

Software Developer and Analyst Ellen Behrens to be Featured on CUTV News Radio

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, July 7, 2017 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The computer that first sent man to the moon had less power than the cellphone in your pocket. Today's guest has seen the evolution of computers first hand.

"Watching this change over time, the speed with which it's changed, and how fast things become obsolete has been really interesting," says Ellen Behrens. "That's why I've enjoyed it so much; there's always something new to learn. It's been fascinating. It's why I've stayed in the industry."

Behrens is a software developer and analyst for Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, where she helps her colleagues effectively use business management and database software to improve efficiency.



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Perhaps most interestingly, Behrens does not hold a degree in computer science. Originally a music major at Stanford University, Behrens got her first job with a Silicon Valley startup company in 1981.

"When I went to school, if you wanted to work with computers, you were either an electrical engineer or a math major. There was no such thing as a personal computer. There were only big mainframes," recalls Behrens. "The company I got a job

with was working on a multi-user computer with a 5MB hard drive. Today, even the most basic cellphone has an 8GB, you can really see the evolution."

To Behrens the question is always: what is the purpose and can I accomplish what I need with less effort, whether it's using existing software or developing software?

"In order to work with music, you have to understand the language of music, and there is a similarity

between music and writing a good program," says Behrens.

Behrens said she's fascinated by improving processes and efficiency, especially toward purposes she finds worthwhile. The agency she works with currently does a great deal of work with child welfare and protective services.

"It's not about making money for investors. That doesn't motivate me," says Behrens. "To know I'm working to better the lives of other people is more important to me than striking it rich."

CUTV News Radio will feature Ellen Behrens in a two-part interview with Jim Masters on July 11th at 3pm EDT and with Doug Llewelyn on July 18th at 3pm EDT.

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If you have a question for our guest, call (347) 996-3389.

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