Community needs and issues

Based upon WLNS-TV's involvement in its community and input from community leaders and various organizations, WLNS-TV ("WLNS") has determined that the following issues are the concerns of the community:

Health and Health Care - Medical issues affecting all members of our community are a main focus of WLNS. These issues are addressed, in part, in our nightly "Healthcast" segment in our 11 p.m. news, Monday thru Friday.

Economy - As the home of General Motors, Michigan State University, and many other large corporations and smaller businesses upon which area residents are dependent for jobs, the mid-Michigan economy is always of interest to viewers of WLNS.

Crime - Like many other large communities, crime is always a concern to the community. WLNS' "Crimestoppers" segment airs several times per week, and is responsible for the arrest of many fugitives.

Education - Michigan State University leads the way, along with hundreds of area schools, in making mid-Michigan an educationally based community, and WLNS offers a variety of coverage of educational issues, not to mention comprehensive coverage of school closings during the winter months.

Race relations - With a very diverse population, coverage of issues pertaining to relations between all races in our community is given prime focus on WLNS.

Environment - Being home to many manufacturing companies, the treatment of the environment is focused upon when news warrants.

Terrorism/National Security – The events up to, surrounding and subsequent to 9/11 continue to have an impact on the entire nation and are of prime concern to WLNS viewers.

Second Quarter 2007
ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST FOR WLNS

The following list contains some of the most significant programming treatment of issues of community concern addressed by WLNS during the quarter. The list is not intended to be exhaustive.

Date	Program	Time/ Duration	Issue	Description
2-Apr	6 p.m. news	6:02 p.m./ :31	Education	AND MSU HAS ALSO CHOSEN IT'S SPRING COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS. THE SCHOOL SAYS...JAMIE (HIGH-ME) ESCALANTE AND DR. JULIE GERBERDING WERE CHOSEN FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC. ESCALANTE IS A LOS ANGELES MATH TEACHER WHOSE LIFE INSPIRED THE POPULAR 1988 MOVIE *STAND AND DELIVER.* AND... GERBERDING PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN LEADING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTIONS RESPONSE TO ANTHRAX BIOTERROR EVENTS IN 2001.
2-Apr	Noon news	12:11 p.m./ :40	Health and Health Care/ Economy	LANSING MAYOR VIRG BENERO SAYS HE'S TRYING TO FIX THE CITY'S BUDGET PROBLEMS-- BUT SOME OF HIS EFFORTS ARE BEING STOPPED-- BY THE PEOPLE WHO DECIDE HIS OWN PAY. BERNERO SAYS THE CITY'S ELECTED OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION REJECTED HIS PROPOSAL TO REFORM HEALTH CARE. IN HIS PLAN--THE MAYOR--- ALONG WITH THE CITY CLERK AND CITY COUNCIL--WOULD HAVE TO PAY FIVE PERCENT OF HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS. AND A NEW PRESCRIPTION DRUG CO-PAYMENT PLAN WOULD ENCOURAGE THE USE OF GENERIC DRUGS.
3-Apr	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ :52	Economy/ Environment	THE SUPREME COURT RULED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THE EMISSIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE AND GREENHOUSE GASES FROM CARS. AND TONIGHT-- AUTOMAKERS ARE CALLING FOR AN ECONOMY-WIDE APPROACH TO GLOBAL WARMING. AN INDUSTRY TRADE GROUP REPRESENTING GENERAL MOTORS, FORD, DAIMLERCHRYSLER, TOYOTA AND OTHERS SAY THEY WOULD WORK WITH LAWMAKERS TO HELP DEVELOP A NATIONAL APPROACH. THE GOVERNMENT ARGUED LAST YEAR THE NEW REGULATIONS COULD HURT THE ECONOMY BECAUSE 85 PERCENT OF THE U-S ECONOMY IS TIED TO SOURCES OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

4-Apr	6-7 a.m. news	6:19 a.m./ :29	Economy/ Crime	MICHIGAN'S BUDGET PROBLEMS MAY FORCE SOME POLICE OFFICERS TO HEAD OUT WEST TO FIND JOBS. THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HELD A JOB FAIR IN MID-MICHIGAN ON TUESDAY TO FILL ABOUT 200-POSITIONS. ARIZONA OFFICIALS SAY THEY HEARD ABOUT RECENT LAY-OFFS TO POLICE HERE AND KNEW THEY'D FIND QUALIFIED PEOPLE LOOKING FOR WORK. NEARLY 70-PEOPLE CAME OUT... INCLUDING SOME MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS. SOME HAD BEEN RECENTLY LAID OFF... OTHERS CAME BECAUSE THEY'RE FRUSTRATED BY MICHIGAN'S STRUGGLING ECONOMY.
4-Apr	Noon news	12:02 p.m./ :30	Terrorism/ Nat'l security	AN AUSTRALIAN MAN CONVICTED ON TERRORISM CHARGES-- MAY BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK TO THE MEDIA. DAVID HICKS HAS BEEN HELD AT GUANTANAMO BAY FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. HE RECENTLY PLEADED GUILTY TO SUPPORTING TERRORISM. HE'S EXPECTED TO BE SENT BACK HOME TO AUSTRALIA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO SERVE A 9-MONTH PRISON SENTENCE. ONCE HE ARRIVES-- AUSTRALIA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS HICKS MAY BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK TO THE MEDIA.
4-Apr	5 p.m. news	5:16 p.m./ :31	Environmen t	THE HOT TOPIC OF GLOBAL WARMING TOOK CENTER STAGE AT THE SUPREME COURT TODAY. THE HIGH COURT HANDED DOWN A RULING--ORDERING THE ENVIRONTENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY--TO RE-THINK IT'S REFUSAL TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT OF GREENHOUSE GASES EMITTED INTO THE AIR -- BY AUTOMOBILES. IT'S A DECISION-- THAT PUTS NEW PRESSURE ON THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION--IT HAS CONSISTENTLY RESISTED MANDATORY LIMITS-- OR 'CAPS'-- ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.
5-Apr	6-7 a.m. news	6:17 a.m./ :39	Crime	CITY OFFICIALS ARE RESPONDING TO THE MURDER OF A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY IN LANSING. EARLIER THIS WEEK THE TEEN WAS SHOT BY HIS FOSTER BROTHER WITH A GUN THAT WAS FOUND IN THEIR APARTMENT. LAST NIGHT RESIDENTS MET WITH MAYOR VIRG BERNERO AND LANSING POLICE CAPTAIN RAY HALL TO TALK ABOUT THE SHOOTING. COMMUNITY MEMBERS TOLD THE OFFICIALS THEY WANT THE CITY TO DO MORE TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. MAYOR BERNERO SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS THEIR CONCERNS.
5-Apr	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :32	Health and Health Care	THE LARGEST PRIVATE GRANT EVER FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH IS ABOUT TO BE GIVEN AWAY. THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION IS PLEDGING 500-MILLION DOLLARS.. TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD OBESITY. RIGHT NOW, THE EPIDEMIC COSTS THE NATION'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM 14-BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. THE NEW JERSEY-BASED FOUNDATION PLANS TO BACK PROGRAMS THAT EMPHASIZE EXERCISE AND BETTER ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD.
9-Apr	Noon news	12:13 p.m./ :29	Environmen t	TOXIC CHEMICALS ARE ON THE RISE...IN YOUR ENVIRONMENT. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL RECORDS WHICH SHOW INDUSTRIES RELEASED MORE THAN **100-MILLION POUNDS** OF TOXIC CHEMICALS INTO MICHIGAN'S AIR, LAND AND WATER IN 2-THOUSAND-5. THAT'S A FOUR PERCENT INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE TOP TEN CULPRITS FOR EMISSIONS IN MICHIGAN INCLUDED: SIX POWER PLANTS, TWO STEEL COMPANIES, ONE CONCRETE MANUFACTURER, AND A WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATION.

9-Apr	6 p.m. news	6:13 p.m./ :27	Crime	YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT TO GET ATTACKED WHILE WALKING DOWN THE STREET. BUT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO SOME LOCAL PEOPLE... WHEN THEY WERE SPRAYED WITH MACE RECENTLY.JULIAN GRACE SHOWS US WHAT'S BEING DONE TO CATCH THE PEOPLE WHO COMMITTED THESE CRIMES.
9-Apr	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :21	Environment	GLOBAL WARMING HAS SCIENTISTS ON HIGH ALERT. NOW MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IS DOING ITS PART TO CUT BACK ON ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. TANIEYA LEWIS SHOWS US WHAT THE SCHOOL IS DOING TO HELP.
12-Apr	11 p.m. news	11:21 p.m./ :23	Education	FINALLY TONIGHT-- 750 THIRD GRADERS FLOODED THE INGHAM COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS -AS PART OF PROJECT RED. ITS THE RURAL EDUCATION DAY---CHILDREN FROM INGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPENT THE DAY LEARNING WHERE CLOTHES AND FOOD COME STUDENTS HAD CHANCE TO VISIT 45 DIFFERENT LEARNING STATIONS WITH HANDS ON ACTIVITIES---GETTING THE STUDENTS ACQUAINTED WITH FARMERS, LIVESTOCK, CROPS AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT---
13-Apr	Noon news	12:03 p.m./ :27	Economy	DESPITE THE LAY-OFFS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS IN RECENT MONTHS-- GENERAL MOTORS HAS 400 VACANCIES TO FILL. G-M IS SEEKING TO FILL 400 NEW ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS. THE AUTOMAKER WANTS TO RAMP UP ITS EXPERTISE IN EMERGING TECHNOLOGY-- AMID MOUNTING PRESSURE TO BOOST FUEL ECONOMY. A SPOKESWOMAN SAYS G-M EXPECTS A NUMBER OF QUALIFIED JOB CANDIDATES TO TAKE PART IN A CAREER FAIR IN DETROIT IN MAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE JOB OPENINGS LOG ON W-L-N-S-DOT-COM.
13-Apr	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :42	Race relations	THE RUTGER'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH---NOW ACCEPTS AN APOLOGY FROM CONTROVERSIAL RADIO HOST DON IMUS. THAT WORD CAME TODAY-- AFTER LAST NIGHT'S MEETING BETWEEN THE TEAM *AND* IMUS. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE TWO SIDES HAVE MET FACE-TO-FACE--FOLLOWING THE RECENT RACIST REMARKS MADE BY IMUS. STATEMENTS THAT MAY HAVE COST HIM HIS RADIO SHOW CAREER-- FROM BOTH MS-NBC AND C-B-S--
13-Apr	5 p.m. news	5:20 p.m./ 1:20	Race Relations/ Education/ Crime	HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THROUGHOUT LANSING-- ARE PAYING SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TODAY. THIS YEAR MARKS THE 25-TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VINCENT CHIN MURDER CASE-- AN ASIAN-AMERICAN ACTIVIST, WHO WAS KILLED IN A HATE CRIME BACK IN 19-82. TODAY'S EVENT AT LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE---LOOKED AT THE STRIDES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THEN-- TO MAKE COMMUNITY *UNITY* A PRIORITY--AND TO CELEBRATE CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS.
18-Apr	6 p.m. news	6:05 p.m./ :33	Crime	MEANWHILE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN ARMED ROBBERY AT A LOCAL TACO BELL RESTAURANT. IT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT-- JUST BEFORE 11 P-M AT A TACO BELL ON GRAND RIVER AVENUE IN MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP. POLICE SAY TWO SUSPECTS ENTERED THE RESTAURANT-- SHOWED A GUN-- AND DEMANDED MONEY. ITS UNKNOWN HOW MUCH MONEY THE SUSPECTS GOT AWAY WITH. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON THIS CRIME SHOULD CALL MERIDIAN POLICE

19-Apr	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ 1:05	Race relations	THIS IS THE SCENE AT CONRAD HALL TONIGHT A FEW MINUTES AFTER CHRIS SIMCOX TOOK THE STAGE TO TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. DOZENS OF PROTESTERS WERE IN THE AUDIENCE...CALLING THE MINUTEMEN A RACIST GROUP, AND SIMCOX'S SPEECH, A HATE SPEECH. BUT THE UNIVERSITY SAYS IT'S ALL PART OF FREE SPEECH. AND THE GROUP HAS A RIGHT TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS. ON A TOPIC THAT SHOULD BE DEBATED.
21-Apr	11 p.m. news	11:13 p.m./ :32	Education	DECLINING ENROLLMENT HAS ONE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT...BRACING FOR A DEEP ROUND OF CUTS. THE LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPECTS TO LOSE MORE THAN 4-HUNDRED STUDENTS NEXT YEAR. OFFICIALS SAY ...THAT LOSS...IN ADDITION TO STATE BUDGET CUTS...WILL FORCE THEM TO MAKE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS. ONE BOARD MEMBER SAYS UP TO SEVENTY JOBS MAY BE ELIMINATED...AND MORE THAN A DOZEN SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS LAID OFF.
24-Apr	Noon news	12:06 p.m./ :46	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	POLICE ARREST SIX PEOPLE IN GREAT BRITAIN UNDER THE SUSPICION OF TERRORISM. THE SUSPECTS ARE ACCUSED OF ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO COMMIT ACTS OF TERRORISM OVERSEAS -- AND ALSO FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR TERRORISM. POLICE SAY THE ARRESTS ARE PART OF A LONG-TERM "PRO-ACTIVE AND COMPLEX INVESTIGATION."
25-Apr	6-7 a.m. news	6:10 a.m./ :51	Crime	A SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A YOUNG BOY LANDS A HASLETT MAN IN THE INGHAM COUNTY JAIL CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT. DARREN SPANGLER IS ACCUSED OF COMMITTING THE CRIME-- WHILE BABYSITTING THE YOUNG CHILD. HE WAS CHARGED ON TUESDAY WITH 2 COUNTS OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT--AND ONE COUNT OF GROSS INDECENCY BETWEEN MALES. PROSECUTORS SAY...CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT CASES AGAINST CHILDREN REQUIRE EXTRA ATTENTION.
25-Apr	6 p.m. news	6:02 p.m./ :45	Economy/ Education	A GROUP OF MSU ECONOMICS STUDENTS SPOKE AT THE STATE CAPITAL TODAY---- WITH *THEIR* IDEAS TO SOLVE MICHIGANS BUDGET CRISIS-- STUDENTS IN A "GLOBAL ECONOMY RESEARCH SEMINAR" WERE CHALLENGED BY THEIR PROFESSOR TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO MICHIGAN'S FINANCIAL ISSUES. AMONG THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS--FOCUS ON ATTRACTING NEW, HIGH-TECH BUSINESSES TO THE AREA.
28-Apr	11 p.m. news	11:22 p.m./ :30	Race Relations	IN DETROIT...BLACK LEADERS GATHERED TODAY TO DISCUSS NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. MAYOR KWAME KILPATRICK TOLD THE PANEL...THAT MANY OF THE ANSWERS THE BLACK COMMUNITY IS SEEKING... HAVE TO COME FROM WITHIN. THE SECOND-TERM DEMOCRATIC MAYOR SAYS (-QUOTE-) "IF WE DON'T START WORKING ON OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITY, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHO IS PRESIDENT."

29-Apr	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :25	Health and Health Care/ Race Relations	FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON IS IN DETROIT TONIGHT...WHERE HE'S URGING PEOPLE TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF THEIR HEALTH AND FINANCES. CLINTON TOLD ABOUT 10-THOUSAND PEOPLE AT AN ANNUAL N-DOUBLE-A-C-P FUNDRAISER...THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE USING PAYDAY ADVANCE LOAN SERVICES. HE CALLS THOSE RISKY QUICK FIXES. CLINTON ALSO SAYS WE NEED BETTER ACCESS TO QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE. BUT IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD...IF WE DON'T TAKE BETTER CARE OF OURSELVES.
30-Apr	8:25 a.m. cut-in	8:25 a.m./ :36	Race relations/ Crime	A NEW FEDERAL STUDY FINDS THAT BLACK AND HISPANIC DRIVERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE SEARCHED OR ARRESTED DURING A TRAFFIC STOP. THE STUDY RELEASED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOUND BLACKS WERE SEARCHED NEARLY TEN PERCENT OF THE TIME. THAT COMPARES WITH HISPANICS WHO WERE SEARCHED ABOUT NINE PERCENT OF THE TIME -- AND WHITES--- LESS THAN FOUR PERCENT OF THE TIME. BLACKS WERE ALSO MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE ARRESTED DURING A TRAFFIC STOP.
2-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:03 a.m./ :24	Race relations	AND HUNDREDS SHOWED UP FOR A MARCH IN DETROIT. THIS WAS THE SCENE YESTERDAY AS PROTESTORS WORE RED AND WHITE AND SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE CURRENT U-S IMMIGRATION POLICY. IT HAPPENED IN SOUTHWEST DETROIT - WHERE THERE'S A LARGE HISPANIC POPULATION.
3-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:15 a.m./ :35	Education	A HOWELL SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE IS CATCHING SOME HEAT FROM PARENTS-- BECAUSE OF THE WAY HE'S EDUCATING HIS OWN CHILDREN. BILL HARVEY RECENTLY REVEALED HIS TWO CHILDREN ARE HOME SCHOOLED. BUT WITH THE HOWELL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY-- SOME PARENTS SAY THEY DON'T LIKE WHAT THEY'RE HEARING.
3-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:51 a.m./ :39	Environment	MONEY TO CLEAN-UP LOCAL TOXIC SITES...IS RUNNING OUT. THE STATE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON CLEANING UP SEVERAL OF THEM- INCLUDING ONE IN HOWELL. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SAYS WATER AND SOIL--- ALONG THE BANKS OF THE SHIAWASSEE RIVER TEST POSITIVE FOR LOW LEVEL TOXIC CHEMICALS. BUT THE 5 YEAR PLAN TO CLEAN UP THE SITE MAY BE PUT ON HOLD-- IF THE STATE CAN'T COME UP WITH MORE MONEY.
3-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:04 a.m./ :24	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Education	FOR PLANNING AN ACT OF TERRORISM AGAINST HIS MIDDLE SCHOOL. A TIP LEAD THE JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO A THREAT MADE BY A 13-YEAR STUDENT AT HANOVER-HORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL. WHAT THEY FOUND WAS SURPRISING. THE BOY HAD WEAPONS AND DETAILED PLANS TO ATTACK THE SCHOOL. SOMETHING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS IS DISTURBING.
3-May	6 p.m. news	6:17 p.m./ :44	Crime	CHARGES HAVE BEEN DROPPED AGAINST A MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING AND TERRORIZING A MASON FAMILY. IGNACIO BERMUDEZ WAS ONE OF FIVE MEN SUSPECTED OF BREAKING INTO THE FAMILIES HOME--ASSAULTING THEM AND ROBBING THEM AT GUN POINT BACK IN NOVEMBER. THIS WEEK THE INGHAM COUNTY PROSECUTOR DROPPED SEVEN FELONY COUNTS AGAINST BERMUDEZ.TWO OTHER MEN HAVE ALREADY PLEAD GUILTY TO THE CRIME. POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR ONE OTHER SUSPECT.

7-May	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :40	Crime	THREE TEENAGERS GO ON A CRIME SPREE--- LEAVING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN DESTRUCTION IN THEIR WAKE. IT HAPPENED IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP THIS WEEKEND. AS PREETHE ARLA REPORTS...IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR POLICE TO CATCH UP WITH THEM.
8-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:44 a.m./ :37	Race relations	A NEW GOVERNMENT STUDY SUGGESTS AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE PAYING HIGHER RATES FOR AUTO LOANS THAN WHITES AND HISPANICS. THE FEDERAL RESERVE SURVEY SHOWED A TYPICAL NEW CAR LOAN AT SEVEN PERCENT FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS-- WHILE WHITES PAID JUST FIVE PERCENT ON AVERAGE-- AND HISPANICS PAID FIVE-POINT-FIVE PERCENT. AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE ALSO MORE LIKELY TO HAVE INTEREST RATES OF AT LEAST 15 PERCENT FOR CAR LOANS. THE SURVEY USED DATA FROM 2004-- THAT'S THE MOST RECENT YEAR AVAILABLE.
8-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:34 a.m./ :34	Health and Health Care	IT'S TAKEN ALMOST SIX MONTHS-- BUT TODAY A LOCAL FREE HEALTH CLINIC WILL RE-OPEN IT'S DOORS. ARSONISTS DAMAGED THE CRISTO REY HEALTH CLINIC IN LANSING LAST DECEMBER.FORCING IT TO MOVE TO A TEMPORARY LOCATION TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS. THIS MORNING THE CLINIC IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN AT ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION. CRISTO REY'S DIRECTOR SAYS HIS STAFF IS LOOKING FORWARD TO USING ITS NEW RE-VAMPED FACILITIES.
9-May	5-6 a.m. news	5:11 a.m./ :41	Economy/ Education	BUDGET PROBLEMS MAY FORCE THE JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT TO LAY-OFF SOME OF ITS TEACHERS AFTER TAKING A HARD LOOK AT THE DISTRICTS NUMBERS--OFFICIALS NOW SAY THE DISTRICT COULD BE FACING A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET DEFICIT. SUPERINTENDENT DAN EVANS SAYS MORE FAMILIES THAN THEY ANTICIPATED ARE LEAVING THE DISTRICT BECAUSE OF JACKSON'S BAD ECONOMY. AND WITH EVERY STUDENT THAT LEAVES-- THE DISTRICT LOSES 7-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN STATE FUNDING.
10-May	5 p.m. news	5:17 p.m./ :40	Environment	SOME LOCAL STUDENTS GOT THEIR HANDS AND FEET WET TODAY.. WITH AN IMPORTANT LESSON ON PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT. HUNDREDS OF FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS SPENT THE DAY AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY-- LEARNING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER CONSERVATION. IT'S PART OF THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD'S ANNUAL "CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL". THROUGH THE PROGRAM-- KIDS GET THE CHANCE TO BUILD AQUI-FERS.. TEST WATER SAMPLES.. AND SEE THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION FIRST HAND.
16-May	11 p.m. news	11:29 p.m./ :37	Education	COLLEGE IS STILL YEARS AWAY FOR STUDENTS JUST ENTERING THE SIXTH GRADE--- BUT STUDENTS IN MASON ARE GETTING A JUMP START ON HIGHER EDUCATION. 25 STUDENTS RECEIVED A TWO-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP TO LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT WILL COVER BOOKS AND TUITION. RECIPIENTS ARE CHOSEN BASED ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, MOTIVATION, ECONOMIC NEED, AND BEHAVIOR. LOCAL BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND SERVICE GROUPS RAISE MONEY TO FUND THE SCHOLARSHIPS.

18-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:44 a.m./ 1:14	Economy	INVESTORS WILL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON THE OIL PITS TODAY -- CRUDE PRICES JUMPED MORE THAN 2 DOLLARS TO NEARLY 65 DOLLARS A BARREL THURSDAY... AFTER NEWS OF A GLITCH AT A LOUISIANA REFINERY AND THE SHUTDOWN OF A NORTHEAST GAS PIPELINE. -THAT KEPT PRESSURE ON STOCKS AND ENDED THE BLUE CHIPS RECORD RALLY... IN THE END THE DOW LOST NEARLY 11 POINTS... THE NASDAQ COMPOSITE LOST ABOUT 8. -THE GROWING NUMBER OF MORTGAGE DEFAULTS AND FORECLOSURES WILL NOT DERAIL THE ECONOMY... SO SAYS FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN BEN BERNANKE
18-May	Noon news	12:14 p.m./ :31	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY IN BATH TODAY. 80 YEARS AGO TODAY-- IN 19-27-- THE *THIRD WORST* ACT OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM BEHIND 9-ELEVEN AND THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING-- HAPPENED IN THAT TOWN. ANDREW KEHOE BLEW-UP THE BATH CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL BUILDING-- KILLING 42-STUDENTS-- TEACHERS--- ADMINISTRATORS AND HIMSELF. HISTORY BOOKS SAY KEHOE WAS UPSET THAT PROPERTY TAXES WERE GOING UP TO PAY FOR A NEW SCHOOL.
19-May	8-9 a.m. wknd. News	8:15 a.m./ :30	Health and Health Care/ Economy	TOUGH TIMES FOR THE STATE---- GOOD TIMES FOR LANSING. CITY LEADERS HAVE AGREED ON NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET----- AND PUT A 112-MILLION DOLLAR PLAN TOGETHER----THAT INCLUDES NO LAYOFFS AND NO NEW TAXES. TO HELP PAY FOR PROGRAMS----THE BUDGET WILL TAP INTO THE HEALTH CARE ACCOUNTS OF RETIREES. MAYOR VIRG BERNERO SAYS IT'S A PLAN-----THAT WILL HELP TURN THE CAPITAL CITY AROUND.
19-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:03 a.m./ :48	Health and Health Care	MICHIGAN'S STRUGGLING HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS IN NEED OF QUALIFIED HELP TO CARE FOR THE SICK AND DISABLED. NOW LOCAL HOSPITALS ARE TURNING TO AREA HIGH SCHOOLS TO FIND THAT HELP--- BY FORMING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM. *THE CAPITAL AREA HEALTHCARE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP*--IS A PROGRAM WHERE STUDENTS FROM INGHAM-- EATON-- AND CLINTON COUNTIES--ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE HANDS ON TRAINING IN MEDICAL FACILITIES. ORGANIZERS SAY ITS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO GET A JUMP INTO THE MEDICAL FIELD.
23-May	Noon news	12:05 p.m./ :36	Environment	SOME STATE RESEARCHERS ARE TRYING TO MAKE MICHIGAN'S ENVIRONMENT CLEANER. RESEARCHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN RELEASED A NEW REPORT THIS AFTERNOON.THE REPORT OUTLINES HOW MICHIGAN CAN REDUCE IT'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMMISSIONS WHILE ALSO IMPROVING THE STATE'S ECONOMY. AND THE RESEARCHERS SAY THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT IS TO USE MORE WIND ENERGY. BUILDING WIND TURBINES WILL CREATE JOBS AND USING THE TURBINES TO CREATE ENERGY IS MUCH CLEANER.
23-May	6 p.m. news	6:24 p.m./ :22	Health and Health Care	HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE GATHERED AT THE STATE CAPITOL TODAY-- TO RECOGNIZE AND ASSIST HOMELESS VETERANS. IT'S THE FOURTH ANNUAL STAND DOWN FOR HOMELESS VETERANS EVENT. MORE THAN 30 AREA AGENCIES PROVIDED SERVICES LIKE--HEALTH CARE-- AND EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE--FREE OF CHARGE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS. PARTICIPANTS AT TODAY'S EVENT ALSO RECEIVED A GIFT BAG FULL OF PERSONAL CARE ITEMS AND CLOTHING.

25-May	11 p.m. news	11:21 p.m./ :29	Crime	NEW AT ELEVEN-- A DISCOVERY OF BONES. HAVE LOCAL POLICE INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE CRIME SCENE. TODAY--- JUST BEFORE 5 PM---A LANSING RESIDENT CALLED POLICE AFTER CLAIMING TO HAVE FOUND BONE FRAGMENTS ALONG THE BANKS OF THE GRAND RIVER...NEAR OLD TOWN.
26-May	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :1:08	Education/ Econonmy	STATE LEGISLATORS HAVE FOUND A WAY TO GET RID OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET DEFICIT -- BUT THE NEW PLAN COMES WITH A COST TO HIGHER EDUCATION. 11 PERCENT OF EACH UNIVERSITY'S BUDGET WILL BE EFFECTED. 2 PERCENT OF THAT HAS BEEN CUT THIS YEAR. AND 9 PERCENT OF EACH BUDGET HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD. THE SCHOOLS MIGHT GET THIS MONEY BACK NEXT YEAR...AND THEY MIGHT NOT.
27-May	5 p.m. news	5:22 p.m./ 1:22	Economy	FROM BAGGING GROCERIES TO WASHING DISHES-- SOME JOBS ARE TYPICALLY DONE BY TEENAGERS AS SUMMER WORK. BUT THOSE JOBS MIGHT BE HARDER FOR TEENS TO GET THAN THEY'VE BEEN IN YEARS. NATALIE WHITE MANAGES LA SENORITA MEXICAN RESTAURANT IN LANSING-- SHE SAYS SHE'S SEEN THE NUMBER OF TEENS WORKING THERE DROP OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. AND SHE'S NOT SURPRISED THAT NATIONAL JOB EXPERTS SAY TWO-THIRDS OF TEENAGERS WON'T FIND WORK THIS SUMMER.
28-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:11 a.m./ :43	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A NEW STUDY SAYS IMMIGRATION AGENCIES IN THE U-S...AREN'T DOING THEIR JOBS. ONE OF THE GOALS FOR THE AGENCIES' IS TO FIGHT TERRORISM. BUT A PRIVATE RESEARCH FIRM FINDS THAT THEY ONLY TRIED TO DEPORT 12 PEOPLE ON TERRORISM-RELATED CHARGES... FROM 2004 THROUGH 2006. THAT GROUP OF 12--- REPRESENTS A TINY FRACTION OF THE MORE THAN 800-THOUSAND PEOPLE THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO REMOVE FROM THE COUNTRY DURING THAT PERIOD.
29-May	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :25	Education	WHILE LAWMAKERS ARE CLOSER TO SOLVING THE BUDGET ISSUE---UNIVERSITIES WILL PAY A PRICE. THE LEGISLATURE WILL CUT NEARLY $26 MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF ITS HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING...TANIEYA LEWIS SHOWS US HOW THOSE CUTS--WOULD IMPACT LOCALLY--AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.
30-May	6 p.m. news	6:06 p.m./ :42	Race relations	DETROIT'S BRANCH OF THE N-DOUBLE A-C-P IS CALLING FOR A CHANGE IN MICHIGAN'S COURT SYSTEM. THE CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION SAYS THE COURTS ARE DYSFUNCTIONAL, UNDERFUNDED, AND DISCRIMINATORY TOWARDS THE POOR, DISABLED AND MINORITIES. AS A RESULT--THE N-DOUBLE A C-P SAYS IT HAS PROPOSALS FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE-- TO FIX SIX AREA'S IT BELIEVES ARE EITHER UNCONSTITUTIONAL--- OR IN NEED OF CHANGE.
31-May	5 p.m. news	5:10 p.m./ 1:17	Education/ Econonmy	THE CYCLOTRON IS ONE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S MOST PRIZED RESEARCH PROJECTS... AND THANKS TO A SIX MONTH OLD ALLIANCE BETWEEN MSU.. WAYNE STATE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN..RESOURCES LIKE THIS ARE SHARED BETWEEN THE STATE'S "BIG THREE" ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS. NOW A NEW REPORT FINDS THAT ALLIANCE-- HAS HUGE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL.

1-Jun	6 p.m. news	6:05 p.m./ :20	Crime	LANSING'S ANNUAL POLICE REPORT WAS RELEASED TODAY. IT DETAILS THE CITYS CRIME STATISTIC'S FOR 2006. ACCORDING TOV THE REPORT---MURDER, ROBBERY, ASSAULT, AND ARSON ALL DECREASED LAST YEAR. WHILE VEHICLE THEFT AND BURGLARY WENT UP. BOTH AREA'S THE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT HOPES TO IMPROVE ON-- IN THE FUTURE
6-Jun	6 p.m. news	6:26 p.m./ :31	Environment/ Economy	ENVIRONMENTALIST ARE SETTING A BIG GOAL FOR MICHIGAN----CALLING ON THE STATE TO USE 20-PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY----BY THE YEAR 20-20. THE GROUP -- ENVIRONMENT MICHIGAN -- PRESENTED THEIR PLAN TODAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL. THEY WANT TO SEE MICHIGAN USE MORE WIND, SOLAR, AND OTHER ENERGY EFFICIENT POWER SUPPLIES. THEY SAY ALTERNATIVE ENERGY----WILL BE A MAJOR ISSUE IN THE 21-ST CENTURY----AND BY LEADING THE WAY---- MICHIGAN COULD ADD NEW JOBS AND NEW BUSINESS.
6-Jun	6-7 a.m. news	6:33 a.m./ :26	Education	A NEW REPORT SHOWS MICHIGAN STUDENTS ARE IMPROVING IN THE SUBJECTS OF MATH AND READING. THE STUDY... BY THE CENTER ON EDUCATION POLICY... MEASURES PROGRESS ACROSS THE NATION-- SINCE THE START OF THE "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" ACT. THE NUMBERS IN MICHIGAN-- SHOW A HIGHER PERFORMANCE IN THOSE SUBJECTS... AT BOTH THE ELEMENTARY *AND* MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVELS. THE OVERALL GOAL OF THE "NO CHILD" LAW...IS FOR ALL AMERICAN STUDENTS TO BE PROFICIENT IN READING AND MATH BY 2-THOUSAND-14.
7-Jun	5 p.m. news	5:10 p.m./ :35	Environment/ economy	PRELIMINARY PLANS TO FIX THE WASTE WATER SYSTEM IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP HAVE SOME RESIDENTS UPSET. LAST NIGHT--THEY LEARNED THAT THE TOWNSHIP WAS LOOKING AT GETTING A 20 YEAR LOAN FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO FIX PROBLEMS WITH THE SYSTEM. THE PLAN WOULD HAVE COST THE TOWNSHIP $16 MILLION DOLLARS AND RAISE SEWER RATES FOR RESIDENTS. BUT THE TOWNSHIP IS LOOKING AT OTHER PLANS THAT COULD BE CHEAPER FOR RESIDENTS.
8-Jun	6-7 a.m. news	6:34 a.m./ :27	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A U-S FRUIT COMPANY IS BEING ACCUSED OF SUPPORTING TERRORISM. FAMILY MEMBERS OF PEOPLE KILLED BY COLOMBIAN MILITARY GROUPS-- ARE SUING CHIQUITA INTERNATIONAL BRANDS. THE SUIT CLAIMS TEN UNNAMED CHIQUITA EMPLOYEES AIDED TERRORISTS BY PROVIDING WEAPONS AND MONEY TO GROUPS RESPONSIBLE FOR 144 MURDERS. THE FRUIT COMPANY DENIES THOSE ALLEGATIONS. IN MARCH, CHIQUITA ADMITTED TO PAYING TERRORISTS TO PROTECT ITS BANANA OPERATION IN COLOMBIA.
8-Jun	11 p.m. news	11:11 p.m./ :33	Economy/ Environment	HILLARY CLINTON, THE U-S SENATOR FROM NEW YORK WILL BE IN DETROIT TOMORROW MORNING... SPEAKING TO UNION MEMBERS. ALL PART OF A NATIONAL A-F-L C-I-O CAMPAIGN... GIVING MEMBERS A CHANCE TO MEET DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES IN A TOWN-HALL STYLE SETTING. HER VISIT TO MICHIGAN COMES BEFORE AN EXPECTED SENATE VOTE ON A PLAN TO RAISE FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS.

12-Jun	5 p.m. news	5:07 p.m./ :44	Education	A STATE LAWMAKER WANTS TO ENSURE THAT MONEY INTENDED FOR THE CLASSROOM - STAYS IN THE CLASSROOM. REPRESENTATIAVE FRAN AMOS PROPOSED A BILL IN THE HOUSE TODAY THAT SAYS SCHOOLS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO USE MONEY INTENDED FOR EDUCATION - ON LOBBYING OR OTHER POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. AMOS'S BILL WILL RESTRICT THE HIRING OF A LOBBYIST, OR A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM IF THEIR SERVICES ARE BEING USED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.
13-Jun	6 p.m. news	6:02 p.m./ :28	Crime	LANSING POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT TONIGHT... WANTED IN AN EARLY MORNING ROBBERY. IT HAPPENED AROUND 3-AM IN THE 300 BLOCK OF BINGHAM. POLICE SAY A MAN... APPROACHED TWO PEOPLE WITH A GUN... AND DEMANDED MONEY. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CRIME, YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL THE LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT.
15-Jun	5-6 a.m. news	5:13 a.m./ :29	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	AFGHANISTAN'S DEFENSE MINISTER SAYS IRAN IS NOT SUPPORTING TERRORISM IN HIS COUNTRY. DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS-- THE DEFENSE MINISTER SAID AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN HAVE GOOD RELATIONS. AND THAT THE U-S CLAIM THAT IRAN IS SHIPPING WEAPONS TO THE TALIBAN.... ARE FALSE. HE SAYS WEAPONS SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND-- BUT SAYS THEY COULD BE FROM AL-QAIDA OR DRUG TRAFFICKERS.
15-Jun	Noon news	12:02 p.m./ :39	Race relations	AN IMMIGRATION BILL IS HEADED BACK TO THE SENATE FLOOR THIS AFTERNOON-- AFTER IT STALLED LAST WEEK. THE PRESIDENT WORKED HARD TO GIVE THE BILL MOMENTUM AGAIN-- AND IS STILL TOUTING THAT BILL TODAY. HE SPOKE AT THE NATIONAL HISPANIC PRAYER BREAKFAST IN WASHINGTON D-C THIS MORNING-- SAYING HE'S HAPPY THE BILL HAS BEEN REVIVED--- BECAUSE IT'S VITAL TO THE IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COUNTRY.
15-Jun	7:55 a.m. cut-in	7:55 a.m./ :26	Economy	MICHIGAN BUSINESS ARE TRYING FIND OUT HOW A NEW BUSINESS TAX WILL AFFECT THEM. LAWMAKERS REACHED A DEAL ON THE TAX EARLIER THIS WEEK. THE PLAN WILL FORCE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PAY MORE FOR THE TAXES ON THEIR PREMIUMS-- A MOVE THAT COULD TRICKLE DOWN TO THE RATES *YOU* PAY. AN INSURANCE COMPANY WE SPOKE WITH SAYS IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT ITS CUSTOMERS WILL BEAR THE BRUNT OF THIS NEW TAX PLAN. BUT SAYS OVERALL-- THE PLAN COULD MEAN GOOD THINGS FOR THE STATE'S ECONOMY.
17-Jun	8-9 a.m. wknd. News	8:12 a.m./ :33	Health and Health Care	SOME NORTHERN MICHIGAN RESIDENTS GOT A FIRST LOOK AT MICHAEL MOORE'S LATEST DOCUMENTARY. IN BELLAIR--- LAST NIGHT 9-HUNDRED PEOPLE PAID 40-DOLLARS EACH TO ATTEND WHAT'S BEING CALLED THE UNOFFICIAL PREMIERE OF HIS NEW MOVIE *SICKO* MOORE GAVE BELLAIRE A SNEAK PEEK AS PART OF A FUND-RAISER FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN RURAL ANTRIM COUNTY -- WHERE MOORE LIVES. *SICKO* IS ABOUT PROBLEMS WITH THE HEALTH-CARE SYSTEM IN THE U-S. IT OPENS NATIONWIDE JUNE 29TH.

26-Jun	11 p.m. news	11:06 p.m./ :41	Economy/ Environment	M-DOT OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING AHEAD--TO THE NEXT 25 YEARS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACROSS OUR STATE. IN A NEW REPORT RELEASED TODAY--OFFICIALS SAY A *GREAT* DEAL OF WORK WENT INTO THEIR LONG-TERM PLAN-- A COMBINATION OF UNPRECEDENTED INPUT-- AND SUGGESTIONS FROM MICHIGAN RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES. THEY HOPE THE PLAN WILL HELP IMPROVE *AND* STRENGTHEN THE LINK ----BETWEEN TRANSPORTATION--- AND THE ECONOMY--
29-Jun	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :25	Environment/ Economy	A PROPOSED ETHANOL PLANT IS ON IT'S WAY TO SHIAWASSEE COUNTY...THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HAS ISSUED AN AIR PERMIT FOR THE PROPOSED PLANT. THE FACILITY WILL BE LOCATED ON ONE-HUNDRED-30 ACRES ON PAR-MENTER ROAD.... AND WILL BRING 50-FULL TIME JOBS - AS WELL AS ONE-HUNDRED-15 JOBS DURING ITS CONSTRUCTION. IT WILL BE ONE OF 10 PLANTS BUILT ACROSS THE COUNTY BY WASHINGTON STATE BASED, E-85 INCORPORATED.
30-Jun	8-9 a.m. wknd. News	8:01 a.m./ :25	Crime	OUR TOP STORY THIS MORNING- LANSING POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A DEADLY SHOOTING FROM LATE LAST NIGHT. THE CRIME HAPPENED JUST AFTER 10-30 FRIDAY NIGHT----AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN THE 39-HUNDRED BLOCK OF BURNEWAY DRIVE---THAT'S JUST *NORTH* OF JOLLY ROAD. THE VICTIM-- A YOUNG MAN-- WAS TRANSPORTED TO SPARROW HOSPITAL AND PRONOUNCED DEAD UPON ARRIVAL THERE. THE NAME OF THE VICTIM IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME-- AND POLICE HAVE *NOT* IDENTIFIED ANY SUSPECTS.
30-Jun	8-9 a.m. wknd. News	8:03 a.m./ :52	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	LONDON POLICE ARE REPORTEDLY ZEROING IN ON A MAN SEEN RUNNING FROM THE SCENE OF ONE OF THE EXPLOSIVES-PACKED CARS. SCOTLAND YARD COULD NOT COMMENT ON A REPORT THAT SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS CAUGHT A CRYSTAL CLEAR PICTURE OF HIM. ALL AROUND LONDON - AUTHORITIES ARE ON HEIGHTENED ALERT -- THEY KNOW THERE COULD BE MORE BOMBINGS - LIKE THE TWO UNCOVERED FRIDAY.