2ND QTR. 2009 ISSUES

Community needs and issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Quarter 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-Apr	11 p.m. News	Segment/ Entire quarter	Crime	WEEKLY "CRIMESTOPPERS" SEGMENT, FEATURING THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE WANTED BY THE POLICE.
1-Apr	Various	:30 PSA	Education	EDUCATION MATTERS PSA'S. "LEARNING = EARNING" -- SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR AIR TIMES THROUGHOUT THE QUARTER
1-Apr	5-6 a.m. news	5:14 a.m./ :29	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	A BIG FINANCIAL BOOST FOR DOZENS OF MICHIGAN HEALTH CARE CENTERS IS ON IT'S WAY. AS PART OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PLAN---- NEARLY 30 FACILITIES WILL BENEFIT FROM 8-POINT-5 MILLION DOLLARS OF FEDERAL CASH. GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SAYS THE MONEY WILL HELP TREAT MORE THAN 53-THOUSAND ADDITIONAL PATIENTS. TWO LOCAL HEALTH CENTERS WILL BENEFIT--- IN LANSING... THE INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL GET NEARLY 141-THOUSAND DOLLARS. AND IN JACKSON... THE CENTER FOR FAMILY HEALTH WILL RECEIVE NEARLY 364-THOUSAND DOLLARS.
2-Apr	5 p.m. news	5:01 p.m./ 1:08	Crime/ Education	IT'S A SITUATION POLICE KNOW ALL TOO WELL. LARGE CELEBRATIONS IN THE STREET....THAT TURN BAD. IT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME MSU WAS IN THE FINAL FOUR... AND IT HAPPENED LAST YEAR DURING A PARTY CALLED CEDAR FEST. POLICE ARE WARNING STUDENTS NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN A SIMILAR EVENT AFTER MSU'S FINAL FOUR GAME SATURDAY.THEY SAY LAST YEAR 56 PEOPLE WERE CHARGED WITH RIOT RELATED CRIMES... 40 OF THEM PLEAD GUILTY...MANY OF THEM WENT TO JAIL AND GOT KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL. THEY HOPE THOSE NUMBERS SEND A STRONG MESSAGE.

5-Apr	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy	Topics include: current unemployment rate of 8.5% and whether or not a rise will necessitate the request for another stimulus from Congress / encouraging signs indicating possible economic recovery; recent forced removal of Rick Wagoner as CEO of General Motors (GM) / idea of a managed bankruptcy for GM / President Barack Obama's commitment to restructuring the auto industry; reaction to the criticism that the Obama Administration is being tougher on the automotive industry than it is on financial institutions / plan to create public-private partnerships to purchase toxic assets, allowing banks to raise equity and start lending again / response to the claim that Secretary Geithner is unaware as to exactly how much money from the TARP fund has been funneled to the banks / ongoing commitment to transparency; refutation of a Washington Post article claiming that the Treasury Department is working on an arrangement which would allow banks and their executives to evade the limits set forth by Congress concerning executive compensation 2) Topics include: reaction to the news that North Korea fired an inter-c
5-Apr	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy/ Health/ Health Care	A report on how the economic crisis is affecting society's most vulnerable, the poor, who rely on public hospitals for care. This report focuses on University Medical Center, a primary source of charity care in Las Vegas, Nevada, as it is forced by budget cuts to close services that are duplicated by private hospitals -- including its outpatient clinic for chemotherapy patients and what these patients and health care professionals are doing in the wake of this downsizing.
7-Apr	6 p.m. news	6:01 p.m./ :24	Education	A NEW REPORT WARNS ABOUT THE UPCOMING SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCED TEACHERS. THE REPORT BY A NATIONAL TEACHING COMMISSION... FINDS THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE NATION'S TEACHERS ARE NEARING RETIREMENT. IT SAYS THE SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCE COULD HURT SCHOOLS. THE REPORT ALSO FINDS THAT YOUNG TEACHERS ARE LEAVING THE FIELD AFTER JUST A FEW YEARS. TODAY...THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFERED A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM
8-Apr	5-6 a.m. news	5:11 a.m./ :20	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED A FIVE YEAR-- 45 MILLION DOLLAR AIDS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. THE PROGRAM WILL USE VIDEO, AUDIO, PRINT AND ON-LINE ADVERTISING TO TARGET GROUPS MOST LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED. THE CAMPAIGN WILL FIRST TARGET BLACK MEN AND WOMEN--- AND LATER---LATINOS. EVERY NINE AND A HALF MINUTES--- ANOTHER AMERICAN BECOMES INFECTED WITH H-I-V.
8-Apr	7:25 a.m. cut in	7:25 a.m./ :25	Education/ Economy	IN A STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S OFFICE--- SPOKESPERSON LIZ BOYD SAYS THE GOVERNOR IS VERY PLEASED THE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZED THE SPENDING. BOYD SAYS: "THIS WILL NOW ALLOW THE STATE TO SPEND CRITICAL DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION....AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT HAVE FELT THE EFFECTS OF THIS NATIONAL RECESSION."
8-Apr	5 p.m. news	5:15 p.m./ :19	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED A NEW FIVE YEAR... 45 MILLION DOLLAR AIDS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. THE PROGRAM WILL USE VIDEO... AUDIO... PRINT... AND ON-LINE ADVERTISING-- TO TARGET GROUPS MOST LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED--STARTING WITH BLACK MEN AND WOMEN-- AND LATER TARGETING LATINOS. EVERY 9 AND A HALF MINUTES...ANOTHER AMERICAN BECOMES INFECTED WITH HIV.

9-Apr	6-7 a.m. news	6:06 a.m./ :29	Health/ Health Care/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec.	LATER TODAY--- THE ISSUE OF HEALTH CARE WILL BE A HOT TOPIC FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA. THE PRESIDENT WILL DISCUSS THE NEED TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AS WELL AS VETERANS. ON WEDNESDAY--- HE SET UP AN EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR HEALTHCARE REFORM AT THE WHITE HOUSE... CALLING THE OVERHAUL ONE OF HIS BIGGEST PRIORITIES.
12-Apr	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Crime/ Health/ Health Care	Topics include: Mexican Government's current war against the drug cartels / President Barack Obama's trip to Mexico this week / evidence of President Obama's commitment to a bilateral relationship with Mexico / belief that 90% of all weapons seized in Mexico come from the United States / reaction to the assertions made by the National Rifle Association (NRA) and the gun lobby that only 17% are coming from the United States / link between the lapse of the United States ban on assault weapons and the rise in assault weapons being seized in Mexico / call for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to play a more prominent role along the border between Mexico and the United States / the effectiveness and importance of controlling illicit traffic moving in both directions along the border, in order to win the war against the drug syndicates / travel safety for Americans in Mexico / opinion regarding the legalization of marijuana
12-Apr	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Crime/ Economy	A report on the DEKA arm, one of the breakthroughs of a Pentagon program called "Revolutionizing Prosthetics". This arm, one of the biggest innovations in prosthetics since World War II, provides amputees the ability to pick up small, delicate objects, something not available in arm prosthetics. Currently heading to clinical trials, it may soon be available to the more than 200 veteran arm amputees from the Afghanistan and Iran conflicts. Interviewed; Fred Downs, head of prosthetics, Veterans Administration; Dr. Geoffrey Ling, Army Colonel/neurologist; Dean Kamen, inventor; Chuck Hildreth, amputee/DEKA volunteer; Josh Bleill, leg amputee; and Jonathan Kuniholm, Duke University biochemical engineer/amputee. "Gun Rush" - despite the current economic downturn, fear of tighter gun-control laws under the Obama administration have fueled an increase in gun and ammunition sales. At a Virginia gun show, gun proponents and anti-gun activists discuss why the public feels the need to possess guns and what could be fueling the sales, the gun show "loophole" in Virginia and 30 other states that allows people who are nc
14-Apr	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :22	Economy/ Crime	THE TOUGH ECONOMY IS FORCING CITY LEADERS IN JACKSON TO MAKE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS. THE CITY IS LOOKING TO CUT ABOUT 10- POLICE OFFICERS TO SAVE MONEY... BUT THE MOVE WORRIES JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF DAN HEYNS. HE SAYS CUTTING THE OFFICERS WOULD INCREASE THE WORKLOAD OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE AREA--- POSSIBLY PUTTING THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY AT RISK. A MEMBER OF THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL AGREES THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY COULD BE A CONCERN... BUT SAYS TOUGH DECISIONS MUST BE MADE.

15-Apr	5-6 a.m. news	5:04 a.m./ :28	Environment/ Health/ Health Care/ Economy	MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL STIMULUS MONEY WILL SOON HELP MICHIGAN'S WATER INFRA-STRUCTURE PROJECTS. THE EXTRA MONEY IS EXPECTED TO BOOST THE ECONOMY AND BRING MORE JOBS TO THE STATE. THE U-S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IS GRANTING MICHIGAN TWO-HUNDRED AND 36-MILLION DOLLARS IN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. THAT MONEY WILL HELP STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FINANCE OVERDUE WATER PROJECTS---NEEDED TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
15-Apr	6 p.m. news	6:10 p.m./ :44	Education	SHERI, TODAY THE LANSING SUPERINTENDENT SENT HOME THIS LETTER WITH ALL THE STUDENTS HERE AT GRAND RIVER ELEMENTARY AND ALL THE STUDENTS AT MOORES PARK ELEMENTARY AS WELL. IT SAYS HE WILL RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSE THE TWO BUILDINGS AT THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THAT WILL SAVE ABOUT 600-THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICH ADMINISTRATORS SAY IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THEY'RE DEALING WITH A 13 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT FDOR NEXT YEAR. BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO PARENTS. EARLIER, MORE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE WERE OUT HERE PICKETING THE SCHOOL CLOSING. THEY SAY GRAND RIVER ELEMENTARY IS TOO GOOD OF A SCHOOL TO LOSE. THE CLOSINGS AREN'T A DONE DEAL YET. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS THE FINAL SAY. THEY COULD DO VOTE AS EARLY AS TOMORROW. LIVE IN LANSING, ALISON HIMELHOCH, 6 NEWS.
17-Apr	11 p.m. news	11:30 p.m./ :22	Economy/ Health/ Health Care	THE ECONOMY SEEMS TO BE TAKING ITS TOLL ON JUST ABOUT EVERY SECTOR... AND A NEW STUDY BY THE A-A-R-P SHOWS THERE WON'T BE MUCH RELIEF FOR THOSE CHOOSING TO USE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. THE PRICES OF THE MOST POPULAR BRAND-NAME PRESCRIPTIONS ROSE NEARLY 9-PERCENT LAST YEAR. BUT THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS--- THE PRICE OF GENERIC DRUGS IS DROPPING... AND MORE SENIORS ARE ALREADY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE LOWER PRICES.
19-Apr	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Crime	Debate over the assault weapons ban: support for the ban to be reinstated / agreement with the Obama Administration's decision to focus not on the ban, but on the economy and healthcare at this time / the assault weapons ban as a phony issue / argument over what constitutes an assault weapon / belief that the ban will eventually be used to overturn the Second Amendment / reaction to the claim that 90% of all weapons seized in Mexico come from the United States / need for current gun laws to be better enforced
19-Apr	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy	Recent losses in the stock market are drawing attention to the shortcomings of a retirement system that has jeopardized the financial security of millions: 401(k)s. Originally they were planned as a savings plan to supplement Social Security and pensions and were never created to be the mainstay of workers' retirements, but became just that -- effectively replacing pension funds. Interviewed are: investors Alan Weir, Kathleen Coleman, Terry and Donna McNally; David Wray, President, Profit Sharing/401k Council of America and lobbyist; Brooks Hamilton; and Rep. George Miller (D-CA).

21-Apr	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :32	Crime	POLICE IN GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP ALSO NEED YOUR HELP TONIGHT IN SOLIVING AN ARMED ROBBERY. POLICE SAY THIS MORNING A WHITE MALE IN HIS MID TO LATE TWENTIES ROBBED THE KAYJEWLERS IN THE GREEN OAK VILLAGE MALL AT GUNPOINT. THE MAN HAD A HEAVY BUILD, BLOND HAIR AND WAS WEARING A DARK JACKET. HE WAS WITH A SKINNY WOMAN, ABOUT 5 FOOT 3 WITH BLOND HAIR. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS LEFT IN A SILVER 4 DOOR TOYOTA COROLLA. THEY WERE LAST SEEN TRAVELING EAST ON I-96. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CRIME YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL THE GREEN OAK POLICE DEPARMTENT AT 810-231-96-26.
22-Apr	Noon News	12:20 p.m. :23	Environment	ONCE AGAIN-- THE EARTH DAY CELEBRATION IS UNDERWAY AND RUNS UNTIL THREE P-M. IT'S AT THE LANSING CITY HALL... AT ONE-24 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT YOU CAN CALL 483-4342.
23-Apr	Noon News	12:03 p.m./ :26	Health/ Health Care	THE SIXTH ANNUAL HEALTH-CARE RALLY IS UNDERWAY TO INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES. IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND...THE RALLY RUNS UNTIL FOUR. ON THE STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL'S SOUTH LAWN...IN LANSING. THE EVENT FEATURES FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS... FREE FOOD AND FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT.
26-Apr	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Crime/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: President Barack Obama's release of memos outlining the interrogation methods used by President George W. Bush's administration / reiteration of his opposition to torture / explication as to why there should be no further investigation into America's use of enhanced interrogation techniques / need for the United States to move forward / reaction to former Vice President Dick Cheney's belief that more documents should be made public, so that the public will understand that the techniques used were necessary and successful / belief that releasing the memos threw some "gasoline on the fire" / opposition against appointing a special prosecutor to investigate and possibly prosecute any wrongdoing
26-Apr	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy/ Environment	A report on coal, American's most abundant and cheap fossil fuel. Coal generates nearly half the electricity in the United States and the world, but it is the dirtiest fuel of all when it comes to carbon dioxide or CO2 -- the leading greenhouse gas. The Obama administration has declared that CO2 is a threat to human health and plans to impose limits, but making coal safe will come at an astronomical cost. During the campaign, both sides endorsed "clean coal" or carbon capture and sequestration technology. Clean coal takes the carbon dioxide, turns it into a liquid and pumps it underground. Virtually everyone agrees that this is the only way we have to make coal safe. Interviewed: Jim Rogers, CEO, Duke Energy; Jim Hansen, NASA climate scientist; Dan Kammen, physicist and energy expert; Joe Romm; and Floyd Robb.
28-Apr	Noon News	12:06 p.m./ :22	Education/ Environment	TODAY SOME INGHAM COUNTY STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ABOUT WATERSHED PRESERVATION AND ECOLOGY...ALL WHILE THEY SET A RECORD. HASLETT ELEMENTARY IS HOLDING A THREE DAY FISHING AND LEARNING EVENT STARTING TODAY THROUGH THURSDAY. RIGHT NOW...STUDENTS ARE TEAMING UP TO FISH FOR BASS AND BLUE GILL IN AN ATTEMPT TO SET A RECORD FOR THE MOST STUDENT ANGLERS IN AN INGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM.

29-Apr	5-6 a.m. news	5:15 a.m./ :25	Economy	TODAY STATE LAWMAKERS WILL GET THE CHANCE TO HEAR HOW THE GREAT LAKES COULD BE THE KEY TO MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY. AN ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL BRIEF LAWMAKERS AT THE CAPITOL ON HOW THE GREAT LAKES COULD ADVANCE MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. THEY WILL ALSO PRESENT THEIR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR CLEANING UP THE GREAT LAKES IT WILL BE HELD BY A STATEWIDE PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL
1-May	Noon News	12:10 p.m./ :31	Crime	A FORMER LANSING TOWNSHIP PASTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES. DOCTOR LLOYD HALL JUNIOR... OF PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RESIGNED AS PASTOR BACK IN MARCH. PROSECUTORS CHARGED THE 69-YEAR OLD...WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORN...AND USING A COMPUTER TO COMMIT A CRIME. THURSDAY--HALL PLEAD GUILTY TO THOSE CHARGES. HE NOW FACES UP TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON.
3-May	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care	Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (1); Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (1); Dr. Richard Besser, Acting Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (1); Senator Arlen Specter (D-PA) (2) 1) Topics include: current situation in the United States with regards to the new Influenza A(H1N1) strain (swine flu) / support for the response by the U.S. Government to the outbreak / belief that prior research and planning will hopefully minimize the impact / goal to have a vaccine by the Fall of 2009 / definition of pandemic / steps for people to take to contain the spread of this disease
3-May	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Environment/ Crime	A report on Ecuadoreans who are suing oil giant Chevron, the owner of Texaco, because they say oil drilling in the Amazon jungle by Texaco polluted their fragile environment. Interviewed: Manuel Salinas, who is suing Chevron; Doug Beltman, who worked for the EPA on Superfund sites and is the scientific expert for the people suing Chevron; Stephen Donziger, New York lawyer who is the driving force behind the lawsuit; Silvia Garrigo, Chevron's manager of global issues and policy; Juan Nunez, Ecuadorian Judge presiding over the case.
4-May	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :18	Education	MEANWHILE--LAWMAKERS ARE WORKING TO SAVE MICHIGAN'S FAILING SCHOOLS. A SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE IN THE STATE HOUSE HELD A HEARING TO DISCUSS A PLAN TO HELP THE STATE'S SCHOOLS. AMONG THEM...BERT JOHNSON OF DETROIT. HE SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT TO TACKLE EDUCATION... BECAUSE MICHIGAN CAN'T AFFORD TO SHORTCHANGE ITS CHILDREN.
6-May	5-6 a.m. news	5:08 a.m./ :26	Crime	MICHIGAN STATE POLICE OFFICIALS SAY THE JOB CUTS TO THEIR DEPARTMENT WILL DEFINITELY HURT. M-S-P BLAMES THE LAYOFFS ON THE CLOSING OF THE DETROIT CRIME LAB. AND SAYS ONCE THE LAB CLOSED--- THEY HAD TO TAKE ON MORE INVESTIGATIONS. THEREFORE--- FUNDING GOT SHIFTED AWAY FROM TRAINING AND OTHER RESOURCES--- AND WAS PUT TOWARD THE LAB WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL STATE MONEY. THE STATE POLICE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION EXPECT THE JOB CUTS TO BE MADE AT THE END OF JUNE.

7-May	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :19	Environment/ Education	IT'S SPRING MOVE OUT TIME---- FOR MSU STUDENTS. WITH THAT--- COMES A CHANCE TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT. EARLIER TODAY--STUDENTS TOOK PART IN A TWO DAY RECYCLING PROGRAM. THEY TOSSED OUT ITEMS ---FROM CLOTHING ---TO FOOD AND FURNITURE---ALL TO BE RECYCLED-- OR DONATED. IT'S AN EFFORT FOR STUDENTS TO ENHANCE THE CITY--- WITH A "GO GREEN" RECYCLING INITIATIVE.
7-May	6 p.m. news	6:24 p.m./ :29	Economy	ACROSS THE NATION---A NUMBER OF ECONOMISTS SEE SIGNS THE ECONOMY HAS FINALLY BOTTOMED OUT. NEW JOBLESS CLAIMS ARE AT THE LOWEST THEY'VE BEEN---- IN 14 WEEKS. RETAIL SALES ARE UP FOR APRIL. AND--- MORE FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS ARE PURCHASING PROPERTY. PAULA THORNTON SPOKE WITH A LOCAL ECONOMIST WHO TELLS US IF WE'VE TURNED THE "ECONOMIC" CORNER
8-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:34 a.m./ :34	Health/ Health Care	NEW RESEARCH SHOWS THERE ARE NEARLY SIX-POINT-THREE MILLION AMERICANS WITH DIABETES----AND THEY DON'T KNOW THEY'RE LIVING IT. A NEW REPORT SAYS COMPLICATIONS FROM THEIR UNDIAGNOSED DISEASE ACCOUNT FOR AN ESTIMATED 16 BILLION DOLLARS IN U-S HEALTH--CARE COSTS EVERY YEAR. EARLIER STUDIES SHOW DIABETES COST THE NATION'S ECONOMY ABOUT 174 BILLION DOLLARS IN 2007... THAT'S FOR MEIDCAL EXPENSES AND LOST PRODUCTIVITY..
10-May	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: his decision to speak out against President Barack Obama and his Administration / reasoning behind the belief that the Obama Administration has made America more vulnerable to terrorist attacks in the homeland / support for former President George W. Bush and his Administration's policies regarding the terrorist surveillance program and enhanced interrogation techniques -- such as waterboarding -- for al Qaeda terrorists / assertion that memos written by the CIA, which lay out the successes of those policies, exist and therefore should be released / conviction that those who oppose these policies and believe that they ultimately weaken security, are prepared to sacrifice American lives / level of former President Bush's knowledge and authorization as to the extent of the program / no regrets whatsoever as to the policies and procedures implemented post September 11th / willingness to speak to Congress, under the right circumstances, about the intelligence program under former President Bush; support for General Petraeus' belief that Pakistan's nuclear weapons are secure / Pakistan's commitment to beating the Ta
10-May	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A report on the U.S. military's use of the Reaper and the Predator, un-manned and often-armed aircraft, to track and destroy the enemy. These drones are sometimes controlled from bases thousands of miles away from the battlefront. Interviewed: Colonel Chris Chambliss and Lieutenant Colonel Chris Gough, former F-16 combat pilots who are now operating the drones from Creech Air Force base in Nevada; General Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.
11-May	6 p.m. news	6:01 p.m./ 1:07	Environment/ Economy	GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SAYS CREATING GREEN JOBS IS THE KEY TO PUSHING THE STATE THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES. AND LABOR SECRETARY HILDA SOLIS BACKS HER UP, CALLING GREEN JOBS THE JOBS OF THE FUTURE. SHE SAYS GREEN JOBS ARE EVERYWHERE: IN AGRICULTURE, CLEAN TRANSPORATION AND FUELS, AND INCREASING ENERGY EFFICIENCY. AND THEY DO MORE THAN PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK.

14-May	6 p.m. news	6:17 p.m./ :20	Health/ Health Care	MICHIGAN STATE HOUSE DEMOCRATS UNVEILED THEIR NEW HEALTH CARE PLAN EARLIER THIS WEEK--- NOW--HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE DOING THE SAME. THE REPUBLICAN BILL IS CALLED THE MI HEALTH PLAN G-O-P LAWMAKERS SAY IT WILL MAKE INSURANCE IN THE STATE AFFORDABLE---- AND ACCESSIBLE. THEIR PLAN FACES AN UPHILL ROAD0---IN THE DEMOCRATICALLY CONTROLLED HOUSE CHAMBER
17-May	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	Topics include: thoughts on President Barack Obama's decision to continue military tribunals for Guantanamo Bay detainees and his promise of a new system that guarantees more legal rights for detainees / thoughts on the new rules regarding evidence: none gleaned from harsh interrogation techniques will be admissible in court... some hearsay will / the effectiveness of the tribunals / belief that the ACLU's role is to attack and tear down America's government / pros and cons of having the tribunals under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, as opposed to the Department of Justice; President Obama's decision to reverse his original decision authorizing the release of thousands of interrogation photos depicting abuse / potential fears as to how the release of the photos could endanger American troops / issues of transparency and accountability with regards to the United States' treatment of detainees / support for and against the release of the photos; support for former Vice President Dick Cheney's wish to have memos written by the CIA, which lay out the successes of enhanced interrogation techniques, be
19-May	6-7 a.m. news	6:04 a.m./ :25	Economy/ Environmen t	GOVERNOR GRANHOLM---IS ALSO TRYING TO CONVINCE CONSUMERS TO BUY MORE FUEL--EFFICIENT CARS. GRANHOLM ALONG WITH 11 OTHER GOVERNORS SENT A LETTER TO CONGRESS MONDAY....ASKING THE LAWMAKERS TO PASS *THE FLEET MODERNIZATION BILL. THE BILL WOULD GIVE UP TO A 45--HUNDRED DOLLAR REBATE TO PEOPLE WHO BUY A GREEN CAR...AND THEN RECYCLE THEIR OLD ONE. THE GOVERNORS SAY IT WOULD BE A WIN NOT ONLY FOR CONSUMERS--- BUT FOR THE ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
19-May	7:55 a.m. cut in	7:55 a.m./ :26	Environmen t/ Economy	GOVERNOR GRANHOLM IS TRYING TO CONVINCE CONSUMERS TO BUY MORE FUEL--EFFICIENT CARS. GRANHOLM ALONG WITH 11 OTHER GOVERNORS SENT A LETTER TO CONGRESS MONDAY....ASKING THE LAWMAKERS TO PASS *THE FLEET MODERNIZATION BILL. THE BILL WOULD GIVE UP TO A 45--HUNDRED DOLLAR REBATE TO PEOPLE WHO BUY A GREEN CAR...AND THEN RECYCLE THEIR OLD ONE. THE GOVERNORS SAY IT WOULD BE A WIN NOT ONLY FOR CONSUMERS--- BUT FOR THE ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
20-May	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ :27	Crime/ Race/ Race Relations	THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF A *HATE CRIME* COULD SOON CHANGE. TODAY THE STATE HOUSE APPROVED LEGISLATION THAT COULD EVENTUALLY EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIMES. THE DEMOCRAT-LED CHAMBER PASSED THE BILL 66-TO-43 VOTES. UNDER THE LEGISLATION--- STIFFER PENALTIES WOULD BE HANDED DOWN FOR CRIMES MOTIVATED BY A VICTIM'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION... DISABILITY... OR STATUS AS A MILITARY VETERAN. THE MEASURE NOW GOES TO THE REPUBLICAN-LED SENATE... WHERE A SIMILAR BILL DIED LAST YEAR.

21-May	5 p.m. news	5:12 p.m./ :25	Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec.	PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SAID TODAY THAT OPERATING THE TERRORISM-ERA PRISON AT GUANTANAMO SET BACK THE "RULE OF LAW" IN THE UNITED STATES AND COMPROMISED ITS MORAL STANDING IN THE WORLD. HE SAID HE KNEW WHEN HE ORDERED IT CLOSED, IT WOULD BE A DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX ISSUE-- OBAMA ASSERTED THAT AMERICA CANNOT LOSE SIGHT OF ITS OWN MORAL VALUES IN THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM-- AND THAT SAFETY FOR ALL AMERICANS REMAINED HIS TOP PRIORITY.
21-May	11 p.m. news	11:27 p.m./ :17	Education/ Economy	VETERANS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES URGING LAWMAKERS TO STOP THE CUTS. MORE THAN FIFTEEN HUNDRED PEOPLE MARCHED FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TODAY. THE STATE'S PROPOSAL TO CUT SPENDING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS SPURRING ADVOCATES TO RALLY AT THE CAPITOL. THEY SAY MICHIGAN'S FUTURE IS BEING PUT IN JEOPARDY.
24-May	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy/ Health/ Health Care	Continuing coverage of "CBS REPORTS: Children Of The Recession", the CBS News series which looks at the impact of the recession on the nation's young. Topics include: need for children to feel safe, secure, and protected and how the economic downturn makes them feel the opposite / with the downturn, an increase in child abuse, child neglect, and domestic violence / comparisons between this crisis and the impact of the Great Depression / advice for parents / the positive side of this economic crisis -- families coming together and sharing with others
24-May	6 p.m. news	6:24 p.m./ :16	Race Relations	ONE OF LANSING'S BIGGEST FESTIVALS COMES TO A CLOSE TONIGHT... CRISTO REY CATHOLIC CHURCH HOLDS IT'S ANNUAL FIESTA EVERY MEMORIAL HOLIDAY WEEKEND. THE THREE-DAY EVENT ATTRACTS MORE THAN 25-THOUSAND PEOPLE...AND FEATURES LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD... ALL IN CELEBRATION OF THE LATINO-HISPANIC CULTURE.
24-May	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy	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. Interviewed: Dan Dimicco, CEO of Nucor, the United States' biggest steel maker; Doug Jellison, Nucor plant manager; cold saw operator Jeremy Davis; and Jim Owens, CEO of Caterpillar.
25-May	Noon News	12:03 p.m./ :18	Economy	THIS WEEKEND DOES START THE SUMMER TRAVEL SEASON... BUT A NEW POLL OUT SAYS AMERICANS WILL PROBABLY TRAVEL LESS THIS TIME AROUND. THE U-S-A TODAY POLL SAYS 50 PERCENT OF THOSE SURVEYED SAID THEY WON'T TRAVEL MUCH THIS SUMMER. THAT'S UP 40 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. THE PAPER SAYS THE ECONOMY IS TO BLAME FOR SUCH A DECLINE.
28-May	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :21	Environment/ Education/ Health/ Health Care	RESEARCHERS IN EUROPE HAVE FOUND AN ALARMING INCREASE IN JUVENILE DIABETES CASES. THEY PREDICT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 5 WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES COULD DOUBLE BY THE YEAR 20-20. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IS CAUSING THE INCREASE... BUT SAY THE FINDINGS WILL LIKELY APPLY TO CHILDREN IN OTHER REGIONS AS WELL-- AND SUGGEST SOMETHING HARMFUL IN THE ENVIRONMENT MAY BE PLAYING A ROLE.

28-May	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :23	Health/ Health Care/ Crime	A FIFTH DOCTOR HAS NOW BEEN ARRESTED IN SHIAWASSEE COUNTY---- AND CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY PRESCRIBING PILLS. DOCTOR JEFFREY HOFFA TURNED HIMSELF IN TO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ON TUESDAY. HE FACES 10 CHARGES, INCLUDING HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND UNLAWFULLY PRESCRIBING MEDICATION. POLICE AND PROSECUTORS BUSTED FOUR OTHER DOCTORS FOR SIMILAR CHARGES LAST WEEK AFTER AN INVESTIGATION THAT LASTED A YEAR-AND-A-HALF.
31-May	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Crime/ Race/ Race Relations	The Supreme Court nomination of Federal Appeals Judge Sonia Sotomayor. Topics include: the controversy over her "Latina woman" quote from a speech eight years ago, where she hopes that a Latina woman, based on her experiences, would reach a better conclusion that a white male who hadn't lived that life / why some find the statement troubling / Judge Sotomayor's background / reaction to statements made by Rush Limbaugh on his radio program, calling her a racist / clarification regarding the factors behind her appointment by the first President George H. W. Bush / interest from both Republican and Democrats over her difficult-to-determine stance on abortion rights / controversy over the ruling in the Ricci case -- white firefighters from Connecticut, who were denied promotions, even though they took and passed a promotion test, because no African-Americans passed the test
31-May	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	An examination of what happens when a bank fails, as 60 MINUTES is granted exclusive access to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's takeover of Heritage Community Bank in Glenwood, Illinois -- a Chicago suburb. Interviewed: Sheila Bair, Chairman of the FDIC; Cheryl Bates, Arthur Cook, Rickey McCullough, FDIC agents; Audrey and Bill Hess, Heritage Community Bank customers; and Mitchell Feiger, CEO of MB Financial, which bought Heritage. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Henry Schuster) (OAD: 03/08/09) "The 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.
1-Jun	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :26	Terrorism/ Nat'l Sec.	MAKING NEWS AROUND THE WORLD TODAY-- AIR FRANCE OFFICIALS SAY FLIGHT 4-47-- WHICH DISAPPEARED OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WITH 228 PEOPLE ON BOARD-- RAN INTO STRONG THUNDERSTORMS AND *MAY* HAVE BEEN HIT BY LIGHTNING. BRAZIL'S AIR FORCE IS SEARCHING NEAR AN ISLAND CHAIN ABOUT 180 MILES FROM THE COUNTRY'S COAST... BUT A TOP AVIATION OFFICIAL SAYS *IT COULD BE A LONG, SAD STORY. THE PENTAGON SAYS IT'S SEEN NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT TERRORISM OR FOUL PLAY WAS INVOLVED.

2-Jun	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :29	Education/ Economy	LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS PLEADED THEIR CASE TONIGHT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION... TO GET THEIR HANDS ON MONEY FROM THE DISTRICT'S RAINY DAY FUND. THE MONEY WOULD BE USED TO HELP FILL A MORE THAN 17-AND-A-HALF MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT. ALREADY APPROVED LAYOFFS AND MATERIAL CUTS WILL SAVE THE DISTRICT 12-POINT-3 MILLION DOLLARS... AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTING 2-POINT-6 MILLION DOLLARS IN STATE FUNDING. TO FILL THE REST OF THE GAP--- THE DISTRICT SAYS IT NEEDS 2-POINT-6 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND.
7-Jun	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Economy	The Obama administration's resolve to achieve a settlement in the Israeli/Hamas conflict; whether government detainees facing military tribunals should be allowed to plead guilty, face the death penalty and avoid trial; the need for health care reform / the role of the federal government; criticism voiced over the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor / her record as a prosecutor and a judge; the latest unemployment statistics and the efficacy of the stimulus package
7-Jun	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy	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.
9-Jun	5-6 a.m. news	5:14 a.m./ :20	Health/ Health Care	TOP DEMOCRATS IN WASHINGTON WILL UNVEIL THEIR PROPOSALS FOR FIXING HEALTH CARE IN THE U-S-- TODAY. WASHINGTON INSIDERS SAY THEY'RE CONSIDERING SLAPPING A PENALTY ON ANYONE WHO REFUSES TO PURCHASE AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE. THEY'RE ALSO CONSIDERING IMPOSING A NEW TAX ON CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS TO HELP PAY FOR COVERAGE FOR THE UN-INSURED.
11-Jun	Noon News	12:16 p.m./ :27	Education	SENATE REPUBLICANS ARE HOPING TO MAKE DRASTIC CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. SENATORS SAY TOO MANY SCHOOLS IN THE STATE ARE FAILING TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS. TO FIX THE PROBLEM-- THE PARTY HAS UNVEILED THE NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL LEGISLATION. THE BILL WOULD ALLOW PARENTS AND TEACHERS IN A FAILING SCHOOL-- THE OPTION TO CONVERT INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL. THE NEW SCHOOLS WOULD FOLLOW STATE AND FEDERAL LAW... BUT CATER TO STUDENT'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.
11-Jun	6 p.m. news	6:10 p.m./ 1:17	Economy	IT MIGHT NOT LOOK LIKE IT RIGHT NOW... BUT SOON THESE STANDS WILL FILL WITH PEOPLE... AND THE RACE CARS WILL CIRCLE THE TRACK. IN YEAR'S PAST... M--I--S SOLD OUT TO CROWDS OF 130--THOUSAND PEOPLE. BUT THIS YEAR... THAT NUMBER MIGHT NOT BE SO HIGH. SO M--I--S IS REACHING OUT TO HELP.
14-Jun	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: health care reform / debate over taxing existing employer-based health care benefits / achieving health care reform without adding to the deficit / the factors involved in reducing subsidies to doctors and hospitals and lowering the cost of drugs / the prospect of further taxation; Durbin's position that the Guantanamo Bay detention center should be closed and that the American justice system is effective and well-functioning

14-Jun	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy/ Crime	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.
15-Jun	6:30pm webcast	6:30 p.m./ :32	Health/ Health Care	PRESIDENT OBAMA TRIED TO SELL HIS HEALTH CARE REFORM TO A TOUGH AUDIENCE TODAY-- DOCTORS. HE SPOKE TO THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IN CHICAGO-- SAYING THE EXISTING SYSTEM LEAVES TOO MANY PEOPLE UNINSURED. HE ALSO CALLED THE CURRENT SYSTEM A TICKING BOMB FOR THE FEDERAL BUDGET... BUT EMPHASIZED THE PLAN HE ENVISIONS - WOULD ALLOW CONTINUING HELP FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT AFFORD IT ON THEIR OWN.
16-Jun	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :26	Crime/ Race/ Race Relations	A LEADING CIVIL RIGHTS COALITION SAYS THE ELECTION OF THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT HAS SPARKED AN INCREASE IN WHITE SUPREMACIST ACTIVITY. THE "LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS EDUCATION FUND" SAYS THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND FEAR OF IMMIGRANTS ALSO PLAYS A ROLE. THE REPORT COMES A WEEK AFTER A WHITE SUPREMACIST KILLED A SECURITY GUARD AT THE U-S HOLOCAUST MUSEUM. THE COALITION SAYS THE COUNTRY NOW AVERAGES A HATE CRIME NEARLY EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY.
16-Jun	5 p.m. news	5:07 p.m./ :30	Environment/ Economy	DETROIT MAYOR DAVE BING SAYS THE CITY MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. BING MADE BRIEF REMARKS TODAY AT THE NATIONAL SUMMIT-- A THREE DAY CONFERENCE IN DETROIT ON THE FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING... TECHNOLOGY... ENERGY... AND THE ENVIRONMENT. BING CALLED HIS CITY *THE HARDEST-HIT IN OUR ECONOMIC DOWNTURN*. MEANTIME-- ABOUT 150 PEOPLE PROTESTED AUTO PLANT CLOSURES-- AND CALLED FOR A LIVING WAGE OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL SUMMIT. PROTESTERS CHANTED *YOUR JOB IS NEXT* AT PEOPLE ATTENDING THE GATHERING.
17-Jun	5-6 a.m. news	5:05 a.m./ :32	Economy	HIS PLAN CALLS FOR THE MOST SWEEPING OVER-HAUL OF THE NATION'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM SINCE THE 1930'S. THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD GIVE MORE POWER TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE BY ALLOWING IT TO TAKE CONTROL OF MASSIVE COMPANIES...LIKE A-I-G...IF THEIR FAILURE THREATENS THE ENTIRE ECONOMY. THE PROPOSAL ALSO INCLUDES CREATING A CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION AGENCY. THE AGENCY WOULD HAVE BROAD AUTHORITY TO CRACK DOWN ON BANKS AND CREDIT CARD COMPANIES THAT TAKE PART IN UN-FAIR AND DECEPTIVE PRACTICES. PRESIDENT OBAMA HOPES THIS PROPOSAL WILL BE THE JUMP-START THE ECONOMY NEEDS.

18-Jun	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :29	Crime	LANSING POLICE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO SOLVE TWO CRIMES... THE FIRST INVOLVING AN ELDERLY MAN - FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE. THAT INCIDENT HAPPENED ON THE 11-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WEST EDGEWOOD EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY 66-YEAR-OLD JOHNNY LEE CRUMP WAS SEVERELY BEATEN BY A MALE SUSPECT. WITNESSES SAY THE SUSPECT REPEATEDLY STOMPED ON THE VICTIMS HEAD. NOW CRUMP IS HOSPITALIZED IN LIFE THREATENING CONDITION.
19-Jun	5 p.m. news	5:02 p.m./ :21	Economy/ Education	THE BAD ECONOMY IS TAKING A TOLL ON M-S-U.. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTED TODAY ON THE SCHOOL'S BUDGET FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. IT INCLUDES 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS... AND A 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN TUITION. ON THE OTHER HAND... FINANCIAL AID WILL INCREASE BY 30 PERCENT. BUT AS STEPHANIE KOLP EXPLAINS THE NEW BUDGET WILL PUT A STRAIN ON MANY STUDENTS.
21-Jun	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Health/ Health Care	The disputed presidential election in Iran and the ensuing protests over the announced results, which kept Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in office / appreciation for President Obama's recent statement warning Iranian authorities, but overall disappointment in how the administration has reacted to the crisis / belief that America's position in the world is one of moral leadership / thoughts on how President Obama should handle the situation in Iran; report of a recent departure from North Korea of a vessel containing suspicious cargo / China's role in maintaining peace in the region / suggestion made by North Korea that they may fire missiles towards Hawaii; support for the closing of Guantanamo Bay / President Obama's mistake of announcing the closure without a comprehensive policy in place regarding the detainees / involvement in working with President Obama and others to formulate a plan to handle detainees that are unable to be released / possibility of those detainees being placed in American prisons; thoughts on the two major challenges facing President Obama -- national security and healthcare
21-Jun	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime	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. Interviewed: Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security; Claudia Wallace and Maria Isabel, whose brother/son Hugo was kidnapped and killed by a gang; Mexico's Attorney General Eduardo Medina-Mora; Sandra Avila Beltran, one of Mexico's most famous alleged drug traffickers.
24-Jun	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :21	Health/ Health Care	IN THE MEANTIME-- OTHER GROUPS ARE RAMPING UP THEIR SUPPORT FOR CHANGES IN THE NATION'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM... ABOUT 50 MICHIGAN UNION MEMBERS ARE HEADING TO WASHINGTON TO JOIN A RALLY PLANNED FOR TOMORROW.

25-Jun	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m../ :31	Environment/ Economy	AMERICANS CAN NOW TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CASH FOR CLUNKERS PROGRAM. ON WEDNESDAY--- PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED THE BILL INTO LAW. THE NEW PROGRAM ALLOWS DRIVERS TO TRADE IN THEIR OLD GAS GUZZLERS FOR A NEWER...MORE FUEL-EFFICIENT CAR. SOME MICHIGAN SENATORS SAY THEY COULDN'T BE MORE PLEASED WITH THE PASSAGE. HERE IS WHAT SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW HAD TO SAY--- THIS IS A JOBS PROGRAM FIRST...BUT IT WILL ALSO REDUCE POLLUTION IN OUR ENVIRONMENT...DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN OIL THAT WE CONSUME...AND HELP FAMILIES WHO ARE TRYING TO BUY OR LEASE A NEW VEHICLE.
25-Jun	6 p.m. news	6:05 p.m./ :30	Education	A HOUSE COMMITTEE MADE HEADWAY TODAY... TACKLING THE ISSUE OF HOW TO IMPROVE MICHIGAN SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND LAWMAKERS STARTED DEVELOPING NEW STANDARDS TO MEASURE SCHOOLS THROUGH THE MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. THIS FOLLOWS A REPORT BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TWO WEEKS AGO... WHICH REVEALED TOO MANY STATE SCHOOLS ARE FALLING BEHIND. THE GOAL OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION IS TO REVERSE THE TREND... AND OPEN MORE COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS.
26-Jun	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :32	Crime	SIX PEOPLE ARE UNDER ARREST IN INGHAM COUNTY-- IN CONNECTION WITH A CRIME SPREE. OFFICIALS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAY A STRING OF ARSONS-- BREAK-INS AND PROPERTY DAMAGE RECENTLY HAPPENED ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY. INVESTIGATORS NOW SAY SIX SUSPECTS WORKED TOGETHER TO COMMIT THOSE CRIMES. 41-CRIMINAL COUNTS...ARE NOW BEING REVIEWED BY THE INGHAM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.
28-Jun	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Economy	Current situation in Iran with regards to those protesting the announced results of the recent presidential elections which kept Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in office / attempts made by the Iranian government to quash the opposition / commitment to pursuing the offer made to Iran by the P-5, the permanent members of the Security Council plus Germany, that gave the Iranian government the opportunity to end their nuclear weapons program and rejoin the community of nations, or continue and face increased isolation and pressure; progress of the North Korean ship possibly loaded with missile technology / new resolution passed by the Security Council granting the international community the ability to enforce tough new financial sanctions and an arms embargo that will have an impact on North Korea
28-Jun	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care	A report on the advancements in neuroscience with regards to monitoring brain activity linked to certain thoughts, making it now possible, on a very basic scale, to read a person's mind. Also discussed is how this technology can be used to help solve crimes and for marketing purposes. Those interviewed are: neuroscientist Marcel Just and his colleague Tom Mitchell from Carnegie-Mellon University; 60 MINUTES associate producer Meghan Frank, who took part in a brain scan demonstration; neuroscientist John Dylan Haynes from the Bernstein Center in Berlin; Paul Root Wolpe, Director of the Center for Ethics at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia; neuroscientist Gemma Calvert, co-founder of the London company Neurosense

29-Jun	5 p.m. news	5:22 p.m./ :25	Race Relations	JOIN THE CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE 10th ANNUAL PARADE AND FAMILY HERITAGE FESTIVAL... SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th. THE PARADE THROUGH DOWNTOWN LANSING STARTS AT 11 - AND IS FOLLOWED BY THE FAMILY HERITAGE FESTIVAL AT FERRIS PARK IN THE AFTERNOON - WITH FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN. COME CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS, CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND DIVERSE TALENTS OF OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY... FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 517-484-21-80.
29-Jun	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :35	Race Relations	IN A DECISION THAT COULD IMPACT HIRING PRACTICES NATIONWIDE-- THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT WHITE FIREFIGHTERS IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT WERE UNFAIRLY DENIED PROMOTIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE. IN A 5-4 DECISION... THE COURT RULED THE CITY WAS WRONG TO SCRAP A PROMOTION EXAM BECAUSE NO AFRICAN-AMERICANS... AND ONLY TWO LATINO FIREFIGHTERS - WERE LIKELY TO BE MADE LIEUTENANTS OR CAPTAINS BASED ON THE RESULTS. THE CITY HAD ARGUED IT WAS TRYING TO AVOID A LAWSUIT FROM MINORITIES. THE JUSTICES' SPLIT DECISION *REVERSED* POTENTIAL COLLEAGUE SONIA SOTOMAYOR'S EARLIER RULING IN THE CASE.