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## KMUW - Wichita Public Radio Programming Changes

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KMUW will change its afternoon programming schedule on July 1. NPR has made the decision to discontinue the popular call-in show, *Talk of the Nation*. They are moving away from the talk show format and toward magazine style shows, such as *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*.

"The show has done well on KMUW and was part of a very strong program schedule," said Lu Anne Stephens, programming director, "When we heard about this decision, we were naturally upset. So the next step was to find shows to fill that spot, and after extensive research we believe we have found programs that will serve our listeners even better."

The new afternoon schedule is:

*Here & Now* is already a popular show on KMUW and it has continued to increase audience size since it replaced *Day to Day* about four years ago. NPR is taking over the production of this show and expanding it to two hours. *Here & Now* should only continue to grow with the addition of *Marketplace Morning Report's* Jeremy Hobson as co-host and NPR's many producers and reporters. It will air from noon to 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00, will be *PRI's The World*. *The World* - collaboration between BBC and Public Radio International - provides a global perspective of international and American issues with award-winning journalism.

*Science Friday* will remain where it is on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00.

"We are looking forward to these new programs and think they'll provide the well-balanced and well-crafted information that members expect from KMUW - and public radio in general," said Mark McCain, general manager.

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