. Today, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the case on the grounds the women could not prove they all "suffered the same injury." The ruling brings to a halt what would have been the largest class-action lawsuit in history, while allowing the individual women to pursue their own discrimination cases against Walmart. What will the impact be on other class actions? How high a bar has the court set for employees in dispute with big business? What's more important in determining a "class" of people -- their similarities or their differences?	Lisa McElroy, Jamie Court, Darren McKinney	24:00
6/20/11	LAW	The Animal Control and Welfare Commission of San Francisco is proposing a sweeping ban on the sale of fish in pet stores. The proposal is part of a renewed attempt to prohibit the sale of puppies, kittens and hamsters - in favor of adoption. One commissioner explained the new plan wants to address impulse buys of pets, the "inhumane suffering of fish" and the way fish are harvested from vulnerable coral reefs environs. The industry association for pet stores says it advocates the proper harvesting of aquatic species, and that responsible pet ownership offers significant health benefits. So is there a problem with how we purchase and keep goldfish and its other finned friends? Is it inhumane to harvest tropical fish from the wild destined for a fishbowl? How sentient is little Nemo anyway?	Philip Gerrie, Michael Maddox, Victoria Braithwaite	30:00
6/20/11	FOOD	Back in May, Marketplace aired a report that began with the provocative assertion that organic food isn't the future -- not if we want to feed everyone. According to a report by the U.K.'s Government Office of Science, "Foresight: The Future of Food and Farming," given limited resources and exploding population, organic agriculture cannot be the single solution to the world's food supply. That was the jumping off point for the Marketplace piece, which quite a few listeners challenged -- vociferously and voluminously. "Shame on you NPR!" reads one comment. "...the risks of GMOs are constantly ignored by mainstream media, which depend on ad revenue," reads another. This week, CREDO action sent an alert to its supporters, blasting Marketplace and American Public Media (APM) for providing a soapbox for "anti-organic propaganda paid for by Monsanto." We spoke with a Marketplace editor at the center of the storm last week, who reiterated that programming isn't influenced by advertisers: "There's a firewall between underwriters and the newsroom." Today we ask: what role can organics realistically play in feeding the world? Might it be necessary to include other approaches as well, such as genetically modified foods? We'll	Kenneth Green, Anna Lappé	24:00
6/20/11	BOOK	Every human society has been shaped by its relationship to water and in his new book "Elixir" anthropologist Brian Fagan traces the history of our involvement with this vital resource. Fagan goes back to the most remote period of human existence chronicling our struggle to tame a resource so mysterious and unpredictable. He sweeps through time to the Industrial Revolution when water was no longer a mystery but something to be exploited and channeled for use by huge segments of the population. Currently, with the earth's population approaching 7 billion, water scarcity is a reality and we return, in part, to a time when water was revered and considered highly precious. In Elixir, Brian Fagan explores the human connection to this vital liquid that we take for granted but that we are so dependent on to survive. Are we headed for a crisis in the worldwide availability of water? What is the future of the human relationship with water and are we going to come to terms with our need to conserve it?	Brian Fagan	30:00

6/20/11	FOR	The outgoing US Ambassador to Afghanistan publicly slammed Afghan president Hamid Karzai over the weekend for calling U.S. troops in Afghanistan "occupiers." On Sunday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates acknowledged that the US has begun preliminary peace talks with Taliban representatives. And President Obama is expected to announce any day now the exact number of troops he's withdrawing from the country next month. Meanwhile, there are anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 Taliban fighters in Afghanistan, but only 1,700 of them have taken up the U.S. government's offer to switch sides in exchange for stipends and job programs. For years, the constant narrative has been that the Taliban preys on young, uneducated men with no job prospects. If the draw is indeed financial, why aren't these programs more successful?	Clare Lockhart	00:13
6/20/11	HEAL	A new study by Northwestern University has found that 8% of American children have food allergies, and that those from ethnic minorities have higher chances of developing food allergies than their white counterparts. The research also revealed that about 39% of the study's kids had had severe reactions before, and that 30% had multiple allergies. The online health questionnaire was taken by 40,000 adults with a child under 18, and addressed allergy history as well as various symptoms connected with food consumption. Armed with evidence that almost 6 million children have food allergies, scientists are now urging changes in school policy and other activities which provide meals and snacks to kids. Why are so many kids affected by food allergies, and what can we do to accommodate them?	Ruchi Gupta	00:17
6/20/11	EDU	It's no secret that American culture is heavily competition-oriented; homework loads have been rising since the Soviets launched Sputnik and sparked an educational contest that mirrored the Cold War arms race between the two nations. In recent years, homework loads have continued to grow, as teachers pressured by the No Child Left Behind Act hoped more homework would improve their students' test scores. It would seem that increased time spent on academics should yield better grades and higher test scores—but many parents, teachers and even principals are arguing that too much homework can worsen children's school performance and detract from their childhood experience. In a wave that is sweeping educational institutions across the country, many schools and school boards are electing to reduce the amount of homework assigned, introduce homework-free holidays and weekends, or abolish homework altogether. The motions have been met with approval by many, but opponents claim homework is vital to meeting educational standards that cannot be taught in the length of one school day. How useful is homework?	Cathy J. Vatterott, Harris Cooper	00:14
6/20/11	MEDI	The Federal Communications Commission's long-awaited report on the future of the media, released in early June, has confirmed what many journalists, media companies and doomsayers already know: that these are tough times for public interest reporting. With about a quarter of the journalistic work force unemployed, America's news sources are disappearing as giant communications corporations buy up the small, independent broadcasting stations that are later downsized and then closed. The FCC sought to establish whether people were getting the news they needed, and whether media policy was conducive to its transmission, but both answers were negative. Its recommendations for the revival of public interest journalism included increased philanthropic support, tax incentives for broadcasting companies and government advertisement through local media. Some, like FCC Commissioner Michael Copps, believe that such measures would not do enough, and also emphasize that good reporting is necessary for the Internet to fulfill its democratic potential. How did things come to this? And in what other ways can public accountability journalism be sustained?	Michael Copps, Steve Coll	00:22
6/20/11	LIT	Tomatoes are the second-most popular produce in the U.S., and Americans have come to expect access to plump, red tomatoes year-round. Yet to achieve this end, Florida—which produces one third of tomatoes in the U.S.—uses one hundred different herbicides and pesticides on tomatoes, which are then picked hard and green and then artificially gassed until their skins turn red. And consumers aren't the only victims—underpaid tomato pickers in Florida, exposed to these toxins day in and day out, are suffering from cancer, respiratory ailments, and severe birth defects as a result. To make matters worse, one assistant U.S. attorney referred to Florida's tomato industry as "ground zero for modern-day slavery," complete with beatings and being "sold" to field bosses to pay off debt. And the product that's produced? Florida's tomatoes, while having tripled in yield, have dramatically less vitamin C, vitamin A, and calcium and fourteen times the amount of sodium of tomatoes of the 1960s. Barry Estabrook tells this frightening story and makes us all think twice before we take a bite.	Barry Estabrook	00:17
6/20/11	LIT	David Ignatius is not only a political columnist for the Washington Post, but also a best-selling writer of spy thrillers. The film Body of Lies with Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe was based on a book by Ignatius and takes place in the Middle East. Now, he has a new book out, set in Pakistan.	David Ignatius	17:30
6/20/11	LAW	The Supreme Court sided with Walmart today in a sexual discrimination lawsuit filed ten years ago on behalf of women who worked there.	Dahlia Lithwick	3:00
6/20/11	ECON	Debt problems in Greece have been dragging down stock markets across the globe, causing real consternation in Europe.	Jacob Goldstein	7:00

6/20/11	LAW	Cities and states around the country are pushing to begin licensing commercial medical marijuana facilities. They hope to raise revenue by taxing the pot. However, the Obama administration is pushing back.	Michael Montgomery	5:00
6/20/11	ENER	Soon it will be impossible to find the 100 watt incandescent bulb, as they're being phased out around the country. Susan Carpenter from the Los Angeles Times is in to explain.	Susan Carpenter	7:00
6/20/11	YOUT	Dirty pillows, apocalyptic camping conditions and horrible children. This summer we've been sharing some stories of vacations gone bad, and we've asked our listeners to share theirs as well.	Steve Proffitt	3:00
6/21/11	ENER	The tragic meltdown of the Fukushima nuclear reactor has brought increased scrutiny to the nuclear regulations in this country. A new in-depth investigation by the Associated Press says federal regulators have been repeatedly relaxing safety standards or simply not enforcing them. The report looks at aging plants and pipes, changing safety margins, and what it calls "regulatory compromises." It also found radioactive material has leaked from 3 out of 4 of U.S. nuclear plants. What is the response from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)? What informs their decisions to modify safety regulations? How close is too cozy a relationship between the NRC and the nuclear industry?	Scott Burnell, Daniel Hirsch, James Boyd	24:00
6/21/11	BOOK	As the country's economic situation gets tighter and tighter, the impenetrable force protecting the sacrosanct entitlement programs of Social Security, Medicare and pensions has weakened. Lawmakers have realized that changes must be made, as Social Security alone will exhaust its trust funds by 2036, after which it would need \$6.5 trillion over 75 years to pay all existing benefits. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), a lobbying giant which dictates the agenda for Medicare and Social Security, has a membership of 40-million strong, and will only increase as baby boomers continue to age and retire. In Frederick R. Lynch's <i>One Nation under AARP: The Fight over Medicare, Social Security, and America's Future</i> , the author places the onus on the baby boomer generation and its choice between political mobilization to fight cuts or by becoming absorbed into the AARP. Will a financially soluble compromise be reached between lawmakers, the public, and the AARP? How will the baby boomer generation handle its role as the country's elders? Will they fight back and resist entitlement reductions, or play a role in entitlement reform for future generations?	Frederick Lynch	30:00
6/21/11	POLI	While President Barack Obama is juggling the struggling economy, the Middle East and a nascent 2012 campaign, he has also recently drawn fire from a group of people who once supported him wholeheartedly—African Americans. In a recent interview, Princeton professor Cornel West found fault with Obama for complying blindly with wealthy whites, going so far as to label him a "black mascot" for Wall Street. Another Princeton academic, Melissa Harris-Perry calls West's attack personal and self-aggrandizing, but she asserts that Obama has been restricted by right-wing racism. Essayist Erin Aubry Kaplan contributed an op-ed piece to the Los Angeles Times chalking up this internal, racial conflict as a modern example of the warring ideologies of nationalism and assimilation for how blacks should exert themselves in American society. Nationalism contends that blacks must create and maintain a distinct group unity, while assimilation calls for integration into mainstream society. How can President Obama, a black man who is a product of mainstream institutions, marry these two polarized ideals? What can the President do in the short term to prove that he is a proponent of black causes? Is his choice not to focus	Erin Aubry Kaplan	24:00
6/21/11	OPIN	buckling down and getting back to learning. At least, that's what it is now. Way back when, summer vacation was an economic and public health necessity. Schools in big urban areas were too poorly ventilated to stuff full of sweaty kids for 6 or so hours every day. Public health officials considered hot, stuffy classrooms an ideal breeding ground for bacteria and germs and worried that disease would spread rapidly in that environment. In agricultural areas many kids had to take off school and work on the family farm during the summer months. Things have obviously changed, though and recent studies have shown that kids lose a lot of what they learned the previous year while they're hanging out at the beach all summer. That and the childcare issues many parents face are prompting some to call for the end of the summer vacation. But, year round school ain't cheap and we're facing massive budget shortfalls all over the country. Is the expensive worth higher test scores? And how would you as a parent, teacher, or student feel about losing your break. Or, if you already have, how's year round school working for you?	Open Phones	30:00
6/21/11	HEAL	A new poll shows fewer Americans believe in global warming than 5 years ago. Just in case you were also beginning to doubt that cigarettes indeed kill, Uncle Sam has a message for you. Earlier today the U.S. Food and Drug Administration rolled out nine new graphic warning labels—pictures of rotting teeth, a tracheotomy, cartoons of babies breathing smoke—that will be mandatory for cigarette makers to use in their packaging starting in the fall of 2012. The labels are a two-pronged effort to dissuade potential new smokers and to inspire, er, scare current smokers into quitting. To that end, the warning includes a hotline number smokers can call for tips on kicking the habit. But smokers are already banned from most restaurant patios, in some apartments, and in several parks and public spaces in the greater Los Angeles area; of the 40% of smokers who try to quit every year, fewer than 1 in 10 succeeds. Will these labels make a difference and should they be carried over to liquor and fatty foods? Patt takes a serious look at the advertising strategy and a more light-hearted look at the 27 rejected images.	Sasha Strauss, Alonzo Bodden	00:13

6/21/11	LAW	Costa Mesa police chief Steve Staveley delivered a scathing four-page letter to Costa Mesa city council members accusing them of exaggerating the city's budget concerns in order to slash workers by half. Staveley has been in law enforcement for 30 years and is outraged over plans by the majority in city council to lay off 12 police officers and demote more. He called the majority "unethical and immoral" and resigned. The city's response was swift, by the end of the day Staveley had been replaced and Costa Mesa City Manager Tom Hatch called his statements "unprofessional" and "potentially libelous." The city is taking a no-nonsense approach to dealing with budget concerns and that has captured the attention of the some in the Tea Party movement who are calling Costa Mesa "ground zero" because of the way the city is handling its financial crisis. Has, as Staveley claims, the city council gone too far, or is this just another city making tough decisions in a very bad economic climate?	Catherine Saillant, Jim Righeimer	00:08
6/21/11	ECON	With employment now at 9.1% and economic recovery in the wake of the "Great Recession" seeming to slow, more bad financial news comes as little surprise to many of us. But a new survey by financial information aggregator Bankrate.com has revealed some sobering statistics: only 24% of Americans have saved up 6 months' worth of emergency funds, and of the vast majority who do not have this half-year cushion, another 24% are entirely without them. In a country with an uncooperative Congress and volatile markets, what is it like to live without such resources? It has become commonplace for people to dip into savings funds and retirement accounts to stabilize their living situations, but what happens when one's reserves run out?	Greg McBride	00:09
6/21/11	HEAL	Medicaid is the massive government run health insurance program created to serve low income people and families. President Obama wants to funnel more people into the program as part of his health care initiative. But a new comprehensive study raises some serious questions about whether the program is effectively serving the people it is meant to treat. The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, has found that children on Medicaid are much more likely to wait for medical care than their counterparts with independent insurance. The numbers depict a stark reality--66 percent of kids on Medicaid-CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) were denied appointments, compared with 11 percent with private insurance. The study found that children in need of medical assistance had to wait an average of 22 days longer than those with private insurance. Low reimbursement rates for doctors—Medicaid pays \$99.86 for an office visit compared with \$160 from most private insurers contributes to the problem as do cuts to the program. So if the Medicaid system is failing to meet the needs of the people who rely on it, what other viable health options are available for low-income people? Are there plans to	Karen V. Rhodes, Rishi Manchanda	00:13
6/21/11	SCI	It isn't yet legal in the state of California but legislation has been introduced to make Alkaline Hydrolysis, a process of liquefying tissue, a certified way for making a greener exit from this life. The process accelerates the natural decomposition process, doing decades of work in a few hours by using a strong alkali (pH 14) to dissolve tissue (the small intestine uses enzymes operating at a pH level 7-8 to digest food). It's also reported to be only a quarter of the cost of cremation, which accounts for about 30% of burials in the U.S., 52% in California. Proponents say it's a green alternative to traditional burial with lower operating costs than cremation because it does not cause the emissions that incineration does. Beyond the "ick" factor, opponents worry about disposing of the liquid, which can result in high pH levels in water and Catholics across the nation have raised ethical concerns. Is alkaline hydrolysis the answer for greener, cheaper funerals and should it be legalized?	Mark Matthews	00:09
6/21/11	SPOR	Baseball commissioner Bud Selig rejected a long-term TV deal, yesterday, that Dodger owner Frank McCourt proposed. That increases the chances that the cash-strapped McCourt won't be able to make the next Dodger payroll, due next week.	Molly Knight	7:00
6/21/11	LAW	California has the most expensive and least effective death penalty law in the nation according to a new report which finds that here in California, four billion dollars in taxpayer money has been spent to maintain the system since it was reinstated more than 30 years ago.	Laurie Levenson	7:00
6/21/11	LIT	As hot weather ensconces Los Angeles, book critic David Kipen is back with a summer reading list tailor made for Southern California.	David Kipen	7:00
6/21/11	EDU	No more homework, no more books, no more teachers dirty looks! School's out - or nearly out - for summer. But while some hard-won time off may seem like good news for students, a recent RAND study shows that by the end of the three-month break, students lose up to a month's worth of what they've learned. What's a parent to do?	Geoffrey Borman	7:00
6/21/11	ECON	Forget clipping coupons - bargain hunters these days flock to sites like Groupon. The daily deal site sell customers a coupon that promises deep discounts on everything from cupcakes to airline tickets.	Rocky Agrawal	7:00
6/21/11	ENV	The battle over a proposed open-pit quarry in Southwest Riverside County heats up again, as a county planning commission is winding up public hearings over the contentious project. While supporters say Liberty Quarry will bring in god jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenue, opponents say the cost will come in hazards to public health and the environment.	Steven Cuevas	7:00

6/22/11	POLI	Prop 25 says that if California legislators fail to pass a budget by the June 15 constitutional deadline, their pay is cut off. On Tuesday, State Controller John Chiang said the budget lawmakers presented to the Governor last week was "miscalculated, miscalculated or unfinished" and didn't pencil out. As a result, he decided to withhold from the legislators the \$400 daily pay they receive from the state. Democrats have responded angrily saying they have fulfilled their commitment to bring a budget on time to the Governor and have threatened to sue in order to get paid. Chiang says since he's the person who writes the checks, it's up to him to assess whether revenue equals or exceeds spending. According to his calculations, the budget comes up 2 billion dollars short. Does state controller Chiang have the authority to determine the soundness of the budget? Should California's lawmakers get paid or cut-off?	John Chiang, Julie Small	24:00
6/22/11	LA	President Obama is expected to talk to the nation tonight at 5:00pm, about troop withdrawals and his plans to wind down the now 10-year war in Afghanistan. Closer to home, L.A.'s Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa was recently named President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, a nomination that puts him in the forefront of the fight over federal budget cuts. On Monday, Villaraigosa met with President Obama to talk about the possibility of shifting funds away from the war in Afghanistan to pay for the needs of America's cities, which have been hard hit by the recession, unemployment and the housing crisis. Will Villaraigosa's new political prominence on the national stage be good for California? The newly-minted President of Mayors joins us to share the details of his recent political travels.	Antonio Villaraigosa	10:00
6/22/11	LAW	retail clothing store? Well, the guard – who didn't even want a chair – got one, fell asleep on the job, and ultimately got fired. That's television, but here in California there are <i>real</i> retail workers who think they <i>should</i> have chairs. And they're filing class action law suits against big retailers like Target, Home Depot and Walmart for failing to provide "suitable seating." There's no express seating requirement in California Labor Code requiring employers to provide such seating, but section 1198 of the code prohibits employers from violating Industrial Wage Commission (IWC) wage orders. Wage Order 7-2001 <i>does</i> require businesses to provide seating to employees "when the nature of the work reasonably permits the use of seats." Furthermore, if employees must stand for their jobs, seats must be available for workers "when it does not interfere with the performance of their duties." Are lawyers overreaching by tying the California Labor Code to the IWC wage order? Are suits like these necessary to protect workers' rights? Or is this just opportunistic litigation? Will employees be shown a seat, or the door?	Jeff K. Winikow	30:00
6/22/11	LAW	In the Antelope Valley, thousands of low-income families use federal housing subsidies. Now they say they're being targeted unfairly by housing authority investigators and city officials. A federal lawsuit filed on their behalf claims the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale have "declare[d] 'war' on black and Latino families." The mayors say they simply are enforcing Section 8 regulations. The dispute has caused the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to investigate how enforcement is carried out. In the meantime, the Board has suspended its portion of enforcement funding. How are Section 8 investigators carrying out compliance checks? How should enforcement be conducted? Is there a connection between violent crime and Section 8 violators? Is this about racism in a historically Caucasian region?	James Ledford Jr., Catherine Lhamon	24:00
6/22/11	BOOK	What does Google do with all the information it collects from us as we use its search? Nothing good according to the world's leading Google critic Scott Cleland. Cleland is the author of Search and Destroy, a new book that warns against the power and influence of Google Inc. In Cleland's view, Google's sole aim is to consolidate and centralize the information it gathers from users so as to track, profile and monetize every aspect of our online experience. Cleland claims that by capturing information it gleans from a range of free products it offers, Google is evolving into the Internet's "lone superpower." What irks the author even more is that we are so trusting of this behemoth with its motto, "don't be evil" and that there are no checks on its ability to violate property or privacy rights. Cleland also contends that Google can and will use its unprecedented centralization of information to influence politics and even undermine our freedoms. Is Google really conspiring to control the world or is this just hyperbole and paranoia? What do we have to fear from the search engine we all use?	Scott Cleland	30:00
6/22/11	ENV	to over fishing of several marine life species. But this latest report from the International Program on the State of the Ocean is dire and unflinching in its prediction: without major action to arrest the collapse of ocean ecosystems, massive extinctions of species within a generation is assured. The report concludes, "This examination of synergistic threats leads to the conclusion that we have underestimated the overall risks and that the whole of marine degradation is greater than the sum of its parts, and that degradation is now happening at a faster rate than predicted." The three culprits in the disturbance of ocean ecology are global warming, ocean acidification and hypoxia, or reduced oxygen content in the seas. All of the world's coral reefs could be gone in less than 100 years. What are the possible solutions and can this march toward extinction be stopped? The report calls for immediate action by global bodies like the United Nations and measures to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, but the UN has been trying for an international agreement to curb greenhouse gas emissions for years. Can the ocean's species	Jackie Savitz	00:13

6/22/11	LAW	The offending scene is actually in the background of an otherwise normal high school yearbook picture: a 17-year-old male student with his hands inside the dress of a 15-year-old female student at a school dance. The picture was unknowingly published and distributed in the Big Bear High School yearbook but as soon as the sexually charged image was discovered, the yearbooks were quickly rounded up and the San Bernardino sheriff's office launched an investigation into a possible sex crime with a minor. Anyone who doesn't return the unedited yearbook could face a charge of possession of child pornography, although there are only two yearbooks still unaccounted for. The larger question is the uproar on all sides and the desire to closely follow the letter of the law in a sexual abuse case—Big Bear High was obliged to contact the sheriff's department about the picture and an investigation had to be subsequently launched, but many students at the high school are questioning whether all of this is necessary. When two minors are caught in a seemingly sexual act do authorities have no choice but to act decisively? Is the yearbook picture an example of ordinary teenage hormones or an opportunity to teach these kids a valuable lesson?	Jody Miller, Cindy Bachman	00:17
6/22/11	ECON	the two-thirds requirement for passage of a budget is eliminated and if the legislature doesn't pass a balanced budget on time, they lose their pay. It was probably predictable that conflict over Prop 25 would develop rather quickly and sure enough this year's budget cycle brought up an early test of whether legislators should be paid. The Democratically controlled state senate and assembly passed a budget last week that, on the surface at least, was balanced in that it closed the roughly \$10 billion deficit. But Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed that budget, saying that it "will not stand the test of time," opening up a complicated interpretation of Prop 25 that determines whether the legislature continues to get paid. Left to State Controller John Chiang to issue a ruling, he did that yesterday and cut off paychecks to legislators. Democratic lawmakers, in particular, were not happy with the decision and the statements issued in response were very personal in nature. Assemblymember Mike Gatto, in the Democratic leadership, criticized Chiang and the entire process, "It's always been an easy move to bash the disliked—but the t	Mike Gatto, John Chiang	00:17
6/22/11	SCI	Right now, many pregnant women opt to have a prenatal screen that gives them the statistical chance that their baby will have Down syndrome. Partially depending on whether the chance is, say, 1 in 35 or 1 in 2000, some women then go on to have an amniocentesis—a procedure that involves inserting a needle into the woman's belly and extracting amniotic fluid to determine if the baby has Down syndrome and other chromosomal abnormalities; 80 to 90% of the time that Down syndrome is detected, the woman chooses to abort. There will now be, within a year, a safer (both tests available now come with a small risk of miscarriage), cheaper, and earlier "fetal DNA test" for Down that gives definite results as to whether or not the baby has Down. It is a simple blood test of the mother, from which DNA is analyzed, and it can be done as early as seven weeks. Because it is safe, cheap, and definitive, it is expected that many women will take the test. Because it is earlier, some women may believe the fetus is not a life yet and feel more comfortable aborting; also, it may be easier for a women to abort before she is showing and possibly before she has told many people, including the father. In addition, it is expected that this fetal DNA test will, within	David Magnus, Brian Stotko	00:22
6/22/11	FOR	In a few hours, President Obama will announce how many troops he will withdraw from Afghanistan over the next 18 months. Reporting has been all over the map—CNN cites 30,000 "surge" troops home by the end of 2012; The Los Angeles Times is reporting a withdrawal of 10,000 troops by the end of this year; White House officials told Fox News that Obama has not made a final decision on a number. How will a troop withdrawal of any size change the mission in the country and is it a foregone conclusion that a long-term US troop presence, in the 15-25,000 range, will be necessary to train the Afghan National Army and continue special operations in the Pakistan border areas? Looking ahead in the region, how will the withdrawal affect reported peace negotiations between the U.S. and Taliban representatives; the tenuous balance of power in the region; and attempts to empower Afghanistan to realize its own economic potential?	Zahir Tanin, Ekil Ahmad Hakimi, Abdullah Hussain Haroon	00:17
6/22/11	ECON	J.K. Rowling, author of the bestselling Harry Potter novels, will unveil something called "Pottermore," Thursday. Rumors on the web say it could be anything from an online virtual world to a wizard-themed smartphone. Whatever Pottermore may be, fans are bubbling with excitement. Yet, no new books planned and the last Potter film will be released this summer, how much economic power does the franchise still wield?	Sanden Totten	7:00
6/22/11	MIL	President Obama will speak to the nation Wednesday night about his plans to withdraw 33,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan.	Pam Constable	7:00
6/22/11	POLI	As much as half of the oceans species will become extinct in the next few decades if global warming isn't halted. This according to a new report. Also today, in Rolling Stone Magazine, Al Gore has issued a pointed attack on President Obama and other U.S. leaders for not taking on climate change.	Andrew Revkin	7:00
6/22/11	ECON	Tim Geithner, the Secretary of the Treasury, is on Capitol Hill today testifying before the House Small Business Committee and talking about improving access to credit for the nation's small employers. There's plenty of evidence that those small employers are having a tough time, but the problem may not just be a lack of access to business loans.	Steve Proffitt	7:00
6/22/11	SCI	Everyone's favorite Marine Biologist, Pat Krug, is back to talk about the discovery of life within the earth's core. What can survive down there? Nematodes.	Pat Krug	9:00

6/22/11	MEDI	Techies have taken body hacking to extremes, it's the anniversary of the first female umpire's first and last minor league game, and the boys talk about the absurdity of Folder Rock.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	9:00
6/22/11	ART	Music critic Drew Tewksbury is back with reviews of new albums from the bands Bon Iver and Unknown Mortal Orchestra. Bon Iver's, Justin Vernon, is back with his indie crooning. And Unknown Mortal Orchestra release their first album. They mixed hip hop beats with 70's guitar and vocals with an echo. Links to full length versions of the songs after the break.	Drew Tewksbury	5:00
6/23/11	POLI	In a prime time speech last night, the President spoke to the nation about his plans to wind down the now 10-year war in Afghanistan. Stating "the tide of war is receding," he announced a two-phase withdrawal of the "surge" troops: 10,000 home by the end of the year, then 20,000-plus more by September 2012 -- leaving 70,000 soldiers on the ground. There is a rainbow of reaction to the strategy. Some argue the drawdown is too fast. Others want even more troops home. Then there are those who want the U.S. to maintain a significant military presence in Afghanistan. Why is reaction so split? Is the troop withdrawal significant enough to appease critics who want the U.S. military out of Afghanistan NOW? What impact will these withdrawals have on the ground in Afghanistan? What is the ultimate exit strategy?	John Garamendi, Malou Innocent, Lisa Curtis	24:00
6/23/11	IMMI	Advocates for and against immigration reform estimate that there are millions of people living in the U.S. illegally. According to common stereotypes, many can be found hanging out at Home Depot parking lots, washing dishes in restaurants or mowing lawns. In a New York Times article published online Wednesday, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas challenges these ideas by telling his own story. Vargas' mother put her son on a plane leaving the Philippines when he was 12. She sent him to Northern California to live with her parents and have a better future. Vargas' story of maneuvering through life with false documents, coming up with reasons why he couldn't travel and contributing to his adopted homeland's society professionally, adds a new perspective to the discussion about immigration reform and the DREAM Act. That legislation, which was first introduced in 2001 and put before the senate again this May, would grant conditional permanent resident status to those illegal immigrants who, like Vargas, came to the US before the age of 16 if they go to college or serve in the military. Is Vargas' high-profile "coming out" the beginning of a new immigration reform movement? Would you have "come out" if you were?	Marco Castillo, Nancy Meza, Leslie Berestein Rojas, David Leopold	30:00
6/23/11	POLI	A federal bill to decriminalize the sale, use and cultivation of marijuana will be introduced today by Congressman Barney Frank, Democrat from Massachusetts and Congressman Ron Paul Republican from Texas, ending the federal government's blanket prohibition of marijuana. This bill would allow the Feds to enforce cross-border or inter-state smuggling but would let states make their own rules concerning the regulation of marijuana. It's being introduced 40 years after the beginning of the "war of drugs" which some lawmakers and drug policy experts argue has been a staggering waste of money and resources. One co-sponsor Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Democrat from Oakland, decried the trillions of dollars spent to incarcerate millions of young people involved with drugs. She said Wednesday, "I co-sponsored this bipartisan legislation because I believe it is time to turn the page from this failed drug war." So, is it? Do we need a new state-centered approach to drug policy? And if efforts to curb the use of illicit substances haven't worked so far, what guarantee do we have that this approach will?	Stephen Gutwillig, Congressman Ernest Istook	24:00
6/23/11	CRIM	A man whose name stood on the FBI's most wanted list next to Osama binLaden for years was captured right here in the southland. Former Boston mob boss "Whitey" Bulger, 81, and his long-time girlfriend were picked up near their apartment in Santa Monica on Wednesday. Bulger had been on the run since 1995. He has been indicted in connection with 19 killings and was also wanted for extortion, racketeering and drug dealing. Bulger's life is said to have been the inspiration for Martin Scorsese's movie The Departed. The Bulger family saga is even more interesting because "Whitey's" brother, William, was a state senator and a former president of the University of Massachusetts. William insisted he knew nothing about his brother's whereabouts but had to resign from his position as university president in 2003 because of "Whitey's" reputation. The arrest came just days after the FBI started running ads on day-time TV shows including Ellen and The View focusing on Bulger's partner, a dental hygienist.	Bill Bratton, Michael Patrick McDonald	10:00

6/23/11	OPIN	Many baby boomers imagined they'd work for about 30 years then retire in their late 50s or early 60s with enough youth and cash to enjoy retirement. But in these tough economic times, it's become increasingly difficult for older workers to quit their jobs when originally envisioned. As a result, they're hanging on longer, often to the chagrin of employers and young workers alike. Now, many aspiring workers, whether they're fresh out of college or just entering the work force, are struggling to find job openings. Some feel they're getting a raw deal, when they see 65 year olds who are still working, despite being eligible for Social Security and Medicare. Employers too can have reservations about some older workers, whose job performance might deteriorate with age. But it's a delicate matter to broach for any boss. While companies might benefit from new blood, there's no substitute for the wisdom that only comes from decades of experience, right? So what, if anything, can be done? Should older workers be pushed out simply to let younger ones in? Should younger workers demand a place at the table? Is there a rift forming between the generations over workplace opportunities as the old and the young vie for limited resources? Should th	Open Phones	20:00
6/23/11	ECON	morning Majority Leader Rep. Eric Cantor pulled out of negotiations with the White House citing differences over tax increases, which will certainly prove a political obstacle for any deal. How much of the budget balancing will come through spending cuts versus revenue (tax) increases? No matter what the outcome the message from multiple sources is clear: the time to act is now, before the budget deficit become so out of hand that it swallows up most American economic progress. The Congressional Budget Office late yesterday put out its budget projections and predicted that if the same policies persist—the Bush tax cuts are kept in place, spending on Social Security & Medicare continue at current paces, drastic spending cuts are not enacted—debt held by the public would balloon to nearly 190% of GDP by 2035. The CBO sums up these frightening numbers succinctly: "Such a path for federal borrowing would clearly be unsustainable." The most compelling	Maya MacGuineas, Robert Boxby	00:22
6/23/11	HEAL	Chances are this bill is dead on arrival but in a national climate where attitudes toward marijuana are changing and desperation over finding new sources of revenue to close the huge national debt, anything is possible. Congressmen Barney Frank, a Democrat from Massachusetts, and Ron Paul, a libertarian Republican from Texas, have put forward a bill that remove the federal prohibition on marijuana—the bill would instead let states legalize, regulate and tax pot. The legislation is modeled after the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, which repealed the prohibition of alcohol and handed that responsibility to the states. This is, to the best of anyone's knowledge, the first bill ever introduced in Congress to end federal marijuana prohibition. Last year California voters came within four percentage points of decriminalizing marijuana and the increasing acceptance of marijuana for medicinal purposes has resulted in dozens of states legalizing medical pot shops. Is there any chance that a law like this could pass Congress, or are Reps. Frank and Paul suffering from a contact high?	Barney Frank	00:09
6/23/11	IMM	United States. Foreign students would come to the U.S. for higher education and then stay (or try to) and use their degree to get a job here. This left developing countries, in particular, struggling to further develop and become competitive without their best and brightest. Now, we're seeing a brain drain out of the U.S., leaving the U.S. in the same predicament, particularly in science and engineering. Foreign students—many from China and India—come to the U.S. for higher education and, now, take the degree to work back at home. U.S. policy has been: "get an education here and then leave." So, because they don't have visas and because China and India now have just as many—if not more—science and engineering jobs, the graduates take their talent to our competitors. To prevent this, CA Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren has introduced a bill to keep foreign-born workers in the country by increasing the number of H1B visas granted. Lofgren argues that the measure will bring money into the U.S. and make the country more competitive. Lofgren is responding to American companies, like Intel, Google, and Ora	Vivek Wadhwa, Paul Kostek	00:17
6/23/11	ENV	Everybody loves renewable energy, who wouldn't unless you're an oil or coal executive? But green power comes with a price tag, and as had been promised for the past few years, customers of the Department of Water & Power are about to pay it. DWP's new general manager is proposing annual rate increases of 5% for water and power services over the next three years, money they claim is needed to comply with new environmental regulations and protect its credit rating. While the additional revenue will cover mandates to move L.A.'s municipal power provider away from coal and deliver 33% clean energy by 2020, there is yet more money that needs to be spent in the next few years to upgrade aging utility infrastructure. More green—green in terms of the environment and in terms of the great expense—programs will also be implemented in the near future, such as moving away from the use of ocean water to cool power plants (resulting in big "dead zones" off the Southern California coast). All of which means that the 5% annual rate hike might just be the beginning. Debates over rate increases have proved contentious and this round might not be any different, with the unfilled job of ratepayer advocate looming over both	Ron Nichols	00:22

6/23/11	ECON	Pressure from the Supreme Court to reduce inmate populations coupled with large state budget cuts are forcing prison officials to reduce the number of paroled gang members being monitored by GPS tracking devices from 950 to 400 by July 1st. The move follows similar surveillance cuts for criminals; decisions which the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has acknowledged required "difficult choices." The GPS devices, which enabled officers to hold suspect gang members accountable for crimes committed in any area, may be reinstated on a larger scale when finances are healthier. But is the \$6 million dollars it will save worth the potential problems from 450 gang members under the radar? And what does this say about the state's willingness to trade safety for financial stability?	Scott Kernan, Bob Weisberg	00:09
6/23/11	ART	Michael Govan has been called a visionary, an advocate for artists and is credited with transforming the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). LA County supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky says Govan is to LACMA what Dudamel is to the Philharmonic. He has boosted attendance by 40%, expanded the museum's collection and completed two new exhibition halls. But to Govan, it's not just about art hanging on a wall. He considers LACMA to be "multidisciplinary" and "multicultural" and capable of "encompass[ing] almost everything cultural. He is building bridges and has recruited dozens of new trustees including some of Hollywood's biggest heavy weights. He has started a new weekly film series with Film Independent and is currently featuring an exhibition by Tim Burton (next year there are plans for a Stanley Kubrick exhibition). LACMA is helping to restore the Watts Towers and is working with the J. Paul Getty Trust to acquire the estate of photographer Robert Mapplethorpe. What's next? There is a whole lot of noise about "The Rock", but you'll have to listen to Patt to hear more about Govan's rock art	Michael Govan	00:17
6/23/11	EDU	When a mixed race student is applying to college, which box for race/ethnicity should he or she check? This is an ongoing debate among students and universities alike. However, some schools now allow students to check more than one box.	Ulli Ryder	7:00
6/23/11	LAW	"You did not double-cross him. If you did, you were dead." That's how one Boston police official described Whitey Bulger. Last night, after 16 years on the lam, FBI agents arrested James "Whitey" Bulger. He's accused of being involved in 19 murders, among other crimes. Authorities found him living in Santa Monica near the beach with his longtime girlfriend.	Richard Lehr	7:00
6/23/11	FOR	President Obama announced last night that he's beginning to wind down the war in Afghanistan, but just how quickly he can do that depends on what happens next door in Pakistan. Some would argue that it's the bigger threat now to the United States.	Ahmed Rashid	7:00
6/23/11	TECH	Pottermore gives Potter fans more. As promised, J.K. Rowling introduced a new site that will feature material left out of the seven-book series. Plus, she will use the platform to sell the first e-book versions of her Harry Potter novels. The FBI has busted some serious cyber crooks and Aaron Sorkin says he's leaving Facebook.	John Moe	7:00
6/23/11	IMM	Wednesday, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas outed himself as an undocumented immigrant. His revelations, published in The New York Times magazine, have brought on an onslaught of support and criticism for Vargas and the millions of other people that, like him, were brought to this country illegally as children.	Pat Hyland	7:00
6/23/11	SPOR	Are the Los Angeles Angels sabotaging the Dodgers with bad press and financial woes in an effort to steal the hearts of Angelenos? Probably not. But, the Sklar brothers are back with the latest in sports news and half baked conspiracy fun. They also explain the ins and outs of an alleged Shaquille O'Neal sex tape, they touch on Wimbledon, the NFL lock-out and the latest controversy in women's soccer.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	7:00
6/24/11	POLI	Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia walked out of talks to increase the national debt limit, causing the negotiations to break down. A group of high profile Republicans and Democrats lead by Vice President Joe Biden had been meeting for weeks to discuss ways to meet the August 2 <sup>nd</sup> deadline to increase the debt ceiling. There was a rich variety of possible solutions on the table. Some Democrats want to put an end to tax breaks for oil companies while Republicans want to focus on reforming programs such as Medicare as a way to cut spending. With his walk-out, Cantor said the ball is back in President Obama's court. What do you think of Rep. Cantor's decision to leave the debt ceiling talks? What should the next steps be?	Doyle McManus, Patricia Murphy	24:00

6/24/11	POLI	The latest numbers from the Labor Department on Thursday show another jump in unemployment claims. Last week, 429,000 Americans filed for their first week of benefits – an increase of 9,000 claims from the week before. It's just one more figure that adds up to a dismal 2011 so far. House Republicans place part of the blame on President Obama's spending policies. At a news conference last month, Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) said, "Americans continue to look at all the 'stimulus' spending that was enacted under the current administration and ask the question, 'Well then, where are the jobs?'" But economist Alan Blinder says we know exactly where those jobs are. In an op-ed in this week's Wall Street Journal, Blinder highlights numbers from the Congressional Budget Office that show stimulus spending created between 1.3 and 3.3 million jobs in 2010. He goes on to challenge GOP rhetoric that claims government spending kills jobs, calling that assertion mere myth. So what impact does government spending have on jobs? What policies actually create or crush jobs? And what weight does a private sector job carry for the economy compared to a government job?	Alan S. Blinder, Kevin Hassett	30:00
6/24/11	FILM	KPCC film critics Henry Sheehan, Claudia Puig and Charles Solomon join Larry to review the week's new film releases including Cars 2, Bad Teacher, The Best and the Brightest, A Better Life and more. TGI-FilmWeek!	Henry Sheehan, Claudia Puig, Charles Solomon, Wade Major	34:00
6/24/11	FILM	Buzkashi Boys is a forthcoming, American-funded film about Afghanistan's national sport: Buzkashi. This largely lawless game is kind of a cross between polo and rugby. But instead of using a ball, the Afghan horsemen play with a headless goat. Up to fifty riders compete for cash as they try to steal the carcass from other players, before tossing it into a chalk-drawn circle. The film was directed and written by two best friends, Sam French and Martin Roe, who both graduated from USC film school. Their Afghan-Canadian producer is Ariel Nasr. The three hope their movie will inspire the regeneration of Afghanistan's film industry, which has been largely destroyed by decades of war and Taliban repression. It was produced through a partnership of two NGOs – Afghan Film Project (U.S.) and Afghan Film Making Education Organization (Afghanistan), founded in 2010. Bezakashi Boys is set in the old city slums of Kabul and focuses on two young boys – a blacksmith's son and a street urchin. The two dream of a better life, by becoming legendary Buzkashi riders. French and Roe join us to talk about filming in war-torn Afghanistan and how they're working towards creating the next generation of filmmakers there.	Sam French, Martin Roe	20:00
6/24/11	SAC	over that time and blamed for the annual budget deficits in which the state is mired. Nothing is more guaranteed to stir up debate than mentioning Proposition 13, and more recently mentions of reforming the property tax initiative that has helped to keep tax rates low for both residential and commercial properties. With the ongoing budget battle as a backdrop, Gov. Jerry Brown was speaking to a group of apartment building owners and developers yesterday in San Francisco, lamenting his failure to convince the legislature to put tax extensions on the ballot for California voters to decide. Gov. Brown said that without that tax extension vote it might be time to target other sources of revenues, specifically commercial properties that have been shielded under Prop. 13. "If the taxes are not extended, I believe there will be efforts to accelerate the reassessment of commercial property, or other efforts," the Governor said. Gov. Brown also acknowledged the political realities of Prop. 13 saying, "That's the third rail." It's been an argument for almost as long as Prop. 13 has been in existence, whether commercial	Teresa Casazza, Steven Sheffrin	00:13
6/24/11	HEAL	When Americans go to the pharmacy, they overwhelmingly exchange scribbles on a white piece of paper for a little bottle of "generic" drugs. And why not, they are a lot less expensive. But thanks to recent ruling by the Supreme Court, consumers are going to have to be a bit more diligent about monitoring the side effects and medical warnings associated with their medication. The high court decided that generic drug companies have no duty to report medical warnings. They reasoned that that responsibility should fall squarely on the shoulders of the brand name makers and the FDA. The only problem is that once a generic version hits the market, the name brand usually disappears because it can't compete—who is going to pay more for something they can get for less? And once the brand name is pulled from the market, the drug manufacturer no longer has an incentive to update the medical warnings. The court made it clear that copy-cat generic drug makers can not be held responsible for any injuries associated with use of the drug. So if they aren't responsible for updating warnings and the brand name manufacturers are under no obligation to do so either, who is informing the consumer?	Michael Johnson	00:17
6/24/11	ENV	Much of city planning is about thinking of how to minimize bad things—traffic, pollution, noise—but instead of minimizing the bad, what about maximizing the good? It sounds like a simple euphemism on the surface, but it's fueling a revolution in architectural design. American architect William McDonough is leading the way with a philosophy of "green architecture" that he's calling Cradle-to-Cradle design. The model focuses on designing to promote the good rather than to minimize the bad and seeks to design massive buildings with systems for collecting storm runoff, housing birds, using daylight for internal lighting and harnessing natural ventilation. He's convinced the Chinese government to contract him for the construction of 7 new green cities and Pakistan has turned to him for tips on how to build for a world of 10 billion people. How can we increase the sustainability of our infrastructure and how much will it cost? And where does the new revolution fall in the traditional conflict between environment and industry? Patt talks with the father of the movement, which is being heavily featured at this year's Dwell conference in Los Angeles this weekend.	Bill McDonough	00:17

6/24/11	ENV	Concern over water's increasing scarcity in heavily-populated parts of the world has led environmentalists to announce a "global water crisis," and there's little doubt that massive resource mismanagement by humans has contributed to the problem, but journalist Charles Fishman swims against the current in his new and surprising study of our most precious resource. In <i>The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water</i> , he takes an engaging, optimistic and unconventional look at the ramifications of wasteful water use, as well as the effective solutions that can be reached with modern resources and the cooperation of business and government. The "golden age" of cheap, safe and plentiful water is over, and the liquid is vital to industry and normal life—consider the typical American's use of 90 gallons a day for cooking and cleaning—but big companies' conscious efforts to cut back on water use and the myriad of technological advances are signaling the emergence of a new era of "smart water" use. How can we counteract the world-wide scarcity of water, and what can we do on an every-day basis to conserve it?	Charles Fishman	00:22
6/24/11	LIT	The "demise of journalism" has become a common professional forecast in light of recent budget slashes by major urban media outlets and the Internet's continued expansion, but award-winning journalist Judy Muller's new book claims that at least in small towns, reporting is alive and well. In <i>Emus Loose in Egnar: Big Stories from Small Towns</i> she paints a vibrant picture of life and journalism in rural America, where "big news" can range from birth announcements to emus running amok in the locality. Muller's compilation of stories and characters details the coverage "quaint" events in such remote places as the Alaskan tundra, but also portrays the financial troubles and social difficulties that small-town reporters face as a result of their newspaper's resources or personal adherence to their First Amendment rights. Join Patt for a discussion of journalism's fate and what big-city reporters could learn from these stories of struggle and success.	Judy Muller	00:09
6/24/11	SPOR	The majority of Wimbledon's fan mail is about it; there's even a Wikipedia page dedicated to it, although no one can agree on how to characterize it. Grunts? Shrieks? Mating calls? Ian Ritchie, the head of the tennis tournament, has made his wishes clear: he'd like to hear less grunting on the court, particularly from the female contestants. Some have made charges of sexism; others point to a generational divide, claiming it's only the younger players who do it. Is there a psychological component to it meant to psyche out one's opponent? Does it actually enhance a player's performance? Is it distracting? Is it cheating? Patt digs deep in the controversy over...well, we'll call it grunting.	Diane Pucin, John Murray	00:17
6/24/11	POLI	The House of Representatives is debating whether to cut funding for U.S. military involvement in Libya. Republicans and Democrats are furious with President Obama for not seeking Congressional approval to attack Moammar Gadhafi's forces, sparking a debate over the War Powers Act of 1973. Edwin Smith, professor of law, international relations and political science at USC joins us to explain Congress's options.	Edwin Smith	7:00
6/24/11	HIST	For decades, the FBI Most Wanted has been a touchstone in the popular imagination of crime fighting. And this week's arrest of Boston mob boss James Whitey Bulger put another dent in the top ten most wanted list. Osama bin Laden and Bulger had both held top spots on the list and now there are two openings. Here to talk about the history of that list and who could be bumped into the top ten is FBI Historian John Fox.	John Fox	7:00
6/24/11	ENT	What happens when a wild animal 9-feet tall and weighing 5 tons becomes part-pet, part-performer and part-child to a human master? A new documentary opening this Friday in L.A. seeks to answer that question. "One Lucky Elephant" follows St. Louis circus owner David Balding as he tries to find the perfect retirement home for his beloved African elephant, Flora. The film plays at turns like a heart-warming love story and a tragedy of pachyderm proportions as we watch the close bond Balding forms with the animal and the inadvertent harm it causes.	Lisa Leeman	7:00
6/24/11	LAW	California's medical marijuana industry is the biggest in the country. There are over 1000 dispensaries that sell marijuana to people with doctor's recommendations under Proposition 215. But federal officials believe that some unscrupulous physicians may be facilitating the illegal export of pot to other states. KQED's Michael Montgomery reports.	Michael Montgomery	7:00
6/24/11	POLI	Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is wrapping up a fundraising swing through California. Like all presidential candidates, he's tapping into the deep political pockets in the state. KPCC's Frank Stoltze has details on Mitt Romney's visit	Frank Stoltze	7:00
6/24/11	ART	The film "A Better Life" follows a Mexican immigrant gardener and his son as they move through the landscapes of Los Angeles. The urban environment around them, where they live and work, deepens the themes of the film, and reflects hard truths about the city's green space.	Molly Peterson	7:00
6/24/11	MEDI	In this week's installment of <i>Awesome/Not Awesome</i> , Luke Burbank tells us about a Hollywood high stakes poker ring, a Southwest pilot's rant that was picked up by air traffic controllers, and Laker Ron Artest's legal name change - to "Metta World Peace."	Luke Burbank	9:00

6/25/2011	ART	6/21/11 -- UPDATE: "Larry Crowne" hits theatres July 1st. Here's our piece from the set of the movie while it was filming last summer.  Normally, the studios don't want journalists anywhere around a movie set (the Pentagon might want to follow this example), or they embargo any info gathered there, but Tom Hanks allowed Off-Ramp exclusive access to the set of the new movie he's written, directed, and starred in -- "Larry Crowne" -- which was entirely shot in the LA area, including a K-Mart in Long Beach.	John Rabe, Tom Hanks, George Takei	7:56
6/25/2011	LAB	For our Hard Times series -- conversations with people hit hard by the Great Recession -- Off-Ramp host John Rabe talks with 48-year old Peggy Martin in the front yard of her bungalow apartment in Pasadena.	John Rabe, Peggy Martin	4:46
6/25/2011	ART	Eat:LA's Colleen Bates looks at a new wave of Vietnamese restaurants, and talks with Joseph Shuldiner, who makes his own aperitifs from local fruit, much of it harvested from local backyards.	Colleen Bates, Joseph Shuldiner	9:05
6/25/2011	ART	Earlier this month, Off-Ramp producer Kevin Ferguson went to the Santa Monica Pier Paddle and Ocean Festival: both a paddle boarding competition and a celebration of the rich history behind LA surf culture. He spoke with Craig Lockwood: author, co-chair at the Surfing Heritage Foundation, AND a former lifeguard.	Kevin Ferguson, Craig Lockwood	3:53
6/25/2011	ART	For the first time in decades, the Theatre Communications Group, a nationwide theatre advocacy organization held its annual conference in Los Angeles. After the conference, which was the organizations 50th, KPCC's Steve Julian hosted a panel with several LA Theatre executives inside our Crawford Family Forum to discuss the state of live performance in LA today.	Steve Julian	
6/25/2011	ART	Rico and Brendan--with the help of John C Reilly--help you get smart, informed and drunk. All so you can win your next dinner party.	Rico Gagliano, Brendan Francis Newnam	8:35
6/25/2011	ART	The broadcast version of John Rabe's conversation with William Link, co-creator of "Columbo" ... along with "Mannix" and "Murder, She Wrote."	John Rabe, William Link	4:18
6/27/11	SPOR	This morning the Los Angeles Dodgers filed for bankruptcy protection. In a statement the team says they were forced into Chapter 11 when baseball commissioner, Bud Selig, refused to okay a television deal with FOX that may have been worth billions of dollars. The FOX deal was also the only way embattled owner, Frank McCourt, could resolve his ongoing divorce. McCourt insisted that since he became owner the Dodgers have been on an upswing and that Commissioner Selig intentionally put the Dodgers in financial harm's way. He said this move was the only way to protect the franchise...and his interest in it. Under Major League Baseball rules an owner can be stripped of ownership if they file for bankruptcy. However, McCourt said he had secured enough money to meet payroll and other financial obligations, which means the courts could rule that he can stay in control of the team for the duration of the bankruptcy proceeding. But will the courts rule in his favor? If they do, what's next for the Dodgers? And what's next for McCourt now that his divorce settlement's been declared null and void and the team is operating under Chapter 11?	Michelle Steele, David Wharton	24:00
6/27/11	BOOK	China is on track to be the world's leading economy but it is not sauntering up to economic hegemony. Rather, according to economists Greg Autry and Peter Navarro, China is attacking America's economic preeminence on all fronts using protectionism, currency manipulation, cyber attacks, espionage and even nuclear proliferation to dominate. China bashing, you say, but in their new book Death by China Autry and Navarro say it's not bashing if it's true. They explore how imported food, drugs and toys have caused illness and death in the U.S and how American corporations align themselves with China's state-owned industries to further undermine manufacturing jobs in the U.S. But Death by China isn't only a rant against the Dragon. The economists offer a complete plan to confront China's economic assault and look closely at how U.S. policy needs to respond to the Chinese economic and eventual military onslaught.	Greg Autry	30:00
6/27/11	LAW	Today in a 7-2 ruling, the Supreme Court of the United States decided California does not have the right to ban the sale of violent video games to minors. Citing First Amendment rights, the high court said governments do not have the power to "restrict the ideas to which children may be exposed." Justice Antonin Scalia even referred to gory tales of yore, such as Hansel and Gretel who cooked an evil witch in her oven. The dissenting justices said minors' free speech rights only exist through their parents. And in another check on state powers, the court struck down an Arizona law that gives public cash to candidates whose rivals have large private contributors. The 5-4 ruling is the latest upending of campaign finance by the court's conservative majority. AirTalk will have all the details. What is the wider impact of these decisions? Where else in the country will the effects be felt? What are the options for the losing sides of these decisions?	Leland Yee, Sean Bersell, Lisa McElroy	14:00

6/27/11	BOOK	The search for extraterrestrial life isn't only for science fiction. There are startling new discoveries being made in astrobiology, a new field blending astronomy, biology and geology, that raise questions about the definition of life and what it would mean to the human race if we found it on another planet. In the new book "Beyond UFOs," author and astrophysicist Jeffrey Bennett goes beyond the movies, science fiction tales, and TV shows to explain why current science makes it seem likely that life is widespread in the universe. Bennett reveals the most recent developments in extra solar research and explores how to best carry out our search for alien life. Do we have the technology and ability to locate life on another planet and what would we do if we actually found life on another planet?	Jeffrey Bennett	30:00
6/27/11	POLI	If nothing else this should tell you that there are members of Congress who are getting serious about cutting the \$14+ trillion budget deficit: as deficit negotiations move to the White House and President Obama and Speaker of the House John Boehner get involved in the high level talks, an unexpected compromise deal is emerging. While everyone assumed that cuts in domestic spending would have to come with increases in revenues—mainly tax increases on the richest Americans and changes in the corporate tax code—some Congressional Republicans are pushing for significant cuts in military spending, going against the conservative archetype of protecting the Pentagon's budget at all costs. The Pentagon's overall budget in 2010 was estimated to be a little over \$700 billion, when taking Iraq and Afghanistan supplemental spending into account, and all combined military spending probably exceeds \$1 trillion annually; all of which represents a dramatic increase in defense spending, having doubled in the last decade. Republicans believe that selling its constituents on cuts in defense spending rather than tax increases, within a larger deficit reduction compromise deal, will be much easier. Democrats are expected to co	Mackenzie Eaglen	00:13
6/27/11	LGB	Same-sex marriage became legal in New York last week after Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo signed the controversial marriage equality bill into law, following a narrow vote in the state legislature. Gay couples celebrated the decision with a massive pride parade, while conservatives rebuked the several Republicans who supported the bill, lamenting the new offense to traditional conceptions of marriage. New York succeeded Vermont, Connecticut and New Hampshire in approving gay marriage through a vote in the state legislature, rather than in the courts. Though the Empire State is the sixth to allow gay marriage, it's also the third most populous state in the nation, and is widely regarded as the birthplace of the gay and lesbian rights movement. But does the recent legalization there suggest an evolution in public opinion, or was the timing and place for such an issue just right? As gay couples move from New York to other states, similar movements for equal marriage may crop up, but will they have any success? And will California make progress toward allowing same-sex marriage when Prop. 8 goes before the US Supreme Court?	Michael Cole-Schwartz, Brian Brown, Bill Rosendahl	00:17
6/27/11	ECON	Five years after the federal government altered the retirement savings landscape, are workers better prepared for retirement? Critics of the retirement and 401 (k) plan reform say no. A controversial provision in the 2006 Pension Protection Act sought to use employees' inertia to their advantage and "auto-enroll" them in 401 (k) retirement plans to get them to start saving early unless they actively opted out. 82% of employees at companies with auto-enroll programs are enrolled and yet, most people are still woefully behind when it comes to retirement savings. The problem is multi-pronged—auto-enroll programs usually leave out large parts of the existing workforce because they only enlist new workers; and most auto-enroll plans begin with a savings rate of 3%—far too low for most people to reach their retirement goals in time. So how much money should you be aiming to sock away? Whether you're just starting out on a road to financial independence, saddled with debt or getting ready to retire, Patt and her guest field all your financial questions about saving, or trying to save money.	Beth Kobliner	00:17
6/27/11	POLI	Liberals had high hopes for Barack Obama—portrayed by his Republican opponents as an ultra liberal socialist during the 2008 campaign and after his victory, those on the political left were hoping that at least the liberal slander would come true. Latinos were hoping for comprehensive immigration reform, but while the president has made some noise on the issue recently he's also overseen a dramatic surge in deportations. Anti-war activists were hoping that President Obama's opposition to the war in Iraq would carry over to Afghanistan, but they were disappointed in the troop surge last year and further upset that the president isn't bringing home more soldiers in quicker fashion from the 10-year old Afghan conflict. Gays and lesbians were hopeful that President Obama would come around on gay marriage—which he hasn't—but were mildly pleased that he pushed through the end of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" although it still wasn't quick enough for their liking. Perhaps most disappointed of all, environmentalists were hoping that President Obama would push through a cap-and-trade bill to cut greenhouse gas emissions and that his administration would get behind a strong EPA; he has failed on both accounts. So for th	John Nichols, Carl Pope, Andrea Shorter, Barbara Lee	00:22

6/27/11	LIT	In nature, there's a rigid human sex ratio of 105 boys for every 100 girls, but the invention of amniocentesis and the ultrasound in the 1970s led to massive skewing of these normal proportions, as couples around the world decided to abort their female fetuses. These sex-specific abortions—an estimated 163 million in the last 40 years—have trickled down from societal elites in such places as China and India to the middle and lower classes, creating a nation-wide dearth of girls over time. Though originally seen as a way to obtain more “desirable” offspring, scientists predict the long-term effect of female abortions will cause or exacerbate serious problems: crime rates in areas with “surplus males,” the spread of prostitution and mail-order bride services, as well as the creation of a female underclass. Are efforts to change such birth preferences, which are often deeply ingrained in many cultures, likely to meet with success? And does criticism of parents' choices to abort their female offspring bolster women's rights and conditions, or actually run contrary to the pro-choice movement?	Mara Hvistendahl	00:17
6/27/11	LAW	The U.S. Supreme Court handed down a 7-2 decision striking down a California ban on selling violent video games to minors. They said the states could not restrict the sale of games because they fall under protected free speech under the First Amendment. Writing for the majority, Justice Antonin Scalia said, California is “unprecedented and mistaken. This country has no tradition of specially restricting children's access to depictions of violence.” Dahlia Lithwick, legal editor at Slate.com, joins us to discuss the ruling.	Dahlia Lithwick	5:00
6/27/11	YOUT	Worry and guilt may seem like a one-way trip to therapy for your child, but Teresa Strasser says her guilt about being a working mother motivates her to be a better parent.	Teresa Strasser	7:00
6/27/11	SPOR	Dodger owner Frank McCourt filed for bankruptcy this morning, as he is unable to cover the payroll that comes at the weeks end. The filing may keep the Dodgers from being taken over by Bud Selig, the commissioner of Major league baseball, who can seize the team if McCourt fails to pay the bills.	Molly Knight	9:00
6/27/11	TECH	Just last week, hacker group LulzSec was threatening to go after high profile government and business targets. Now they've announced they're through. The merry hackers announced they've disbanded over the weekend. Are the authorities getting close to catching them?	Xeni Jardin	5:00
6/27/11	ECON	This week, California will see the end of a statewide welfare program designed to help teen parents. Counties are scrambling to get ready, especially in the Central Valley, where teen pregnancy rates are much higher than the statewide average.	Sasha Khoka	7:00
6/27/11	EDU	As of July 1, the Los Angeles Unified School District will change its homework policy so that it can make up only 10 percent of student grades. The district says that students should be assessed by what they learn as measured by testing, not whether they have finished all of their homework. The district made the move, in part, because many students in the district don't have a lot of supervision at home and should not be penalized for that. But will the new policy encourage students to slack off?	Harris Cooper	9:00
6/27/11	POLI	Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann made it official today: she's throwing her hat into the ring for the 2012 GOP Presidential nomination. She's a Tea Party favorite, but how well will Bachmann play with other conservatives?	Mike Mulcahy	5:00
6/28/11	POLI	Republican support and relies on \$4-billion in newly projected revenue. Brown said he'll allow more than \$9-billion in taxes and fees to expire Thursday, because he couldn't muster enough Republican support. But if the revenue the state is counting on doesn't materialize – the budget will trigger deep cuts to education and public safety later in the year. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are still fighting over the details. Democratic Senate Leader Darrell Steinberg says it's not the budget his party wanted, but Republicans' unwillingness to govern gave them little choice. Senate Minority Leader Bob Dutton (R-Rancho Cucamonga) said in a statement “This latest budget is based on the hope that \$4 billion in new revenues will miraculously materialize but does absolutely nothing to change government as usual.” Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway says she doesn't mind the potential “triggering” of cuts. But says it's “disrespectful” to taxpayers that Dems aren't looking at any other way to balance the budget. Will this austere budget be enough to close the state's remaining \$9.6-billion deficit? Will Brown pur	Julie Small, Jim Neilsen, Bob Blumenfield, H.D. Palmer	24:00
6/28/11	OPIN	Have you been using your mini bar lately? Parents beware: you may want to think twice about drinking in front of your teenage kids. According to a new British study, teens who see their parents drunk are twice as likely to develop drinking habits. Half of the 5,500 British teens who were asked about their use of alcohol and motivation to drink said they had been drunk by the age of 16. (The legal drinking age in the UK is 18.) In addition to seeing parents drink, peer pressure has a significant influence on kids and their relationship with alcohol. The likelihood of a teenager drinking to excess more than doubles if he or she spends two evenings a week hanging out with friends. Do you drink in front of your children? Have they seen you drunk? How do you talk to your children about the risks of heavy drinking?	Open Phones	30:00

6/28/11	HEAL	In 2008, the Food and Drug Administration green-lit the drug Avastin as a last-ditch hope for women with incurable metastatic breast cancer. Avastin had already proved helpful for some patients with advanced colon, lung, brain and kidney cancers. Then late last year, an F.D.A. advisory panel voted 12-1 to revoke Avastin's indication for breast cancer treatment. New studies could not prove it extended life for patients. Moreover, it had potentially toxic side effects and high costs. Oncologists and some patients welcomed the decision, while others desperately disagree. Reportedly, up to 18,000 women still swear by Avastin, but if the F.D.A. goes forward with revoking its approval, insurance companies won't pay for the pricey treatment. Should the F.D.A. pull approval for a drug that doesn't work for all, but might extend life for some? What's the margin? How many people does a drug have to help? Is there any such thing as an "average" cancer patient -- considering the infinite stages and mutations of the disease? Or are philosophical arguments undermining scientific data?	Terrance Kalley, Dr. Gary Lyman, Gregory Conko	24:00
6/28/11	BOOK	Is the glass half empty, or half full? According to neuroscientist Tali Sharot, our brains might be hardwired to go with the latter. In her new book, <i>The Optimism Bias: A Tour of the Irrationally Positive Brain</i> , Sharot explains how and why human beings are relentlessly positive in light of dire circumstances by drawing upon traditional psychological studies and brain imaging. The author also explores the seeming paradox of how humans can display pessimism regarding collective issues such as the economy, but cannot do the same concerning personal goals or plans. How did such a rosy outlook evolve as a survival trait? Is being optimistic a good or a bad thing? Do you consider yourself to be optimistic?	Tali Sharot	30:00
6/28/11	ECON	closes the \$9+ billion deficit on the hopes and prayers of increased revenues, down in Orange County they're about to pass a budget that increases spending. OC's total budget will come in at \$5.6 billion, an increase of \$148 billion from last year, while cities, counties and states across the country are running deep budget cuts. What's their secret? Back in 2008, as the financial crisis worsened and the recession took hold, Orange County's board of supervisors made tough decisions to cut back programs, forgo pay increases and lay off county workers. They created a reserve fund, they paid down pensions costs and they also benefitted from the same boost in sales tax revenues that temporarily helped out California. The result is a budget in the black and a reserve fund that will probably increase to over \$200 million, even with the spending increases. What can be learned from Orange County's example and what did they do right in budgeting for hard times that so many other municipalities got wrong?	Kimberly Edds, Tracy Gordon	00:13
6/28/11	ECON	Optimism is hard to come by these days in California. Battered harder than the rest of the country during the recession, taking deeper hits in the real estate market, battling higher unemployment rates and annual budget deficits, California has lost its golden touch over the past few years and this year is feeling no different. Failing to reach any kind of consensus among Republicans and Democrats in the state legislature and having already vetoed one budget, Gov. Brown and the majority Democrats hammered out a budget that is heavily dependent on optimistic budget projections over the next year, to the tune of hoping for \$4 billion in extra revenue between now and June of 2012. If that projected revenue never materializes automatic budget cuts are triggered that will take big bites out of the state's biggest programs, especially public education. Even if the new revenue does flow in there is still a lot of pain to go around, and higher education in particular will have to absorb more cuts; students will probably have to pay more in tuitions. Are you feeling optimistic, California?	Tom Torlakson, Larry Wallace, Jean Ross	00:17
6/28/11	ENER	"Smart meters" have already been installed by utilities across the country, but Pacific Gas & Electric Company is meeting fierce opposition from homeowners, politicians, city officials and environmentalists who don't want their old meters replaced in some areas of California. This unlikely coalition is vociferously rejecting the installation of automated metering devices, saying that they violate property rights and emit unhealthy pulses of electromagnetic radiation. But according to the California Council on Science and Technology, the nonprofit and nonpartisan group that advises our state government on technology, smart meters emit radio signals that meet the federal government's safety criteria for cell phones and microwaves. PG&E is standing firm in its decision to continue smart meter installation and refuses to honor the moratoriums on meters that have been imposed by several cities, saying that the smart meter program is under the authority of the California Public Utilities Commission, not local governments. The company is, however, offering an alternative meter plan that allows customers to keep their old meters, if they pay a monthly fee for visits from a technician. 8 million of the low-power smart meters have been	Molly Peterson, Joshua Hart, Eric Klinker	00:17

6/28/11	LAW	We've all seen the cool assurance, brilliant expertise and cutting-edge technological methods of the forensic scientists on any given episode of C.S.I., but real-life autopsies, especially those performed on children, are far less glamorous. Mounting evidence compiled by several journalistic agencies suggests that many forensic pathologists are misdiagnosing the causes of death for infants they receive at the morgue, and providing testimony that largely contributes to the convictions of innocent people. Oftentimes, medical examiners who perform post-mortem examinations on young children do not have a solid enough understanding of child anatomy or disorders to accurately distinguish between bodily injuries caused by abuse versus those caused by natural conditions. And often they do not consult patient medical records or pediatric specialists before determining the official cause of death. Such malpractice played a prominent role in more than two dozen cases of wrongful conviction, which are now coming to light, but for many who were put behind bars, exoneration cannot repair the damage done to their families and personal lives. Should evidence from medical examiners weigh so heavily in Can our deeply-rooted desire to hold	A.C. Thompson, Eddie Lopez	00:13
6/28/11	SEC	Who is a whistleblower? In the past that was a pretty straight forward question--an individual who put their job on the line to release insider information about corporate wrong doing or government malfeasance. They served the greater good and the country validated their efforts by creating legislation to protect them. What would have happened in Vietnam if Daniel Ellsberg hadn't released the "Pentagon Papers" to the New York Times or if Jeffrey Wigand hadn't exposed Brown & Williamson's manipulation of nicotine in cigarettes to 60 minutes, or if Bunnatine Greenhouse hadn't spoken out against Halliburton and the company's no-bid contracts, waste, fraud and other abuses in Iraq? But today the question of how we define what a whistleblower is and how much protection they should receive is a much more complicated one. Should army private Bradley E. Manning receive protection for releasing sensitive military information to WikiLeaks? What about Thomas A. Drake who felt the government's eavesdropping program was unproductive and a waste of money? He was indicted in April. Then there's the Army intelligence analyst who was arrested for allegedly handing over a classified video of an American military helicopter firing	Stephen M. Kohn	00:17
6/28/11	ENV	Come New Year's Day 2012, you won't be able to buy your standard 100-Watt incandescent bulb anywhere in the country. That is, unless the current chair of the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee can convince Congress to repeal the ban. The original Energy Independence and Security Act, or CLEAN Energy Act of 2007 was intended to jumpstart the market for the energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and to move the U.S. towards greater energy independence. Critics complain CFLs are up to ten times as expensive, take 3 minutes to warm up, contain mercury, have limited versatility and produce a colder, flatter light than their warm predecessor. Tune in to find out if repeal stands a chance and why the chairman who originally backed the 2007 bill changed his mind.	Jane Harman, Michael Burgess	00:17
6/28/11	LGBT	with growing acceptance, are gay bars becoming a relic?	June Thomas	7:00
6/28/11	IMM	he DREAM Act is back at a hearing in the Senate today. The bill would let undocumented young people to become citizens if they go to college or join the military. And while it enjoys a lot of support and is repeatedly the subject of hearings and votes in Washington, it never becomes law.	Abby Phillip	7:00
6/28/11	SAC	Governor Brown and the California Democrats are on the verge of passing a state budget. After vetoing the last plan, Brown has signed on to a new proposal that relies on a projected \$4 billion dollar revenue boost to the budget. If the money doesn't materialize, legislators say it would trigger even deeper cuts in state spending.	John Myers	7:00
6/28/11	SEC	What's the best way to prevent people living in the United States from becoming terrorists? That's the question researcher Brian Fishman set out to answer. He studies counter terrorism at the New America Foundation, a think tank in Washington DC.	Brian Fishman	15:00
6/28/11	ART	Beyonce released her newest album, 4, today. Also on tap is the new compilation album Rave On Buddy Holly, a tribute to the singer/songwriter. Some big names perform on the album, including Sir Paul McCartney, Cee Lo Green, Fiona Apple and Patti Smith.	Ann Powers	7:00
6/29/11	POLI	In a White House news conference today President Barack Obama challenged Republicans in Congress to accept limiting tax breaks for oil companies and the super-wealthy as a part of any deficit reduction plan. As he has done in many previous speeches about the budget the President said that the government can't reduce its deficit by keeping all current tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires while senior citizens and the poor will bear the brunt of the burden from additional cuts. He added that he still believes it's possible to come to a bipartisan agreement to cut deficits, raise the government's debt limit and avert a threatened financial crisis. On Libya, the president defended the U.S participation in the NATO military action, saying the narrow mission had been carried out in an exemplary fashion and adding that we haven't seen a single U.S. casualty. He also said, "There's no risk of additional escalation. This operation is limited in time and in scope."	Peter Nicholas	14:00

6/29/11	HEAL	<p>According to the 2011 American Cancer Society Report there is a continued decline in overall cancer deaths in the U.S. African American and Hispanic men showed the largest annual decreases in cancer death rates during this time period, 2.6% and 2.5%, respectively and lung cancer death rates showed a significant decline in women after continuously increasing since the 1930s. Dr. Michael Friedman, the President and CEO at the City of Hope Cancer Center joins Larry Mantle to discuss the most promising research in cancer treatment presented at the annual meeting of the American Society Clinical Oncology. Those developments include new drugs for metastatic melanoma, new tests for gene mutations in lung cancer that could lead to greater specificity in treatment, new research showing the success of an estrogen inhibiting drug used in invasive breast cancer and an enzyme blocking drug that improves recurrence rates in people with stomach cancer.</p>	Michael Friedman	40:00
6/29/11	ECON	<p>Ten hours of intense rioting outside of the parliament in Athens yesterday (TUES) amplifies the critical juncture for Greece this week. Lawmakers there must vote on so-called austerity measures over the next two days as a condition for receiving another round of bailout funding from international creditors. The government will try to pass spending cuts and tax hikes for all. The alternative is the country falling into default on its debt. More than 50% of that debt is held by public institutions across Europe, according to research from Barclays Capital. What would a default mean for the Euro and countries across the European Union? Why is Greece struggling? What can rebuild its economy?</p>	Tom Stoukas, Yanis Varoufakis, Aristides Hatzis, Vassilis Kaskarelis	34:00
6/29/11	BOOK	<p>How do you tell people NOT to do, say or forget something? In his new book Neverisms, quotation collector Dr. Mardy Grothe comes up with a couple thousand different ways to tell someone not to do something. With each quote beginning in "never," Grothe offers up a broad range of witty and profound advice about things people should never do. As in his previous books, the wordy wordsmith also tells the fascinating back story of many of the quotations he's collected. Some of his favorite neverisms are: "Never let 'em see you sweat," "Never change diapers in mid-stream," "Never ruin an apology with an excuse," "Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died" and the very current "Never let a crisis go to waste."</p>	Mardy Grothe	20:00
6/29/11	ART	<p>The same man who wrote "Imagine," who dreamed about a world without religion, just a "brotherhood of man;" the man who conducted naked sit-ins in bed to protest the Vietnam War; the long haired, pot smoking, peace loving hippie, the front man of the Beatles—yes that man, John Lennon, might have been a Reagan loving, closeted Republican. Sounds too crazy to be true? It just might be but a new documentary based on interviews with Lennon's personal assistant, Fred Seaman, claims that the iconic rock star's political views had evolved by the end of the 1970's and that by the time Ronald Reagan was running for office Lennon had morphed into a Republican. The assistant Seaman said, "John, basically, made it very clear that if he were an American he would vote for Reagan because he was really sour on Jimmy Carter," as told in the new documentary "Beatles Stories." Could one of the most famous and noteworthy progressive peace activists of all time, John Lennon, been a secret GOPer?</p>	Jon Wiener	00:13
6/29/11	SAC	<p>collective bargaining rights for California's farm workers. It was the first time that farm workers were given the right to organize themselves, having been left out of the National Labor Relations Act enacted in 1935; in signing California's law, Gov. Brown became an icon of the farmer workers movement. Flash forward to yesterday, Gov. Brown might have done his reputation some damage when he vetoed the "Fair Treatment for Farm Workers Act" just before the bill would have gone into effect, going against his history as a champion of farm workers. What's the Fair Treatment for Farm Workers Act? It would've made it easier for farm workers to organize into unions, providing them an alternative to the secret ballot, letting unions organize them instead through signed petition cards. In his veto statement Gov. Brown said the bill is a "drastic change" to the state's agricultural labor relations act, although he "appreciate(s) the frustrations that have given rise to it." The effort to ease unionization has been thwarted for years under Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and surely the United Farm Workers</p>	Giev Kashooli, Tom Nassof	00:17
6/29/11	ECON	<p>lender by assets, will pay \$8.5 billion back to 22 investors who purchased mortgage securities that soured when the housing bubble burst. While the settlement wipes out the bank's earnings for the first half of this year, it amounts to paying back just two cents on the dollar of the original principal—\$424 billion in bonds. Critics say this pay-out to mortgage investors—asset managers like Pimco, BlackRock and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York—does little to alleviate the pain felt by average homeowners stuck with foreclosure. And as painful as the settlement sounds for B of A, settling has its merits: it avoids a costly, multi-year legal battle and dissipates a huge storm cloud that had been weighing down the bank's stock. On the other hand, there are plenty of signs that this is only the beginning; all 50 state attorneys general are settling an investigation into abuses by the biggest mortgage servicers and pressing for a payment of up to \$30 billion; and this settlement could pave the way and serve as a model for deals with other big bank like Chase, Wells Fargo and Citigroup, who face tens of billions in similar</p>	Anthony Sabino	00:17

6/29/11	ECON	the rise for decades, but until recently, no one knew why. A new study of tax returns, however, reveals that historical increases in corporate executive pay have largely contributed to the widening gap, and that nearly 60% of the current top 0.1% are CEOs, managers, supervisors, or financial professionals. It's common knowledge that capitalistic theory requires basic economic inequality, but how great is the trade-off between equity and growth, or is there a trade-off at all? It hasn't always been this way: the share of total income going to the top 1 percent of earners, which stood at 8.9 percent in 1976, rose to 23.5 percent in 2007. That traces the historic rise in power and wealth of corporate executives. During that same period of time the average inflation-adjusted hourly wage declined by more than 7 percent. Why has corporate pay at some of the largest firms quadrupled since the 1970s, and how has this affected the rest of Americans, whose paychecks haven't increased? And in terms of inequality, has the U.S. now joined the ranks of struggling countries and banana republics?	John Bakija, Carola Frydman, Robert Frank	00:31
6/29/11	ECON	Some of the biggest U.S. companies operating overseas, including Cisco, Google Inc, Apple, Pfizer Inc., and Microsoft Corp. want to come back home and bring their money and jobs with them. The only problem is repatriation comes at a price—they get hit with a 35 percent tax on profits when they return. So now some of these companies are banding together (and spending millions) to pressure Congress to give them a one-time tax holiday. If they get their wish, the tax rate would be reduced to 5.25 percent. The nonpartisan congressional Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that a tax holiday will cost the U.S. Treasury \$78.7 billion over the next decade. Is this a fair trade off for job creation and domestic investment? And will enough jobs be created to justify the tax relief?	Jesse Drucker, Scott Hodge	00:17
6/29/11	POLI	Recapping President Obama's press conference	David Mark	20:00
6/30/11	ECON	Beginning tomorrow, a new state law is forcing out of state online businesses to collect sales tax on purchases by California customers. Until now online merchants were not obligated to charge this tax and the effect will be felt by small businesses and the affiliates of online retailers like Overstock and Amazon. The projected gain for the state could be as high as \$317 million but how hard is this hitting the estimated 25,000 affiliates of these sites in California? According to industry organizations they will be losing up to 90 percent of their income in the stroke of a pen and many are considering leaving the state. Is this law going to lead to a mass exodus? Similar laws have passed in other states, what have the effects been there?	Rebecca Madigan, Dean Baker, Thomas Swalla	24:00
6/30/11	HEAL	A new report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration shows more people seeking treatment for addiction to prescription drugs. In particular, opiate addictions -- such as to the legal pharmaceutical Oxycontin -- jumped from 8 percent of all treatment seekers in 1999 to 33 percent in 2009. Earlier this year, President Obama's Administration released an action plan to deal with what it calls "America's prescription drug abuse crisis." Other more frightening statistics that point to an epidemic are the number of violent attacks on pharmacies. In New York this month, four people were gunned down and killed by a robber who stole thousands of painkillers. What has changed in the last decade that is responsible for the rise in abuse? If opiates are too dangerously addictive, what are the alternatives? Legislators want tougher penalties for prescription drug theft and trafficking -- how effective could that be to address addiction?	Lynn Webster	30:00
6/30/11	POLI	When insurance companies want to raise car and home insurance rates in California, they must first get approval from state regulators. If a price hike isn't deemed "fair, reasonable, and adequate," the California Department of Insurance can kill it. The Insurance Commissioner has no such authority over health care insurance, unless a new bill is passed. AB 52 would force health insurance companies to get approval before any rate hikes take effect. The bill has already passed an Assembly vote and was introduced to the Senate Health Committee yesterday (WED). Those opposed to AB 52 argue health insurance rates are set by costs and adding regulation will only increase the costs of health care. Should health insurance be regulated in the same way as auto and home? How have other states dealt with this issue? Why are doctors and hospitals opposed to AB 52?	Mike Feuer, Patrick Johnston	24:00
6/30/11	HEAL	confidential HIV tests at a variety of locations. The L.A. County Department of Public Health stresses the importance of these tests, as new cases of HIV in Los Angeles are perpetuated by those who are unaware they are carrying the virus. While the disease has traditionally been relatively contained on a national level, recent trends indicate that it's again on the rise. In 2006, the amount of HIV infections jumped 40% from the previous year. Minority groups have the most prevalent incidences of HIV; blacks contract the disease at seven times the rate of whites, while the rate for Hispanics is triple that of whites. At the height of the AIDS epidemic, condoms and testing were at the forefront of everyone's mind. While most of us still realize the risks, testing seems perhaps to have fallen to the back burner for many. Has it for you? When was the last time you got tested? And what about safe sex? What precautions – if any – do you take to protect yourself and your partners? Do you "have the talk" or adhere to the no-glove-no-love policy with prospective partners? Are you taking more risks than you might have in the past? W	Open Phones	30:00

6/30/11	ECON	The U.S.'s wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, combined with its counterinsurgency operations in Pakistan, are projected to cost \$4 trillion and kill 225,000 soldiers and civilians, according to a new report by Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies. Using data from 2001 to the present, researchers estimated various economic and social costs of the conflicts, and produced some staggering figures: \$1.3 trillion in Pentagon war appropriations since 2001, 137,000 civilians already dead in Afghanistan and Iraq, and 555,000 disability claims to the VA as of 2010, to name a few. Calculations for the future are even more depressing. The CBO's approximation of the wars' federal cost through 2021—\$1.8 trillion—far underestimates the actual amount, says the report, which guesses that the U.S. government has already paid between \$2.3 trillion and \$2.7 trillion. The enormous numbers and their consequences may seem far away and abstract, but the current effects of the war at home, like the \$600 more the average American paid on his mortgage last year, are more easily felt. Environmental degradation in war-torn areas, diminished privacy, reduced civil rights and the growth of military contractors' power are also app	Catherine Lutz, Neta Crawford	00:13
6/30/11	ECON	Even in the face of recession, nine out of ten Americans believe that owning a home is integral to the American dream, according to a new poll conducted by the New York Times and CBS News. Perhaps that isn't so surprising—we're all familiar with the house-and-white-picket-fence meme—but other findings of the survey are: for example, that respondents markedly supported government help for people with housing troubles over assistance for those who had been unemployed for many months due to recession. Additionally, many respondents said the government should be improving its support of the housing market and homeowners struggling with their mortgages, and they lambasted President Obama for his handling of housing issues so far. Blame for the housing crash was directed at financial institutions, lenders and regulators. Many also said that the bleak state of the market had affected their plans for the future and are very concerned about taking a risk in the housing market just now. Is the widespread pessimism unearthed by this survey warranted? What governmental measures can decrease foreclosures and brighten homeowner prospects for the future?	David Streitfeld, Eric Goren	00:17
6/30/11	HEAL	for primary care physicians has been cancelled, but the reason for its demise is still unclear. Though the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources said that "politics did not play a role in the decision," the influence of the fierce backlash from doctors who characterized the program's approach as relying on "Big Brother tactics" cannot be discounted. Opponents of the program argued that fake patients could worsen wait times and use up valuable resources for real patients in need of care, but supporters maintain that mystery shoppers are regularly used with great success and could be used on a national level to identify nascent problems in the health care system that could later be addressed with federal money, guidelines and resources. Though the situation of primary care physicians is delicate in many states, it is particularly bad in California. The California Medical Association recently acknowledged that 74% of the state's counties have primary care physician shortages and California's provider reimbursement rate—the amount doctors are paid for seeing Medicare and Medi-Cal patients—is one	Dustin Corcoran	00:17
6/30/11	HIST	Ah, it's that time of year again—time to celebrate our nation's birthday and take pride in the principles for which we stand, or just appreciate the extra day off and the exploding blasts of twinkles in the sky. There is nothing that symbolizes our nation more than the American flag, but do we know as much about it as we should? It's time to test our knowledge: true or false did Betsy Ross sew the first American flag? Is it illegal to burn the flag? Do the colors represent anything?	Marc Leepson	00:22
6/30/11	LIT	Dog and plays American Buffalo and Pulitzer-prize winning Glengarry Glen Ross, is a self-proclaimed "reformed liberal." For the past thirty years, Mamet depicted the rationale behind liberal thought in his plays and movies as his underdog characters battled against the ruthless forces of a free market economy. But in 2008, he shocked his fans with his hugely controversial op-ed in the Village Voice titled "Why I am No Longer a 'Brain-Dead' Liberal." In this article and now in his new book, The Secret Knowledge: On the Dismantling of American Culture, Mamet says he was living in a bubble in which he allowed the biased media sources he followed to keep him from seeing reason. He claims that Leftist thought is a "devolution from reason to belief"—a belief, that is, in government. He goes as far as to say, "The Left, in addition to its embrace of the false (higher taxes mean increased prosperity for all), and its acceptance of the moot as incontrovertible (global warming), must account for the incidental effect of the sum of these decisions. This effect is the destruction of our culture." Mamet is here with Patt to take h	David Mamet	00:22
6/30/11	YOUT	TV for kids has changed a lot over the last four decades, and so have the values those shows present. Back in the 60s kids gathered around the family tube to get the sage advice of the Andy Griffith Show: But these days they're more likely to idolize teen singing sensation Hannah Montana. It's no surprise that tweens are getting very different values from today's hit shows than they did in the past. A new study shows that honor, family and morality have been replaced by a desire for fame. Yalda Uhls worked on the study for the Children's Digital Media Center at UCLA where she is a doctoral candidate in psychology.	Yalda Uhls	7:00
6/30/11	LAW	Why has the Mexican government's crackdown on the cartels reduced the amount of drugs being trafficked, but not the cartels' profits?	Elizabeth Dickinson	7:00

6/30/11	LGBT	Last week New York legalized gay marriage and this week, Rhode Island legalized same sex civil unions. And at the white House last night President Obama held a reception for the LGBT community, where he took credit for getting rid of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Enacting the Matthew Shepard Act and a host of other measures. How does the LGBT community feel about it all? Dan Savage, sex columnist and founder of the anti-bullying, It Gets Better Campaign, joins Madeleine. He was at the White House reception.	Dan Savage	7:00
6/30/11	TECH	Myspace sells for 35 million dollars. Less than what NewCorp paid for it just a few years ago. What's coming up for the dying company? And the BBC is reporting that a virus spreading botnet was discovered having infected 4.5 million computers. Should you worry?	John Moe	7:00
6/30/11	ENT	The musical Grease has become an institution, attracting legions of fans, young and old. Thousands of those fans gathered at the Hollywood Bowl last Friday for the biggest Grease sing-along in the world. Meghan McCarty was there and produced an audio postcard.	Meghan McCarty	7:00
6/30/11	ECON	Here in California, as of tomorrow, Amazon and other big out of state online companies will have to collect state taxes. Last night, Governor Jerry brown signed the so-called "Amazon" tax. It was included as part of the budget legislation to close the state's deficit, but the move is stirring up controversy. It applies to all out of state online companies that have some connection to California. This could include workers, offices, warehouses or affiliates.	Declan McCullagh	7:00
6/30/11	SPOR	An NBA lockout looms, and the U.S. women's World Cup soccer team faces off against the North Korean women. Wait... North Korea has a soccer team? Tiger Woods makes the news again, but of course, not because of his golf game. And the Philly Phanatic gets beamed.	Randy Sklar, Jason Sklar	7:00
6/9/22	ENV	In recent years the devastating effects of global warming have become increasingly apparent: from the tsunami in Japan, to scorching droughts in Africa. The Kyoto Protocol, once known as an outdated failure, is now fueling some regained momentum. The World Bank has recently agreed to fund the climate-change projects of 40 of the world's largest cities. Will developing and established industrial nations be willing to trade current economic prosperity for future environmental health? Who will orchestrate such a deal, and what will be the new standards for carbon emissions? Join Patt for a conversation with Janos Pástor, executive secretary of the UN Secretary-Generals Global Sustainability Panel.	Janos Pástor	00:17
6/17/11	FOR	or religious edicts, in the ultraconservative kingdom. The rare protest, while modest in size, is already shaping up to be the most significant sign of an Arab Spring uprising in the country, which has so far escaped major unrest. No arrests or violence were immediately reported, but on Facebook, a counter protest group had the message for Saudi women seeking the right to drive: "Dream on." Religious clerics who support the ban claim it protects against the spread of vice because women drivers would be able to leave home alone and interact with male strangers. The ban forces families to hire live-in drivers and those who cannot afford the nearly \$400 a month for a driver must rely on male relatives to drive them. Will officials order a crackdown on the women or give way to their demands and risk angering the orthodox clerics and other conservative groups? And why is it driving—not voting or the ability to travel or take a job without the permission of a male guardian, rights Saudi women still do not have—that's sparked this upheaval?	Ellen Knickmeyer, Edina Lekovic	00:13
6/17/11	IMM	is testifying about a new bill being considered by the Texas legislature that would crack down on illegal immigrants in the state. Mr. Aguirre is speaking Spanish and an interpreter is relaying his testimony to the committee; he is talking about how he came to the U.S. in 1988. State Sen. Chris Harris, a Republican from Austin, interrupts Mr. Aguirre at this point and asks, "Did I understand him correctly that he has been here since 1988? Why aren't you speaking English then?" Mr. Aguirre, through the interpreter, explains that Spanish is his "first language and since it his first time giving testimony he would rather do it in Spanish." "It is insulting to us," Sen. Harris fired back. "It is very insulting. And if he knows English, he needs to be speaking in English." It's a debate as old as the immigration to the United States, how quickly immigrants should pick up and use English. The issue came to life in the middle of an already charged atmosphere over a controversial immigrant bill. Was Mr. Aguirre wrong to speak Spanish in front of the Texas state senate?	Joseph Salmons	00:17
6/17/11	ART	Join Patt for a discussion of The Light in the Shadows, a new book collectively written by students at LAUSD's Belmont High School. Encouraged by English teacher Cassandra McGrath, the young contributors have authored an anthology of poetry and prose about the dark challenges that have shaped their lives, such as parental abandonment, domestic violence, drug abuse and cultural isolation. The stories, however, go beyond the portrayal of individual experience to reflect wider problems plaguing children from ethnic minorities and the public schools that service them. The book was published this month by the online company www.lulu.com, with all proceeds going to future writing projects at the school. How can some of the obstacles these students face be solved, and what in the system has to change to do it? Lend your ear to their story and weigh in with your education-related questions and comments.	Diana Chu, Alexandra Morales, Michelle FloresCassandra McGrath	00:17

617/11	GEND	<p>have at least one child who was born out of wedlock and the percentage of fathers living apart from their children has more than doubled in the past 50 years. The challenges of fatherhood are especially difficult for lower income dads—Pew found that college-educated men who tend to marry and get better jobs are more involved with their children than lesser-skilled men struggling to get by. There are many men, by way of tough circumstances, bad planning and bad luck that are simply unprepared for fatherhood when they are thrust into the role. Enter Project Fatherhood, a support program designed for low-income fathers that gives them the tools to actively participate in raising their children. The one day Project Fatherhood conference is today in downtown L.A. with seminars on everything from being a father from behind prison walls to fathers and immigration. For this Father's Day we look after the struggling dads and emphasize that there is hope.</p>	Ronald Banks	00:13
617/11	LAW	<p>Glasses have long been a go-to for people attempting to look smart, but now some are saying they serve an additional purpose. The top reported fashion advice for the clients of defense lawyers: glasses. Legal experts everywhere swear by glasses "Glasses soften their appearance so that they don't look capable of committing a violent crime," said veteran lawyer Harvey Slovis. A study published in The Journal of Forensic Psychology corroborates these views, showing a correlation between glasses-wearing defendants and their success at trial. Glasses: good for looking smart, not getting punched in the face and now – avoiding jail-time. What could be next for these mysterious contraptions?</p>	Michael Brown	00:17
617/11	BOOK	<p>Few people get famous for being a nerd and Simon Pegg is no exception. For in addition to being a nerd he is also a talented writer! How else could he write his latest book Nerd Do Well: A Small Boy's Journey to Becoming a Big Kid. Within these bifocaled pages are a myriad of tales ranging from Mr. Pegg's more recent career as an actor, writer and comedian, to his earlier life and tales of being an awkward Star Wars fan. Featured within these, mostly, biographic stories are literary hallucinations manifested in interaction between Simon and his robot butler, Canterbury. Will we discover the nerd in all of us? Will we at least discover the nerd in Simon Pegg?</p>	Simon Pegg	00:17