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.

Fouth 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
1-Oct	5-6 a.m. news	5:21 a.m./ :26	Economy	MEANWHILE-- THOUSANDS OF COSTA RICANS GATHERED IN SAN JOSE ON SUNDAY TO SHOW THEIR OBJECTIONS TO A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE U-S. THE CROWDS ARE OPPOSED TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT. THEY SAY THEIR PACT WOULD FLOOD THE COSTA RICAN MARKET WITH CHEAP U-S- GOODS. THEY SAY THAT COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY. COSTA RICA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT HAS NOT RATIFIED THE TRADE TREATY BETWEEN THE U-S AND SIX CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS.
4-Oct	Noon News	12:02 p.m./ :25	Crime	LANSING POLICE SAY A MAN KILLED LAST WEEK-- DIED OF BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA. THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF DAVID ALEXANDER WAS JUST RELEASED TODAY. ALEXANDER WAS FOUND MURDERED IN HIS HOME ON VERMONT AVENUE LAST FRIDAY. POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS IN THIS CASE. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE CRIME YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL LANSING POLICE AT 483-4623.
4-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:10 p.m./ :29	Education	SOME LOCAL STUDENTS NOW HAVE A NEW REASON-- TO AIM HIGH--- WHILE HITTING THE BOOKS IN HIGH SCHOOL. AT THE LANSING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TONIGHT-- OLIVET COLLEGE ANNOUNCED A PARTNERSHIP-- WITH THE CHICANO LATINO ADVISORY COMMITTEE--TO OFFER THREE FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA LATINO STUDENTS. THE SCHOLARSHIPS--- WILL BE AWARDED TO QUALIFYING STUDENTS-- WITHIN THE LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S THREE HIGH SCHOOLS.
5-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:15 p.m./ :23	Environment/ Health/ Health care	NEARLY A THOUSAND YET-TO-BE BORN BABIES IN WAYNE COUNTY... WILL SOON BE APART OF THE LARGEST NATIONAL STUDY EVER. RESEARCHERS PLAN TO TRACK CHILDREN FROM THE WOMB...UNTIL THEY ARE 21 YEARS OLD...IN HOPES OF UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT PLAYS ON HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT. ISSUES THEY'LL TRACK INCLUDE AUTISM, ASTHEMA, AND DIABETES THE RESEARCH IS BEING FUNDED BY A FIVE YEAR, 18 BILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL GRANT.

8-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:10 p.m./ :33	Economy	WITH THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE OTTAWA PLANT--NOW UNDERWAY--- GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SAYS---THE NEW TRANSFORMATION---WILL NOT ONLY GIVE THE CITY'S RIVER-FRONT MORE APPEAL--BUT IT WILL ALSO HELP DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE. ACCIDENT FUND IS EXPECTED TO BRING 5-HUNDRED JOBS TO LANSING--- BUT ALSO--- PUT OUR CAPITAL CITY---ON THE MAP-- NATIONWIDE.
9-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:16 p.m./ :21	Education	THE LEADER OF HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES HE'S LEAVING THE DISTRICT. SUPERINTENDENT TOM DAVIS WILL RETIRE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE DISTRICT SAYS HIS RETIREMENT COMES AFTER HE'S SERVED 36-YEARS IN EDUCATION. THIS LEAVES THE SCHOOL BOARD IN SEARCH OF A REPLACEMENT. THEY'LL HOLD TWO OPEN MEETINGS DURING UPCOMING BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 22ND AND 29TH.
7-Oct	Face the Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care	Debate between Representative Charles Rangel and Representative Adam Putnam regarding President Bush's decision to veto a bill passed by Congress that would have funded and expanded the State Children's Health Insurance Program, a partnership between the federal and state governments that provides health insurance to children in families with incomes too great for Medicaid eligibility but not enough to afford private insurance.
7-Oct	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	An interview with Interpol's Secretary General, Ron Noble, the first American to ever run the global police force. Noble, who turned Interpol into a twenty-four hour, seven days a week operation, maintains that the organization in still underutilized and underfunded -- something that must change in order to successfully combat terrorism.
9-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :23	Race Relations	STATE LAWMAKERS ALONG WITH THE LANSING BASED ORGANIZATION ENDING STEREOTYPES FOR AMERICA CONVENED OUTSIDE OF THE CAPITOL TODAY FOR A DIVERSITY CELEBRATION. THE EVENT WAS BEING HELD TO CREATE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VARIOUS RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS AND ALSO GAIN SUPPORT BEHIND A BILL AIMED AT EXPANDING THE DEPTH OF AFRICAN HISTORY TAUGHT IN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL.
9-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:29 p.m./ :32	Crime	POLICE IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY--- NEED YOUR HELP TONIGHT-- IN SOLVING A RECENT BREAK-IN. IT HAPPENED SUNDAY-- HERE AT THE "MUGG N BOPPS" SUNOCO GAS STATION IN GREGORY--- THAT'S IN UNADILLA TOWNSHIP. POLICE THERE SAY--- SOMEONE BROKE THOUGH THE STORE WINDOW--- AND STOLE A SAFE FULL OF MONEY, CHECKS, AND LOTTO TICKETS. THE SUSPECT ALSO TOOK SIX CARTONS OF CIGARETTES. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CRIME-- YOU'RE URGED TO CALL UNADILLA TOWNSHIP POLICE-- AT 734-498-23-25--- EXTENSION 3-0-7 THERE IS A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD BEING OFFERED--FOR HELP TO SOLVE THE CRIME.

10-Oct	Noon News	12:04 p.m./ :29	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Health/ Health Care	MATERIALS IN MACHINES USED IN HOSPITALS COULD BE USED BY TERRORISTS-- AND NOW-- A PENTAGON PANEL WANTS THEM REPLACED. THE MACHINES ARE USED FOR RADIATION THERAPY AND FOR STERILIZING BLOOD AND FOOD. AN ADVISORY GROUP OF DEFENSE OFFICIALS SAYS TERRORISTS COULD USE RADIO ACTIVE MATERIAL IN THE MACHINES TO MAKE DIRTY BOMBS. THE PANEL WANTS THE MACHINES REPLACED WITH OTHERS THAT DON'T USE THE RADIO ACTIVE SUBSTANCE. GETTING RID OF THE MACHINES ACROSS THE NATION-- WOULD COST ABOUT 200 MILLION DOLLARS.
10-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :39	Health/ Health care	A BRAND NEW CLINIC IS NOW OPEN---AIMED AT HELPING UN-INSURED RESIDENTS-- GET THE HEALTH-CARE THEY NEED. IT'S LOCATED IN LANSING-- AND IT'S A NON-PROFIT EFFORT--- CALLED "CARE FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL". THE FIRST MEDICAL CLINIC---WAS LAUNCHED BY RETIRED DOCTOR BARRY SALTMAN OF MASON THREE YEARS AGO. IT'S BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL--- THAT THEY'VE NOW OPENED A DENTAL CLINIC IN THE CAPITAL CITY--- WITH *THOUSANDS* OF PATIENTS ALREADY ON THE WAITING LIST.
12-Oct	Noon News	12:18 p.m./ :43	Education	MORE FALL-OUT THIS AFTERNOON AFTER A MISTAKE BY A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-- IS FORCING STUDENTS ACROSS THE STATE TO RE-TAKE A PORTION OF THE MEAP TEST. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS ALL FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS ACROSS THE STATE ---WILL HAVE TO RE-DO THE WRITING PORTION OF THE TEST-- BECAUSE THE JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT VIOLATED TESTING RULES. A REPORTER FROM THE JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT PUBLISHED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ON THE TEST----BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS THE MISTAKE COULD COST THE STATE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. THE DEPARTMENT IS FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING NEW TESTS AND GETTING THE MATERIALS TO STUDENTS. 6 NEWS IS FOLLOWING THIS STORY. WE'LL HAVE THE LATEST ON THE FALLOUT ON SIX NEWS AT FIVE AND SIX.
13-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:06 p.m./ :20	Crime	THE FIRST NEW SECURITY CAMERA IS NOW UP-AND-RUNNING IN LANSING. IT'S PART OF THE MAYOR'S NEW CRIME PLAN---- A PLAN THAT DOESN'T HAVE COUNCIL APPROVAL. ANGELA CUNNINGHAM SHOWS US WHERE THE CAMERA IS.....AND TELLS US HOW THE MAYOR PLANS TO PAY FOR IT.
13-Oct	48 Hours Mystery	10-11 p.m.	Crime/ Environmen t	In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans was left with a breakdown of the city's infrastructure and a severely challenged justice system struggling to cope with the highest murder rate in the nation. This report on the escalating murder rate in New Orleans focusses on the January 2007 murder of filmmaker Helen Hill and the December 2006 murder of musician Dinerral Shavers. Among those interviewed about Helen Hill are Paul Gailiunas, her husband; her mother Becky and stepfather Kevin Lewis; her brother, Jake Hill. Among those interviewed about Dinerral Shavers are Kevin George, principal of Rabouin High School; his mother, Yolande; his sister, Nakita; Shamarr Allen, Chad Honore, fellow musicians in the "Hot 8" brass band; and several of his students. Others interviewed include: Lt. Mike Glasser, Lt. Joe Meisch, New Orleans Police Department; William Boggs, New Orleans Public Defender; music professor Baty Landis; Garland Robinette, New Orleans radio talk show host; Pastor John Raphael.

14-Oct	Face the Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Interview with Senator John McCain. Topics include: the resurgence of his campaign and thoughts on fellow Republican candidates Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani; the bombing in Syria of an under construction nuclear reactor by Israel / speculation that North Korea was assisting Syria in their venture and how this could impact our negotiations with North Korea about dismantling their own nuclear program in exchange for U.S. aid; his assertion that Iran must not have a nuclear weapon and the possibility of imposing sanctions on the Iranians for a beneficial effect; the fault line in acquiring American intelligence in various regions of the world and what is being done to improve that; the comments of now retired Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, former U.S. commander in Iraq, on how the U.S. mission in Iraq is a "nightmare with no end in sight"
14-Oct	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	An interview with Erik Prince, a former Navy SEAL and founder of the private security firm Blackwater USA. Hired by the US Government to protect American officials, the firm and some of their specialists are under investigation for the killing of 17 Iraqi civilians in Baghdad last month. Also an exclusive look inside ADX (United States Penitentiary Administrative Maximum), a secretive maximum security prison in Colorado, used to house the nation's most dangerous criminals -- including terrorists.
15-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:32 p.m./ :21	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	30 SUSPECTED ISLAMIC TERRORISTS APPEARED IN A SPANISH ANTI-TERRORISM COURT TODAY... THE TRIAL TOOK PLACE AT THE SAME COURT THEY ALLEGEDLY PLANNED TO BOMB. PROSECUTORS SAY A MOROCCAN MAN IS THE RINGLEADER OF THE PLOT... WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO DESTROY EVIDENCE PERTAINING TO THE MADRID TRAIN BOMBINGS-- AS WELL AS KILL COURTHOUSE WORKERS.
16-Oct	6-7 a.m. news	6:01 a.m./ :21	Economy	A FISCAL SHUTDOWN MAY BE ON THE HORIZON FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.. SPEAKING IN ARKANSAS ON MONDAY-- THE PRESIDENT PROMISED TO VETO PLANS SET BY DEMOCRATS----WHICH HE SAYS WOULD RAISE TAXES AND PREVENT A BALANCED BUDGET. THE BUDGET YEAR BEGAN ON OCTOBER 1ST. FOR NOW...FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE OPERATING ON A STOP GAP BILL.
17-Oct	5-6 a.m. news	5:19 a.m./ :30	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	THE LARGEST TERRORISM DRILL IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IS NOW UNDERWAY. IT WILL TAKE THREE DAYS TO COMPLETE THE DRILL. THE SCENARIO INVOLVES A DIRTY BOMB---AND THE IDEA IS TO SEE HOW THE STATE RESPONDS TO THE TERROR ATTACK. THERE ARE 40 FEDERAL AGENCIES--26 STATE AGENCIES--11 COUNTIES--AND THREE AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT. THE DRILL IS ALSO BEING CONDUCTED IN PORTLAND, OREGON AND IN GUAM.
18-Oct	Noon News	12:05 p.m./ :30	Health/ Health care/ Education	BIRTH CONTROL IS NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGH A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN MAINE. SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS AT A PORTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL ARE NOW ABLE TO GET THE CONTRACEPTIVES AT THEIR STUDENT HEALTH-CENTER. THE CENTER REQUIRES THAT STUDENTS HAVE WRITTEN PARENTAL PERMISSION BEFORE BEING TREATED. BUT A STATE LAW IN MAINE--- ALLOWS OLDER STUDENTS TO SEEK CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE-- AND TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO TELL THEIR PARENTS.

18-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:01 p.m./ :32	Crime	POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ATTEMPTED CAR JACKING. IT HAPPENED ON THE 500 BLOCK OF WEST HOLMES AROUND SIX THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY A MAN RAN UP TO A WOMAN IN HER CAR-- THREW OPEN THE DOOR-- AND TRIED TO PULL HER OUT. BUT POLICE SAY THE WOMAN WAS ABLE TO THROW HER CAR INTO REVERSE - AND DRIVE AWAY. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CRIME-- YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL THE LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT.
20-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :33	Education/ Crime	A SERIES OF MICHIGAN LAWS AIMED AT CRACKING DOWN ON SEX OFFENDERS IN SCHOOLS...IS COSTING MORE TEACHERS THEIR JOBS. THE LAWS TOOK EFFECT IN 2-THOUSAND-5...AFTER A REPORT FOUND THAT NEARLY 2-HUNDRED LICENSED SCHOOL WORKERS HAD CRIMINAL RECORDS...THAT THE STATE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT. ALTHOUGH PROSECUTORS AND DISTRICTS WERE SUPPOSED TO NOTIFY STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS OF TEACHER CONVICTIONS...IT DIDN'T ALWAYS HAPPEN.
20-Oct	48 Hours Mystery	10-11 p.m.	Crime	On December 10, 2003, the Whitaker family -- Kent, his wife Tricia, and their two sons, Bart and Kevin -- returned to their Sugar Land, Texas home from dinner at a restaurant. Upon entering the house, Kevin and his mother were fatally shot by a gunman inside the house. Kent and Bart were each shot in the shoulder. Police investigation revealed that the murders had been planned by Bart Whitaker, who had enlisted friends Steven Champagne and Chris Brashear to carry out the plot and had intended being shot himself as part of the scenario. Among those interviewed are: Kent Whitaker, who says he has forgiven his son; Marshall Slot, detective, Sugar Land Police Department; Jeff Strange and Fred Felcman, Fort Bend County prosecutors; Also includes: interviews with residents of Cerralvo, Mexico, who became acquainted with Bart Whitaker after he fled there and assumed the name 'Rudy Rios'; comments from other friends of Bart Whitaker who had previously been approached by him to help murder his family; and comments from several members of the jury who convicted Whitaker of murder and sentenced him to death.
21-Oct	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Environment/ Health/ Health care	A report on the dramatic increase in the intensity and number of forest fires across the American West, due to global warming. Also a profile of the ready-to-eat, vitamin enriched paste called Plumpynut. Developed by a nutritionist, it is saving malnourished children in the developing world -- particularly in Niger, where Doctors Without Borders has made it Plumpynut's proving ground.
22-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:02 p.m./ :26	Race Relations/ Crime	THAT COUPLE'S NEW HOME WAS TORCHED AND RACIAL SLURS PAINTED ON THEIR GARAGE OVER THE WEEKEND. IT HAPPENED AT A HOME THAT SITS HERE--- ON THE 200-BLOCK OF BERRY STREET JUST NORTH OF HOLMES ROAD. AND AS PREETHE ARLA REPORTS...POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR CLUES...AND RESIDENT'S ARE ASKING WHY.

25-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :32	Crime	THE JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING A STRING OF BREAK-INS---THAT THEY SAY--- COULD BE CONNECTED. THE LATEST---- HAPPENED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING IN SUMMIT TOWNSHIP. SUSPECTS BROKE INTO THREE BUSINESSES INCLUDING FIT ZONE AND JIMMY JOHN'S AND STOLE AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT OF MONEY. OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA---ALSO SHOWED SIGNS OF ATTEMPTED FORCED ENTRY. DEPUTIES THINK THIS LATEST OUTBREAK--- COULD BE RELATED TO TWO THEY ARE INVESTIGATING FROM LAST WEEK. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CRIMES--- IS ASKED TO CALL POLICE.
26-Oct	Noon News	12:02 p.m./ :25	Race Relations	THE NAACP CONTINUES TO FIGHT THE LAW REQUIRING MICHIGAN VOTERS TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION BEFORE THEY VOTE. THE GROUP FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SAYING THE LAW VIOLATES THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. THE COMPLAINT ALSO SAYS THE LAW WILL CAUSE A DROP IN MINORITY VOTING. STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS SAY VOTERS WILL HAVE TO SHOW PHOTO I-D OR SIGN A STATEMENT SAYING THEY DON'T HAVE AN I-D BEFORE THEY CAN GET A BALLOT.
26-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :24	Environment	A NEW UNITED NATIONS REPORT SAYS COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD AREN'T RECOGNIZING SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS. THE REPORT SAYS THERE'S BEEN A REMARKABLE LACK OF URGENCY IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE. THE U-N SAYS THE WORLD COMMUNITY MUST RESPOND QUICKLY--- NOT ONLY TO CLIMATE CHANGE--- BUT ALSO TO EXTINCTION AND THE DWINDLING FRESH-WATER SUPPLY. BUT THE REPORT DID FIND THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE EFFORT TO REDUCE DAMAGE TO THE O-ZONE LAYER.
28-Oct	8-9 a.m. wknd.	8:02 a.m./ :33	Race Relations/ Crime	THE DEFENSE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ITS CASE TOMORROW--- IN THE MISCONDUCT HEARING OF INGHAM COUNTY JUDGE BEVERLY NETTLES-NICKERSON. THE MICHIGAN JUDICIAL TENURE COMMISSION RESTED ITS CASE THIS WEEK--- WITH THE COUNTY'S CHIEF JUDGE WILLIAM COLLETTE--- WHO WAS CONSIDERED A KEY WITNESS. NETTLES-NICKERSON IS FACING TEN COMPLAINTS INCLUDING PERJURY AND FALSE ACCUSATIONS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.
28-Oct	Face the Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Interview with Senators Carl Levin and Lindsey Graham. Topics include: the Bush administration's new sanctions on Iran, hoping to force the Iranian government to stop its nuclear weapons development program / the possibility of military options, should the sanctions fail / the importance of continuing diplomatic efforts to stop Iran / Iran's capability to retaliate should the United States take military action against them; reaction to the refusal of attorney general nominee Judge Michael Mukasey to equate waterboarding with torture

28-Oct	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Health/ Health Care	A report on the increase in the number of civilians being killed by air strikes in Afghanistan and how they are planned, focusing on a March of 2007 air strike, where four generations of one family were killed. Includes an interview with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, who has asked President Bush to stop the air strikes. Also, an interview with David Hackenberg, a beekeeper from Lewisburg Pennsylvania, who is widely credited with discovering the phenomenon named by scientists as colony collapse disorder. Because honeybees help to produce a third of the foods we eat, the mysterious disorder could have severe consequences.
29-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :32	Education/ Crime	LAWMAKERS HAVE AGREED TO A ONE PERCENT INCREASE FOR THE STATES 15 UNIVERISITES BUT THIS BUDGET DOES NOT INCLUDE COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THEY'VE ALSO LOOKED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BUDGET WHERE THEY'LL BE CUTTING ABOUT 64 MILLION DOLLARS... AND INCLUDED IN THAT IS SHUTTING THE SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. AND THEY'VE ALSO AGREED ON THE STATE POLICE BUDGET... WHERE TERE WAS A 2.1 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL THEY ARE CLOSING TWO FORENSIC LABS.
30-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :35	Health/ Health care	A MUCH DEBATED BILL--- OVER CHILDREN'S HEALTH-CARE--- MAY BE SEEING NEW SIGNS OF LIFE. REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS SAY THEY MIGHT DEFY A RECENT WHITE HOUSE VETO ON THE S-CHIP PLAN-- *IF* THEY CAN AGREE TO SOME CHANGES TO THE LEGISLATION. SO FAR--- THE G-O-P HAS FULLY BACKED THE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF THE DEMOCRATIC PLAN---THAT WOULD HELP INSURE MILLIONS OF LOW-INCOME KIDS. THERE'S NO WORD YET--- ON WHAT CHANGES THEY'D MAKE-- TO ENSURE THE PLAN BECAME A REALITY.
31-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ 1:15	Economy	WITH A SLUMPING HOUSING MARKET -- AND A CONTINUED CREDIT CRUNCH -- THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING ACTION TO HELP JUMP START THE ECONOMY. THE FEDERAL RESERVE SLASHED INTEREST RATES TODAY -- BY A QUARTER OF A PERCENT. ECONOMIST CHARLES BALLARD SAYS --THE CUT -- WILL SLOWLY TRICKLE DOWN TO CONSUMERS -- MAKING IT EASIER TO BORROW MONEY.
1-Nov	5-6 a.m. news	5:11 a.m./ :22	Education	A NEW STUDY FINDS THE MORE EDUCATED YOU ARE, THE LESS LIKELY YOU ARE TO BECOME CHRONICALLY ILL OR DISABLED. PEOPLE WHO HADN'T FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL WERE AT 61 PERCENT GREATER RISK----THAN THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATED PEERS TO EXPERIENCE A DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS. RESEARCHERS ALSO NOTED THE MORE EDUCATED PEOPLE ARE, THE MORE LIKELY THEY ARE TO EXERCISE AND MAINTAIN A HEALTHY WEIGHT.
1-Nov	6-7 a.m. news	6:15 a.m./ :26	Crime	A 15-YEAR-OLD IN SAGINAW IS NOW FACING FOUR CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR A RECENT SHOOTING AT A MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME. ANTHONY GREEN JUNIOR ALSO FACES MULTIPLE WEAPONS CHARGES. THE SAGINAW COUNTY PROSECUTOR SAYS GREEN IS BEING CHARGED AS AN ADULT BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CRIME. ONE VICTIM--A 16-YEAR-OLD-- IS STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION WITH A NECK WOUND AFTER BEING SHOT. GREEN IS BEING HELD WITHOUT BOND. HE'S EXPECTED TO BE BACK IN COURT NEXT WEEK.

3-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:28 p.m./ :27	Health/ Health care/ Economy	THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS UNION SAYS IT'S REACHED A TENTATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH FORD MOTOR COMPANY. SOURCES SAY THE TWO SIDES REACHED THE DEAL EARLY THIS MORNING. IT NOW MUST BE RATIFIED BY ABOUT 54-THOUSAND U-A-W MEMBERS. THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES A UNION-RUN TRUST FOR THE COMPANIES' RETIREE HEALTH CARE.
4-Nov	Face the Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Report from Sheila MacVicar, in Islamabad, Pakistan. Topics include: the recent declaration of emergency rule by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, due to his government's claim of rising extremism / what the measures entail / how President Gen. Musharraf could benefit from this declaration. Videotape excerpt of interview with Benazir Bhutto, ex-Prime Minister of Pakistan and opposition leader, by CBS News correspondent David Browde. Topics include: disappointment in the measures taken by President Gen. Musharraf and worry as to how the extremists will exploit this to their own advantage / support for the press headline that this is President Gen. Musharraf's second coup / the need for international and domestic pressure to end this new provisional constitutional order
4-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :22	Race Relations	THE CHRISTO REY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LANSING...HOSTED IT'S ANNUAL HISPANIC HEALTH FAIR TODAY. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SHOWED UP FOR FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS... INCLUDING BLOOD PRESSURE...GLUCOSE...LEAD... AND H-I-V. THE DIRECTOR OF INGHAM COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT EVEN GAVE A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE EFFECTS DIET HAS ON DIABETES. SPANISH-SPEAKING DOCTORS AND VOLUNTEERS...WERE ON HAND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.
6-Nov	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :29	Environment/ Health/ Health care	THE GOVERNMENT HAS A NEW REQUEST FOR HOW YOU SHOULD DISPOSE OF THOSE LEFTOVER MACHINES IN YOUR HOME CABINET. THEY SAY THEY WANT YOU TO MIX THEM WITH USED CAT LITTER THEY SAY CAT LITTER DISPOSAL IS BETTER...FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THAN FLUSHING MEDICINE DOWN THE TOILET...AND IT WILL KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS FROM FINDING LEFTOVERS IN THE TRASH.
9-Nov	5-6 a.m. news	5:13 a.m./ 1:04	Economy	INVESTORS ARE LOOKING TO FINISH OFF A ROCKY WEEK ON WALL STREET ON A POSITIVE NOTE... THE BARGAIN HUNTERS HIT THE FLOOR IN LATE TRADING THURSDAY -- SNATCHING UP BEATEN DOWN FINANCIAL STOCKS... AFTER DROPPING 200 POINTS... THE DOW FINISHED WITH A LOSS OF 33... BUT THE TECH-HEAVY NASDAQ TOOK A BEATING... LOSING 53. THE SELLOFF WAS TRIGGERED BY A LESS THAN OPTIMISTIC SALES OUTLOOK FROM TECH GIANT CISCO SYSTEMS.
11-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:25 p.m./ :18	Environment	MEANTIME IN AUSTRALIA...THESE PROTESTERS ARE RALLYING FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENT. IN WHAT IS BEING CALLED A *NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION*...TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DEMONSTRATORS TOOK TO THE STREETS...IN DOZENS OF CITIES. THEY'RE DEMANDING THAT POLITICAL PARTIES MAKE A STRONGER COMMITMENT TO REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

11-Nov	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Crime	A follow-up to "Superbugs" (OAD: 05/02/04), a report on Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureas, or MRSA, a form of staph that has mutated and become resistant to most antibiotics. As the number of diagnoses have increased across the country, especially in schools, researchers are trying to find a way to control the superbug. Includes an interview with Dr. Bruce Dixon, Director of the Public Health Department for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and Dr. Robert Daum, University of Chicago Medical Center. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Karen M. Sughrue. Also, "Insanity on Death Row" - a report on the case of convicted killer Greg Thompson, who was originally found competent enough to stand trial for the murder of Brenda Lane. Prison doctors diagnosed him as schizophrenic and psychotic and he has been medicated by the state for most of his twenty-two years on death row. Thompson's attorneys, Dana Chavis and Steve Kissinger, are appealing his case on the basis that he was mentally ill at the time of the crime and by law, should not be executed.
13-Nov	6-7 a.m. news	6:20 a.m./ :31	Crime	SOME PARENTS IN PINCKNEY GOT SOME TIPS ON HOW TO HELP PREVENT THEIR CHILDREN FROM FALLING VICTIM TO INTERNET PREDATORS. DURING A SPECIAL TRAINING SESSION--PARENTS LEARNED ABOUT PREDATORS WHO LURK BEHIND THE COMPUTER SCREEN. DEPUTIES WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CYBER CRIME UNIT SAY PREDATORS ROAMING THE INTERNET IN SEARCH OF YOUNG VICTIMS ARE A GROWING PROBLEM.
14-Nov	Noon News	12:01 p.m./ :29	Economy	MORE EVIDENCE TODAY OF MICHIGAN STRUGGLING ECONOMY---A NEW REPORT OUT BY A MORTGAGE RESEARCH COMPANY SAYS DETROIT IS NUMBER TWO NATIONALLY--- AMONG METRO AREAS WITH THE MOST HOME FORECLOSURES. THE COMPANY FOUND THAT THERE WAS ONE FORECLOSURE FILING FOR EVERY 33 DETROIT-AREA HOUSEHOLDS FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER. THE NUMBER OF FORECLOSURES HAVE DOUBLED OVER THE LAST YEAR---- WITH A REPORTED 26-THOUSAND FORECLOSURES THIS YEAR.
14-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ :24	Health/ Health care	A MICHIGAN DOCTOR--- STANDS ACCUSED OF EXPOSING THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS--- TO POSSIBILE INFECTION. FEDERAL COURT RECORDS INDICATE DOCTOR ROBERT STOKES--- A DERMATOLOGIST---USED UNSANITARY PRACTICES AT HIS OFFICES IN GRAND RAPIDS AND GREENVILLE. FORMER EMPLOYEES ARE ON RECORD--- SAYING HE RE-USED SUTURES, SYRINGES *AND* NEEDLES ONPATIENTS. CURRENTLY---STOKES IS AWAITING SENTENCING NEXT MONTH FOR 31 CONVICTIONS OF HEALTH CARE FRAUD.
15-Nov	8:25 a.m. cut in	8:25 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	AND WHILE THEY WERE IN IRAQ--- THE MILITARY POLICE UNIT CARRIED OUT SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS MISSIONS. THEIR MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO TRAIN IRAQI POLICE----AND PROVIDE SECURITY TO CONVOYS TRAVELING IN VOLATILE AREAS. THE SOLDIERS IN THE UNIT WHO WERE KILLED AND THOSE WHO WERE INJURED-- WILL ALL BE HONORED WITH A PURPLE HEART.

16-Nov	5 p.m. news	5:20 p.m./ :24	Education	LT. GOVERNOR JOHN CHERRY ANNOUNCES WHAT'S CALLED THE MICHIGAN TRANSFER NETWORK. IT'S A NO-COST PROGRAM THAT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR STUDENTS TO CHOOSE COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES THAT TRANSFER EASILY TO THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL. CHERRY HOPES IT WILL HELP TO ELIMINATE SETBACKS LATER. THE SYSTEM WILL DEBUT LATER THIS MONTH. THE LT. GOVERNOR MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY DURING GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS.
18-Nov	Face the Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Interview with former Senator John Edwards. Topics include: reaction to Senator Hillary Clinton's mudslinging comment at the recent debate in Las Vegas, NV; the electability of Senator Clinton; clarification regarding his statement that Senator Clinton is the defender of a system that is both rigged and corrupt / admission of guilt in being pulled into the system, but that he has never taken money from a Washington lobbyist or PAC / the need to take the money influence away from the lobbyists; his campaign advertisement promising to eliminate Congress' health care plan if Congress does not pass universal health care by July 2009; the differences between his plan for Iraq versus Senator Clinton's; view regarding President Bush's position on Iran; the need to reform the nature of the aid provided to Pakistan; the importance of the Iowa caucuses.
18-Nov	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	A joint investigation by 60 MINUTES and The Washington Post on bullet lead analysis, a now discredited forensic tool used by the FBI for forty years, resulting in the convictions of thousands of defendants, scores of whom may be innocent. Among the interviewed are: Bill Tobin, former chief metallurgist for the FBI; Dwight Adams, FBI lab director; Barry Scheck, director, Innocence Project. Also, a report on accused terrorist Omar Khadr, a detainee at Guantanamo Bay awaiting trial. Only fifteen when he was captured in a firefight with suspected al-Qaeda members in Afghanistan, he is the only person in modern history to be charged with war crimes he allegedly committed while a minor.
19-Nov	5-6 a.m. news	5:20 a.m./ :21	Crime	IT'S A DISTINCTION THAT DETROIT PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT. THE MOTOR CITY HAS BEEN DECLARED THE MOST DANGEROUS IN THE NATION. THE RANKINGS BY A PRIVATE RESEARCH GROUP ARE BASED ON F-B-I CRIME STATISTICS. DETROIT WAS CALLED THE NATION'S MURDER CAPITOL IN THE 1980'S. LAST YEAR'S LEADER--- ST, LOUIS,--- FELL TO NUMBER TWO IN THE POLL-- WHILE ANOTHER MICHIGAN CITY--FLINT--CAME IN AT NUMBER THREE.
19-Nov	5 p.m. news	5:02 p.m./ :28	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	THOSE TRAVELING BY AIR... ALSO NEED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS DURING THIS BUSY TIME. LANSING CAPITOL AIRPORT SAYS MOST FLIGHTS WILL BE AT CAPACITY...THEY ALONG WITH THE FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION...REMIND TRAVELERS TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE. THAT MEANS FOLLOWING A 3-1-1 PLAN FOR CARRY ON LUGGAGE. ALLOWED ARE 3 OUNCE BOTTLES OR LESS OF ALL LIQUIDS, GELS, AND AEROSOLS... A ONE QUART-SIZED CLEAR ZIP-TOP BAG TO HOLD SMALL BOTTLES...AND PASSENGERS MAY BRING ONE ZIP-TOP BAG EACH FOR THE SECURITY SCREENING BIN.

19-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :25	Environment/ Economy	A MICHIGAN GROUP IS URGING LAWMAKERS ON CAPITOL HIL TO PASS AN ENERGY BILL--- RAISING FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS TO 35 MILES PER GALLON-- BY THE YEAR 20-20.THE GROUP --- "ENVIRONMENT MICHIGAN" SAYS-- IF APPROVED--- THAT LEGISLATION WOULD BENEFIT CONSUMERS IN *TWO* DRAMATIC WAYS. IT WOULD SAVE DRIVERS ACROSS THE STATE-- A TOTAL OF 9-HUNDRED-AND-97 *MILLION* DOLLARS AT THE PUMP. THEY SAY--- IT WOULD ALSO OUR REDUCE OIL CONSUMPTION--BY OVER 42-THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY.
24-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:08 p.m./ :25	Crime	THE SHERIFF SAYS THIS TIME OF YEAR-- EMPTY PARKING LOTS OFTEN TURN TO CRIME SCENES-- BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A VICTIM. HE SAYS-- BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS-- ALWAYS REMEMBER WHERE YOU PARKED-- AND KEEP YOUR CELL PHONE HANDY. AND IF IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE MIGHT BE FOLLOWING YOU-- HEAD BACK INSIDE-- AND CALL POLICE.
24-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ 1:00	Economy	YOU'VE SEEN THE CROWDS-- THE SALES-- AND THE DEALS. BLACK FRIDAY-- HAS BECOME A PHENOMENON. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO PREDICTING JUST HOW MERRY THE SEASON WILL BE FOR BUSINESS-- EXPERTS SAY-- IT TAKES MORE THAN JUST ONE DAY. ECONOMICS PROFESSOR CHARLES BALLARD SAYS THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING IS OFTEN MORE ABOUT SOAKING UP THE ATMOSPHERE-- THAN SCOOPING UP THE SALES.
25-Nov	Face the Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Panel discussion with Robin Wright, Rick Atkinson, General Anthony Zinni, and Lawrence Wright. Topics include the Middle East Peace Summit scheduled for this week in Annapolis, Maryland: the potential for success and the challenges facing the participants / repercussions to the region should the summit fail and the impact that failure would have on America's security / hope that the process will continue into the next administration / the relationship between the two-state solution -- Israel and a Palestinian state -- and the war on terrorism / the link between the summit and the current situation in Iraq; General Zinni's recent trip to the Gulf region / the concerns expressed in the region regarding Iran: fear that Iran will obtain weapons of mass destruction and concern over the possibility of a US or US-Israeli strike on Iran / the threat Iran poses towards America and how America should deal with this challenge.
25-Nov	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Crime	A report on people who have survived brain injuries, only to be trapped in a minimally conscious state. Some may have been misdiagnosed and may be more aware than previously thought. Thanks to the popular sleeping pill Ambien, some are actually re-awakening, allowing them to respond to others. Includes an interview with Dr. Nicholas Schiff, a neurologist at Weill Cornell Medical Center. (C: Anderson Cooper - P: Denise Schrier Cetta) "Hi-Tech Heist" - earlier this year, TJX, the parent company of T.J. Maxx and Marshalls, disclosed that it had suffered the worst hi-tech heist in shopping history, when nearly a hundred million computerized customer financial records were stolen by hi-tech thieves. 60 MINUTES investigates just how easy it is to steal customers' personal information and discovers that many retailers underestimate how vulnerable they are.

26-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :31	Education	THE BOARD VOTED TONIGHT TO PUT 2 PARENTS ON THE DISTRICTS CURRICULUM COMMITTEES. THE PARENTS WILL BE ON THE COMMITTEES AS ADVISORS -- MEANING THEY WILL HAVE AN INPUT ON CURRICULUMS --BUT THEY WILL NOT HAVE A FINAL SAY IN THE DECISIONS MADE. THE IDEA OF THIS POLICY CHANGE STARTED 2 YEARS AGO WHEN THE DISTRICT HAD A CONTROVERSY OVER BOOKS BEING READ IN CLASS. SOME AT THE THE MEETING TONIGHT SAID THEY THINK HAVING A PARENT ON THE COMMITTEE WILL PREVENT FUTURE CONTROVERSY --WHILE OTHERS SAY PARENTS DON'T BELONG ON THE COMMITTEES AT ALL.
28-Nov	5-6 a.m. news	5:07 a.m./ :26	Environment	AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP IN MICHIGAN IS CALLING ON LAWMAKERS TO BAN NEW COAL MINES--- PLANNED FOR OUR STATE. THE GROUP---"CLEAN ENERGY NOW"-- IS ASKING STATE LAWMAKERS TO STOP THE ENTRY OF THOSE NEW PLANTS. ENVIRONMENTALISTS BLAME THESE COAL BURNING FACILITIES-- FOR CONTRIBUTING TO GLOBAL WARMING. MEANWHILE--- THE GROUP IS PUSHING FOR MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES---AND SAYS THAT CAN HELP CREATE MORE JOBS FOR OUR STATE WHILE HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT.
28-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:26 p.m./ 1:20	Environment/ Health/ Health care	COMPACT FLOURESCENT LIGHT BULBS PROMISE ENERGY SAVINGS...AND A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT. BUT EACH BULB...CONTAINS A SMALL AMOUNT OF MERCURY....WHICH HAS MANY PEOPLE CONCERNED. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE AMOUNT OF MERCURY...IS SO SMALL...THERE'S NO REASON TO PANIC. BUT TAKE A LOOK AT THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING A BROKEN C-F-L BULB. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SUGGESTS...FOUR STEPS...TO PROPERLY CLEAN UP THE MESS. IT'S ENOUGH TO SCARE ANY PARENT.
28-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:01 p.m./ 1:12	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Education	INSIDE A BUSY BERKEY HALL LAST MONTH--- STUDENTS GOT A REAL SCARE...WHAT STARTED IN THIS STAIRWELL---WITH A LOUD POP AND BANG---CREATED REAL FEAR....INSIDE ROOM 112. FOR ELIZABETH O'MALLEY---THIS WINDOW SEEMED LIKE THE ONLY ESCAPE. SO SHE----LIKE ABOUT 10 OF HER CLASSMATES---JUMPED THRU THIS NARROW DIVIDE--- HEAD OVER HEALS....SHE BROKE HER ARM. FROM OUTSIDE YOU CAN SEE THE FALL...SOME EIGHT FEET DOWN.
29-Nov	Noon News	12:13 p.m./ 2:03	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	EVERYBODY KNOWS IT'S IMPORTANT TO CHECK YOUR CREDIT INFORMATION ONCE A YEAR. BUT EXPERTS SAY THERE'S ANOTHER THING YOU SHOULD CHECK ONCE A YEAR--THAT YOU PROBABLY DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT. AND IT COULD AFFECT YOU WALLET AND YOUR HEALTH. JANE ALDRICH HAS MORE.
29-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :27	Crime	CUTS TO THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE CRIME LAB---ARE CAUSING MAJOR DELAYS IN THE PROCESSING OF EVIDENCE. THAT ACCORDING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT--WHO CLAIM ITS ALLOWING CRIMINALS TO GET BACK ON THE STREETS. JACKSON COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGE JOSEPH FILIP SAYS SOME DEFENDANTS CAN BE OUT ON BOND FOR AS LONG AS SIX MONTHS WHILE THEY WAIT ON EVIDENCE TO GO TO TRIAL. THEY SAY THINGS COULD GET MUCH WORSE IF THE STATE MOVES FORWARD WITH PLANS TO CLOSE TWO MORE CRIME LABS IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE MONEY.

29-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:06 p.m./ :42	Economy	NEW TONIGHT--THE SIGNS OF A SLOW ECONOMY---ARE EVIDENT EVERYWHERE--- ESPECIALLY HIT HARD THOUGH - *THE HOUSING MARKET*. BECAUSE OF THAT SLUMP-- THE WHITE HOUSE--- IS NOW LOWERING IT'S OVERALL PROJECTION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH--- IN 2008. THIS IS WHY: SALES OF EXISTING HOMES--- FELL TO A RECORD LOW IN OCTOBER. THAT FORCED PRICES DOWN, CREATING THE LARGEST MASS OF UNSOLD HOMES ON THE MARKET--- IN MORE THAN 22 YEARS.
30-Nov	6-7 a.m. news	6:10 a.m./ :23	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	ONE-IN-FOUR BABY BOOMERS MISTAKENLY BELIEVES HE OR SHE HAS COVERAGE FOR LONG-TERM CARE EXPENSES -- ACCORDING TO A NEW SURVEY. MOST OF THOSE NEARING RETIREMENT AGE THINK MEDICARE -- OR SOME OTHER PLAN WILL PICK UP THE TAB. MEDICARE WILL PAY -- BUT ONLY AFTER INDIVIDUALS SPEND NEARLY ALL THEIR ASSETS TO QUALIFY. EXPERTS CALL THE RESULTS A WAKE-UP CALL FOR THOSE GROWING OLDER TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FUTURE.
2-Dec	Face the Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Race Relations	Interview with David Axelrod and Howard Wolfson. Topics include: how Senator Barack Obama moved ahead of Senator Hillary Clinton in Iowa; the differences between Senator Obama's and Senator Clinton's healthcare plans; reaction to the opinion that Senator Clinton would unite Republicans in a general election; the significance of the Iowa caucus for both candidates / the importance of the different voting blocs for each candidate, focusing on female voters for Senator Clinton and African-American voters for Senator Obama; Senator Obama's leadership PAC (slush fund), which involves taking money from lobbyists and giving money out to candidates in New Hampshire and Iowa to support his presidential campaign and the status of that fund / The Des Moines Register poll indicating that many people believe that Senator Clinton is running a negative campaign
2-Dec	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Race Relations/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Iraq's Christians, once thought to number over a million, have either fled or have been murdered by Islamic extremists during Iraq's religious civil war. Interviewed is the Vicar of Baghdad, Reverend Canon Andrew White.
3-Dec	Noon News	12:17 p.m./ :21	Race Relations	A CONTROVERSIAL RADIO HOST HIT THE AIRWAVES TODAY--- EIGHT MONTHS AFTER HE LOST HIS JOB. DON IMUS WAS FIRED AFTER HE MADE RACIST COMMENTS ABOUT THE RUTGERS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM. HE'S NOW WITH A NEW STATION-- AND HIS PREMIER WAS HELD IN TIMES SQUARE. TICKETS FOR HIS FIRST SHOW WERE SOLD TO BENEFIT THE IMUS RANCH FOR KIDS WITH CANCER.
4-Dec	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :26	Crime	POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO ROBBERS-- AFTER A LOCAL RESTAURANT IS HELD UP. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE EIGHT MONDAY NIGHT-- HERE AT THE QUIZNOS ON JOLLY ROAD IN OKEMOS. POLICE SAY TWO MEN ENTERED THE RESTAURANT ARMED WITH A KNIFE. THEY AREN'T SAYING AT THIS POINT WHETHER THE SUSPECTS GOT AWAY WITH ANYTHING-- BUT NO ONE WAS HURT. INVESTIGATORS ARE ASKING ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON THE CRIME-- TO CALL THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 517-853-4800.

4-Dec	5 p.m. news	5:19 p.m./ :21	Education	NEW NUMBERS SHOW U-S STUDENTS ARE STILL LAGGING BEHIND OTHER COUNTRIES-- IN MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION. 15-YEAR OLD STUDENTS IN 30 INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD WERE GIVEN A STANDARDIZED TEST LAST YEAR. THE RESULTS RANKED U-S STUDENTS 17-TH IN SCIENCE-- AND 23-RD IN MATH. ONE OF THE TOP RANKING COUNTRY'S WAS FINLAND--WERE STUDENTS RANKED FIRST IN SCIENCE.
4-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:31 p.m./ :49	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	IF YOU'RE SPENDING MORE ON YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTHCARE THAN EVER BEFORE--YOU'RE NOT ALONE. ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT RELEASED TODAY----MORE THAN 2 MILLION MICHIGAN FAMILIES WITH HEALTH INSURANCE STILL HAVE TO SPEND AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF THEIR INCOME ON HEALTHCARE. SPARROW HOSPITAL'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SAYS PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES ALLOW PATIENTS TO GO RIGHT TO A SPECIALIST IN CASES WHEN A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN WOULD DO JUST FINE. THE OTHER REASON---SKYROCKETING MEDICAL COSTS
5-Dec	6 p.m. news	6:02 p.m./ 1:15	Crime	PRISON OFFICIALS MADE IT CLEAR TODAY--- JOSEPH CARTER WAS ON THE RUN AND DANGEROUS. HIS CRIMINAL RECORD BEGINS IN 1999---WHEN HE WAS SENTENCED FOR ASSAULT. HE SERVED SEVEN YEARS----AND WAS PAROLED IN 2006. BUT JUST MORE THAN A MONTH AGO-----HE VIOLATED THAT PAROLE.
6-Dec	6-7 a.m. news	6:02 a.m./ :28	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	SEVERAL LOCAL HOMELESS SHELTERS ARE FULL TO CAPACITY THIS MORNING---- AS FREEZING TEMPERATURES FORCE PEOPLE INSIDE---BUT THE COLD WEATHER ISN'T THE ONLY REASON BEHIND THE HIGH DEMAND. A TOUGH LOCAL ECONOMY AND HIGH RATE OF HOME FORECLOSURES IS ALSO BLAMED FOR THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING LOCAL SHELTERS.
7-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:20 p.m./ :31	Health/ Health care	SOME DETROIT HEALTH CENTERS-- WILL NOW BE ABLE TO OFFER MORE TO THEIR PATIENTS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE WELLNESS PLAN'S THREE FACILITIES.. AS FEDERAL HEALTH CENTERS IN DETROIT. WITH THE NEW DESIGNINATION-- THE CENTERS CAN BETTER SERVE UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED CITIZENS---BY ALLOWING THEIR HEALTH SERVICES-- TO BE REIMBURSED BY MEDICARE AND MEDICAID.
8-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:06 p.m./ :24	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	HE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS ASKING A FEDERAL JUDGE...TO DROP CHARGES...AGAINST A FORMER PROSECUTOR. RICHARD CONVERTINO WAS INVOLVED IN THE FIRST MAJOR TERRORISM TRIAL AFTER SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH. HE'S FACING A CHARGE OF OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE FROM A 2-THOUSAND-3 DRUG CASE...IN WHICH HE'S ACCUSED OF LYING TO A FEDERAL JUDGE. BACK IN OCTOBER...A JURY FOUND CONVERTINO *NOT GUILTY* OF WITHHOLDING EVIDENCE IN A TERRORISM TRIAL.

9-Dec	Face the Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: the CIA's destruction of videotapes containing footage of agents interrogating terror suspects, after it had been asked by a federal judge is such tapes existed / speculation as to why the tapes were destroyed / waterboarding - the terror interrogation technique deemed illegal by the United States Army's manual on interrogation / the Senate authorization bill, which specifically says that the CIA must abide by the Army field manual / plans to call people before the Select Intelligence Committee to investigate / whether or not there is ever justification for torture or for the destruction of evidence / how these techniques undermine the United States' position in the world / speculation as to how much President Bush and his administration knew about the scandal / the possibility of the existence of other tapes; the recently released National Intelligence Estimate stating that Iran stopped their nuclear weapons program four years ago; the credibility of the report; the need to open a dialogue with Iran
9-Dec	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care	A report on Prometa, a new treatment for drug addictions, especially to methamphetamine. Interviewed are: Terren Peizer, Prometa's promoter and former junk bond salesman, who skipped medical research and government approvals to rush it to the market; Dr. Matthew Torrington, medical director of the Prometa Center of Los Angeles; and Dr. John Mendelson, professor of medicine at UC San Francisco and senior scientist at the Addiction Pharmacology Lab at the California Pacific Medical Center.
13-Dec	Live cut-ins all day long (local charities telethon)	All Day	Health/ Health Care/ Environment/ Economy	THE TOUGH ECONOMY HAS MANY FAMILIES STRUGGLING THIS YEAR. SO T-V 6 IS PARTNERING WITH 17 LOCAL CHARITIES-- TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP FOR LOCAL FAMILIES-- AND WE'D LIKE YOUR HELP! JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL "DAY OF GIVING" THIS THURSDAY. WE'LL HAVE LIVE REPORTS THROUGH-OUT THE DAY-- FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT DROP OFF LOCATIONS-- AS WE WORK TO COLLECT A WIDE VARIETY OF ITEMS-- FOR MID-MICHIGAN RESIDENTS IN NEED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
17-Dec	Noon News	12:08 p.m./ :30	Environment	EIGHT EXPERTS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS ARE IN SOUTH KOREA TODAY TO HELP WITH THE CLEAN-UP EFFORTS FROM THIS MONTH'S MASSIVE OIL SPILL. THE GROUP IS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM FOR THE U-N---- AND PLANS TO REVIEW THE SITUATION AND IDENTIFY ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE SOUTH KOREA MIGHT NEED. THE DECEMBER 7TH SPILL HAPPENED WHEN A CRANE COLLIDED WITH A SUPER-TANKER SHIP AND SPILLED MORE THAN 65-THOUSAND BARRELS OF OIL INTO THE OCEAN. SO FAR---- NEARLY 340 SEAFOOD FARMS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND OVER 100 MILES OF BEACHES HAVE BEEN DAMAGED.
17-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:09 p.m./ :25	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	IN FLINT--NEARLY TWO DOZEN PEOPLE--- HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR VARIOUS GANG-RELATED CRIMES IN THE CITY. IT'S PART OF A YEAR-LONG INVESTIGATION INTO A GROUP CALLED THE "PIERSON HOOD" GANG. THE FLINT JOURNAL REPORTS CHARGES INCLUDE MURDER, TERRORISM, ARMED ROBBERY, DOG-FIGHTING AND FRAUD. ARREST WARRANTS HAVE *ALSO* BEEN ISSUED FOR 12 OTHER PEOPLE. AUTHORITIES SAY SOME OF THE SUSPECTS ARE TIED TO SEVEN DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

18-Dec	5-6 a.m. news	5:10 a.m./ :27	Education	THE STATE'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES ARE ALSO UP FOR DISCUSSION AT THE STATE CAPITOL. RIGHT NOW--- AN ESTIMATED 73 TO 88 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOLERS EARN THEIR DIPLOMA EVERY YEAR. GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM FORMED A BI-PARTISAN PANEL--- THAT WILL NOW BRAINSTORM WAYS TO INCREASE THAT NUMBER. THE PANEL INCLUDES STATE LAWMAKERS-- AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL EDUCATION GROUPS. GRANHOLM IS EXPECTED TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE--IN HER STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS IN JANUARY.
19-Dec	5-6 a.m. news	5:27 a.m./ :25	Economy/ Environment	THERE ARE NEW DETAILS THIS MORNING-- ABOUT A CONGRESSIONAL PLAN--TO INCREASE FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS. A MANDATE--- APPROVED TUESDAY BY LAWMAKERS-- IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF PRESIDENT BUSH. THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS--TODAY IS THE DAY--- THAT HE'LL SIGN THAT BILL-- BOOSTING THE STANDARDS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 30 YEARS. THE NEW LAW-- WOULD FORCE AUTOMAKERS TO COMPLY TO AN AVERAGE OF 35 MILES PER GALLON BY THE YEAR 20-20. RIGHT NOW--- THAT AVERAGE IS AT 25 MILES PER GALLON.
21-Dec	5-6 a.m. news	5:33 a.m./ :36	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	THE COST OF PROVIDING HEALTH CARE FOR WORKERS ROSE AGAIN BY MORE THAN 6-PERCENT IN 2007--TO NEARLY 8-THOUSAND DOLLARS PER EMPLOYEE. ANALYSTS WARN RISING COSTS WILL LEAD MORE AND MORE EMPLOYERS TO DROP INSURANCE PLANS----AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS WONT BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE SLACK.
21-Dec	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :24	Economy	THE TOUGH ECONOMY HAS MORE AND MORE MICHIGAN RESIDENTS THINKING ABOUT CUTTING BACK ON PERSONAL SPENDING...AND 33-PERCENT SAY THE FIRST TO GO...WOULD BE VACATIONS. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A A RECENT SURVEY BY THE ROSSMAN GROUP. ANOTHER 24-PERCENT WOULD CUT BACK ON EVENING OUTINGS. 12-PERCENT WOULD CUT T-V CHANNELS OR HOME INTERNET SERVICES. AND 9-PERCENT EACH WOULD CUT MEMBERSHIPS AND PURCHASING BRAND NAME PRODUCTS.
24-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:15 p.m./ :26	Crime	IN MADISON HEIGHTS--- A MAN DECIDES TO MAKE A RISKY MOVE--AND IS CAUGHT, RED-HANDED. AN OFFICER SPOTTED THE 48-YEAR-OLD SUSPECT--- RIFLING THROUGH UNLOCKED POLICE CARS IN THE LOT BEHIND THE SUBURBAN DETROIT STATION. TWO FLASHLIGHTS WERE STUFFED UP HIS SLEEVES-- AND A POLICE BADGE AND A PAIR OF GLOVES--- WERE CRAMMED IN HIS POCKETS. THE MAN--- WHOSE NAME HASN'T BEEN RELEASED-- WILL LIKELY BE CHARGED WITH LARCENY AND TRESPASSING. OFFICERS SAY--- HE HAS A LENGTHY CRIMINAL PAST.
25-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:19 p.m./ :25	Environment/ Health/ Health care	TIS THE SEASON TO EAT-- BUT THERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN KEEP FROM OVER-DOING IT. SMALLER PLATES AND TALLER SKINNY GLASSES CAN HELP STOP YOU FROM OVER-INDULGING. SO CAN KEEPING SNACKS OUT OF SIGHT OR IN SMALL PORTION BOWLS. EXPERTS SAY IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROLLING YOUR ENVIRONMENT-- NOT LETTING YOUR ENVIRONMENT CONTROL YOU.

27-Dec	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ 1:14	Health/ Health Care	DR. MITCH GOLDMAN AND HIS WIFE LAURA--- A NURSE PRACTITIONER--- HAVE WORKED IN THE MEDICAL FIELD FOR DECADES. THAT DESIRE TO HELP TOOK THEM HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD TO INDIA. THEY WORKED AT A TEMPORARY CLINIC HELPING HUNDREDS WHO OTHERWISE WOULD GO WITHOUT MEDICAL CARE. BUT THE PINCKNEY COUPLE SOON REALIZED THAT THEY DIDN'T NEED TO TRAVEL THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.
28-Dec	6-7 a.m. news	6:02 a.m./ :23	Education	SCREENING TODDLERS FOR LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT TROUBLE CAN CUT THE NEED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION ONCE THEY START SCHOOL -- ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY. SUCH SCREENING PROGRAMS ARE CONTROVERSIAL -- BECAUSE SOME LANGUAGE PROBLEMS RESOLVE THEMSELVES ALMOST SPONTANEOUSLY -- AND SCREENING CAN CREATE FALSE ALARMS. BUT THE AUTHOR OF THE STUDY ARGUES THAT --ALL THINGS CONSIDERED -- THESE PROGRAMS ARE BENEFICIAL.
29-Dec	6 p.m. news	6:24 p.m./ :19	Economy	IN PRESIDENT BUSH'S FINAL RADIO ADDRESS BEFORE THE NEW YEAR--HE FOCUSED HIS DISCUSSION ON MAINTAINING A GROWING ECONOMY. THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED A RECORD FOR UNINTERUPPTED JOB GROWTH--AS NOVEMBER CONCLUDED THE 51ST STRAIGHT MONTH FOR JOBS ADDED NATIONWIDE-- BUT THE PRESIDENT MADE HIS OWN RESOLUTION.
30-Dec	Face the Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Interview with Senator John Edwards. Topics include: his phone conversation with Pakistani President Musharraf following the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, and the issues Edwards raised relating to Pakistan's democratization and upcoming elections; the prominent role which former President Bill Clinton might play in the Presidential administration of Senator Hillary Clinton, were she to be elected; Edwards' refusal to take money from lobbyists or PACs / the perceived legal considerations which prevent him from directly contacting a PAC to ask it to stop its advertising; his stance of confrontation, rather than negotiation, with corporate interests 2) Report from Lara Logan in Pakistan about the designation of Benazir Bhutto's son as head of her party, with the likelihood that her husband will run its day-to-day operations; and the factors involved in a possible postponement of the elections there.
30-Dec	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Environment	A report on the dramatic increase in the intensity and number of forest fires across the American West, due to global warming.