



FCC Issues Programs List

2nd Quarter Issues List for Station KENW-FM

January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026

Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our communities this quarter:

Covid 19: The problems caused by the pandemic in our area.

Education: Issues relating to education in our region.

Health Matters: The problems associated with health and healthcare in rural areas during a pandemic.

Governmental Matters: Matters of public interest involving government and government agencies.

Gender and Race: Matters concerning gender and race problems and discrimination.

Environment: Issues associated with climate change and the impact of other environmental problems.

Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming that deal with the issues listed above. Programming that discusses those various issues are listed below.

A: [Covid 19 -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q1 --2026](#)

1/3/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Evelyn Ledbetter hosts a segment of "You Should Know," featuring guests Anne Beck, Linda Sumption, and Bear, a rescued dog. Anne has been involved in animal rescue since her tenure at the University of Toledo, and Linda developed her interest in animal welfare through her academic specialization and personal experience with a neglected dog in Portales. They both started volunteering at a local shelter and have collaborated since 2018 despite their different academic backgrounds in theater and English. Their partnership includes creating content to raise awareness about animal welfare, and they continue to support local rescue efforts, adapting to challenges like COVID-19.

3/14/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In the episode of "You Should Know," hosted by Evelyn Ledbetter, guests Linda Miller-Brown and Dave Nash discuss the history of the Floyd Country Jamboree, which originated in the 1950s to raise funds for school sports uniforms. Despite a temporary pause due to COVID, this year marks the 74th performance of the show. Initially modeled after Nashville's Grand Ole Opry, it has evolved over the years, moving between venues and enhancing acoustics with heavy curtains. The episode also features a musical performance of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" by the guests, celebrating the jamboree's musical legacy.

[B: Education -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q1 – 2026](#)

2/12/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

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1/5/26- – 1/7/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU weekly events calendar. The show hosts, Evelyn Ledbetter and Dr. Johnston, discuss the return of faculty and staff with registration underway for all campuses. They encourage those considering returning to college to act on their New Year's resolutions. A focus is placed on the increase in master's students and online education accommodating working adults. Additionally, they highlight the upcoming ENMU System Day in Santa Fe on January 21st, where students, faculty, and alumni will advocate for continued support for higher education. They reflect on past legislative sessions and consider the involvement of the music department in the event. The conversation ends with an invitation for prospective students to register and become part of the ENMU community.

1/12/26- – 1/14/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosted by Chancellor Dr. Johnson and President Ledbetter. They discuss the start of the new semester, welcoming students and faculty back to campus, with highlights including increased enrollment. Basketball teams will be competing in Wichita Falls and Lubbock. Registration is still open for the ENMU Women's Elite ID soccer camp on January 30-31. The Creative Connections Art Evenings will resume every Thursday at 6 PM in the Reynolds Gallery, open to the public. Additionally, all campuses will be closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day next Monday. The event recap airs every Monday and Wednesday at 8:10 AM for updates on campus activities.

1/19/26- – 1/21/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Today is Martin Luther King Day, so the campus is closed. The session opens tomorrow, with higher education day at the roundhouse, followed by ENMU system day on Wednesday, celebrating the campuses' achievements. A basketball game is scheduled for Thursday, and a track meet, the Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Invitational, will take place on Friday and Saturday. There's also a Women's Elite Soccer Camp on January 30th and 31st. Other campus activities include presentations and film series events aimed at community engagement. The athletics season is ramping up, including upcoming basketball and track events. The calendar airs every Monday and Wednesday at 8:10 AM.

1/26/26- – 1/28/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and Dr. Johnston discuss recent activities including a successful Higher Education Day in Santa Fe with participation from faculty, staff, students, and alumni. This week features home games for men's and women's basketball on Thursday and Saturday, a baseball series against A&M Kingsville starting Friday, and other sports events like track in Albuquerque. There's also art and music programming, including a new exhibit at the Reynolds Gallery and a saxophone recital. Ruidoso hosts a free nutrition class and a classic cinema series later this week.

2/2/26- – 2/4/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar highlights the activities at the university, including short courses akin to summer sessions, the men's and women's basketball teams competing in Oklahoma, and baseball and softball teams participating in tournaments. The Reynolds Gallery features an art exhibition by Leah Anderson, with a reception and artist talk scheduled for Friday. Additionally, Ruidoso offers free nutrition cooking classes and an art methods series for a small fee. The hosts emphasize the importance of engaging with campus events and community activities for cultural enrichment.

2/9/26- – 2/11/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar featuring hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston. Highlights include Dr. Cory Green receiving a grant for undergraduate research. This week features multiple basketball games: men's and women's teams playing at WT on Tuesday and at home against UT Dallas on Saturday. There's also a baseball homestand starting Friday and a softball doubleheader on Saturday, coinciding with a fundraising event, "Just Desserts," featuring gourmet sweets and live jazz. Upcoming music events include faculty and guest recitals at Buchanan Hall. Additionally, Roswell will host a 5K, 10K, and half marathon in March to support its Alumni Association.

2/16/26- – 2/18/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

The ENMU Weekly Events Calendar features hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discussing the end of the legislative session and appreciating the hard work of legislators in Santa Fe. They highlight upcoming sports events, including men's and women's basketball travels to Texas A&M International and A&M Kingsville, along with softball games against Cameron and Oklahoma Christians. Additional activities include a Creative Connections event on February 19 for art and crafts, a jazz concert on the same day, and a guest artists recital. The student news program will also launch, airing three days a week. Other announcements involve a 5K and half marathon to support the Roswell Alumni Association, and a free cooking class at Ruidoso.

2/23/26- – 2/25/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

The ENMU Weekly Events Calendar features hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discussing upcoming sports events and activities at ENMU. They highlight the men's basketball team's qualification for the Lone Star Conference playoffs, encouraging alumni to attend the games in Frisco, Texas, scheduled for the first weekend of March. Additionally, they mention upcoming home games against UT Permian Basin and Angelo State. The conversation also covers spring sports, including softball, track, and baseball, as well as a production of "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" at the theaters, emphasizing the importance of theater arts in personal development and education.

3/2/26- – 3/4/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Dr. Johnston announces a forthcoming State of Eastern address on March 19th at the Cubs, emphasizing the excitement and developments on campus. The Lone Star Conference Championship Tournament for basketball teams will take place in Frisco. A four-game homestand for baseball against UT Permian Basin is also scheduled. Additionally, there will be a multicultural luncheon with Dr. Charissa on March 3rd in the Sandia room and Women's Craft Night on Thursday at 6 p.m. In Roswell, the Spring Blast marathon and a conversation with President Powell are noted for March 7th, providing community engagement opportunities.

3/9/26- – 3/11/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar hosted by Dr. Johnson and Evelyn Ledbetter. The spring weather has been inconsistent but pleasant, with upcoming activities despite the quieter spring break week. Notable events include the State of Eastern Address on March 19th from 3 to 5 PM at the Campus Union building—RSVP is requested for catering purposes. Softball games against St. Mary's are scheduled for March 13th and 15th at home, while baseball will play at UT Tyler. An art exhibition featuring student works runs through March 20th at the Reynolds Gallery. Free tax services will resume on March 17th, provided by the College of Business. Lastly, ENMU Chamber Singers will represent the university with a trip to New York on March 14th.

3/16/26- – 3/18/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discuss spring break returns, highlighting upcoming events. The One Eastern event provides a State of Eastern address on campus, acknowledging accomplishments and future goals. Sports events include baseball games against Sol Ross and softball matches at Midwestern State. ENMU singers perform in New York at Lincoln Center, while local events feature a faculty percussion recital and an art exhibit closing soon. Women's Veterans Appreciation Month events are noted, along with a blood drive on March 19th and ongoing tax services through the College of Business. Additionally, nutrition and cooking classes are available in Ruidoso.

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ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar covers various activities including sports events like the rodeo team competing in Snyder, Texas, and baseball and softball games against Oklahoma Christian and WT, respectively. Upcoming musical performances include a saxophone recital by Rich Swartz and a percussion duo, both free and open to the public. Additionally, there's a KENW Pledge Drive to support public radio and free tax services provided by the College of Business until April 15th. An educational opportunity with the New Mexico Supreme Court will be at the University Theater Center later in the month, along with a Samoan dance class. The events promote community engagement across ENMU campuses.

3/30/26- – 4/1/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

In the latest ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston highlight several upcoming events at Eastern New Mexico University. Softball and baseball teams will have home games beginning April 1st, with track and field athletes competing in San Marcos. The New Mexico Supreme Court will hold a civics program on campus, requiring RSVP for attendees. The College of Business offers tax assistance through April 15th. A Multicultural event featuring a senior Airman discussing his experiences balancing military and academic life is scheduled for March 30th. Additionally, a Student Research and Creativity Conference will showcase student work on April 2nd, and ENMU Piano Day will occur on April 4th for young pianists. Lastly, the Roswell Campus will host a golf tournament on April 4th.

1/6/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. On this episode, we'll speak with a scientist who helped pinpoint a unique – and long theorized – form of matter. And we'll visit museum in upstate New York that organizers hope will inspire the next generation of firefighters.

1/13/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Scientists have discovered a distant planet that resembles a lemon. And while studying a mysterious cloud of hot dust 70 light-years away, researchers have found an unusual star.

1/20/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

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A common lizard in the American west plays a unique game of rock, paper, scissors.

And your dog may be smarter than you think. A new study finds some dogs can learn by eavesdropping.

1/27/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Coming up... The culture and traditions of Ancient Egypt have long captivated history students. But one part its history may have been swept under the rug. On today's program, we'll explore opium use in Ancient Egypt, and how the drug was used by people of all classes, including the pharaohs

2/3/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Coming up... An analysis of pottery fragments from ancient Mesopotamia has revealed what may demonstrate a

mathematical system developed before numbers. And in the absence of federal funding, a proposal hopes to create a new hub for medical research.

2/10/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Arsenic is a naturally-occurring toxin with a big reputation. But scientists say arsenic-contaminated waste could have a potential public benefit, including in advanced manufacturing. We'll explore how an environmental challenge could become an economic opportunity.

2/17/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. An analysis of small, prehistoric fossils found in sandstone is giving researchers new clues into the time before the explosion of complex life on Earth. And we'll visit high school students celebrating Lunar New Year, which is now being recognized in New York state schools.

2/24/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Scientists believe that radiation from an exploding black hole could be detected on Earth in the next decade. And pumas are re-establishing themselves in Argentina's Patagonia region. And they've found a new source of food.

3/3/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Birds of a different feather sometimes stick together. We'll learn about two raptors of separate species that displayed an unusual friendship. And elephants depend on their trunks to navigate the world. Their whiskers make it all possible.

3/10/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. You may already be familiar with Homer's Iliad. And more than 2,000 years later, the ancient Greek epic is taught in classrooms across the country, But recently discovered Roman mosaic offers another telling of the Trojan War.

3/17/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Ami Vitale is a National Geographic photographer who was recently designated Explorer at Large. The title is an honor reserved for only the most impactful of storytellers, scientists, and changemakers. We'll

speak with Ami about her new title and her work documenting efforts to reverse extinction around the world.

3/24/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Henry David Thoreau is a lot of things: a father of nature writing in 19th century America; a radical thinker who challenged societal norms; the subject of homework assignments for bored 21st century high school students. The transcendentalist's legacy is the subject of a new three-part documentary. We'll speak with the filmmakers behind the project.

3/31/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Cats make a lot of noises. And while an individual cat's meows, growls and hisses might be unique, researchers say their purrs might be the most reliable way to tell them apart. And colorful feathers discovered in a coastal Peruvian cave clued researchers into an ancient parrot trade.

2/9/26- REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Senator Mimi Stewart, president pro tem of the New Mexico State Senate, discussed her extensive political career and education initiatives. Having been elected in 1994, she is one of the longest-serving female legislators. Stewart emphasized the importance of literacy, introducing the High-Quality Literacy Act to address foundational reading skills before third grade. She criticized outdated teaching methods and advocated for structured literacy—a systematic approach that integrates phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. This plan aims to improve reading outcomes and ensure students are successful in their educational journey.

2/7/26 - You Should Know - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

From the studios of KENW at Eastern New Mexico University, host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Brittany Lardner and Tracy Curry, key figures in the New Mexico Ag in the Classroom program. Brittany, a Senior Program Coordinator, shares her background in agriculture, joining the program in 2020 after initially volunteering in 2015. Tracy, the Program Director, highlights the importance of this initiative, which is housed within the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau. The program focuses on educating both children and adults about agriculture, aiming to connect them with various career opportunities within the field, especially as the average age of farmers increases. Funding comes from a mix of membership dues, donations, and sponsorships from like-minded organizations, underscoring the crucial role of agricultural education for future generations. The mission is to integrate agriculture into classrooms, making it a vital part of educational curricula across New Mexico.

2/21/26 - You Should Know - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In an episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Lonnie Berry, an instructor of communications at Eastern New Mexico University. Berry, a Roosevelt County native, reflects on his local roots and educational journey, noting that he originally attended the university on a music scholarship to play the tuba. He shares memories of a significant snowstorm from his student days and discusses his career path, which included nearly three decades in law enforcement. Although he didn't finish his degree initially, his desire to complete it led him back to the university after retirement, where supportive staff helped him navigate the process of returning to school full-time.

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C: [Health Matters -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q1 – 2026](#)

2/2/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Senator Peter Wirth, a Democrat from Santa Fe and the Senate majority floor leader, discusses the evolution of the New Mexico legislature over his 22 years of service, emphasizing the increased diversity and inclusion of younger members. He highlights the importance of bipartisanship, noting his collaborative relationship with the minority leader and the necessity of communication across party lines. Wirth addresses key legislative focuses, particularly in healthcare, including a bill to repeal certain abortion reporting requirements and ongoing discussions about medical malpractice reforms. He expresses concern about punitive damages and their implications for both individual doctors and large hospital corporations, underscoring the challenges faced by local practitioners in a competitive healthcare environment.

2/16/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Representative Christine Chandler discusses House Bill 99, a bipartisan reform of New Mexico's Medical Malpractice Act. Concerned constituents have reported difficulties accessing timely healthcare, partly due to a challenging malpractice environment. Chandler highlights that many physicians are considering leaving New Mexico due to the lack of caps on punitive damages, which increase their premiums and force settlements. She compares New Mexico's policies with those of other states, like Colorado, which have adopted caps on both monetary and punitive awards. The absence of such caps in New Mexico contributes to a healthcare shortage, making it less attractive to physicians than neighboring states.

1/15/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Chesapeake Bay is ballooning with an apex predator that can only be defeated with grease and breeding – blue catfish! They were introduced to Virginia's freshwater rivers in the 70s and 80s for recreational fishing. Now, the Bay is teeming with a billion pounds of blue catfish. Michael Schwarz says that we can help restore species balance in the bay by eating the fresh, white saltwater catfish filet. And

it's best served fried! Also: Growing up, Maurica Bynum smelled the funk of the Franklin County paper mill and collected water samples with her parents, who were water treatment operators. Now, she brings her childhood experience with public health and environmentalism to the classroom, preparing the next generation of public health experts.

1/22/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Scientists are using video cameras and glorified Fitbits to decipher the body language of trees. The way trees sway tells us a lot about their overall health. Also, the location of trees affects home values. A study reveals that adding trees can boost home prices, but there is a sweet spot where too much canopy can reduce value.

1/13/26, 1/15/26, 1/19/26, 1/21/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Welcome back to All About Ag. Today's focus is the New World Screwworm, a parasitic pest native to South America, which poses significant risks to all warm-blooded animals. This fly is characterized by its shiny blue-green body and harmful larvae that feed on living tissue. The USDA began control efforts in 1935, implementing the sterile insect technique that was effective in eradicating the pest in regions as far south as Panama by the early 2000s. However, in 2023, screwworms were detected in Mexico, leading the USDA to suspend livestock imports to prevent potential outbreaks. Collaboration with Mexican authorities is ongoing to manage this threat and develop safety protocols for imports. Vigilance in monitoring animal health is crucial, and additional information can be found at screwworm.gov. Special thanks to New Mexico Ag in the Classroom and their partners for supporting this segment.

1/20/26, 1/22/26, 1/26/26, 1/28/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Winter on New Mexico farms is a busy time for farmers despite the lack of growing crops. They engage in essential activities such as planting cover crops, which protect soil health by preventing erosion and retaining nutrients. Over 1,000 farms in the state have planted cover crops on nearly 47,500 acres. During winter, farmers also focus on equipment maintenance to ensure smooth operations in spring. Additionally, they plan for planting by deciding on crops, ordering supplies, and attending workshops on farming techniques and conservation. Overall, these efforts are crucial for growing healthy food for communities come spring.

3/2/26, 3/4/26, 3/9/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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In late winter and early spring, New Mexico pecan farmers engage in essential orchard maintenance, including soil testing, irrigation setup, tree trimming, and brush clearing. New Mexico produces about 20% of the U.S. pecan crop, with a record yield of 107 million pounds in 2023, generating \$189 million in revenue and highlighting the pecan industry's significance to the state's economy. Despite the dry climate, farmers utilize efficient water management practices like drip irrigation to support tree health. This preparatory work ensures a successful growth season, underscoring the historical importance of pecans in North America. The segment is provided by New Mexico Agriculture in the Classroom.

3/10/26, 3/12/26, 3/17/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Farming, ranching, and other agricultural professions are among the most dangerous due to a higher risk of job-related injuries, as reported by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. To enhance safety, the American Farm Bureau Federation designates a week in March for the Agricultural Safety Awareness Program, providing resources and guidelines. Key safety tips include: 1) Giving farm equipment ample space due to large blind spots; 2) Allowing sufficient distance behind large trucks to facilitate their stopping distance; 3) Respecting livestock by approaching only with permission and moving calmly; 4) Watching your step on uneven, wet, or slippery surfaces; and 5) Dressing appropriately for extreme weather conditions and staying hydrated outdoors. Awareness is crucial for safety in agriculture.

3/25/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Spring calving season in New Mexico, occurring from March to May, is crucial for the state's beef industry, significantly contributing \$1.72 billion to the economy, with cattle and calves as top commodities. This period aligns calves' nutritional needs with the availability of nutrient-rich grasses found in the state's rangelands, promoting optimal growth. Calves graze alongside their mothers for five to seven months before weaning, which can be done using methods like fence line weaning to minimize stress. The season's warmth benefits newborns, allowing them to grow before winter and ensuring their health as they transition to solid food.

12/31/25 - 1/2/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am - 2:30 minutes

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Claire Patterson, a prominent geologist, confirmed the Earth's age at 4.55 billion years and uncovered the dangers of lead exposure due to tetraethyl lead (TEL) added to gasoline. This practice, which started in the 1930s for improved fuel efficiency, resulted in rising blood lead levels, leading to neurological disabilities in children and long-term health risks. Despite facing criticism, Patterson proved that human exposure was significantly above safe levels. The successful phase-out of TEL began in 1971, leading to a

93% reduction in lead levels in Americans today compared to peak levels in the 1970s. Thanks to Patterson's work, modern children suffer less from lead exposure.

1/14/26, 1/16/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am-

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Alchemy, practiced during the Middle Ages, sought to transmute base metals into gold and achieve immortality, relying on mystical substances like the Philosopher's Stone. While criticized by modern scientists for its lack of empirical grounding, historians are re-evaluating alchemy's contributions, noting that it led to valuable inventions like new alloys, acids, and medicines. Philosopher Giuseppe Gimigliano argues that alchemy represented a coherent approach to understanding and manipulating the material world, ultimately influencing the development of modern chemistry and significant advancements in health and water safety. Thus, although initially viewed as a misguided endeavor, alchemy is recognized as a significant precursor to contemporary scientific practices.

3/4/26, 3/6/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Tiny Nauru, once the richest country per capita in the 1980s, currently faces an environmental disaster and poverty. Its economy, reliant on phosphate mining from its unique soil, collapsed after mismanaged investments and a diminishing phosphate supply. Despite once thriving, Nauru's landscape is now largely barren, leading to severe health issues among its citizens. The island has resorted to housing migrant detainees to sustain its economy while trying to restore its soil for future use, exemplifying the consequences of mismanagement and neglect.

1/21/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with Dr. Frank Putnam, professor of clinical psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, about the Female Growth and Development Study (FGDS), which he co-founded with the late Dr. Penelope Trickett in 1987. The FGDS, which is still running today, has followed the lives of more than 100 girls to assess the impacts of child sex abuse on female development, and how trauma crosses generations. Putnam says child abuse can affect a survivor's physical and mental health in a way that accelerates their biological aging, putting them at an increased risk for early puberty, obesity, premature births, mental illness, cognitive decline and more. Putnam compiles more than 35 years' worth of papers from the FGDS — and outlines ways to better prevent child abuse — in his new book *Old Before Their Time*.

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3/12/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Democratic constitutions are social contracts. And Mila Versteeg says citizens are the ultimate constitutional enforcers. She argues that simply writing rights into a constitution doesn't guarantee they'll be respected. Citizens have to make it expensive for a government to break the social

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Michael S. Vigil, former chief of international operations for the DEA, discusses geopolitical issues, specifically regarding Venezuela, where Nicolás Maduro maintains control through military power and alleged drug trafficking. Despite the election of opposition leader Edmundo Gonzalez, Maduro's regime is supported by military and foreign allies such as Iran, China, and Russia. Vigil explains that U.S. military involvement poses challenges, given that Maduro commands a well-equipped force of 350,000. Attempted interventions may lead to prolonged conflict, reminiscent of the Vietnam War. Additionally, Vigil critiques U.S. actions in the Caribbean, where boats are bombed without proper checks, violating international laws. He emphasizes the need for strategic approaches rather than military aggression.

2/9/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Senator Mimi Stewart, president pro tem of the New Mexico State Senate, discussed her extensive political career and education initiatives. Having been elected in 1994, she is one of the longest-serving female legislators. Stewart emphasized the importance of literacy, introducing the High-Quality Literacy Act to address foundational reading skills before third grade. She criticized outdated teaching methods and advocated for structured literacy—a systematic approach that integrates phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. This plan aims to improve reading outcomes and ensure students are successful in their educational journey.

1/21/26, 1/23/26 - Dumb Ideas that Changed the World - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In a discussion about Adolf Hitler's rise to power, it is emphasized that the failure of democracy in Nazi Germany stemmed from the Great Depression and the inadequacies of the Weimar Republic. Initially leading a fringe party with only 3% of the vote, Hitler's rhetoric began to resonate as the economy worsened, leading to increased electoral success. By 1933, after becoming chancellor with limited cabinet power, he manipulated the political system to pass the Enabling Act, allowing him to rule by decree. A national referendum later showed 95% approval for his dictatorship, resulting in the disbandment of all other political parties and the establishment of a regime notorious for its brutality. The narrative concludes with a reminder that the Nazis were elected, highlighting the complex dynamics of public support and democratic failure in this period.

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1/7/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with the founder and CEO of Fresh Starts Registry, a registry and education network for those navigating divorce, difficult breakups, and other major life changes. Olivia Dreizen Howell founded Fresh Starts Registry with her sister, Jenny, after her own divorce left her feeling isolated and scrambling for basic items in 2019. What started as an online gift registry has expanded into a global education network with more than 100 divorce experts, support groups, and how-to guides.

1/14/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with author and playwright Quiara Alegría Hudes about her debut novel, *The White Hot*. Hudes is the Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright of *Water by the Spoonful* and the musical *In the Heights*, which she also adapted for the screen. *The White Hot* takes the form of a letter written by a mom to her 18-year-old daughter, explaining — but not apologizing for — why she suddenly abandoned her nearly a decade prior. WAMC's Sarah LaDuke speaks with Hudes about why she decided to write the tale, an unflinching exploration of one mom's rage and journey toward self-discovery.

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On this week's 51%, we speak with Kat Koppett, co-director of The Mopco Improv Theatre in Schenectady, New York and founder of Koppett, a consultancy company that uses improv to help businesses improve their workplace culture and collaboration. Koppett says the tools used in improvisational theater can apply to many aspects of our lives, including business. Koppett recently released a new edition of her 2001 book, *Training to Imagine*, with updated guidance and exercises for the modern workplace. Our associate producer, Madeleine Reynolds, also speaks with actress and singer Lea Salonga about her tour, "Stage Screen & Everything in Between."

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Love isn't always easy, but how do you know when it's time to walk away? On this week's 51%, we speak with counselor Kate King about the difference between good relationships, bad relationships, and toxic ones. King boasts nearly 20 years of experience as a licensed counselor and board-certified art therapist in Denver, Colorado. Her latest book, called *Mend or Move On*, helps readers identify the traps of abusive relationships (romantic, familial, and platonic) and decide when to say goodbye.

2/18/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

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2/25/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Once again, the House has passed a version of a bill that would require voters to present proof of citizenship, like a passport or birth certificate, when registering to vote. On this week's 51%, we speak with Wren Orey of the Bipartisan Policy Center about what the "SAVE America Act" would entail, and whether it would impact married women and others who have changed their names. We also speak

with the author of *You Can't Catch Us* about former First Lady Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson, and the trailblazing campaign tour she embarked on to sway southern voters ahead of the 1964 election.

3/4/26 - Fifty-One Percent - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with Elizabeth Chamblee Burch, a professor at the University of Georgia School of Law, about her new book *The Pain Brokers*. Burch is a scholar of mass torts, the large civil lawsuits typically filed as a result of harmful products and recalls. Mass torts are meant to be an efficient way to provide relief to a large number of victims, but for thousands of women with pelvic mesh, Burch says that was not the case. *The Pain Brokers* investigates a complex scheme of call centers, doctors, and lawyers who Burch says preyed on pelvic mesh patients and used them to make millions off mass torts.

3/11/26 - Fifty-One Percent - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we kick off Women's History Month and preview an exhibit about Ulster County's first elections with women voters in 1918. Women in New York won the right to vote a few years before the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920. The Ulster County exhibit, displayed on the second floor of the county office building in Kingston, features archival voter rolls and artifacts from the county board of the elections as well as the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region, giving a glimpse into the lives of the everyday women who jumped at the opportunity to vote in their communities. WAMC's Samantha Simmons also brings us a story on how the University at Albany is preserving the legacy of the late author Toni Morrison.

3/18/26 - Fifty-One Percent - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with author Kate Schatz about her new novel *Where the Girls Were*. Loosely based on her mother's experience, *Where the Girls Were* tells the story of a bright teenage girl in the late 1960s who finds herself pregnant and is sent away to have the baby in secret and put it up for adoption. Schatz says secret homes for "unwed mothers" were not uncommon in the U.S. before the decision of *Roe v. Wade* enshrined abortion rights for (almost) the next 50 years. During the "Baby Scoop Era," millions of unwed young mothers faced societal pressure to relinquish their newborns for adoption.

3/25/26 - Fifty-One Percent - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we recognize Endometriosis Awareness Month and speak with Dr. Gabriela Aguilar, medical director of Planned Parenthood of Greater New York. Endometriosis is a painful and complex inflammatory disease impacting roughly 1 in 10 women worldwide. Despite how common it is, very little is still known about endometriosis, and too often patients report years of pain before getting an official diagnosis. Aguilar is a board-certified OB/GYN and complex family planning specialist in New York City.

4/1/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

It wasn't until the passage of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act in 1974 that women gained the right to open bank accounts, credit cards, and loans in their own names, without a male co-signer. On this week's 51%, we speak with Kathleen Godfrey, CEO of Godfrey Financial Associates, about how women's financial independence has evolved over the past 50-plus years, and what women can do now to secure themselves for the future. We also meet the new head of the Susan B. Anthony Museum & House in Rochester, New York.

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Lucille Clifton survived cancer four times. She maintained that her mother would not let her die until she had finished her work on Earth. That work? Writing poetry. A year before she passed away, Lucille Clifton was honored at the Furious Flower Poetry Conference where she spoke to With Good Reason's Sarah McConnell about inheriting her mother's rage and commitment to writing. And: Latorial Faison's Pulitzer Prize-nominated poetry collection, *Nursery Rhymes in Black*, animates the education of her rural Virginia childhood.

2/19/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

George Newman, born to free Black parents in 1855, was only 21 or 22 when he wrote the novel, *A Miserable Revenge: A Story of Life in Virginia*. Newman's granddaughter, 94-year-old Ruth Toliver, talks about the just-published novel with Virginia Festival of the Book director Kalela Williams.

2/26/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Einstein theorized the existence of black holes. Then in the 1960's we observed them for the first time. Anca Constantin says black holes occur throughout the universe, but we can only see the hungry ones. Also: Mool Gupta was in grad school when Neil Armstrong stepped foot on the moon in 1969. Now he's

partnering with NASA on a series of missions that could return astronauts to the moon as early as 2027. He helped develop a rover with laser technology that can detect evidence of alien life on the surface of the moon.

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In fascist Italy, resistance took surprising forms. We tell the story of one woman who stood up to the regime by refusing to change her name. And: Numbers of Black women legislators have increased dramatically in the last decade. Jatia Wrighten argues that the success and drive of these leaders is rooted deep in history.

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In this In Memoriam Encore presentation, Lorene Mills interviews N. Scott Momaday, the acclaimed author and first Native American Pulitzer Prize recipient for his work "Housemaid of Dawn." He humorously recounts his surprise upon winning the Pulitzer, which significantly impacted his writing career and brought Native American literature into the mainstream, contributing to the Native American Renaissance. Momaday shares his honors, including the National Medal of the Arts, and discusses founding initiatives like the Buffalo Trust to support Indigenous cultures. He reflects on his creative upbringing, influenced by his artist father and writer mother, and his experiences abroad, including an impactful Fulbright in Russia that led him to discover painting later in life.

3/23/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a May 2017 episode of "Report from Santa Fe," host Lorene Mills interviews ethnomusicologist Jack Leffler, discussing Leffler's works, particularly "Voices of Counterculture in the Southwest." The exhibition, co-curated by Leffler, explores the history of counterculture from the mid-1950s to the present, notably the influences between the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Santa Fe. The exhibit, opening on May 14th, will feature collaborative efforts with designer Caroline Lajoie and includes significant cultural contributions from the beat generation, Native American, and Chicano communities. Leffler highlights the modern environmental movement's roots in counterculture, emphasizing its role in elevating environmental consciousness alongside social awareness. Additionally, Leffler recalls his experiences as a jazz musician and his time in the Army Band during a historic atomic bomb detonation in Nevada, reflecting on the impact of these experiences on his understanding of music and culture.

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2/21/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In an episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Lonnie Berry, an instructor of communications at Eastern New Mexico University. Berry, a Roosevelt County native, reflects on his local roots and educational journey, noting that he originally attended the university on a music scholarship to play the tuba. He shares memories of a significant snowstorm from his student days and discusses his career path, which included nearly three decades in law enforcement. Although he didn't finish his degree initially, his desire to complete it led him back to the university after retirement, where supportive staff helped him navigate the process of returning to school full-time.

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1/31/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

Erosion and evolution. Shadow and light. Death and rebirth. These are some of the strands that the acclaimed author, naturalist and activist Terry Tempest Williams weaves together in the face of today's broken world. Standing in the lineage of the greatest nature writers, she links her deepest inner experiences with the state of the web of life. In this program, Williams asks: How do we find the strength to not look away at all that is breaking our hearts? Hands on the earth, we remember where the source of our authentic power comes from. We have to go deeper. She also explores histories of privilege, religion, and identity in Utah, and how reconciling her experiences with these cultural strands have helped unleash and shape her voice as a storyteller who translates the voice of nature and speaks for justice.

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New, democratized access to powerful analytical and mapping tools is transforming our understanding of the natural world – and with it, our ability to meaningfully conserve, protect and restore our collective home – the biosphere. In this program, we explore the boundless possibilities of digital maps and platforms with Rebecca Moore, visionary founder of Google Earth Outreach and Google Engine.

3/14/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

There is a growing movement to redefine manhood, and to address ways that violence is baked into our cultural expectations of masculinity. Courageous, visionary men are rising to the challenge. One of those men is activist, writer and public speaker Kevin Powell. In this half-hour, Powell boldly and bravely discusses his experiences with toxic masculinity and his journey to redefine what it means to be a man.

3/21/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

We plug into the real world Matrix of surveillance capitalism that dominates this Age of Information. Behind it is the unholy alliance between Big Tech and Big Brother. Privacy is the first casualty and democracy goes with it. Our guide is Cindy Cohn, director of Electronic Frontier Foundation, with her decades of experience challenging digital authoritarianism.

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When members of Project CETI (the Cetacean Translation Initiative) witnessed the birth of a sperm whale, they observed a breathtaking scene of cooperation and communication that few humans on earth have ever seen. The extraordinary experience was both a scientific milestone as well as one more strand in the web of sperm whale culture that this innovative project is studying. The Project CETI team leverages world-leading technology and science in a quest to understand nonhuman animal communication. At the same time, the scientists leading the project are keeping an ethical throughline, placing the health and well being of whales at the center of the effort. As we get tantalizingly closer to truly communicating with other species, the question becomes not only whether we can, but whether we should - and what the implications are if we do.

1/1/26, 1/5/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Commodity crops, such as corn, soybeans, and wheat, are grown in large quantities for processing and trade. These receive federal support and serve various uses including livestock feed and ethanol production. In contrast, specialty crops, which include fruits, vegetables, and herbs, are cultivated for direct human consumption or ornamental purposes. New Mexico excels in specialty crops, ranking fifth in chili pepper and onion production, and second in pecan production. Some crops can fall into both categories based on their use; for example, corn can be a commodity when used for feed but a specialty when sold as sweet corn. The segment is supported by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, a nonprofit initiative backed by local agricultural organizations.

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On this episode of All About Ag, the focus is on water conservation in cattle ranches, particularly in New Mexico. Ranchers depend on rainwater and groundwater for their animals. They construct earthen dams to capture rainwater and use electric pumps or windmills to retrieve groundwater, which is essential and must be protected. Groundwater systems can be unpredictable, leading ranchers to relocate animals or transport water when supply issues arise. To conserve water, some ranchers use shade balls in livestock tanks to reduce evaporation, with studies showing significant water savings—over 75% less evaporation. Shade balls also enhance water quality, reduce ice formation in winter, and lessen the need for hauling water, thus conserving fuel and effort. Further information on shade balls is available through the Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Arkansas, known as the natural state, is a significant player in U.S. agriculture, producing nearly 40% of the nation's rice worth approximately \$1.4 billion in 2022. The state ranks third in broiler production, raising around 1.3 billion birds in 2023, contributing over \$6.7 billion to the poultry industry, including turkeys and eggs. Soybeans are the most valuable crop, with over 166 million bushels harvested in 2023, valued at \$1.6 billion, followed by important crops such as cotton, corn, and sorghum. Arkansas has over 23,000 cattle operations, totaling 1.6 million cattle, ranking 17th nationwide, while beef and dairy generate over \$600 million annually. The state also leads in softwood lumber and paper products, with nearly 19 million acres of forest land supporting rural economies. With approximately 37,756 farms covering 13.7 million acres, the average farm size is 363 acres, and Arkansas remains a top producer in aquaculture, particularly catfish farming. Overall, Arkansas agriculture exemplifies diversity and economic resilience.

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Welcome back to All About Ag. Today's focus is the New World Screwworm, a parasitic pest native to South America, which poses significant risks to all warm-blooded animals. This fly is characterized by its shiny blue-green body and harmful larvae that feed on living tissue. The USDA began control efforts in 1935, implementing the sterile insect technique that was effective in eradicating the pest in regions as far south as Panama by the early 2000s. However, in 2023, screwworms were detected in Mexico, leading the USDA to suspend livestock imports to prevent potential outbreaks. Collaboration with Mexican authorities is ongoing to manage this threat and develop safety protocols for imports. Vigilance in monitoring animal health is crucial, and additional information can be found at [screwworm.gov](https://www.screwworm.gov). Special thanks to New Mexico Ag in the Classroom and their partners for supporting this segment.

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Winter on New Mexico farms is a busy time for farmers despite the lack of growing crops. They engage in essential activities such as planting cover crops, which protect soil health by preventing erosion and retaining nutrients. Over 1,000 farms in the state have planted cover crops on nearly 47,500 acres. During winter, farmers also focus on equipment maintenance to ensure smooth operations in spring. Additionally, they plan for planting by deciding on crops, ordering supplies, and attending workshops on farming techniques and conservation. Overall, these efforts are crucial for growing healthy food for communities come spring.

1/27/26, 1/29/26, 2/2/26, 2/4/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

Welcome back to All About Ag. Only 1% of America's population actively produces food, with one farm able to feed 169 people. Historical innovations, like the cotton gin and mechanical reaper, have transformed agriculture. Recent advancements have led to more efficient farming practices, producing higher crop yields while using fewer resources. However, the average U.S. farmer is 63 years old, and it is predicted that 70% of farmland will change ownership in the next 20 years, potentially losing valuable knowledge and agricultural land to urban development. To counter this, initiatives like New Mexico Agriculture in the Classroom aim to inspire youth to pursue careers in agricultural sciences and become informed consumers. This segment is supported by various agricultural partners and educational outreach programs.

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In this episode of All About Ag, the speaker discusses the USDA organic label, explaining that products must meet specific qualifications, including annual inspections by the USDA that consider various factors like soil conditions and pest management. The USDA organic label comes in several categories: "100% organic" (100% organic ingredients), "organic" (at least 95% organic ingredients), "made with organic" (at least 70% organic ingredients), and products with less than 70% organic ingredients that can only specify which ingredients are organic. The speaker also clarifies that organic meat is sourced from livestock raised without antibiotics or growth hormones and emphasizes that organic does not mean pesticide-free, as certain synthetic substances are permitted under the USDA's guidelines. Visual differences in the USDA organic seal (green vs. black and white) do not indicate differing standards. Sponsorship acknowledgments are provided at the end of the segment.

3/3/26, 3/5/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Flowers contribute significantly to the U.S. economy, generating \$71 billion annually in the floriculture industry. From January 1 to February 13, 2024, over 1 billion cut flowers were imported, primarily from Colombia and Ecuador, while U.S. farmers cultivate local varieties suited to their climates. Various stakeholders, including florists, researchers, and agriculture specialists, play essential roles in the journey of flowers from growth to delivery. Notably, border protection inspectors recently prevented 877 harmful pests from affecting U.S. crops. This highlights the interconnected efforts involved in floriculture, reminding us that bouquets symbolize the labor of many. The segment is supported by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, a non-profit educational program.

3/2/26, 3/4/26, 3/9/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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In late winter and early spring, New Mexico pecan farmers engage in essential orchard maintenance, including soil testing, irrigation setup, tree trimming, and brush clearing. New Mexico produces about 20% of the U.S. pecan crop, with a record yield of 107 million pounds in 2023, generating \$189 million in revenue and highlighting the pecan industry's significance to the state's economy. Despite the dry climate, farmers utilize efficient water management practices like drip irrigation to support tree health. This preparatory work ensures a successful growth season, underscoring the historical importance of pecans in North America. The segment is provided by New Mexico Agriculture in the Classroom.

3/10/26, 3/12/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Snow significantly impacts agriculture in New Mexico, providing approximately 48% of the state's water supply through meltwater from winter snow accumulation. This water is essential for summer crop irrigation, drinking water for residents and livestock, and municipal use. On the plains, snow also insulates plants and gradually provides moisture during spring. The average snow-to-water ratio is 12 to 1, making careful water management crucial for farmers and ranchers. They employ techniques such as drip irrigation and monitor weather conditions to optimize water usage. This segment highlights the importance of snow in sustaining agricultural life in New Mexico.

3/10/26, 3/12/26, 3/17/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Farming, ranching, and other agricultural professions are among the most dangerous due to a higher risk of job-related injuries, as reported by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. To enhance safety, the American Farm Bureau Federation designates a week in March for the Agricultural Safety Awareness Program, providing resources and guidelines. Key safety tips include: 1) Giving farm equipment ample space due to large blind spots; 2) Allowing sufficient distance behind large trucks to facilitate their stopping distance; 3) Respecting livestock by approaching only with permission and moving calmly; 4) Watching your step on uneven, wet, or slippery surfaces; and 5) Dressing appropriately for extreme weather conditions and staying hydrated outdoors. Awareness is crucial for safety in agriculture.

3/25/26, 3/27/26, 3/30/26, 4/1/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

Understanding livestock behavior is essential for safe interaction with farm animals like pigs, chickens, cattle, horses, sheep, and goats. Despite being domesticated, these animals retain natural instincts, notably their flight zone, which dictates their personal space and reactions to perceived threats. Animal behavior expert Dr. Temple Grandin emphasized the importance of observing body language, as stress manifests through actions like pawing or vocalizing. Key safety tips include approaching animals from the front, staying calm, and seeking guidance from owners or handlers to ensure interactions remain safe for both people and animals.

3/31/26, 4/2/26, 4/6/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Agriculture is vital to New Mexico's economy, contributing nearly \$3.99 billion annually. Celebrated during National Agriculture Week in March, it encompasses farmers and ranchers who work tirelessly to feed communities. In 2023, livestock produced about \$3.9 billion, with cattle as the top commodity. Dairy farms significantly impact the state's agricultural value, while crops such as pecans (\$189 million) and hay (\$145 million) also play essential roles. Agriculture represents not just numbers but the dedication and tradition of families committed to the land and food production.

2/19/26, 2/24/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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The Russian thistle, commonly known as tumbleweed, is an invasive weed that symbolizes the American Southwest despite originating from Central Asia and Europe. First recorded in South Dakota in 1873, it spreads rapidly and can produce a vast number of seeds. This summer annual plant completes its life cycle within one year and disperses seeds as it tumbles. While considered a nuisance, it provides dietary protein for some animals during spring, though it can be toxic to livestock and financially damaging to farmers. Effective management includes early physical removal and responsible herbicide use, with further guidance available from local agricultural offices.

3/23/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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The Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District is resuming its cloud seeding program in eastern New Mexico to combat drought. Starting in July 2024, aircraft will release artificial ice nuclei into thunderstorms to enhance rainfall. Last summer, this program proved effective, with seeded storms living 44% longer than unseeded ones, resulting in a 50% larger rainfall area. The total rainfall from seeded storms more than doubled compared to untreated storms, with an estimated 571,700 acre-feet

of additional water contributed. This effort helped mitigate severe drought conditions, prompting the continuation of the program in 2025.

3/25/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Spring calving season in New Mexico, occurring from March to May, is crucial for the state's beef industry, significantly contributing \$1.72 billion to the economy, with cattle and calves as top commodities. This period aligns calves' nutritional needs with the availability of nutrient-rich grasses found in the state's rangelands, promoting optimal growth. Calves graze alongside their mothers for five to seven months before weaning, which can be done using methods like fence line weaning to minimize stress. The season's warmth benefits newborns, allowing them to grow before winter and ensuring their health as they transition to solid food.

1/5/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In this in-memorial encore presentation, John Nichols, a renowned New Mexican author, is interviewed by Lorene Mills about his memoir "I Got Mine, Confessions of a Mid-List Writer." Nichols reflects on his writing journey, which began in childhood, and discusses his notable works, including the New Mexico Trilogy. He shares his early influences and experiences, such as writing politically charged novels inspired by societal issues, including the murder of Emmett Till. Nichols recounts his move to New Mexico in 1969 and his connection with the local culture and language, illustrating his lifelong passion for storytelling and activism.

1/26/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In this In Memoriam Encore presentation, Lorene Mills interviews N. Scott Momaday, the acclaimed author and first Native American Pulitzer Prize recipient for his work "Housemaid of Dawn." He humorously recounts his surprise upon winning the Pulitzer, which significantly impacted his writing career and brought Native American literature into the mainstream, contributing to the Native American Renaissance. Momaday shares his honors, including the National Medal of the Arts, and discusses founding initiatives like the Buffalo Trust to support Indigenous cultures. He reflects on his creative upbringing, influenced by his artist father and writer mother, and his experiences abroad, including an impactful Fulbright in Russia that led him to discover painting later in life.

2/2/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Senator Peter Wirth, a Democrat from Santa Fe and the Senate majority floor leader, discusses the evolution of the New Mexico legislature over his 22 years of service, emphasizing the increased diversity and inclusion of younger members. He highlights the importance of bipartisanship, noting his

collaborative relationship with the minority leader and the necessity of communication across party lines. Wirth addresses key legislative focuses, particularly in healthcare, including a bill to repeal certain abortion reporting requirements and ongoing discussions about medical malpractice reforms. He expresses concern about punitive damages and their implications for both individual doctors and large hospital corporations, underscoring the challenges faced by local practitioners in a competitive healthcare environment.

2/16/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Representative Christine Chandler discusses House Bill 99, a bipartisan reform of New Mexico's Medical Malpractice Act. Concerned constituents have reported difficulties accessing timely healthcare, partly due to a challenging malpractice environment. Chandler highlights that many physicians are considering leaving New Mexico due to the lack of caps on punitive damages, which increase their premiums and force settlements. She compares New Mexico's policies with those of other states, like Colorado, which have adopted caps on both monetary and punitive awards. The absence of such caps in New Mexico contributes to a healthcare shortage, making it less attractive to physicians than neighboring states.

2/23/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Senator Jeff Steinborn discusses his journey from the House to the Senate and highlights his current focus on the Microgrid Oversight Act, particularly regarding Project Jupiter in Dona Ana County. He emphasizes the urgency of the bill, which aims to address the environmental impact of massive data centers by requiring them to adhere to the same renewable energy standards as utilities and prohibiting the passing of infrastructure costs onto utility customers. Steinborn warns that if the bill does not pass, New Mexico risks increased greenhouse gas emissions from such projects, with Project Jupiter alone projected to emit over 13 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, equating to the pollution from 2.6 million cars. He advocates stronger environmental protections to safeguard New Mexicans' air quality and prevent data centers from exploiting lax laws to establish operations in the state.

3/23/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a May 2017 episode of "Report from Santa Fe," host Lorene Mills interviews ethnomusicologist Jack Leffler, discussing Leffler's works, particularly "Voices of Counterculture in the Southwest." The exhibition, co-curated by Leffler, explores the history of counterculture from the mid-1950s to the present, notably the influences between the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Santa Fe. The exhibit, opening on May 14th, will feature collaborative efforts with designer Caroline Lajoie and includes significant cultural contributions from the beat generation, Native American, and Chicano communities. Leffler highlights the modern environmental movement's roots in counterculture, emphasizing its role in elevating environmental consciousness alongside social awareness. Additionally, Leffler recalls his experiences as a jazz musician and his time in the Army Band during a historic atomic bomb detonation in Nevada, reflecting on the impact of these experiences on his understanding of music and culture.

3/28/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Dr. Richard Swartz, a music educator and Department Chair at Eastern New Mexico University's College of Fine Arts, discusses his musical journey on "You Should Know" with host Evelyn Ledbetter. He reflects on his childhood in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, sharing insights into his family's musical background, which included piano lessons for all siblings, influenced by his mother. Dr. Swartz narrates how he initially favored the piano, then the clarinet, and eventually discovered his passion for the saxophone. He humorously recounts his motivation to outshine his older sister on the piano and highlights the supportive musical environment fostered by his parents.

1/15/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Chesapeake Bay is ballooning with an apex predator that can only be defeated with grease and breading – blue catfish! They were introduced to Virginia's freshwater rivers in the 70s and 80s for recreational fishing. Now, the Bay is teeming with a billion pounds of blue catfish. Michael Schwarz says that we can help restore species balance in the bay by eating the fresh, white saltwater catfish filet. And it's best served fried! Also: Growing up, Maurica Bynum smelled the funk of the Franklin County paper mill and collected water samples with her parents, who were water treatment operators. Now, she brings her childhood experience with public health and environmentalism to the classroom, preparing the next generation of public health experts.

3/4/26, 3/6/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Tiny Nauru, once the richest country per capita in the 1980s, currently faces an environmental disaster and poverty. Its economy, reliant on phosphate mining from its unique soil, collapsed after mismanaged investments and a diminishing phosphate supply. Despite once thriving, Nauru's landscape is now largely barren, leading to severe health issues among its citizens. The island has resorted to housing migrant detainees to sustain its economy while trying to restore its soil for future use, exemplifying the consequences of mismanagement and neglect.

2/10/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Arsenic is a naturally-occurring toxin with a big reputation. But scientists say arsenic-contaminated waste could have a potential public benefit, including in advanced manufacturing. We'll explore how an environmental challenge could become an economic opportunity.

2/7/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

As author Michael Pollan observes: “The two biggest crises humanity faces today are tribalism and the environmental crisis. They both involve the objectifying of the other - whether that other is nature or other people.” How do we re-weave that web of relationships, and focus on our likenesses rather than our differences? In this program, racial justice advocates John A. Powell, Eriel Deranger and Anita Sanchez explore how overcoming the illusion of separateness from nature and each other requires building bridges rather than burning them. They say the fate of the world depends on it.

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12/31/25 - 1/2/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Claire Patterson, a prominent geologist, confirmed the Earth's age at 4.55 billion years and uncovered the dangers of lead exposure due to tetraethyl lead (TEL) added to gasoline. This practice, which started in the 1930s for improved fuel efficiency, resulted in rising blood lead levels, leading to neurological disabilities in children and long-term health risks. Despite facing criticism, Patterson proved that human exposure was significantly above safe levels. The successful phase-out of TEL began in 1971, leading to a 93% reduction in lead levels in Americans today compared to peak levels in the 1970s. Thanks to Patterson's work, modern children suffer less from lead exposure.

1/7/26, 1/9/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In a discussion about the invention of the airplane, it is asserted that while Brazilians claim Alberto Santos Dumont was the first to fly in 1906, historical evidence supports that the Wright brothers achieved flight in 1903. Santos Dumont's flights, although significant, were based on Wright specifications. Historical evaluations affirm that the Wrights held public demonstrations and their technology established the foundation for modern aviation. The insistence on Dumont's primacy undermines his contributions to aeronautics, as recognized universally outside Brazil. Jeff Gentry concludes that the Wright brothers are credited with the invention of the airplane.

1/14/26, 1/16/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am-

2:30 minutes

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Alchemy, practiced during the Middle Ages, sought to transmute base metals into gold and achieve immortality, relying on mystical substances like the Philosopher's Stone. While criticized by modern scientists for its lack of empirical grounding, historians are re-evaluating alchemy's contributions, noting

that it led to valuable inventions like new alloys, acids, and medicines. Philosopher Giuseppe Gimigliano argues that alchemy represented a coherent approach to understanding and manipulating the material world, ultimately influencing the development of modern chemistry and significant advancements in health and water safety. Thus, although initially viewed as a misguided endeavor, alchemy is recognized as a significant precursor to contemporary scientific practices.

1/21/26, 1/23/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In a discussion about Adolf Hitler's rise to power, it is emphasized that the failure of democracy in Nazi Germany stemmed from the Great Depression and the inadequacies of the Weimar Republic. Initially leading a fringe party with only 3% of the vote, Hitler's rhetoric began to resonate as the economy worsened, leading to increased electoral success. By 1933, after becoming chancellor with limited cabinet power, he manipulated the political system to pass the Enabling Act, allowing him to rule by decree. A national referendum later showed 95% approval for his dictatorship, resulting in the disbandment of all other political parties and the establishment of a regime notorious for its brutality. The narrative concludes with a reminder that the Nazis were elected, highlighting the complex dynamics of public support and democratic failure in this period.

1/28/26, 1/30/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Cultural vandalism is critiqued in the context of the Cardiff Giant hoax, where a grifter sought to undermine faith by presenting a carved statue as a petrified giant. Despite being exposed as a fraud, the fascination with the giant demonstrated that audiences were more interested in novelty than belief validation. The speaker, Jeff Gentry, emphasizes the false dichotomy between science and faith, citing scientists like Francis Collins who show that both can coexist harmoniously, countering the idea that they are mutually exclusive and reducing societal discord.

2/4/26, 2/6/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In the program "Dumb Ideas that Change the World," host Jeff Gentry explores historical errors and the importance of learning from them, citing examples like leaded gasoline and fascism. He emphasizes the need for humility in our thought processes and warns against dismissing past mistakes, highlighting our potential to adopt similar errors today. Recent topics include the troubling history of Nazi elections and a discussion on Hitler's antisemitism. Listeners can access archived shows and provide feedback via email. New episodes are forthcoming.

2/11/26, 2/13/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Cataracts are a leading cause of blindness, and while cataract surgery was developed over a century ago, patients initially faced blurred vision due to the absence of a lens, leading to the use of heavy glasses. Early lens implants, attempted by quack doctors, produced poor results. Harold Ridley, an eye surgeon, introduced a successful intraocular lens (IOL) in 1951, facing skepticism and criticism from the medical community. Despite initial rejection and controversy over the procedure's safety, Ridley's work led IOLs to become standard care post-1975, revolutionizing cataract treatment. He was later recognized for his contributions, passing away honored at the age of 93.

2/18/26, 2/20/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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American football's popularity has diminished due to detrimental rule changes that favor passing over running plays. Historically, teams predominantly ran the ball, creating suspense and excitement. However, current statistics show a decline in average yards per pass and reduced productivity for receivers. Rule modifications have shifted penalties, with offenders more frequently penalized for rushing plays, deterring teams from running the ball. This dynamic has altered the game's appeal, resulting in a predictable passing strategy and sidelining running backs as key players. Without significant changes, the game's excitement will continue to wane.

2/25/26, 2/27/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In the broadcast "Dumb Ideas That Change The World," speaker Jeff Gentry reflects on the life of Evel Knievel, the iconic daredevil from Montana. He discusses Knievel's reckless stunts, including jumping over 19 cars and his world record of clearing 14 buses. Despite a troubled upbringing and numerous injuries—breaking 35 bones during his career—Knievel's daring persona captivated audiences, resulting in high ratings on ABC's Wide World of Sports and significant toy sales. His life was marked by ego, adventure, and an enduring love for risk, as illustrated by his response to whether he was afraid, stating he was merely "concerned." Knievel's legacy endures, demonstrating the power of audacity in entertainment.

3/4/26, 3/6/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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3/11/26, 3/13/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In a discussion about the impact of quiz shows in the 1950s, particularly "The \$64,000 Question" and "21," the speakers highlight how these shows attracted millions of viewers due to their low production costs and high drama. Notably, Charles Van Doren's win on "21," which would be equivalent to \$1.5 million today, was marred by allegations of fraud, as contestants were prepped with answers in advance. This led to scandals, congressional hearings, and convictions, showcasing the darker side of the quest for ratings, underscoring a trend of short-term gains resulting in lasting disgrace.

3/18/26, 3/20/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Cryptids are mythical creatures believed to exist, such as unicorns and the Loch Ness Monster. The mpungu, a legendary beast mentioned since antiquity, gained attention in the mid-1800s. Its story traces back 2,500 years to North Africa and was popularized by Andrew Battle, who reported its existence after being imprisoned in 1590. Although some later documents mentioned giant skulls, the mpungu may have been an extinct species. Paul de Chaillu claimed to have spotted one in Gabon, describing it with powerful fangs and a man-like appearance. Despite initial skepticism and criticism from the scientific community, his findings led to the discovery of the gorilla, which became a significant part of zoological history. Deshaillu's adventure ignited interest in cryptids, showing how they could be real creatures yet unknown to science, paralleling discoveries like the narwhal and kraken.

3/25/26, 3/27/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In the broadcast, Jeff Gentry criticizes the snooze button, introduced by General Electric in the 1950s, labeling it a "disaster for humanity." They recount personal experiences of being late due to hitting snooze, supported by neurobiologist Rebecca Robbins, who emphasizes that it disrupts REM sleep critical for emotional regulation and memory. Robbins notes that the majority of people hit snooze multiple times each morning, leading to a net loss of quality sleep. This habit can have economic repercussions, causing late arrivals that affect productivity. An anecdote about a teenager who created an alarm clock that shocks users for hitting snooze highlights the urgent need to break this habit. Jeff Gentry advises placing alarms away from the bed and setting them for optimal waking times.

1/12/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In this segment of an interview between Laurene Mills and author John Nichols, they delve into Nichols' background as a naturalist, stemming from a family tradition of naturalism. Nichols discusses his grandfather, John Treadwell Nichols, a prominent ichthyologist at the American Museum of Natural

History, and his father, a field zoologist who taught him about animals through hands-on experiences with taxidermy. The conversation touches upon Nichols' connection to nature, his earlier works, and his personal memoirs, highlighting the influence of his family's naturalist legacy on his life and writing.

3/9/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a January 2023 episode of Report from Santa Fe, host Lorene Mills interviews historian and author Dan Flores about his book "Wild New World," which explores the historical relationship between animals and humans in North America. Flores discusses his goal of capturing a comprehensive narrative of animal interactions since the arrival of various groups, particularly noting a shift in attitudes towards wildlife prompted by the Endangered Species Act of 1973. He reflects on multiple works set in New Mexico, including the story of an early American expedition to Santa Fe that was halted by Spanish forces, as well as other titles focusing on the region's natural history. The conversation highlights Flores' reputation as a leading naturalist writer, comparing him to influential figures like Aldo Leopold and Thoreau, and emphasizes the importance of understanding and conserving wildlife in America.

3/23/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

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3/30/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

John Pugh, a world-renowned muralist specializing in trompe-l'oeil, creates art that visually tricks the eye, making flat images appear three-dimensional. His work spans the globe, with over 250 murals in cities such as San Francisco and New York, and internationally in Taiwan and New Zealand. Pugh incorporates architectural elements into his designs, often collaborating closely with architects. He discusses the historical roots of trompe-l'oeil, tracing its origins to ancient Greece and its popularity during the Baroque and Renaissance periods. Pugh shares anecdotes about public reactions to his murals, including instances of onlookers mistaking painted figures for real people. His work reflects deep storytelling with historical themes, making it not only visually engaging but rich with context.

1/10/26 - You Should Know - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Chef Johnny V, who shares his culinary journey from Rochester, New York, to operating a cooking school in Santa Fe. Johnny recounts his early experiences in the kitchen, influenced by his grandmother, and humorous stories from his first job flipping burgers. He has a background in both culinary arts and business, having studied at an agtech school and worked at notable restaurants. His culinary career led him to Australia, where he opened a successful American-themed restaurant. Johnny now runs Las Cosas Cooking School, has published a cookbook, and organizes the Fred Harvey weekend, celebrating historical American dining experiences.

2/14/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Oscar Robinson, a retired director of human resources and former council member in Portales, New Mexico. Oscar shares his origins as a "Tex-Homian," born in Dallas and raised partly in Oklahoma. He reflects on significant historical events from his childhood, such as the impact of World War II and the momentous achievement of Jackie Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier. Oscar also discusses his deep-rooted appreciation for news, influenced by his grandmother, and how it has shaped his understanding of history. After moving to Portales and anticipating a brief stay, he's been part of the community since 1985. The conversation shifts towards his interest in studying Buffalo Soldiers, initiated during regular visits to a local coffee shop.

3/7/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviewed Jerome Clemons, the Business Banking Relations Manager at UMB and President of Habitat for Humanity. Jerome, originally from Muleshoe, Texas, shared insights about his family's history in banking and business, his educational journey at Eastern New Mexico University, and his career in banking, including roles at Wells Fargo and Happy State Bank. He emphasized the importance of community involvement and family, reflecting on how his past experiences, particularly in construction at the university's physical plant, contributed to his work with Habitat for Humanity.

3/14/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In the episode of "You Should Know," hosted by Evelyn Ledbetter, guests Linda Miller-Brown and Dave Nash discuss the history of the Floyd Country Jamboree, which originated in the 1950s to raise funds for school sports uniforms. Despite a temporary pause due to COVID, this year marks the 74th performance of the show. Initially modeled after Nashville's Grand Ole Opry, it has evolved over the years, moving between venues and enhancing acoustics with heavy curtains. The episode also features a musical performance of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" by the guests, celebrating the jamboree's musical legacy.

3/5/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In fascist Italy, resistance took surprising forms. We tell the story of one woman who stood up to the regime by refusing to change her name. And: Numbers of Black women legislators have increased dramatically in the last decade. Jatia Wrighten argues that the success and drive of these leaders is rooted deep in history.

3/19/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In the world of literary tourism, the Brontë Parsonage Museum in the Yorkshire moors is a heavy hitter. This small stone house in the town of Haworth, England is where Charlotte and Emily Bronte wrote Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights. Also: A king's rage and a murder that changed history. We dive into the medieval crime scene of Canterbury Cathedral and the centuries of pilgrimage it sparked.

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1/27/26, 1/29/26, 2/2/26, 2/4/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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3/2/26, 3/4/26, 3/9/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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3/11/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we kick off Women's History Month and preview an exhibit about Ulster County's first elections with women voters in 1918. Women in New York won the right to vote a few years before the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920. The Ulster County exhibit, displayed on the second floor of the county office building in Kingston, features archival voter rolls and artifacts from the county board of the elections as well as the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region, giving a glimpse into the lives of the everyday women who jumped at the opportunity to vote in their communities. WAMC's Samantha Simmons also brings us a story on how the University at Albany is preserving the legacy of the late author Toni Morrison.

1/27/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Coming up... The culture and traditions of Ancient Egypt have long captivated history students. But one part its history may have been swept under the rug. On today's program, we'll explore opium use in Ancient Egypt, and how the drug was used by people of all classes, including the pharaohs

2/17/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. An analysis of small, prehistoric fossils found in sandstone is giving researchers new clues into the time before the explosion of complex life on Earth. And we'll visit high school students celebrating Lunar New Year, which is now being recognized in New York state schools.

1/31/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

Erosion and evolution. Shadow and light. Death and rebirth. These are some of the strands that the acclaimed author, naturalist and activist Terry Tempest Williams weaves together in the face of today's broken world. Standing in the lineage of the greatest nature writers, she links her deepest inner experiences with the state of the web of life. In this program, Williams asks: How do we find the strength to not look away at all that is breaking our hearts? Hands on the earth, we remember where the source of our authentic power comes from. We have to go deeper. She also explores histories of privilege, religion, and identity in Utah, and how reconciling her experiences with these cultural strands have helped unleash and shape her voice as a storyteller who translates the voice of nature and speaks for justice.

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1/1/26, 1/5/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

Commodity crops, such as corn, soybeans, and wheat, are grown in large quantities for processing and trade. These receive federal support and serve various uses including livestock feed and ethanol production. In contrast, specialty crops, which include fruits, vegetables, and herbs, are cultivated for direct human consumption or ornamental purposes. New Mexico excels in specialty crops, ranking fifth in chili pepper and onion production, and second in pecan production. Some crops can fall into both categories based on their use; for example, corn can be a commodity when used for feed but a specialty when sold as sweet corn. The segment is supported by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, a nonprofit initiative backed by local agricultural organizations.

1/7/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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On this episode of All About Ag, the focus is on water conservation in cattle ranches, particularly in New Mexico. Ranchers depend on rainwater and groundwater for their animals. They construct earthen dams to capture rainwater and use electric pumps or windmills to retrieve groundwater, which is essential and must be protected. Groundwater systems can be unpredictable, leading ranchers to relocate animals or transport water when supply issues arise. To conserve water, some ranchers use shade balls in livestock tanks to reduce evaporation, with studies showing significant water savings—over 75% less evaporation. Shade balls also enhance water quality, reduce ice formation in winter, and lessen the need for hauling water, thus conserving fuel and effort. Further information on shade balls is available through the Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District.

1/6/26, 1/8/26, 1/12/26, 1/14/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Arkansas, known as the natural state, is a significant player in U.S. agriculture, producing nearly 40% of the nation's rice worth approximately \$1.4 billion in 2022. The state ranks third in broiler production, raising around 1.3 billion birds in 2023, contributing over \$6.7 billion to the poultry industry, including turkeys and eggs. Soybeans are the most valuable crop, with over 166 million bushels harvested in 2023, valued at \$1.6 billion, followed by important crops such as cotton, corn, and sorghum. Arkansas has over 23,000 cattle operations, totaling 1.6 million cattle, ranking 17th nationwide, while beef and dairy generate over \$600 million annually. The state also leads in softwood lumber and paper products, with nearly 19 million acres of forest land supporting rural economies. With approximately 37,756 farms covering 13.7 million acres, the average farm size is 363 acres, and Arkansas remains a top producer in aquaculture, particularly catfish farming. Overall, Arkansas agriculture exemplifies diversity and economic resilience.

1/13/26, 1/15/26, 1/19/26, 1/21/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Welcome back to All About Ag. Today's focus is the New World Screwworm, a parasitic pest native to South America, which poses significant risks to all warm-blooded animals. This fly is characterized by its shiny blue-green body and harmful larvae that feed on living tissue. The USDA began control efforts in 1935, implementing the sterile insect technique that was effective in eradicating the pest in regions as far south as Panama by the early 2000s. However, in 2023, screwworms were detected in Mexico, leading the USDA to suspend livestock imports to prevent potential outbreaks. Collaboration with Mexican authorities is ongoing to manage this threat and develop safety protocols for imports. Vigilance in monitoring animal health is crucial, and additional information can be found at screwworm.gov. Special thanks to New Mexico Ag in the Classroom and their partners for supporting this segment.

1/20/26, 1/22/26, 1/26/26, 1/28/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Winter on New Mexico farms is a busy time for farmers despite the lack of growing crops. They engage in essential activities such as planting cover crops, which protect soil health by preventing erosion and retaining nutrients. Over 1,000 farms in the state have planted cover crops on nearly 47,500 acres. During winter, farmers also focus on equipment maintenance to ensure smooth operations in spring. Additionally, they plan for planting by deciding on crops, ordering supplies, and attending workshops on farming techniques and conservation. Overall, these efforts are crucial for growing healthy food for communities come spring.

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2/3/26, 2/5/26, 2/9/26, 2/11/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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In this episode of All About Ag, the speaker discusses the USDA organic label, explaining that products must meet specific qualifications, including annual inspections by the USDA that consider various factors like soil conditions and pest management. The USDA organic label comes in several categories: "100% organic" (100% organic ingredients), "organic" (at least 95% organic ingredients), "made with organic"

(at least 70% organic ingredients), and products with less than 70% organic ingredients that can only specify which ingredients are organic. The speaker also clarifies that organic meat is sourced from livestock raised without antibiotics or growth hormones and emphasizes that organic does not mean pesticide-free, as certain synthetic substances are permitted under the USDA's guidelines. Visual differences in the USDA organic seal (green vs. black and white) do not indicate differing standards. Sponsorship acknowledgments are provided at the end of the segment.

3/3/26, 3/5/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Flowers contribute significantly to the U.S. economy, generating \$71 billion annually in the floriculture industry. From January 1 to February 13, 2024, over 1 billion cut flowers were imported, primarily from Colombia and Ecuador, while U.S. farmers cultivate local varieties suited to their climates. Various stakeholders, including florists, researchers, and agriculture specialists, play essential roles in the journey of flowers from growth to delivery. Notably, border protection inspectors recently prevented 877 harmful pests from affecting U.S. crops. This highlights the interconnected efforts involved in floriculture, reminding us that bouquets symbolize the labor of many. The segment is supported by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, a non-profit educational program.

3/2/26, 3/4/26, 3/9/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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3/10/26, 3/12/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Snow significantly impacts agriculture in New Mexico, providing approximately 48% of the state's water supply through meltwater from winter snow accumulation. This water is essential for summer crop irrigation, drinking water for residents and livestock, and municipal use. On the plains, snow also insulates plants and gradually provides moisture during spring. The average snow-to-water ratio is 12 to 1, making careful water management crucial for farmers and ranchers. They employ techniques such as drip irrigation and monitor weather conditions to optimize water usage. This segment highlights the importance of snow in sustaining agricultural life in New Mexico.

3/10/26, 3/12/26, 3/17/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Farming, ranching, and other agricultural professions are among the most dangerous due to a higher risk of job-related injuries, as reported by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. To enhance safety, the American Farm Bureau Federation designates a week in March for the Agricultural Safety Awareness Program, providing resources and guidelines. Key safety tips include: 1) Giving farm equipment ample space due to large blind spots; 2) Allowing sufficient distance behind large trucks to facilitate their stopping distance; 3) Respecting livestock by approaching only with permission and moving calmly; 4) Watching your step on uneven, wet, or slippery surfaces; and 5) Dressing appropriately for extreme weather conditions and staying hydrated outdoors. Awareness is crucial for safety in agriculture.

3/25/26, 3/27/26, 3/30/26, 4/1/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Understanding livestock behavior is essential for safe interaction with farm animals like pigs, chickens, cattle, horses, sheep, and goats. Despite being domesticated, these animals retain natural instincts, notably their flight zone, which dictates their personal space and reactions to perceived threats. Animal behavior expert Dr. Temple Grandin emphasized the importance of observing body language, as stress manifests through actions like pawing or vocalizing. Key safety tips include approaching animals from the front, staying calm, and seeking guidance from owners or handlers to ensure interactions remain safe for both people and animals.

3/31/26, 4/2/26, 4/6/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Agriculture is vital to New Mexico's economy, contributing nearly \$3.99 billion annually. Celebrated during National Agriculture Week in March, it encompasses farmers and ranchers who work tirelessly to feed communities. In 2023, livestock produced about \$3.9 billion, with cattle as the top commodity. Dairy farms significantly impact the state's agricultural value, while crops such as pecans (\$189 million) and hay (\$145 million) also play essential roles. Agriculture represents not just numbers but the dedication and tradition of families committed to the land and food production.

2/19/26, 2/24/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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The Russian thistle, commonly known as tumbleweed, is an invasive weed that symbolizes the American Southwest despite originating from Central Asia and Europe. First recorded in South Dakota in 1873, it spreads rapidly and can produce a vast number of seeds. This summer annual plant completes its life cycle within one year and disperses seeds as it tumbles. While considered a nuisance, it provides dietary

protein for some animals during spring, though it can be toxic to livestock and financially damaging to farmers. Effective management includes early physical removal and responsible herbicide use, with further guidance available from local agricultural offices.

3/23/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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The Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District is resuming its cloud seeding program in eastern New Mexico to combat drought. Starting in July 2024, aircraft will release artificial ice nuclei into thunderstorms to enhance rainfall. Last summer, this program proved effective, with seeded storms living 44% longer than unseeded ones, resulting in a 50% larger rainfall area. The total rainfall from seeded storms more than doubled compared to untreated storms, with an estimated 571,700 acre-feet of additional water contributed. This effort helped mitigate severe drought conditions, prompting the continuation of the program in 2025.

3/25/26 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Spring calving season in New Mexico, occurring from March to May, is crucial for the state's beef industry, significantly contributing \$1.72 billion to the economy, with cattle and calves as top commodities. This period aligns calves' nutritional needs with the availability of nutrient-rich grasses found in the state's rangelands, promoting optimal growth. Calves graze alongside their mothers for five to seven months before weaning, which can be done using methods like fence line weaning to minimize stress. The season's warmth benefits newborns, allowing them to grow before winter and ensuring their health as they transition to solid food.

2/7/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

From the studios of KENW at Eastern New Mexico University, host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Brittany Lardner and Tracy Curry, key figures in the New Mexico Ag in the Classroom program. Brittany, a Senior Program Coordinator, shares her background in agriculture, joining the program in 2020 after initially volunteering in 2015. Tracy, the Program Director, highlights the importance of this initiative, which is housed within the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau. The program focuses on educating both children and adults about agriculture, aiming to connect them with various career opportunities within the field, especially as the average age of farmers increases. Funding comes from a mix of membership dues, donations, and sponsorships from like-minded organizations, underscoring the crucial role of agricultural education for future generations. The mission is to integrate agriculture into classrooms, making it a vital part of educational curricula across New Mexico.

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3/7/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviewed Jerome Clemons, the Business Banking Relations Manager at UMB and President of Habitat for Humanity. Jerome, originally from Muleshoe, Texas, shared insights about his family's history in banking and business, his educational journey at Eastern New Mexico University, and his career in banking, including roles at Wells Fargo and Happy State Bank. He emphasized the importance of community involvement and family, reflecting on how his past experiences, particularly in construction at the university's physical plant, contributed to his work with Habitat for Humanity.

1/28/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

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3/16/26- – 3/18/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discuss spring break returns, highlighting upcoming events. The One Eastern event provides a State of Eastern address on campus, acknowledging accomplishments and future goals. Sports events include baseball games against Sol Ross and softball matches at Midwestern State. ENMU singers perform in New York at Lincoln Center, while local events feature a faculty percussion recital and an art exhibit closing soon. Women's Veterans Appreciation Month events are noted, along with a blood drive on March 19th and ongoing tax services through the College of Business. Additionally, nutrition and cooking classes are available in Ruidoso.

3/23/26- 3/25/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

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3/30/26- 4/1/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

In the latest ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston highlight several upcoming events at Eastern New Mexico University. Softball and baseball teams will have home games beginning April 1st, with track and field athletes competing in San Marcos. The New Mexico Supreme Court will hold a civics program on campus, requiring RSVP for attendees. The College of Business offers tax assistance through April 15th. A Multicultural event featuring a senior Airman discussing his experiences balancing military and academic life is scheduled for March 30th. Additionally, a Student Research and Creativity Conference will showcase student work on April 2nd, and ENMU Piano Day will occur on April 4th for young pianists. Lastly, the Roswell Campus will host a golf tournament on April 4th.

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3/28/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Dr. Richard Swartz, a music educator and Department Chair at Eastern New Mexico University's College of Fine Arts, discusses his musical journey on "You Should Know" with host Evelyn Ledbetter. He reflects on his childhood in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, sharing insights into his family's musical background, which included piano lessons for all siblings, influenced by his mother. Dr. Swartz narrates how he initially favored the piano, then the clarinet, and eventually discovered his passion for the saxophone. He humorously recounts his motivation to outshine his older sister on the piano and highlights the supportive musical environment fostered by his parents.

1/10/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Chef Johnny V, who shares his culinary journey from Rochester, New York, to operating a cooking school in Santa Fe. Johnny recounts his early experiences in the kitchen, influenced by his grandmother, and humorous stories from his first job flipping burgers. He has a background in both culinary arts and business, having studied

at an agtech school and worked at notable restaurants. His culinary career led him to Australia, where he opened a successful American-themed restaurant. Johnny now runs Las Cosas Cooking School, has published a cookbook, and organizes the Fred Harvey weekend, celebrating historical American dining experiences.

1/7/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with the founder and CEO of Fresh Starts Registry, a registry and education network for those navigating divorce, difficult breakups, and other major life changes. Olivia Dreizen Howell founded Fresh Starts Registry with her sister, Jenny, after her own divorce left her feeling isolated and scrambling for basic items in 2019. What started as an online gift registry has expanded into a global education network with more than 100 divorce experts, support groups, and how-to guides.

2/23/26- – 2/25/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

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1/12/26- – 1/14/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosted by Chancellor Dr. Johnson and President Ledbetter. They discuss the start of the new semester, welcoming students and faculty back to campus, with highlights including increased enrollment. Basketball teams will be competing in Wichita Falls and Lubbock. Registration is still open for the ENMU Women's Elite ID soccer camp on January 30-31. The

Creative Connections Art Evenings will resume every Thursday at 6 PM in the Reynolds Gallery, open to the public. Additionally, all campuses will be closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day next Monday. The event recap airs every Monday and Wednesday at 8:10 AM for updates on campus activities.

1/26/26- – 1/28/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and Dr. Johnston discuss recent activities including a successful Higher Education Day in Santa Fe with participation from faculty, staff, students, and alumni. This week features home games for men's and women's basketball on Thursday and Saturday, a baseball series against A&M Kingsville starting Friday, and other sports events like track in Albuquerque. There's also art and music programming, including a new exhibit at the Reynolds Gallery and a saxophone recital. Ruidoso hosts a free nutrition class and a classic cinema series later this week.

2/2/26- – 2/4/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar highlights the activities at the university, including short courses akin to summer sessions, the men's and women's basketball teams competing in Oklahoma, and baseball and softball teams participating in tournaments. The Reynolds Gallery features an art exhibition by Leah Anderson, with a reception and artist talk scheduled for Friday. Additionally, Ruidoso offers free nutrition cooking classes and an art methods series for a small fee. The hosts emphasize the importance of engaging with campus events and community activities for cultural enrichment.

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1/3/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Evelyn Ledbetter hosts a segment of "You Should Know," featuring guests Anne Beck, Linda Sumption, and Bear, a rescued dog. Anne has been involved in animal rescue since her tenure at the University of Toledo, and Linda developed her interest in animal welfare through her academic specialization and personal experience with a neglected dog in Portales. They both started volunteering at a local shelter and have collaborated since 2018 despite their different academic backgrounds in theater and English. Their partnership includes creating content to raise awareness about animal welfare, and they continue to support local rescue efforts, adapting to challenges like COVID-19.

1/17/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a special episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter commemorates Don Chris, a revered figure at KENW, who began his journey in 1974. Joined by his wife, Paula, and daughter, Lisa, they share memories of Don's life, including his upbringing in upstate New York, his passion for theater and music, and his contributions to the station. Paula recounts the family's involvement in fundraising events like the station's auction, highlighting Don's storytelling and performance skills, while Lisa reflects on her own teaching career and early experiences at the TV station. The program serves as a tribute to Don's legacy and impact on the community.

1/24/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a special episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter honors the life of Don Chris, a longtime KENW employee who helped shape the show from its inception in 1974. Joined by his wife, Paula, and daughter, Lisa, memories of Don's career in media and his passion for interviews are shared. Paula recounts her diverse career in medicine and their meeting in theater, while Lisa discusses her upbringing in the television industry, learning camera work alongside her father. Don's enthusiasm for interviewing notable figures, including military leaders and astronauts, is highlighted, with a focus on his genuine curiosity and ability to connect with people. The episode serves as a loving tribute to Don's legacy in the community and media.

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3/23/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a May 2017 episode of "Report from Santa Fe," host Lorene Mills interviews ethnomusicologist Jack Leffler, discussing Leffler's works, particularly "Voices of Counterculture in the Southwest." The exhibition, co-curated by Leffler, explores the history of counterculture from the mid-1950s to the present, notably the influences between the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Santa Fe. The exhibit, opening on May 14th, will feature collaborative efforts with designer Caroline Lajoie and includes significant cultural contributions from the beat generation, Native American, and Chicano communities. Leffler highlights the modern environmental movement's roots in counterculture, emphasizing its role in elevating environmental consciousness alongside social awareness. Additionally, Leffler recalls his experiences as a jazz musician and his time in the Army Band during a historic atomic bomb detonation in Nevada, reflecting on the impact of these experiences on his understanding of music and culture.

1/17/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a special episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter commemorates Don Chris, a revered figure at KENW, who began his journey in 1974. Joined by his wife, Paula, and daughter, Lisa, they share memories of Don's life, including his upbringing in upstate New York, his passion for theater and music, and his contributions to the station. Paula recounts the family's involvement in fundraising events like the station's auction, highlighting Don's storytelling and performance skills, while Lisa reflects on her own teaching career and early experiences at the TV station. The program serves as a tribute to Don's legacy and impact on the community.

1/31/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a conversation on KENW's "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews musician Andy Mason, exploring his background and experiences. Born in Rockford, Illinois, Mason moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and later relocated to England before returning to the U.S. at 18. He currently resides in France and has a multilingual background, teaching Spanish and ESL. Mason has three children, including a 32-year-old daughter in Salt Lake City. He obtained an English degree with a Spanish minor from Eastern New Mexico University and has pursued aviation, obtaining multiple pilot licenses.

Mason appreciates Portales as a nurturing environment for his family, benefiting from its university-affiliated cultural activities and low living costs.

visits to a local coffee shop.

2/21/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In an episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Lonnie Berry, an instructor of communications at Eastern New Mexico University. Berry, a Roosevelt County native, reflects on his local roots and educational journey, noting that he originally attended the university on a music scholarship to play the tuba. He shares memories of a significant snowstorm from his student days and discusses his career path, which included nearly three decades in law enforcement. Although he didn't finish his degree initially, his desire to complete it led him back to the university after retirement, where supportive staff helped him navigate the process of returning to school full-time.

3/14/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In the episode of "You Should Know," hosted by Evelyn Ledbetter, guests Linda Miller-Brown and Dave Nash discuss the history of the Floyd Country Jamboree, which originated in the 1950s to raise funds for school sports uniforms. Despite a temporary pause due to COVID, this year marks the 74th performance of the show. Initially modeled after Nashville's Grand Ole Opry, it has evolved over the years, moving between venues and enhancing acoustics with heavy curtains. The episode also features a musical performance of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" by the guests, celebrating the jamboree's musical legacy.

3/28/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Dr. Richard Swartz, a music educator and Department Chair at Eastern New Mexico University's College of Fine Arts, discusses his musical journey on "You Should Know" with host Evelyn Ledbetter. He reflects on his childhood in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, sharing insights into his family's musical background, which included piano lessons for all siblings, influenced by his mother. Dr. Swartz narrates how he initially favored the piano, then the clarinet, and eventually discovered his passion for the saxophone. He humorously recounts his motivation to outshine his older sister on the piano and highlights the supportive musical environment fostered by his parents.

1/1/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

As we age, we come to appreciate the holiday traditions of our youth. Ricky Mullins remembers receiving treat bags at his small country church. The poke bags were stuffed with oranges, peanuts, Cracker Jacks, and sometimes even a chocolate bar. Now, he's passing the tradition along to the youth at the church that he pastors. And: Mary Lou Williams was a renowned jazz pianist and composer. She brought sacred Black jazz music to Duke University's chapel every year. Gayle Murchison shares some of Williams' sacred music with us.

1/14/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with author and playwright Quiara Alegría Hudes about her debut novel, *The White Hot*. Hudes is the Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright of *Water by the Spoonful* and the musical *In the Heights*, which she also adapted for the screen. *The White Hot* takes the form of a letter written by a mom to her 18-year-old daughter, explaining — but not apologizing for — why she suddenly abandoned her nearly a decade prior. WAMC's Sarah LaDuke speaks with Hudes about why she decided to write the tale, an unflinching exploration of one mom's rage and journey toward self-discovery.

1/5/26- – 1/7/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU weekly events calendar. The show hosts, Evelyn Ledbetter and Dr. Johnston, discuss the return of faculty and staff with registration underway for all campuses. They encourage those considering returning to college to act on their New Year's resolutions. A focus is placed on the increase in master's students and online education accommodating working adults. Additionally, they highlight the upcoming ENMU System Day in Santa Fe on January 21st, where students, faculty, and alumni will advocate for continued support for higher education. They reflect on past legislative sessions and consider the involvement of the music department in the event. The conversation ends with an invitation for prospective students to register and become part of the ENMU community.

1/26/26- – 1/28/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and Dr. Johnston discuss recent activities including a successful Higher Education Day in Santa Fe with participation from faculty, staff, students, and alumni. This week features home games for men's and women's basketball on Thursday and Saturday, a baseball series against A&M Kingsville starting Friday, and other sports events like track in Albuquerque. There's also art and music programming, including a new exhibit at the Reynolds Gallery and a saxophone recital. Ruidoso hosts a free nutrition class and a classic cinema series later this week.

2/9/26- – 2/11/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar featuring hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston. Highlights include Dr. Cory Green receiving a grant for undergraduate research. This week features multiple basketball games: men's and women's teams playing at WT on Tuesday and at home against UT Dallas on Saturday. There's also a baseball homestand starting Friday and a softball doubleheader on Saturday, coinciding with a fundraising event, "Just Desserts," featuring gourmet sweets and live jazz. Upcoming music events include faculty and guest recitals at Buchanan Hall. Additionally, Roswell will host a 5K, 10K, and half marathon in March to support its Alumni Association.

3/23/26- – 3/25/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar covers various activities including sports events like the rodeo team competing in Snyder, Texas, and baseball and softball games against Oklahoma Christian and WT, respectively. Upcoming musical performances include a saxophone recital by Rich Swartz and a percussion duo, both free and open to the public. Additionally, there's a KENW Pledge Drive to support public radio and free tax services provided by the College of Business until April 15th. An educational opportunity with the New Mexico Supreme Court will be at the University Theater Center later in the month, along with a Samoan dance class. The events promote community engagement across ENMU campuses.

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Education:

02/27/2026 The four-day school week in New Mexico continues to see growing support, as the Lovington Municipal Schools Board of Education recently held a meeting to discuss the possible shift away from the five-day school week.

03/03/2026 The New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies will be taking part in an in-field session at the Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark near Portales. According to the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, the participants will explore a lesser-known area of the site. The in-field practice is being conducted in partnership with Eastern New Mexico University.

01/23/2026 Luna Community College in Las Vegas announced yesterday that it had received an emergency request through the New Mexico State Board of Finance to address urgent student housing needs. The Las Vegas Optic is reporting that the college will receive just over \$2.7 million to purchase and install modular student dormitory units. The move is expected to house an additional 84 students on the campus. The units are expected to be fully operational for the Fall 2026 semester. Last August, an increase in enrollment at New Mexico Highlands University led to an awkward revocation of a housing agreement with Luna Community College.

Public Safety:

01/20/2026 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham began the legislative session this afternoon with her final State of the State address. Some of the priorities that the governor has signaled support include preventing

Immigrations and Customs Enforcement from contracting with local governments, improving healthcare, reforming the Children Youth and Families Department, and improving public safety.

03/05/2026 The Texas Department of Public Safety announced that they will increase patrols on roads starting this weekend, as we near Spring Break and Saint Patrick's Day. The annual enforcement campaign targets those who are speeding, not wearing seat belts, driving while intoxicated and committing other traffic violations. Last year over the same period, Texas DPS officers issued more than 93,000 citations and warnings, including nearly 6,500 speeding violations, 516 seat belt infractions, almost 2,500 tickets for driving without insurance, and another 552 felony and fugitive arrests. The surge in patrols will begin this weekend and will run through March 17th.

Health:

03/20/2026 New Mexico has had its first case of plague in an animal this year. A Santa Fe County dog was diagnosed with the disease, but had received veterinary care and has recovered. Plague is a bacterial disease that circulates in wildlife and is commonly transmitted through flea bites. The New Mexico Department of Health said that plague can be prevented by using a veterinarian-approved flea control product on pets, cleaning up areas near the home where rodents could live, and ensuring that sick pets are examined promptly by a veterinarian.

02/25/2026 Measles cases are beginning to be found throughout the region once again. In Texas, a patient was confirmed with a case of the disease. The individual was unvaccinated and likely was infected while traveling. Public health officials in Lubbock are working with the healthcare facility to identify those who may have been exposed. In the

far southwestern part of New Mexico in Hidalgo County, an inmate at a county detention center was also confirmed with a case of Measles.

Governmental

01/12/2026 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham is seeking an \$11.3 billion budget in the 30-day session, which would represent an increase of 4.7% over last year's budget. The Legislative Finance Committee has decided on an \$11.1 billion budget, a 2.5% increase over last fiscal year. The largest divergence between the two comes down to funding for the Early Childhood Education and Care Department- the agency responsible for the universal childcare proposal. The governor wants just over \$465 million for the agency, the LFC has earmarked \$163 million.

03/31/2026 In 2025, the legislature moved to allow unaffiliated voters to vote in primaries. There has been an uptick in New Mexico residents that have opted to "decline to state" over just changing from one party to the other, depending on the race. The Secretary of State's numbers show the recent increase in those voters is more attributable to people that are switching from one of the two major parties. Both the Democratic and Republican parties have witnessed a slight drop in their numbers around the state.

01/09/2026 An appointment to New Mexico Senate District 33 means that those residents now have representation ahead of the legislative session. This morning, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham announced the appointment of Rex Wilson to serve the remaining term for the district which was left vacant by the resignation of former Senator Nicholas Paul. Senate District 33 covers Lincoln, Otero and Chaves counties.

Environmental:

03/06/2026 The New Mexico Environment Department released its monthly Enforcement Watch information. The agency revealed they added 226 new cases and resolved 28 over the month. Some of the highlights of the department's enforcement actions include a notice of violation to Primal Crushing LLC of Fort Worth regarding a portable crushing machine located south of Dayton, New Mexico in Eddy County. The company was cited just over \$9,400 for failure to pay Source Review permit fees.

01/05/2026 Cannon Air Force base will host an open house coming up on Wednesday for the purpose of discussing PFAS contamination and restoration efforts at the base. The event will include both in-person and virtual participation options for area residents to engage directly with subject matter experts about restoration progress, treatment technologies and community resources. The event will begin with a one-hour session where subject matter experts will explain restoration activities, monitoring data and answer community questions on PFAS at and around Cannon.

History:

01/21/2026 The Lea County Board of Commissioners have approved plans to renovate the historic Lea County Courthouse. The plan is to renovate the courthouse for county administrative offices and to construct another building for additional space, as the historic building is not large enough for Lovington's needs. The county recently bought 2 1/2 acres of land directly north of the current structure for \$2.6 million. Commissioners have expressed concern about the state of the courthouse as it has been deteriorating for some time now. The

courthouse was registered as a historic building with the New Mexico Preservation Division and National Register of Historic Places in 1987.

01/07/2026 After almost a century, a partnership in the Panhandle is at its end. The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on the campus of West Texas A&M University will not reopen its doors. Trustees with the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society were informed last month that WT and the Texas A&M system were going to be unable to provide long-term funding for the building that houses the museum, marking an end to 93 years of association between the museum and the university.

Business:

02/20/2026 We have been reporting about the possible purchase of PNM's parent company TXNM Energy to Blackstone Infrastructure. While that sale has found a lot of opposition from customers, another hurdle may also stand in the way. Attorney General Raul Torrez has called for the acquisition to be in full compliance with the law after it was found that 8 million shares of TXNM stock were issued to a Blackstone affiliate for \$400 million and was executed alongside the merger agreement. Torrez said that it raises serious questions about compliance with the Public Utilities Act which mandates prior approval from the Public Regulation Commission for that transaction.

02/10/2026 The New Mexico Racing Commission approved a request by Western Gaming to relocate its SunRay Park license from Farmington to Clovis in a special meeting. Today's vote followed hearings for the commission to consider the pros and cons of the request that began back in October. The move had been opposed by leaders in San Juan County and officials with Zia Park in Hobbs. The planned 200-acre site east of Clovis on US Highway 60/84 will be the home of a racetrack and casino.