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.

First Quarter 2009
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-Jan	Entire Quarter	11 p.m. News	Crime	WEEKLY "CRIMESTOPPERS" SEGMENT, FEATURING THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE WANTED BY THE POLICE.
1-Jan	Entire Quarter	Various	Education	EDUCATION MATTERS PSA'S. "LEARNING = EARNING" -- SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR AIR TIMES THROUGHOUT THE QUARTER
1-Jan	8:25 a.m. cut-in	8:25 a.m./ :26	Crime	OFFICIALS ARE WARNING IONIA COUNTY RESIDENTS ABOUT A SCAM THAT'S BEING RUN IN THEIR AREA. POLICE SAY TWO MEN ARE POSING AS WATER QUALITY TESTERS... AND THEN ROBBING HOMES. PORTLAND POLICE SAY AN 80-YEAR-OLD MAN TOOK ONE OF THE IMPOSTERS INTO HIS BASEMENT... WHILE A SECOND PERSON STOLE ABOUT 4-THOUSAND-DOLLARS IN CASH...COLLECTABLES AND A CHECKBOOK FROM HIS HOME.
4-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec/ Crime	Topics include: the Israeli-Hamas conflict: the land invasion of Gaza by Israel / the position of the United States regarding a cease-fire; the legacy of the President George W. Bush's administration; a look back on the Iraq War: current state of Iraq / the reaction of Saddam Hussein to the news of the impending invasion by the United States / critique of the original strategy with regards to troop levels and military intelligence, specifically false information regarding weapons of mass destruction; the Bush administration's program to monitor America's international phone calls without a warrant.
4-Jan	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime	A report on prosecutors who are pursuing harsher penalties, including murder convictions and long prison terms, for drunk drivers whose actions result in fatalities. Discussed is the case of seven-year old Katie Flynn, killed by drunk driver Martin Heidgen.
5-Jan	11 p.m. News	11:28 p.m./ :28	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	A CURRENT NURSING SHORTAGE-- IS PUSHING HOSPITALS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO BE MORE INNOVATIVE IN THEIR RECRUITING. CHRONIC UNDER-STAFFING CAN THREATEN PATIENT CARE-- AND NURSES' JOB SATISFACTION FOR WORKING TOO MUCH. IN MADISON HEIGHTS MICHIGAN-- RESIDENTIAL HOME HEALTH RECENTLY GRABBED THE ATTENTION OF REGISTERED NURSES-- BY GIVING AWAY FREE CHAMPAGNE AND A TRIVIA CONTEST HOSTED BY CHUCK WOOLERY. NO GOOD NEWS ANYTIME SOON THOUGH--AS THE UNDER-STAFFING PROBLEM IS EXPECTED TO WORSEN.

6-Jan	5 p.m. News	5:10 p.m./ :26	Education	A RECORD HIGH NUMBER OF STUDENTS APPLIED TO THE THOMAS M. COOLEY J-D PROGRAM THIS YEAR. MORE THAN 57-HUNDRED APPLICATIONS WERE SENT IN. THAT'S A FOUR POINT FOUR PERCENT INCREASE SINCE LAST YEAR... AND MARKS THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT COOLEY HAS EXCEEDED FIVE THOUSAND APPLICATIONS. COOLEY'S PRESIDENT ATTRIBUTES THE HIGH NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS TO THE SCHOOL'S UNIQUE APPROACH TO EDUCATION... BEING THE ONLY LAW SCHOOL NATION-WIDE TO OFFER A YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM.
7-Jan	6 p.m. News	6:03 p.m./ :25	Crime	LANSING POLICE HOPE NEW DETAILS ABOUT A RECENT MURDER - WILL HELP THEM CRACK THE CASE. LAST MONTH, DETECTIVES REPORTED SOMEONE KILLED AVERILL LA-MAHN AT THE PINEBOOK MANOR APARTMENTS. THEY NOW SAY SOMEONE SHOT "LA-MAHN" IN THE CHEST AND THEN TOOK A FLAT SCREEN T-V FROM HIS APARTMENT. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A BLACK 4-DOOR CHRYSLER THAT WAS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME. ANYONE WITH WITH INFORMATION ON THIS CRIME...IS ASKED TO CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 483-STOP.
10-Jan	11 p.m. News	11:03 p.m./ :23	Environment	IN JUST A MATTER OF WEEKS...TELEVISION STATIONS ACROSS THE NATION...WILL TURN OFF THEIR ANALOG SIGNALS AND GO COMPLETELY DIGITAL. TO GET READY FOR THE SWITCH... THE CITY OF LANSING IS SPONSORING A FREE RECYCLING EVENT. TODAY... HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO GET RID OF THEIR OLD TVs... AND EVEN COMPUTERS AND CELL PHONES. ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET RID OF ELECTRONICS... WITHOUT HURTING THE ENVIRONMENT.
10-Jan	11 p.m. News	11:06 p.m./ :28	Economy	NEW TONIGHT... THE BUSH AND OBAMA ADMINISTRATIONS MAY BE TEAMING UP TO GET HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM CONGRESS. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IS REPORTING...THE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT MAY ASK CONGRESS FOR IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO 350-BILLION DOLLARS LEFT IN LAST YEAR'S FINANCIAL BAILOUT FUND. THE POSSIBLE REQUEST COMES JUST DAYS AFTER PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA RELEASED HIS ECONOMIC RESCUE PLAN. IN TODAY'S WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS... OBAMA RELEASED AN ANALYSIS OF THE 775-BILLION DOLLAR PACKAGE.
11-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy	Topics include: support for not raising taxes during this time of great economic uncertainty / Speaker Pelosi's desire to finalize the stimulus package before February recess / concerns in the House of Representatives and the Senate regarding the proposed stimulus package / the need to allow American families and small business keep more of what they earn / opposition to releasing the remaining emergency funds allotted in the economic rescue package.
11-Jan	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec.	An interview/profile of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen, who talks about how he will be advising President-elect Barack Obama on U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq and deploying more troops to Afghanistan.

14-Jan	6-7 a.m. News	6:05 a.m./ :37	Education	A MEASURE AIMED AT SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH PASSES IN THE U-S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. CONGRESSMAN MIKE ROGERS IS THE CO-CHAIR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MENTORING CAUCUS. THE ORGANIZATION HAS WORKED TO INCREASE MENTORING FUNDING AT THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION--- CREATE A BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM FOR YOUTH GROUPS TO PROTECT CHILDREN, AND PROMOTE MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES. JANUARY WAS DECLARED NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH BY PRESIDENT BUSH.
14-Jan	6 p.m. News	6:04 p.m./ 1:16	Health/ Health Care	IT'S NOT A REPORT CARD ANY PARENT WOULD BE PROUD OF... THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION GIVES MICHIGAN THREE FAILING GRADES...WHEN IT COMES TO CONTROLLING TOBACCO. THE REPORT CARD GIVES MICHIGAN AN *F*...FOR IT'S EFFORTS IN PROVIDING SMOKE-FREE AIR.... IT'S SPENDING ON TOBACCO PREVENTION.... AND: IT'S POLICIES FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE...FOR SMOKERS TRYING TO QUIT. HEALTH ADVOCATES SAY...THE FIRST STEP TOWARD TURNING THESE FAILING GRADES AROUND...IS A STATE-WIDE SMOKING BAN. THEN...THEY CAN BEGIN FOCUSING EFFORTS ON PREVENTION...AND HELP FOR SMOKERS LOOKING TO KICK THE HABIT.
17-Jan	6 p.m. News	6:25 p.m./ :29	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	AN F-B-I AGENT IN WASHINGTON SAYS THE AGENCY IS GETTING MORE TIPS ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES AS THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION APPROACHES. BUT HE SAYS THAT'S TYPICAL...IN THE RUN-UP TO A MAJOR EVENT. THE F-B-I IS JUST ONE OF 58 FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TAKING PART IN THE LARGEST INAUGURAL SECURITY OPERATION IN HISTORY.
17-Jan	11 p.m. News	11:28 p.m./ 1:22	Race Relations/ Education	THESE TEENAGERS BELT OUT THE WORDS... PRACTICING TO PERFECT EVERY NOTE. THEY ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK HISTORY TOUR GROUP IN JACKSON. 35-STUDENTS PREPARING TO SING IN FRONT OF AN IMPORTANT AUDIENCE IN JUST THREE DAYS. SEEING THE HISTORIC INAUGURATION IS ONE THING... BUT THESE STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE TAKING PART IN IT--- SINGING AT THE MICHIGAN INAUGURAL DINNER TUESDAY NIGHT.
18-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy	Topics include: President-elect Barack Obama's proposed $825 billion economic recovery package / desire to see it approved within a month / includes provisions that will go into effect immediately, but is just one phase of his program; disagreement over the Bush tax cuts for upper income Americans - allow them to expire or repeal immediately; the current state of the American economy / belief that the unemployment rate will not reach ten percent; recent decision by Congress to release the remaining $350 billion in emergency funds to banks and financial institutions / focus of this distribution will not be on the needs of banks, but on the needs of the economy for credit / promise of full transparency and accountability this time around / President-elect Obama's belief that the funds must serve the interest of the country and not of the banks or their executives; problems facing the Big Three automakers and the need to restructure the industry.

19-Jan	5-6 a.m. News	5:04 a.m./ :31	Economy	NEARLY THREE-HUNDRED WORKERS AT A PLANT IN JACKSON-- NOW JOIN THE RANKS OF THE UNEMPLOYED. JACKSON'S GERDOE MAC-STEEL WAS FORCED TO MAKE CUTS BECAUSE OF THE SLUMPING ECONOMY. THE COMPANY MAKES AUTO PARTS... AND BLAMES THE CUTS ON THE STRUGGLING AUTO INDUSTRY. OFFICIALS FROM THE COMPANY SAY FIFTY PERCENT OF ITS BUSINESS COMES FROM THE AUTO INDUSTRY... BUT WITH MAJOR CARMAKERS CUTTING BACK PRODUCTION... DEMAND FOR THEIR PRODUCT HAS DECLINED. THAT'S FORCED THEM TO MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS. SO SUNDAY WAS THE LAST DAY FOR ABOUT 300 EMPLOYEES.
19-Jan	6 p.m. News	6:10 p.m./ 1:01	Race Relations	WHILE MANY SPENT THE DAY REMEMBERING DR. KING AND HIS FIGHT TO END DISCRIMINATION... MEMBERS OF THE INGHAM CHANGE INITIATIVE FILLED THIS ROOM IN LANSING WITH DATA SHOWING THAT FIGHT IS FAR FROM OVER. THE GROUP COMPILED DATA OVER THE PAST YEAR ON FIVE DIFFERENT AREAS FROM HEALTH AND EDUCATION TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THEY FOUND AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE ALMOST 3-TIMES MORE LIKELY TO END UP IN FOSTER CARE THAN WHITE CHILDREN. THAT ONLY 54-PERCENT OF MALES OF COLOR GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL... COMPARED TO 74-PERCENT OF WHITE MALES. AND 74-PERCENT OF YOUTHS ARRESTED IN LANSING ARE MALES OF COLOR. LEADERS SAY THOSE NUMBERS ARE VERY DISTURBING.
20-Jan	6-7 a.m. News	6:13 a.m./ :34	Crime	BEFORE OFFICIALLY LEAVING OFFICE--- PRESIDENT BUSH DECIDED TO COMMUTE THE PRISON SENTENCES OF TWO FORMER U-S BORDER PATROL AGENTS. THE AGENTS WERE EACH SENTENCED TO MORE THAN TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING AND WOUNDING A MEXICAN DRUG DEALER--- THEN TRYING TO COVER IT UP. WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAY THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T PARDON THE MEN FOR THEIR CRIMES--- BUT COMMUTED THEIR SENTENCES BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THE PUNISHMENTS WERE EXCESSIVE--- AND THAT THEY HAD ALREADY SUFFERED ENOUGH. THE MEN WILL BOTH BE RELEASED BY MARCH.
21-Jan	5 p.m. News	5:15 p.m./ :28	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	ALSO FROM WASHINGTON-- THE JUDGE IN THE SEPTEMBER 11TH WAR CRIMES CASE AT GUANTANAMO BAY HAS AGREED TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE CASE-- PENDING A 120-DAY REVIEW. THE DEFENDANTS OPPOSED THE DELAY. ALL HAVE SAID THEY WANT TO PLEAD GUILT Y TO CHARGES THAT CARRY A POTENTIAL DEATH SENTENCE. PROSECUTORS SOUGHT THE SUSPENSION... TO GIVE THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TIME TO REVIEW THE SPECIAL SYSTEM FOR PROSECUTING ALLEGED TERRORISTS SET UP BY FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH AND CONGRESS.

22-Jan	5-6 a.m. News	5:05 a.m./ :36	Crime/ Education	THE CAMPUS OF VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY IS SHAKEN ONCE AGAIN---THIS TIME OVER THE MURDER OF A STUDENT. POLICE SAY--- A FEMALE STUDENT WAS STABBED TO DEATH WEDNESDAY NIGHT--- TRIGGERING AN ELECTRONIC WARNING TO STUDENTS THEY SHOULD STAY WHERE THEY ARE WHILE POLICE INVESTIGATED THE CRIME. POLICE ARRESTED A MAN BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STABBING. AUTHORITIES ALSO BELIEVE THEY FOUND THE WEAPON USED TO COMMIT THE CRIME. BOTH THE VICTIM AND THE SUSPECT WERE GRADUATE STUDENTS AT VIRGINIA TECH. POLICE BELIEVE THEY KNEW EACH OTHER. THIS IS THE FIRST KILLING AT THE SCHOOL SINCE THE DEADLY SHOOTING MASSACRE IN 2007.
25-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec.	Vice President Joe Biden's concept of the vice presidency, as President Barack Obama's confidant versus a deputy president; the worsening state of the American economy / President Obama's proposed economic stimulus package and what it entails / hopes for bipartisan support / the release of the second $350 billion and the promise of transparency and accountability by the Obama Administration / speculation as to whether or not additional funds will need to be allocated to financial institutions; President Obama's decision to close Guantanamo Bay / concern over the release of enemy combatants back into society and assurance that of those released, only United States citizens or legal residents will be allowed to return to the United States; last week's attack across the Pakistani border against an al Qaeda force by an assumed American drone, which continued the former Bush Administration's practice of granting permission to its forces to fire into Pakistan from Afghanistan / recent trip to Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iraq: progress made in Pakistan in helping to train their counterinsurgency capability.
25-Jan	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy	A report on the impact of the economic crisis on Wilmington, Ohio, whose residents have been hit particularly hard because the town's largest employer, DHL, is shutting its domestic operation. Many of the residents are losing their homes and health insurance. Interviewed are DHL employees who have been laid off or had their hours reduced.
27-Jan	6 p.m. News	6:06 p.m./ :28	Education	THE HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS APPROVED A NEW CONTRACT FOR IT'S NON-TEACHING STAFF. THE DEAL WAS RATIFIED LAST NIGHT BETWEEN THE BOARD AND A UNION REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT'S SECRETARIES, FINANCIAL AIDS, TECHNICAL PERSONELL, AND HALL MONITORS. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT LYNN PARRISH... SAYS THE CONTRACT INCLUDES AN EMPLOYEE PAY FREEZE AND A LESS EXPENSIVE INSURANCE PLAN. THE TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT FOLLOWS MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS... AFTER THE LAST CONTRACT EXPIRED IN JUNE.
28-Jan	5 p.m. News	5:03 p.m./ :31	Environment	A PLAN TO BURN TRASH FROM INTERNATIONAL AND PRIVATE FLIGHTS AT LANSING'S AIRPORT-- IS NOT SITTING WELL WITH CLINTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS. THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE PURCHASE OF A 46-THOUSAND DOLLAR GAS-FIRED INCINERATOR. HOWEVER THE CLINTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY SAYS THEY OPPOSE THE INSTALLATION-- UNTIL QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED REGARDING IT'S IMPACT ON RESIDENTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

28-Jan	11 p.m. News	11:06 p.m./ :22	Health/ Health Care	THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE REGULATION IS REMINDING STATE CONSUMERS--- OF THEIR RIGHTS REGARDING HEALTH CLAIMS. THE OFFICE SAYS MICHIGANIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DENIAL OF A BENEFIT CLAIM---A REDUCTION IN BENEFITS--OR A REFUSAL TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICE... ONE-THIRD OF CONSUMERS WHO EXCERCISED THIS RIGHT LAST YEAR---WON THEIR APPEALS.
30-Jan	5 p.m. News	5:04 p.m./ :20	Economy	A NEW REPORT FROM THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT HAS MORE BAD ECONOMIC NEWS. NUMBERS SHOW THE ECONOMY SHRANK BY 3-POINT-8 PERCENT IN THE FINAL QUARTER OF LAST YEAR. THAT'S THE WORST IN A QUARTER CENTURY. HOWEVER... ECONOMIST HAD ACTUALLY EXPECTED AN EVEN WORSE FOURTH-QUARTER PERFORMANCE.
30-Jan	6 p.m. News	6:06 p.m./ :21	Race Relations	MICHIGAN G-O-P CHAIRMAN SAUL ANUZIS WILL NOT BE THE NEXT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. AFTER SEVERAL ROUNDS OF VOTING... FORMER MARYLAND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MICHAEL STEELE WAS ELECTED TO THE POSITION, BECOMING THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN NATIONAL G-O-P CHAIRMAN.
1-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy	Topics include changes needed in order for the stimulus bill to pass the Senate / need to focus on addressing the housing problem and tax cuts for the lower and middle class.
4-Feb	Noon news	12:04 p.m./ :22	Education	IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING COLLEGE BUT AREN'T SURE HOW YOU'LL FOOT THE BILL.... A FREE SEMINAR TONIGHT COULD HELP YOU FIGURE IT OUT. THE EVENT STARTS AT SIX--- AT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY. THE SEMINAR WILL FEATURE A FINANCIAL AIDE EXPERT WHO WILL DISCUSS SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND LOANS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. CALL 517- 267-71-71 FOR MORE INFORMATION. SEATING IS LIMITED.
5-Feb	5 p.m. News	5:03 p.m./ :21	Crime	MICHIGAN STATE POLICE RECOVERED SEVERAL STOLEN ITEMS FROM A HOME IN IONIA COUNTY. THE ITEMS DISAPPEARED ON SUNDAY, FROM A VACANT HOME. SOON AFTER, POLICE FOUND A SUSPECT, WHO LATER CONFESSED TO THE CRIME AND TURNED OVER SEVERAL MORE STOLEN GOODS. THE SUSPECT HAS SINCE BEEN RELEASED, WHILE POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE.
5-Feb	5 p.m. News	5:10 p.m./ :25	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	AN MSU STUDY SHOWS THAT ALMOST 70 PERCENT OF MINORITY WOMEN THINK THAT HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS DECEIVE OR MISLEAD PATIENTS-- AND THAT CAN PREVENT THEM FROM GETTING BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS. THE STUDY..FUNDED BY THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION-- FOUND THAT 39 PERCENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN HAD HIGH LEVELS OF MISTRUST IN HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS... WHILE 15 PERCENT OF LATINA WOMEN AND 9 PERCENT OF ARAB AMERICAN WOMEN HAD THE SAME CONCERNS.

5-Feb	11 p.m. News	11:04 p.m./ :29	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	JUSTICE IS FINALLY SERVED- NEARLY A DECADE AFTER AN INFAMOUS ARSON AT M-S-U. TODAY- A FEDERAL JUDGE IN LANSING SENTENCED THIS WOMAN- MARIE MASON- TO NEARLY 22 YEARS IN PRISON- AND ORDERED HER TO PAY OVER FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1999 FIRE AT MSU'S AG HALL. MASON PLEADED GUILTY TO SETTING THE FIRE AS PART OF A PROTEST ON BEHALF OF THE EARTH LIBERATION FRONT- OR ELF - A RADICAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST GROUP. TODAY- THE JUDGE SENTENCED HER AS A TERRORIST- WITH THE HARSHEST PENALTY EVER GIVEN IN SUCH A CASE.
6-Feb	Noon news	12:19 p.m./ :29	Economy	THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE IS TAKING STEPS TO PRESERVE JOBS AND STIMULATE SPENDING IN HIS COUNTRY-- AMID THE CURRENT GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS. PRESIDENT NICHOLAS SARKOZY HOPES INVESTMENT MEASURES AND TAX CUTS WILL HELP HIS NATION. HIS PLAN COMES AFTER MANY WORKERS WORRIED ABOUT BEING LAID OFF--- PARTICIPATED IN A NATION-WIDE STRIKE-- LAST WEEK.
7-Feb	11 p.m. News	11:06 p.m./ :25	Environment	HUNDREDS WAITED IN LINE FOR HOURS TODAY... TO RECYCLE THEIR ELECTRONICS FOR FREE. THE CITY OF LANSING AND CLASSIC COMPUTER RECOVERY HOSTED THE EVENT AT THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BUILDING. ABOUT A THOUSAND PEOPLE WAITED IN LINE...TO DROP OFF OLD COMPUTERS...TELEVISIONS AND OTHER ELECTRONICS. ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S ALL ABOUT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.
7-Feb	11 p.m. News	11:29 p.m./ :19	Health/ Health Care	FOUR MILLION UNINSURED CHILDREN WILL SOON BE ABLE TO GET HEALTH COVERAGE. PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED A NEW BILL HE SAYS IS A STEP TOWARD UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE. CONGRESS WILL COVER THE EXTRA 33-BILLION DOLLAR COST BY INCREASING THE CIGARETTE TAX.
8-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy	Reasons behind his opposition to President Barack Obama's economic recovery plan / the need for a stimulus package, but not this one and one that is more bipartisan / criticism regarding the exclusion of Republicans from the at-the-beginning discussions and negotiations regarding this package 2) Topics include: importance of the economic recovery package to the United States / opinion regarding Republican opposition to this plan / current state of the American economy and how failing to boost the economy will deepen the crisis / need to address the housing crisis / optimism regarding the conference committee's ability to negotiate the differences between the House of Representatives and Senate. 3) Topics include: the importance of the stimulus package and President Obama's commitment to seeing it through / speculation regarding Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner's upcoming announcement on how to use the remaining TARP money more effectively / proposed aid to homeowners facing foreclosure on their homes / President Obama's commitment to transparency and full accounting / support from econon

12-Feb	6-7 a.m. News	6:16 a.m./ :27	Crime	A MURDER CASE IN JACKSON COMES TO A CLOSE TODAY-- MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED. WILLIE ANDERSON THE SECOND WILL BE SENTENCED IN COURT TODAY. LAST MONTH--- ANDERSON PLED NO CONTEST... TO VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER. HE STANDS ACCUSED OF KILLING A MAN AT CHUCKLES PARTY STORE IN JACKSON BACK IN 2006. HE WENT TO TRIAL FOR THE CRIME LAST YEAR-- BUT THE JURY COULDN'T REACH A VERDICT. ANDERSON'S MOM SAYS HER SON IS INNOCENT-- BUT CLAIMS HE MADE THE PLEA TO AVOID LIFE IN PRISON.
12-Feb	11 p.m. News	11:12 p.m./ :25	Race Relations	PEOPLE ACROSS THE NATION ARE CELEBRATING TWO VERY SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES. ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S 200TH... AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY. AMONG THOSE PAYING TRIBUTE TO THESE HISTORICAL MARKS... WERE INGHAM COUNTY REPUBLICANS. THE GROUP HOSTED AN EVENT TONIGHT... RECOGNIZING BOTH LINCOLN---- AND THE N-DOUBLE-A-C-P'S HISTORIES. SECRETARY OF STATE TERRY LYNN LAND GAVE THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS.
13-Feb	Noon news	12:02 p.m./ :44	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	A MEMBER OF AN ECO-TERRORIST GROUP IS BEING SENTENCED AS WE SPEAK IN LANSING-- FOR HER ROLE IN A FIRE AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MORE THAN 9 YEARS AGO. THAT SENTENCING IS HAPPENING AT THE FEDERAL COURT IN LANSING.F-B-I AND FEDERAL MARSHALS ARE ALL ON HAND TO MAKE SURE ANY PROTESTS ARE PEACEFUL. SO FAR-- ALL IS QUIET THIS AFTERNOON.
15-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy	Topics include: passing of President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package by both the House and Senate / when and how America will begin to see the effects of this legislation / hope that this stimulus plan will curb the rising unemployment rate / President Obama's commitment to continue to reach out to Republicans / provision in the stimulus package putting a cap on wages and bonuses for the executives of big financial institutions receiving financial bailouts / President Obama's desire to strike the right balance concerning the regulation of salaries and bonuses; Senator Judd Gregg's (R-NH) decision not to accept the nomination for Secretary of Commerce.
15-Feb	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec.	A report on the "buy American" clause included in the economic stimulus package passed by Congress this week. Fought hard for by the steel industry, it mandates that any infrastructure project paid for with stimulus dollars must use steel made in the USA and not cheaper imports. American businesses that export overseas now worry foreign governments will retaliate and keep U.S. products out of their market, thus hurting their business. "War In Pakistan" - a report on the conflicts in Pakistan, featuring an interview with President Asif Ali Zardari. The Muslim nation, whose support is critical to the U.S. mission in Afghanistan, is not only broke and embroiled in another crisis with its arch enemy India, it's also now at war with Muslim extremists trying to destroy the government. This growing insurgency, run by the Taliban and al Qaeda, is threatening the stability of a key U.S. ally that is believed to have as many as a hundred nuclear weapons.

16-Feb	6-7 a.m. News	6:06 a.m./ :29	Economy	THE PRESIDENT WILL SIGN HIS 787-BILLION DOLLAR ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL INTO LAW----IN DENVER TOMORROW. DENVER IS WHERE OBAMA ACCEPTED THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT. THE STIMULUS BILL IS CONSIDERED A BIG VICTORY FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT---EVEN THOUGH ONLY 3 REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE VOTED FOR IT.. DEMOCRATS SAY THE MONEY WILL HELP GIVE AMERICAN FAMILIES A BREAK AND CREATE MILLIONS OF GOOD PAYING JOBS. REPUBLICANS SAY THE BILL IS FILLED WITH WASTEFUL SPENDING---THAT WON'T REALLY HELP ECONOMY.
17-Feb	5 p.m. News	5:15 p.m./ :31	Health/ Health Care	STATE SENATOR MICHAEL SWITALSKI UNVEILED HIS CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE TODAY. ITS A SERIES OF BILLS DESIGNED TO HELP PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF MICHIGAN'S CHILDREN. THE LEGISLATION WOULD REQUIRE RANDOM STEROID TESTING FOR STUDENT ATHLETES-- ELIMINATE THE FOOD TAX BREAK FOR JUNK FOOD VENDING MACHINE PRODUCTS-- AND REQUIRE A LISTING OF THE AMOUNT OF CAFFEINE IN ALL BOTTLED, CANNED OR PACKAGED DRINKS. THE TAX BREAK FOR JUNK FOOD VENDING MACHINE PRODUCTS... CURRENTLY FUNDS INCREASED ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE.
19-Feb	Noon news	12:06 p.m./ :30	Environment/ Economy	PRESIDENT OBAMA IS IN CANADA THIS AFTERNOON... IT MARKS HIS FIRST FOREIGN TRIP AS PRESIDENT. ON THE AGENDA FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT---TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT CANADA AND THE U-S HAVE THE LARGEST TRADING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANY TWO COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD....AND THE U-S DEPENDS MORE ON CANADA FOR IMPORTED OIL---THAN IT DOES ANY OTHER COUNTRY.
20-Feb	6-7 a.m. News	6:40 a.m./ :42	Economy	THE LATEST REPORTS ON THE NATION'S ECONOMY REVEAL MORE BAD NEWS. NEW FIGURES RELEASED ON THURSDAY---- SHOW NEARLY FIVE MILLION PEOPLE COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. THAT'S A RECORD HIGH. AT THE SAME TIME--- WHOLESALE PRICES ROSE IN JANUARY. THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HOPES THE STIMULUS PACKAGE PASSED THIS WEEK WILL HELP DIAL DOWN THE BAD ECONOMIC NEWS. BUT THE STIMULUS ITSELF MAY NOT BE ALL GOOD NEWS.
22-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11a.m.	Economy	Topics include: support for President Barack Obama's recently announced housing bailout plan / explanation of the three phases of the plan: money to help keep mortgage rates low, refinancing opportunities for homeowners current on their mortgages but at risk due to declining housing values in their neighborhoods, and a modification plan for those homeowners at risk of foreclosure / estimation as to how many foreclosures can be forestalled with this plan. 2) Topics include: current economic conditions and crises being faced in New Jersey, Indiana, and Ohio / support for accepting the stimulus cash as outlined in President Obama's economic recovery plan and how each state will use those resources / reaction to the decision made by a few Republican governors not to accept any of the stimulus cash.
22-Feb	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec.	A report on the war in Iraq, featuring an interview with CBS News producer/cameraman Richard Butler, who was kidnapped in Basra in 2008. At that time, the southern city was in total chaos, at the mercy of warring Shiite factions -- many of whom were taking their orders from Iran and Hezbollah. In one of the first major Iraqi-led military missions since the United States invasion, Iraqi troops, along with their U.S. counterparts, invaded the city, took control, and rescued Butler, leading to an understanding that the new Iraqi government could successfully combat the militias.

24-Feb	6-7 a.m. News	6:19 a.m./ :25	Education/ Economy	TONIGHT CASE CREDIT UNION WILL HOLD A FINANCIAL EDUCATION SEMINAR--- ON HOW TO GET A HOME LOAN IN TODAY'S MARKET. EXPERTS WILL BE ON HAND FOR THE EVENT. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE BRANCH LOCATED AT 75-27 ON DELTA COMMERCE DRIVE--- IN LANSING. THE SEMINAR STARTS AT SIX TONIGHT.
25-Feb	6 p.m. News	6:04 p.m./ 1:15	Health/ Health Care	MEDICAID IS THE ONLY HEALTHCARE OPTION FOR A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE... AN OBVIOUS BURDEN FOR THE STATE GOVERNMENT. WHICH MEANS THE STIMULUS MONEY COULDN'T HAVE COME AT A BETTER TIME. THE FEDERAL FUNDING WILL HELP THE STATE GIVE HEALTHCARE TO FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND SENIORS...ALL LIVING IN POVERTY. STEVE FITTON IS MEDICAID'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR.
26-Feb	5-6 a.m. News	5:33 a.m./ :32	Crime	NEW LEGISLATION AT THE STATE CAPITOL COULD PREVENT HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT----FROM GETTING THEIR LICENSES RE-INSTATED. STATE REPRESENTATIVE RICK JONES SAYS THE LEGISLATION STEMS FROM THE CASE OF A MICHIGAN DENTIST WHO HAD HIS LICENSE RE-INSTATED BACK IN 2007---- AFTER HE SERVED JAIL TIME FOR DRUGGING AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A PATIENT.
27-Feb	6-7 a.m. News	6:12 a.m./ :24	Economy	AS THE ECONOMY SLIPS DEEPER INTO A RECESSION... THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT IS RELEASING A REPORT THAT SHOWS JUST HOW FAST THE ECONOMY DECLINED FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER. THE REPORT IS EXPECTED TO SHOW THAT ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IS DRYING UP AT A FASTER RATE THAN ESTIMATED A MONTH AGO. BUT AMID THE DOOM AND GLOOM...THERE COULD BE A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. FEDERAL CHAIRMAN...BEN BERNANKE...SAYS THE RECESSION COULD END THIS YEAR IF THE GOVERNMENT CAN PROP UP THE SHAKY BANK SYSTEM.
1-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec./ Crime	Topics include: whether or not President Barack Obama is going to approve the spending bill, which contains 9,000 earmarks -- something he campaigned against; reaction to Newt Gingrich's characterization of President Obama's budget as an effort to remake America into a more left-wing country with a bigger government / support and breakdown of the budget / President Obama's continued commitment to bipartisanship; Rush Limbaugh as the voice, intellectual force, and energy behind the Republican Party; current state of General Motors / response to GM's request for an additional $16 billion from the government; President Obama's announcement regarding troop withdrawal in Iraq / plan to leave 50,000 troops in Iraq in support roles; President Obama's April deadline for passing the budget; increased violence along the Mexican border between competing drug cartels.
1-Mar	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime/ Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec.	An interview with Harry Markopolos, a Boston financial analyst and fraud investigator who repeatedly told the Securities and Exchange Commission that Wall Street financier Bernard L. Madoff's investment fund was a fraud. He was ignored, and investors lost billions of dollars. Also interviewed: former Madoff customers Shelly Ludlow and Len Forrest, who lost their investments; and Attorney David Boies. "The War Next Door" - a report on the drug cartel fueled violence in Mexico, where kidnappings, torture, and brutal beheadings have become common. President Felipe Calderon has declared war on the well-armed gangs, whose military-quality weapons come mostly from U.S. dealers.

3-Mar	6 p.m. News	6:06 p.m./ :31	Education/ Economy	THE LEADERS OF MICHIGAN'S TOP RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES... WANT LAWMAKERS TO INVEST MORE MONEY IN HIGHER EDUCATION. AT A HEARING TODAY...THE PRESIDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, AND WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY PUSHED FOR MORE FUNDS TODAY. THE TESTIMONY COMES AFTER GOVERNOR GRANHOLM... PROPOSED CUTTING STATE AID TO UNIVERSITIES BY 3-PERCENT. TODAY, THE PRESIDENT'S TOLD STATE LAWMAKERS...THAT HIGHER EDUCATION IS KEY TO THE MICHIGAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ARGUE CUTS HAVE MADE COLLEGE DIFFICULT TO AFFORD.
5-Mar	6-7 a.m. News	6:22 a.m./ :25	Race Relations/ Education	NEW CENSUS FIGURES RELEASED TODAY SHOW A MAJOR ETHNIC SHIFT AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE NATION. THE GOVERNMENT REPORT SHOWS ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF ALL KINDERGARTNERS ARE NOW HISPANIC. AND PREDICTS BY THE YEAR 2-THOUSAND-23--- MINORITY CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS WILL TURN INTO THE MAJORITY. THE CHANGE HAS BEEN MOST NOTICEABLE IN THE WEST. ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, AND NEVADA ARE AMONG THE TOP THREE STATES WHERE THE HISPANIC POPULATIONS ARE BOOMING.
5-Mar	11 p.m. News	11:08 p.m./ :30	Health/ Health Care	PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS THE CONSENSUS IS CLEAR--- HE SAYS DOCTORS... LAWMAKERS... INSURERS... AND EVEN SKEPTICS AGREE IT'S TIME FOR A REFORM OF THE U-S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. AT TODAY'S HEALTH CARE SUMMIT... THE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED HE'S OPEN TO COMPROMISE WHEN IT COMES TO OVERHAULING THE NATION'S SYSTEM. MR OBAMA INVITED OVER 120 PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE FORUM... AND SAID SOME ISSUES WILL BE EASY TO AGREE ON--- LIKE ELECTRONIC HEALTH CARE RECORDS... BUT OTHERS WILL CREATE DEEP DIVISIONS-- LIKE A 634-BILLION-DOLLAR DOWN PAYMENT FOR EXPANDED COVERAGE.
6-Mar	Noon news	12:04 p.m./ :30	Crime	NEW DEVELOPMENTS THIS AFTERNOON-- AS A MANHUNT CONTINUES IN OHIO. POLICE NOW SAY THE MAN IS SUSPECTED OF KILLING HIS WIFE-- SISTER-IN-LAW AND THREE YOUNG CHILDREN. THAT MAN-- 33-YEAR-OLD DAVON CRAWFORD--- IS ACCUSED OF SHOOTING HIS FAMILY AT THEIR HOME LAST NIGHT. POLICE SURROUNDED THE HOME AFTER THE SHOOTING BUT CRAWFORD WAS ALREADY GONE. ACCORDING TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE VICTIMS-- CRAWFORD JUST MARRIED HIS WIFE EARLIER THIS WEEK. AT THIS POINT THERE'S NO WORD ON A MOTIVE FOR THE CRIME. PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR-BY SAY THEY'RE IN SHOCK.

8-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	1) Topics include: President Barack Obama's proposal to fund the expansion of health care by reducing the deduction that upper-income taxpayers receive when donating to charities; belief that the current Recovery Act must be given time to work before there is talk of another stimulus package; reaction to Senator Lindsey Graham's (R-SC) portrayal of President Obama's budget as a "reckless exercise" / current Republican budgetary proposals / spending bill currently before Congress, which Republicans have blocked / opposition to Representative John Boehner's proposed spending freeze. 2) Topics include: clarification regarding his suggested spending freeze / Republican proposals to stimulate the economy and fix the housing crisis / objections regarding President Obama's budget; criticism of the White House for encouraging the idea that Rush Limbaugh is the leader of the Republican Party; assertion that the reason the stock market is performing so poorly is that Wall Street does not support President Obama's policies; opposition to another infusion of federal money to General Motors.
8-Mar	11 p.m. News	11:22 p.m./ :37	Economy	THE WORLD BANK PREDICTS THE GLOBAL ECONOMY WILL SHRINK THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WORLD WAR TWO. IT ALSO SAYS THAT THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS WILL MAKE IT TOUGHER FOR POOR AND DEVELOPING NATIONS TO GET MUCH-NEEDED FINANCING. THE BANK ALSO SAYS TRADE WILL FALL TO ITS LOWEST POINT IN EIGHTY YEARS.
10-Mar	5 p.m. News	5:09 p.m./ 1:08	Education	IT'S BEEN NEARLY THREE YEARS SINCE GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SIGNED THE MICHIGAN MERIT CURRICULUM INTO LAW... THIS YEAR'S HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES ARE THE FIRST TO TAKE ON THESE NEW...HIGHER ACADEMIC STANDARDS. THE STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS NOW PUSHING FORWARD... TO FIND NEW WAYS TO ENGAGE EVERY STUDENT... NO MATTER WHAT THEIR LEARNING STYLE.
11-Mar	5 p.m. News	5:08 p.m./ :23	Crime/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	IN IRAQ-- TARIQ AZIZ... WHO SERVED AS SADDAM HUSSEIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER... HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. HE WAS CONVICTED FOR THE 1992 EXECUTION OF 42 MERCHANTS... ACCUSED OF PRICE GOUGING WHILE IRAQ WAS UNDER U-N SANCTIONS. TODAY'S CONVICTION CAME JUST OVER A WEEK AFTER AZIZ WAS ACQUITTED OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR A BRUTAL CRACKDOWN ON SHIITE PROTESTERS--IN 1999
13-Mar	Noon news	12:10 p.m./ :24	Economy	PRESIDENT OBAMA AND HIS TEAM ARE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT HOW THE STIMULUS MONEY IS BEING SPENT-- AND HOW IT'S WORKING. EARLY THIS MORNING-- THE PRESIDENT GOT AN ECONOMIC UPDATE FROM ONE OF HIS TOP ADVISERS. SUSAN ROBERTS HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

15-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec.	Topics include: reaction to the news that AIG -- the huge insurance company that received $170 billion in taxpayer bailouts -- has decided to pay $165 million in bonuses to executives / the difficulty in monitoring government bailout money with regards to the banking industry / preview of President Barack Obama's plan for small businesses / administration's view on how to best handle so-called toxic assets; response to the recent statement made by the president of China, expressing concern for the safety of China's investment in the United States / support for Treasury Bills as the asset of choice; assurance that President Obama has no intention of taxing health care benefits. 2) Topics include: the government's inability to control the situation at AIG and belief that this crisis could impact the morale of the people of United States / resolving the growing problem of toxic assets / anger over how the bailout money has been spent / waiting for the geopolitical fallout from the economic crisis / emergence of Pakistan and North Korea as the world's two most dangerous governm
15-Mar	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy/ Health/ Health Care/ Environmen t	In a rare interview with a sitting Federal Reserve Chairman, the first in twenty years, Ben Bernanke talks about what went wrong with America's financial system, how it caused the current economic crisis, what the Federal Reserve is doing to help fix it and when he expects the crippling recession to end. "Alice Waters" - an interview with Alice Waters, who has been cooking and preaching the virtues of fresh food grown in an environmentally friendly way for decades. A world-class restaurant -- Chez Panisse in Berkeley, California -- and eight cookbooks to her credit, Waters has become famous for her "slow food" approach, an antidote to fast food.
16-Mar	11 p.m. News	11:05 p.m./ :20	Health/ Health Care	PRESIDENT OBAMA IS DEFENDING HIS MOVE TO INVEST FEDERAL DOLLARS IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM DURING THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES. HE SAYS THE SITUATION ON WALL STREET IS ONLY A PART OF WHAT THREATENS THE OVERALL ECONOMY... AND THAT THE NATION CAN'T IGNORE LONG-TERM THREATS TO THE NATION'S PROSPERITY--- SUCH AS HIGH MEDICAL COSTS.
21-Mar	11 p.m. News	11:30 p.m./ :26	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	THE PRESIDENT MET WITH STATE LEADERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY TO DISCUSS THE BEST WAY TO SPEND MONEY FROM THE STIMULUS PLAN. THAT MEETING WAS OVERSHADOWED BY NEW INFORMATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL DEFICIT... WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO SOAR TO 1-POINT-8 TRILLION DOLLARS IF THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS APPROVED. THAT NUMBER IS FAR MORE THAN WHAT THE WHITE HOUSE INITIALLY CALCULATED - WHEN IT PROPOSED A PLAN INCLUDING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO GO TOWARD HEALTH CARE.
23-Mar	5 p.m. News	5:15 p.m./ :42	Crime	LANSING TOWNSHIP POLICE ARE HANDLING THE INVESTIGATION... AND THEY'RE BEING PRETTY TIGHT LIPPED. BUT HERE'S WHAT WE DO KNOW. PROSECUTORS HAVE CHARGED DOCTOR LLOYD HALL OF EAST LANSING ..WITH ONE COUNT OF USING A COMPUTER TO COMMIT A CRIME... AND THREE COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. NOW...WHAT WE DON'T KNOW IS WHETHER POLICE BELIEVE HE WAS USING HIS CHURCH COMPUTER OR A HOME COMPUTER. PROSECUTORS SAY DOCTOR HALL TURNED HIMSELF IN TO AUTHORITIES ON THURSDAY...AND IS CURRENTLY OUT ON A 1-THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND. CHURCH LEADERS SAY THE PASTOR RESIGNED FROM HIS JOB ON FRIDAY. NOW...THEY SAY THEY'RE TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD... WITHOUT HIM.

25-Mar	6 p.m. News	6:03 p.m./ :21	Race Relations/ Crime	OF ALL TRAFFIC STOPS MADE BY THE LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT... 57 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE PULLED OVER WERE WHITE... 29 PERCENT WERE AFRICAN AMERICANS AND 6 PERCENT WERE HISPANIC. LANSING POLICE CHIEF MARK ALLEY SAYS THESE NUMBERS ARE CONSISTENT WITH MID-MICHIGAN'S POPULATION. AND SHOW THAT THE OFFICERS ARE PULLING PEOPLE OVER BECAUSE OF A VIOLATION...AND NOT BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE.
25-Mar	6 p.m. News	6:11 p.m./ :31	Environment	GOVERNOR GRANHOLM MAY HALT ASBESTOS INSPECTIONS-- IN ORDER TO CUT SPENDING. THE INSPECTIONS-- CONDUCTED AT BUILDING DEMOLITION SITES-- ARE IN PLACE TO ENSURE ASBESTOS IS NOT RELEASED INTO THE AIR. THE PROGRAM COSTS 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS - OUT OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND-- AND 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM FEDERAL FUNDING. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SAYS IT'S PART OF MICHIGAN'S EFFORT TO DEAL WITH THE BUDGET SHORTFALL.
26-Mar	Noon News	12:02 p.m./ :32	Education	SOME LOCAL PARENTS ARE VOICING THEIR CONCERN AND FRUSTRATION OVER A PLAN TO PUT HIGH SCHOOLERS AND PRE SCHOOLERS--IN THE SAME BUILDING MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS PLAN TO MOVE THEIR ALTENRATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM--- MADE UP OF "TEENAGERS" --- INTO CEDAR STREET ELEMENTARY. THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOUSES THE DISTRICT'S PRESCHOOL AND EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM. ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT--- THE DISTRICT HELD AN OPEN FORUM TO HEAR FROM PARENTS. SOME PARENTS SAY THEY THINK THE MOVE WILL PUT THEIR KIDS IN JEOPARDY. BUT DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THE TWO AGE GROUPS WILL BE SEPARATED.
27-Mar	6-7 a.m. News	6:14 a.m./ 1:05	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	PRESIDENT OBAMA IS EXPECTED TO UNVEIL HIS NEW WAR STRATEGY FOR AFGHANISTAN TODAY. THAT LEADS OUR TOP STORIES THIS MORNING. TOP DEFENSE OFFICIALS SAY THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO SEND FOUR THOUSAND ADDITIONAL U-S MILITARY TROOPS TO THE REGION. THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS THE PRESIDENT'S GOAL IS TO STABILIZE AFGHANISTAN AND ELIMINATE THE TERRORISTS SAFE HAVENS IN PAKISTAN.
29-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec./ Crime/ Economy	Guest: President Barack Obama (D), President of the United States -- Topics include: new strategy in Afghanistan, calling for 22,000 more troops and an increase in spending by 60% / the need to refocus attention on al Qaeda and to ensure that neither Afghanistan or Pakistan can serve as a safe haven / troubling situation in Pakistan / the obligation to work with Pakistan and Afghanistan on both a military level and on a diplomatic level, as well as through aid assistance and development / importance of adjusting strategy with regards to circumstances; confidence regarding current plan for troop withdrawal from Iraq; current situation in Mexico / recently introduced initiative to assist the border regions that are being threatened by drug cartels; incomplete efforts made by the U.S. auto industry to formulate a new business plan; clarification regarding the middle class tax cut not being in the proposed budget, but for two years in the stimulus package
31-Mar	5 p.m. News	5:05 p.m./ :24	Health/ Health Care	HEALTHCARE COSTS ARE EATING UP MORE OF RETIREES' SAVINGS. A NEW STUDY SHOWS THAT A 65 YEAR OLD COUPLE RETIRING THIS YEAR-- WOULD NEED 240-THOUSAND DOLLARS.... TO COVER MEDICAL COSTS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. THAT'S UP ALMOST 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR'S ESTIMATE.

31-Mar	6 p.m. News	6:03 p.m./ 1:03	Economy/ Education	IT'S AN EXPENSE MANY FAMILIES SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD... TUITION AT ANY OF MICHIGAN'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES...OR COMMUNITY COLLEGES... BUT IF THESE TWO LAWMAKERS GET THEIR WAY... EVERY STUDENT WHO GRADUATES FROM A MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL...WOULD GET A FREE RIDE... THE PLAN IS CALLED MI FUTURE. IT WOULD BE FUNDED WITH A MORE THAN ONE PERCENT HIKE...IN THE STATE'S INCOME TAX. THEY FIGURE IT WOULD COST ABOUT 5-HUNDRED DOLLARS ...FOR A HOUSEHOLD EARNING 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. THE PROGRAM DOESN'T JUST PAY FOR COLLEGE... IT INCLUDES A TAX CREDIT FOR THE COST OF HALF-DAY PRESCHOOL.