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Health

- 1/21 14:00 26:46 **McLaughlin One on One** N Ray Kurzweil
"The Fountain of Youth" – Long before Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon scoured Florida for the fabled fountain of youth, mankind has quested for immortality. Some scientists say we are on the cusp of finding it. Thanks to advances in genetics and nanotechnology, people alive today may live a thousand years or more. Well, if that does come true, how will Social Security handle those benefits? Forget about the front end, when the benefits kick in. What about the back end, when they stop? John McLaughlin asks renowned inventor, author and technology trend forecaster Ray Kurzweil; and professor and author S. Jay Olshansky; and, from off-site, in Colorado, Terry Grossman, M.D., author and longevity clinic director.
- 1/28 15:00 26:46 **Healthy Body, Healthy Mind** D
"Identifying Pulmonary Hypertension" - Pulmonary Hypertension is a rare, complex disease of the heart and lungs. It most commonly strikes women in childbearing years, though it can affect all ages, races and both sexes. This program identifies what pulmonary hypertension is, and how it is treated. Though there is not yet a cure for this illness, treatments have emerged over the last decade, giving patients hope for a longer, healthier life. Meet patients who are living with pulmonary hypertension and demonstrate how to improve your quality of life. Program also outlines the genesis of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, and illustrates the power people can have to organize, draw attention to a cause and work to improve the lives of patients and families coping with serious illnesses.
- 1/31 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N Andrew von Eschenbach
"FDA Overhauls Prescription Drug Oversight Program" – Ever since the popular painkiller Vioxx was pulled from pharmacy shelves over safety concerns, there's been heightened criticism of the way the Food and Drug Administration approves and monitors new drugs. Last fall, the Institute of Medicine issued a scathing report, saying the FDA's effectiveness is compromised by internal tensions, outdated procedures, underfunding, and poor management. The report took particular aim at the FDA's failure to adequately monitor drugs, it said, after they go on sale. Yesterday, after its own review, the FDA announced it was making more than a dozen changes to improve its drug oversight work. They include: creating a new system to monitor newly approved drugs once they come on the market; and giving agency staff involved in drug safety equal standing with staffers focused on drug approval. Correspondent Margaret Warner discusses the changes with the FDA's commissioner, Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach.
- 2/4 15:00 26:46 **Healthy Body, Healthy Mind** D
"Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm: Smokers Beware!" - Most smokers know they are at risk for lung disease and heart disease, but few know they are damaging the most important artery in the body, the aorta. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms give patients little to no warning signs that pressure is building in the aorta and causing a very serious condition. Undetected, the aneurysm can rupture causing internal bleeding and sending patients quickly into critical condition. However, if diagnosed in time, patients can be successfully treated... and also; saved from a potentially fatal outcome.

- 2/11 13:30 26:46 **The McLaughlin Group** N Patrick Buchanan
"Model Behavior" — "Models flock to Manhattan. New York City is one of the world's leaders in fashion and entertainment. We don't want to do anything to harm those industries." So says Jose Rivera, a New York State assemblyman. Jose has proposed a law that would create a state regulatory board to police the minimum healthy weight of any person who, on a runway, models clothing, jewelry, handbags, hats, sunglasses, makeup, body paint and tattoos. Models tend to undernourish themselves, Rivera says. Furthermore, he says, abnormally thin models tend to an increase of anorexia and bulimia. Does government have any business regulating weight in any industry? John McLaughlin asks his panel of experts.
- 2/25 15:00 26:46 **Healthy Body, Healthy Mind** D
"Inflammatory Bowel Disease" — Inflammatory Bowl Disease, or IBD, is an umbrella term for several different gastrointestinal illnesses, by far the most prominent and serious being Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis (UC). Of the 1.2 million Americans currently estimated to have Inflammatory Bowel Disease, about half will have developed the condition between childhood and their 20's. But IBD can strike at any age; it targets both sexes equally; and, presently, there is no cure - although in life-threatening cases, removing the colon will effectively "end" Ulcerative Colitis. In this program we'll meet patients who have had IBD for some time, and young people who are just learning to deal with the limitations. We'll visit a camp in California that plays host to kids with Crohn's and Colitis for two weeks every summer. And we'll hear from leading medical experts at the Mayo Clinic and Cedars Sinai Hospital, on the latest efforts in the diagnosis and treatment of IBD.
- 2/27 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"New Study Stirs Debate over Mandatory Cervical Cancer Vaccination" — Ever since a federal advisory panel recommended vaccinating young girls against a virus associated with cervical cancer, the debate has grown in a number of states about whether the vaccine should be mandatory. HPV, human papilloma virus, is actually a family of viruses, more than 100 of them, which cause some very common things, like warts on your hands. But there's a group of about 30 of these HPV viruses that are sexually transmitted, and those can include some that lead to such conditions as genital warts. There are about 20 viruses that are considered high risk and then an additional dozen or so that actually are linked to cervical cancer. A recent study has found that these sexually transmitted infections affect about one in every four women, or about 25 million women overall, and that the rate of high-risk types of infections is as high as one in seven. And for the two particular types of HPV viruses that have been linked to cervical cancer, the rate is about one in 50. Correspondents Judy Woodruff and Susan Dentzer discuss the study and the brewing debates.
- 3/4 13:00 26:46 **Religion & Ethics Newsweekly** N
"Impossible Choices" — When a sonogram reveals that an unborn baby will have serious defects, the parents are left with an impossible choice — whether or not to terminate the pregnancy. Two women, Leslie and Mary Jo — both happily married, church-going Presbyterians — were confronted with this agonizing dilemma after a routine sonogram revealed that the fetuses they carried were seriously defective. Faced with the option of whether to give birth or terminate the pregnancy, each took a different path. Betty Rollin talks with both women about the choice they made and its impact on their lives.

- 3/14 21:00 1:26:46 **South Beach Heart Program** O Arthur Agatston, MD
 In The South Beach Heart Program, Arthur Agatston, MD, a pioneer in clinical and preventive cardiology, describes how a heart attack happens, how heart attacks can be prevented, why the majority of invasive heart procedures are unnecessary, and why they increasingly continue to be performed. Widely known in the field of cardiology as the creator of the Agatston Score, which measures coronary calcium, Agatston describes in detail why the healthcare system in the United States does not support prevention and why a revolution in cardiac care, led by the American public, is necessary if we are to truly combat the nation's number 1 killer.
- 3/25 13:30 26:46 **The McLaughlin Group** N Patrick Buchanan
"Universal Health Care" - Universal health care -- a catch phrase in politics since Hillary Care '93. That's the number one domestic issue as Americans head into presidential primaries and caucuses 10 short months from now. How do the Democratic and Republican candidates show on this vital but thorny issue? So thorny, in fact, that even Republican presidential wannabe Mitt Romney no longer associates himself with his own mandatory and universal health care policy that he introduced when governor of Massachusetts. But it is the Democratic majorities who stand to lose most if they sideline their Democratic mainstay issue, health care, which is now eclipsed by the Iraq war debacle. The public is loud and clear on the issue. Seventy-one percent say health care in America is either in a state of crisis or has major problems. Only 28 percent say minor problems or no problems. State governors know how sensitive this issue is. Massachusetts leads the pack of 26 state plans, with health care and prescription drug coverage provisions. And Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed a bold plan to cover California's 6.5 million currently uninsured residents. Will health care be the most important issue in the 2008 election? John McLaughlin discusses the issue with his panel of experts.

Government

- 1/30 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"Congress Continues Debate on Iraq Strategy" – Debate over the Bush administration's Iraq policy spread across the Capitol today, as members of Congress, top military officials, and policy experts explored alternative approaches. At one Senate hearing, Republican Arlen Specter challenged the president to reconsider his plan to send 21,500 more troops to Iraq. At another hearing, the president's choice to head U.S. forces in the Middle East asserted the administration's proposed military build-up was just part of the solution. And at a third hearing, the chairman of the Iraq Study Group urged the president to include diplomatic talks with Iran and Syria along with his military plan. Correspondent Kwame Holman reports on the debates.
- 2/18 13:30 26:46 **McLaughlin Group** N Patrick Buchanan
"Romney Unleashed" – Willard "Mitt" Romney, Republican; born, Detroit, 59 years of age; wife, Ann; five sons, 10 grandchildren; BA, Brigham Young University, class valedictorian; Harvard University, doctor of laws and master of business administration; Bain & Company, vice president and CEO, Boston, seven years total; Bain Capital, founder, Boston. The \$40 billion investment firm launched such Wall Street titans as Domino's Pizza, Staples and Brookstone. Massachusetts Republican candidate for the Senate, 1994, lost to Ted Kennedy in the general election; Salt Lake City Winter Olympics Organizing Committee CEO, turning a \$379 million operating deficit into a \$100 million profit; Massachusetts governor, 2003 to 2007; estimated net worth, \$500 million; mandatory health care for all, Massachusetts legislation, seen as the prototype for other states, namely California with the Schwarzenegger plan; religion, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, aka Mormon. Is America ready for a Mormon president? John McLaughlin discusses the issue with his panel of experts.

- 3/11 13:00 26:46 **Religion & Ethics Newsweekly** N
"Obama Church Controversy" – More signs this week of the significance of religion in the 2008 presidential race. Democratic candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton both appeared last weekend (March 4) in Selma, Alabama where they helped mark a key moment in the fight for civil rights. The two joined former president Bill Clinton and many civil rights leaders in reenacting the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Forty-two years ago, the civil rights marchers there were brutally beaten by police. Before the march, Hillary Clinton spoke at Selma's First Baptist Church. At the same time, Obama spoke at Brown Chapel AME Church, just a few blocks away. Obama is an active member of the United Christ of Christ and has spoken openly about his faith. He says he has been deeply influenced by his church, Trinity United Church of Christ on Chicago's South Side, and its senior pastor Jeremiah Wright. In the past few weeks, conservative bloggers and pundits have begun raising concerns about Wright's Africentric theology and his liberal -- some say radical -- politics. Wright has been an outspoken opponent of the war in Iraq and a strong supporter of the Palestinians. Correspondent Bob Abernethy reports.
- 3/27 13:30 26:46 **The McLaughlin Group** N Patrick Buchanan
 Eleanor Clift
 Tony Blankley
 Chrystia Freeland
"Cold War, Volume II?" – Vladimir Putin unleashed a torrent of venom against the United States this week. He accused the U.S. of using military force irresponsibly. At the Munich conference, Putin declared that U.S. foreign policy today is driven by self-serving politics. "And, of course, this is extremely dangerous. It results in the fact that no one feels safe. I want to emphasize this: No one feels safe, because no one can feel that international law is like a stone wall that will protect them. Of course such a policy stimulates an arms race. The forces dominant inevitably encourage a number of countries to acquire weapons of mass destruction." Then Putin threw the U.S. condemnation net even wider. "One state, the United States, has overstepped its national borders in every way -- in economics, in politics, in humanitarian, all imposed by one state. Who would like that?" And on Thursday, Putin threatened to pull out of a key nuclear arms treaty unless the U.S. backed away from plans to install a missile defense shield in Eastern Europe. John McLaughlin discusses Putin's statements and the impact on global politics with his panel of experts.
- Environment**
- 1/3 20:00 56:46 **Nova** D
"Wave that Shook the World" - On December 26, 2004, a series of tidal waves killed hundreds of thousands and devastated communities around the Indian Ocean. With around 100 tsunamis striking the world's coastlines each decade, NOVA investigates what made the recent event so powerful and catastrophic. In a special report shot within days of this shocking disaster, NOVA's "Wave that Shook the World" presents a clear explanation and analysis of the tragedy, revealing exactly how these deadly waves were triggered by one of the most powerful earthquakes recorded this century. Can an effective early warning system help avert another such catastrophe? Ever since a tsunami killed 159 on Hawaii's Big Island in 1946, awareness of the threat in the Pacific has steadily grown, leading to an early warning system there that has saved untold numbers. NOVA takes viewers back to the morning of December 26, 2004, when scientists at the Pacific Center registered the massive quake and tsunami risk in the Indian Ocean but were mostly powerless to alert those in peril. NOVA looks at the status of efforts to implement a similar system in the Indian Ocean, with a special update to be produced just before the program airs. "Wave that Shook the World" presents a chilling minute-by-minute picture of what happened that fateful morning. With the help of clear explanations and animation, together with the human stories of individuals caught up in the catastrophe, NOVA's program is both illuminating and heartbreakin.

- 1/22 19:00 56:46 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
"Businesses Press President Bush, Congress on Climate Change" – The chief executives of 10 major organizations joined environmental watchdog groups Monday to urge President Bush and Congress to enact mandatory caps on carbon dioxide emissions, which most scientists believe contribute to global warming. "Climate stabilization requires immediate action and sustained effort over several decades," the group, which identifies itself as the United States Climate Action Partnership, wrote in a report released Monday. Signatories include Alcoa Inc., BP America Inc., General Electric, PG&E Corp. and DuPont Co. The report called for, among others, recognizing the global dimensions of climate change, utilizing technology, creating economic opportunity and acting in a timely fashion.
- 3/20 21:00 56:46 **When Nature Strikes Back** D
"Monsoon: The Wind with Three Faces" – It is the end of May on the Andaman Islands in the south of the Indian Ocean. Something is brewing on the horizon, an occurrence which happens with such regularity that the Arabs have named it "monsoon" - the season. As one of the most powerful natural phenomena, the monsoon influences massive areas of the Tropics and Sub-Tropics, determining the world's climate. More than 60 percent of the world's population lives in areas influenced by monsoons, and their existence depends on the effects of this powerful climate-maker. In Bangladesh and India, people patiently build endless dams. Ships transport rocks to the northern gulf from Bengal. Countless numbers of helpers build the protective walls manually. This episode introduces people who have been affected by monsoon storms in the United States and Mexico. It also visits several large weather stations in the United States and investigates problems encountered in researching monsoons. In addition, archival footage helps document the unbelievable power of these potentially deadly combinations of wind and rain.
- 3/25 13:30 26:46 **The McLaughlin Group** N Patrick Buchanan
"Gore's Global Warning" – Al Gore is not new to climate change. Some 30 years ago, Democratic Representative Gore from Tennessee organized the first House hearings on global warming. On Wednesday, Gore returned to the Hill, taking his message to both the Senate and the House on the same day. Gore urged his former colleagues to rise above their Democratic and Republican differences and to confront what he calls -- "The most dangerous crisis we've ever faced." Mr. Gore stressed that the U.S. is far behind other democracies in the debate on global warming. Gore pointed to the U.K. and how the Conservative and Labour Parties are revising their public policy on climate change. Is Gore right? Is there a scientific consensus and that the only people, like Buchanan, who can question it are the same people who think evolution is only a theory? John McLaughlin asks his panel of experts.
- Crime**
- 1/22 13:00 26:46 **Religion & Ethics Newsweekly** N
"Mentoring Inmates" — A record-breaking 700,000 Americans are expected to be released from prison this year. However, within three years of their release, two-thirds of former felons are expected to commit another serious crime that critics attribute to too-little rehabilitation and not enough adequate preparation for their re-entry into society. "Horizon Communities in Prison" is a faith and character-based program that tries to make men better inmates behind bars — and better citizens when they get out. Since 1999, the rehabilitation program has been used to build inmates' self esteem and encourage them to see their lives in a positive manner. Lucky Severson goes behind the scenes at Tomoka Correctional Institution, a state maximum security prison for men near Daytona Beach, Florida, for a look at how the Horizon program is teaching inmates the skills they need to help prepare them for life outside prison walls.

- 1/28 13:00 26:46 **Religion & Ethics Newsweekly** N Rep. Jerry Keen (R)
 "Georgia Sex Offender Law" — In 2005, the Georgia General Assembly re-wrote its sex offender law after a nine-year old girl in Florida was abducted, repeatedly raped and then murdered by a neighbor who was a registered sex offender. The revised legislation prohibited registered sex offenders to live or work within a thousand feet of a playground, a church, a school or even a school bus stop. However, by placing such strict restrictions on all former offenders — including many who are not considered dangerous — does the updated law actually make the community safer or is it creating a new class of additional victims? Tim O'Brien talks with both critics and proponents about this controversial law and looks at the court case underway challenging its constitutionality.
- 3/4 15:30 26:46 **Primary Focus T.V.** D
 "Abduction of the Mind" – A look at how a Michigan family of six survived when their 14 year old daughter was taken from their home. Only to find out that the perpetrator was the nice, church going neighbor. Little did they know until their daughter disappeared that he was a convicted rapist and murderer.
- 1/5 13:30 26:46 **The McLaughlin Group** N Mort Zuckerman
 "Gallows Mob" – "Muhammad." That was Saddam Hussein's last word before the trap door underneath him dropped. Hussein was hanged in Baghdad last week. The execution was sudden, rushed, and a public-relations catastrophe, not only for Iraq, since it occurred at the time of a major Muslim feast, but also for the United States. The gallows on which Saddam was hanged is U.S. property. It sits on a U.S. military base, Camp Justice. Saddam was transported to the gallows from another U.S. military base in Baghdad, Camp Cropper, where he had been incarcerated by Americans for three years. And the personnel who moved Saddam from prison to gallows are U.S. troops. But the U.S. is trying to downplay its role. Has the hanging damaged the image of the Maliki government, especially around the world?
- 3/15 19:00 56:46 **The Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N
 "Final Arguments Heard in Libby Perjury Trial" – The jury in the federal perjury trial of Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President's Cheney's former chief of staff, spent the entire day hearing final arguments. The charges against Libby stem from the investigation into who blew the cover of CIA agent Valerie Plame, the wife of Ambassador Joseph Wilson. Wilson openly refuted the Bush administration's intelligence in the run-up to the war in Iraq. The investigation didn't result in criminal charges connected to the leak itself. Instead, the special prosecutor in the case, Patrick Fitzgerald, charged Libby with lying to the grand jury and obstructing the investigation of the Plame leak. Libby originally told the grand jury it was NBC's Tim Russert who first revealed Plame's identity to him during a conversation on July 10, 2003, but later said a search of his notes reminded him it was Vice President Cheney who had been the first, one month earlier. But taking the stand at Libby's trial two weeks ago, Russert, who arrived on crutches, maintained he and Libby never discussed Plame during their 2003 conversation. Former Press Secretary Ari Fleischer was one of several White House officials who testified they did discuss Plame with Libby, which Libby says he simply doesn't recall. Jurors will begin deliberating at this Washington, D.C., federal courthouse tomorrow. Correspondent Ray Suarez reports.

Religion

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| 2/4 | 13:00 26:46 | Religion & Ethics Newsweekly | N | Rabbi Elliot Dorff
Rabbi Joel Roth |
| | "Conservative Jews and Gays Controversy" | — The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Conservative Jewish movement recently voted to allow gay men and women into Jewish seminaries and to permit conservative rabbis to perform same-sex commitment ceremonies. But since the vote took place, only the University of Judaism's Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles has decided to admit gay students. The Reform branch of Judaism, which is generally liberal, already allows gays to become rabbis. However, the Orthodox movement still bars both gays and women from ordination. Betty Rollin examines reaction to this decision and its impact on the conservative branch. | | |
| 2/20 | 19:00 56:46 | Newshour with Jim Lehrer | N | |
| | "Anglican Leaders Demand U.S. Church End Gay Unions" | - The dispute within the world's third-largest Christian denomination over same-sex unions and gay clergy escalated sharply yesterday. Meeting in Tanzania, leaders of the Anglican Communion called on the U.S. Episcopal Church to state explicitly by September 30th that it will bar the blessing of same-sex unions and stop consecrating openly gay bishops. Otherwise, it risks further isolation from the 77-million-member Anglican Communion. The Episcopal Church, with just 2.4 million members, is the small but affluent American branch of Anglicanism. In an eight-page communique, the Anglican bishop said, "The Episcopal Church has departed from the standard of teaching on human sexuality by consenting to the Episcopal election of a candidate living in a committed same-sex relationship and by permitting rights of blessing for same-sex unions." The Episcopal Church does not officially endorse the blessing of homosexual unions, but some 10 percent of its 110 dioceses do perform same-sex blessings. The archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, said Episcopal priests should not be blessing rites that violate Anglican teaching. Correspondent Margaret Warner reports on the issue. | | |
| 3/3 | 14:00 26:46 | McLaughlin One on One | N | Bruce Chilton |
| | "Jesus' Favorite Disciple" | — She has been mythologized in Christian lore as a penitent prostitute. But there is not one iota of evidence to support that depiction. Moreover, historically, Mary Magdalene was not Christ's lover, as the "Da Vinci Code" says she was. In fact, her role as one of Jesus' key disciples was virtually expunged from early Christian history. Indeed, without her, the core tenet of modern Christianity - namely, belief in the resurrection - would be vastly different. That's the proposition of a new Mary Magdalene biography . John McLaughlin discusses the claims made in the book "Mary Magdalene: A Biography" with its author, Bruce Chilton. | | |
| 3/12 | 13:30 26:46 | The McLaughlin Group | N | Patrick Buchanan
Eleanor Clift
Tony Blankley
Demetri Sevastopulo |
| | "Atheists of America, Unite" | — Secularist organizations had high praise this week for California Congressman Peter Stark. The cause of celebration: Stark announced that he is, "a Unitarian who does not believe in a supreme being." The advocacy group Americans United for the Separation of Church and State called the phenomenon a milestone in American politics, adding that, "Stark is the highest-ranking public official to come out of the closet as a non-believer." But what do Americans think about a non-theist in public office? A 2006 Gallup poll found that 84 percent of Americans feel the country is not ready for an atheist in the White House. We have openly gay members of Congress. We have a Muslim who is now a member of Congress. Why can't we have more atheists in Congress? John McLaughlin discusses the issue with his panel of experts. | | |

- 3/21 20:00 56:46 **Nova** D Richard Freund
 "Ancient Refuge in the Holy Land" – In a gloomy cave perched high in a canyon near the Dead Sea, archaeologists made a startling discovery in 1960: a bag containing letters written on papyrus nearly 2,000 years ago. The letters were written by one of the great figures of Jewish history, the rebel Bar-Kokhba, who led a heroic guerilla uprising against the Romans. Biblical scholar Richard Freund returns to the cave with the latest archaeological techniques, hoping to find more traces of Bar-Kokhba's epic struggle. Instead, Freund comes up with tantalizing new finds that lead him to a radical and controversial theory. Could the treasure concealed in the cave be a long-lost relic of the great temple in Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans? NOVA joins Freund in a fascinating detective hunt that plunges him into the heated scholarly debates of Biblical archaeology.

Transportation

- 3/26 19:00 56:46 **The Newshour with Jim Lehrer** N Robert Dinneen
"President Urges Automakers to Ramp Up Production of Ethanol-fueled Cars" - President Bush pressed major U.S. automakers Monday to increase production of vehicles capable of running on ethanol and other biofuel blends as part of his proposal to reduce gas use. Robert Dinneen of the Renewable Fuels Association and Energy Tribune's Robert Bryce discuss the search for renewable energy.
- 3/4 13:30 26:46 **The McLaughlin Group** N Patrick Buchanan
"Hold the Phone" – Cell phone chatter is a growing public nuisance, and it's everywhere -- elevators, lecture halls, buses, restrooms. Even concert halls are not safe from ringers and full-fledged conversations. Eighty percent of American adults -- that's 190 million -- say that they are irritated by cell phones. Yet less than 10 percent of cell phoners are aware that they are being a nuisance. Airplanes had been our final sanctuary, free from this noise pollution, this scourge. Two months ago, an extensive report showed that phones can be used safely on board. But before you flip your phone, why not ask your neighbor? Over four out of five travelers do not want cell phones in airplanes. Should the use of cell phones on airplanes be limited to text messaging? John McLaughlin discusses the issue with his panel of experts.

Education

- 1/14 13:00 26:46 **Religion & Ethics Newsweekly** N Bruce Shortt
"Home Schooling Movement" — The number of children who are being home-schooled in the U.S. has grown dramatically over the past 10 years. Today, more than two million are being taught at home. A majority of parents opting for home schooling believe that the current public education system is fatally flawed and that a new system of Christian public education is needed — without government involvement. But critics claim that home schooling may well prevent students from becoming well-rounded citizens by not allowing for proper socialization and exposure to the world of democracy that is offered in a public school setting. Lucky Severson explores the debate over organized efforts by a growing number of religious families to advocate for home schooling over public education.