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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.

Third 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
3-Jul	6-7 a.m. news	6:03 a.m./ :31	Education/ Crime	DESPITE THE PRESIDENT'S POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE--- THE NUMBERS SHOW UNEMPLOYMENT JUMPS UP--- AS THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION DROPS DOWN. LAST MONTH--- THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THOSE WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE WAS A STAGGERING 15 AND A HALF PERCENT. THOSE WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE FARED A LITTLE BETTER--- NEARLY TEN PERCENT WERE UNEMPLOYED. HOWEVER--- THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THOSE WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER WAS ONLY 4 POINT 7 PERCENT. 6 NEWS REPORTER ALISON HIMELHOCH EXPLAINS WHY EDUCATION IS KEY TO GETTING A JOB IN TODAY'S ECONOMY.
5-Jul	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: the U.S. counterinsurgency strategy in Afghanistan and its impact on the current situation in that country / reaction to a recent article in The Washington Post that commanders are unable to request more troops / importance of economic progress in stabilizing Afghanistan; removal of American troops from certain cities in Iraq / commitment to keeping troops levels intact, in order to provide security for upcoming elections and then the eventual drawdown; North Korea's threat to shoot a mid-range missile towards Hawaii / yesterday's firing of seven missiles -- a violation of the United Nations Security Council resolution / need for the international community to continue to bring pressure and unite against those actions / the Kang Nam's -- the Korean ship containing suspicious cargo -- decision to turn back towards North Korea; renewal of a military relationship with Russia / Russia's concern over the U.S. anti-ballistic missile system in Eastern Europe;
6-Jul	6 p.m. news	6:10 p.m./ :24	Crime	A TWO YEAR HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION LANDS ONE MAN BEHIND BARS TONIGHT. 19-YEAR OLD *RADERA DAVIS JUNIOR* WAS ARRAIGNED TODAY... AND FORMALLY ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER. THE CHARGES ARE IN CONNECTION TO AN ASSAULT ON AUGUST 31ST OF 2007. POLICE SAY 53-YEAR-OLD ROBERT LEACH WAS ASSAULTED AT THE INTERSECTION OF M-L-K AND CAVANAUGH STREETS. THE LANSING MAN LATER DIED FROM HIS INJURIES. NEW INFORMATION ON THE CASE LED TO DAVIS' ARREST.

8-Jul	Noon News	12:03 p.m./ :23	Environment	THE GROUP--- PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS-- BETTER KNOWN AT PETA--- IS IN LANSING TODAY TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. SUPPORTERS ARE DOWNTOWN RIGHT NOW--- TO ADVOCATE THE IDEA THAT GOING VEGETARIAN HELPS MAKE THE WORLD GREENER. THEY SAY THAT RAISING ANIMALS FOR FOOD GENERATES GREENHOUSE GASES--- AND BY GOING VEGETARIAN--- PEOPLE CAN PROTECT THE EARTH, THEIR HEALTH, AND THE ANIMALS.
10-Jul	6-7 a.m. news	6:03 a.m./ :29	Economy	A LOCAL NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCES JOB CUTS. "L-S-J MEDIA"--- THE COMPANY THAT PUBLISHES THE LANSING STATE JOURNAL--- IS LAYING OFF 26 EMPLOYEES. IT'S PART OF A MOVE BY THE PAPER'S PARENT COMPANY. GANNETT IS LETTING GO OF 14-HUNDRED PEOPLE AROUND THE NATION BECAUSE OF THE POOR ECONOMY AND SLUMPING ADVERTISING SALES. IT'S THE SECOND ROUND OF CUTS IN LANSING --- 31 PEOPLE LOST THEIR JOBS BACK IN DECEMBER.
12-Jul	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	Topics include: reaction to the news that Attorney General Eric Holder is considering appointing a special prosecutor to investigate allegations of torture during the previous administration -- something President Barack Obama has opposed / claims that former Vice President Dick Cheney ordered the CIA to keep a top-secret intelligence program secret from Congress; upcoming Senate confirmation hearings on the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the U.S. Supreme Court / opinions regarding her nomination / various reasons for supporting or opposing her nomination
12-Jul	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Interview/profile of the officer in command of a team from the U.S. Army's secret Delta Force, sent to Tora Bora, Afghanistan by the Pentagon shortly after 9/11 to kill Osama bin Laden. Calling himself Dalton Fury, he is the author of "Kill Bin Laden" and has only recently decided to break his silence in order to correct the inaccuracies regarding his mission. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Shawn Efran) (OAD: 10/05/08)
13-Jul	5-6 a.m. news	5:04 a.m./ :29	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	MEANWHILE--- SOME LAWMAKERS ON CAPITOL HILL ARE PUSHING FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO BUSH-ERA TORTURE AND ANTI-TERRORISM POLICIES. INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WOMAN, DIANNE FEINSTEIN IS ONE OF THE U-S SENATORS WHO'S SUGGESTING THAT THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION BROKE THE LAW BY CONCEALING A C-I-A COUNTER-TERRORISM PROGRAM FROM CONGRESS. FEINSTEIN BELIEVES FORMER VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY ORDERED THE CONCEALMENT. ALSO--- ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER IS CONTEMPLATING A CRIMINAL PROBE OF POSSIBLE C-I-A TORTURE.
17-Jul	5-6 a.m. news	5:10 a.m./ :39	Education	THE COST OF A HIGHER EDUCATION--- IS ABOUT TO GET MORE EXPENSIVE FOR INCOMING STUDENTS AT TWO STATE UNIVERSITIES. CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S UNDERGRAD TUITION WILL INCREASE BY 4-POINT-8 PERCENT BEGINNING THIS FALL. THAT MEANS STUDENTS WILL PAY 3-HUNDRED-39 DOLLARS PER CREDIT HOUR FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR. COMPARE THAT TO THE 324-DOLLARS STUDENTS PAID BEFORE. THOSE UNDER THE C-M-U PROMISE PROGRAM--- WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THEIR RATES LOCKED IN.

17-Jul	11 p.m. News	11:03 p.m./ :19	Crime	TWO LOCAL MEN ARE JAILED TONIGHT-- AFTER ALLEDGEDLY ASSAULTING A DELIVERY DRIVER. POLICE SAY THE MEN WERE TRYING TO ROB A UNIT AT CEDAR CREEK APARTMENTS IN OKEMOS... AND ASSAULTED THE DRIVER IN THE HALLWAY THERE. THAT DRIVER WAS ABLE TO GIVE A DESCRIPTION TO POLICE... WHO LATER FOUND THE MEN... AND ARRESTED THEM. BOTH COULD FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES.
19-Jul	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	Topics include: reaction to criticism leveled against the various health plans from the head of the Congressional Budget Office / importance of having national health insurance / possibility of raising taxes on individuals and small businesses in order to reach the cost of the bill / feasibility of making the August deadline as set forth by President Barack Obama / taking Medicare spending away from Congress to form a separate agency and cut costs / claim that the Republicans have not been invited to participate in either the House of Representatives or the Senate debate on health care / possibility of taxing the cost of healthcare benefits above a certain level in order to draw down costs / commitment to solving the health care problem
21-Jul	6-7 a.m. news	6:19 a.m./ :22	Health/ Health Care	MAKING NEWS ACROSS THE NATION TODAY--- PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WHEN IT COMES TO *TALKING* ABOUT HEALTH CARE REFORM-- SAYING-- IT'S TIME FOR ACTION. THE PRESIDENT SAYS THE NEED FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM IS URGENT AND INDISPUTABLE. HE SAYS OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR PATIENTS HAVE REACHED RECORD HIGHS-- LEAVING FAMILIES PAY TO PAY *MORE* FOR LESS CARE.
25-Jul	6 p.m. news	6 p.m./ :21	Environment	DOZENS CAME OUT TODAY TO LANSING'S SOUTH-SIDE COMMUNITY CENTER TO ...TO LEARN HOW TO GO GREEN. GREENATION--- A LOCAL ORGANIZATION--- SPONSORED AN URBAN AGRICULTURE PROJECT TO PROMOTE GREEN LIVING -- PARTICIPANTS PLANTED SEEDS-- AND PAINTED THE COMMUNITY CENTER... THERE WAS ALSO A YOUTH MENTORING SESSION TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO CREATE A SUSTAIN-ABLE ENVIRONMENT
26-Jul	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Race Relations/ Economy/ Health/ Health Care	Topics include: controversy over the arrest of Harvard University professor Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. in Cambridge, MA by Sgt. James Crowley, resulting in a claim of racial profiling / upset over comments made by President Barack Obama that the police had "acted stupidly" and his subsequent apology; President Obama's plans for health care reform -- lowering costs, improving quality of care, and keeping the burden off of the middle class / President Obama's decision to consider a surtax on people who make over $500,000 / commitment to solving the health care crisis
26-Jul	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime/ Economy	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 not gun dealers to sell firearms without background checks, and the Virginia Tech massacre.

30-Jul	5-6 a.m. news	5:10 a.m./ :30	Health/ Health Care	THE NATIONAL HEALTH-CARE OVERHAUL TAKES CENTER STAGE IN WASHINGTON TODAY. HOUSE DEMOCRATS REPORT A DEAL COULD BE UP FOR VOTE BY SEPTEMBER. MEANWHILE-- HOUSE REPUBLICANS HAVE UNVEILED A PLAN OF THEIR OWN. THEIR 700-BILLION DOLLAR PLAN WOULD OFFER TAX CREDITS TO HELP PEOPLE BUY INSURANCE--- BUT IT WOULDN'T REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS OR EMPLOYERS TO GET COVERAGE. AND WHILE SOME OF THOSE IDEAS MAY APPEAL TO MODERATE DEMOCRATS--- SOME THINK ITS UNLIKELY THE REPUBLICAN PROPOSAL WILL MAKE IT THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC-RUN HOUSE.
30-Jul	11 p.m. News	11:06 p.m./ :25	Crime/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	ONE OF GUANTANAMO BAY'S YOUNGEST PRISONERS WILL SOON BE SET FREE. THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SAYS IT'S READY TO RELEASE *MOHAMMED JAWAD* -- DAYS AFTER HINTING THEY MAY BRING HIM TO THE U-S FOR A CRIMINAL TRIAL. HE WAS ARRESTED 7-YEARS AGO FOR ALLEGEDLY WOUNDING TWO U-S SOLDIERS AND THEIR INTERPRETER WITH A GRENADE IN AFGHANISTAN. TODAY... GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ASKED A JUDGE -- TO GIVE THEM THREE WEEKS FOR HIS RELEASE.
31-Jul	5 p.m. news	5:23 p.m./ :23	Economy	PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS THE 787 BILLION DOLLAR ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM IS HELPING THE ECONOMY PULL ITSELF OUT OF THE RECESSION. THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT REPORTED TODAY THAT THE ECONOMY CONTRACTED AT A PACE OF JUST 1 PERCENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER. THAT'S BETTER THAN E-CONOMISTS EXPECTED... AND THE STRONGEST SIGNAL YET THAT THE RECESSION IS WINDING DOWN.
2-Aug	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy/ Health/ Health Care	Topics include: current state of the economy with regards to recovery -- is the recession over? / need to get the federal deficit under control by implementing a substantial reform of the health care system / President Obama's commitment to not increasing taxes for middle-income Americans / pledge to work with Congress to make sure that unemployment insurance benefits are extended if necessary / support for the stimulus package as a positive and significant impact on the economy
2-Aug	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A report on the safety measures passengers must endure at airport security checkpoints since 9/11 and whether or not they are keeping travelers protected. The Transportation Security Administration says they are, but with screeners enforcing rules viewed by most travelers as annoying and arbitrary, the TSA has launched an image makeover. Includes comments from: Bruce Schneier, a security expert who has advised the TSA and who likens the procedures to "security theater"; and Kip Hawley, outgoing head of the TSA, who believes America is under attack from terrorists. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Karen M. Sughrue) (OAD: 12/21/08)
4-Aug	11 p.m. News	11:11 p.m./ :18	Environment/ Economy	THE GOVERNMENT IS SENDING MORE TAX DOLLARS FROM THE RECOVERY ACT TO MICHIGAN-- THE U-S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY...IS GIVING A ONE-POINT-SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR GRANT TO MICHIGAN. AGENCY OFFICIALS SAY THE GRANT WILL HELP KEEP AND CREATE JOBS TO PREVENT WATER POLLUTION AND PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

5-Aug	6 p.m. news	6:08 p.m./ :25	Economy	A NEW MICHIGAN CASINO-- MEANS NEW WORK FOR SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE FIREKEEPERS CASINO ROLLED OUT THE DICE FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY IN BATTLE CREEK. IT FEATURES MORE THAN 25-HUNDRED SLOT MACHINES. AND NEARLY 80 TABLE GAMES... AND FROM THE CONSTRUCTION TO THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, THE CASINO ALSO CREATED THOUSANDS OF NEW JOBS-- INCLUDING HUNDREDS OF MID-MICHIGAN RESIDENTS. OFFICIALS SAY THIS PROJECT COULDN'T HAVE COME ALONG AT A BETTER TIME.
6-Aug	6-7 a.m. news	6:10 a.m./ :17	Race Relations	NEW THIS MORNING-- SUPREME COURT JUSTICE NOMINEE, SONIA SOTOMAYOR IS EXPECTED TO BE CONFIRMED TODAY. THE SENATE IS SCHEDULED TO VOTE THIS AFTERNOON. SHE IS EXPECTED TO BECOME THE FIRST HISPANIC ON THE SUPREME COURT. IF APPROVED--- SHE WILL ALSO BE THE THIRD WOMAN IN HISTORY TO SIT ON THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT.
6-Aug	6-7 a.m. news	6:41 a.m./ :17	Race Relations/ Economy/ Health/ Health Care	PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IS ON HIS WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON TONIGHT...AFTER A TRIP TO AFRICA. OBAMA ADDRESSED LAWMAKERS IN GHANA...CHALLENGING THE AFRICAN PEOPLE TO SHED CORRUPTION AND CONFLICT IN FAVOR OF PEACE. HE TOLD NATIONS CRIPPLED BY CHAOS... IT WILL TAKE GOOD GOVERNANCE...SUSTAINED DEVELOPMENT...IMPROVED HEALTH CARE AND A WILLINGNESS TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES...TO MAKE THE CHANGE.
6-Aug	Noon News	12:06 p.m./ :16	Health/ Health Care	MEANWHILE AT THE WHITE HOUSE--- PRESIDENT OBAMA IS MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE--- WHO HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING HEALTH CARE REFORM. OBAMA SAYS HE'S ENCOURAGED BY THE TALKS, AND STILL WANTS AN OVERHAUL OF HEALTH CARE BY THE END OF THE YEAR... EVEN IF REPUBLICANS WON'T HELP.
6-Aug	Noon News	12:08 p.m./ :24	Crime	FORMER INGHAM COUNTY JUDGE BEVERLEY NETTLES NICKERSON IS BACK IN COURT TODAY. SHE WAS ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING IN MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP BACK IN MAY. BUT HER ATTORNEY SAYS SHE NEVER SHOULD'VE BEEN ARRESTED-- BECAUSE SHE NEVER ACTUALLY DROVE THE CAR.
9-Aug	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: President Obama's new strategy (effective March 2009) in Afghanistan -- increased security, economic development, and better governance from the local levels / refutation of a report that American commanders were told by him that a discussion on increasing troop levels was out of the question / importance of measuring the effectiveness of the new strategy before making recommendations / criticism of prior approaches to dealing with the situation in Afghanistan / praise for the current plan implemented by the Obama administration / promise to assess the possible need for more troops / current situation in Afghanistan

9-Aug	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care	A report on brain-computer interface or BCI, a new technology that connects the human brain to a computer, which allows people who are completely paralyzed due to illness or trauma to operate computers, write e-mails, and drive wheelchairs. Scientists hope that in the future, BCI may restore movement to paralyzed people and allow amputees to move bionic limbs. Includes comments from neuroscientist Dr. Jonathan Wolpaw of New York State's Wadsworth Center; Dr. Andy Schwartz, a neuroscientist at the University of Pittsburgh; and Brown University neuroscientist Dr. John Donoghue. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Denise Schrier Cetta) (OAD: 11/02/08)
12-Aug	5-6 a.m. news	5:15 a.m./ :32	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	NEW THIS MORNING--- CONVICTED CRIMINALS AND TERRORISM SUSPECTS COULD SOON ARRIVE IN PRISONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS REFORM WILL HOLD A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF BRINGING OUT OF STATE PRISONERS AND GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEES TO MICHIGAN. IF THE MEASURE GETS APPROVAL... STATE PRISONS THAT RECENTLY CLOSED DUE TO BUDGET CUTS COULD RE-OPEN... BRINGING MORE JOBS TO STRUGGLING MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES. PEOPLE HURT BY THE PRISON CLOSURES ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO TESTIFY TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL.
12-Aug	6-7 a.m. news	6:02 a.m./ :20	Economy	ALTHOUGH WE MAY BE STARTING TO SEE SMALL SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE U-S ECONOMY--- BUSINESSES OWNERS SAY IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN ECONOMIC STABILITY FOR THEM TO START RE-HIRING. EXPERTS SAY THAT TYPE OF BEHAVIOR AMONG EMPLOYERS IS TYPICAL--- FOLLOWING THE END OF A RECESSION. ECONOMISTS PREDICT UNEMPLOYMENT MAY NOT RETURN TO HEALTHY LEVELS UNTIL 2013.
12-Aug	7:55 a.m. cut in	7:55 a.m./ :25	Education	ONE IN EVERY THREE MICHIGAN CHILDREN---MAY NOT BE PREPARED TO SUCCEED--WHEN THEY ENTER KINDERGARTEN. A NEW STUDY SHOWS THAT FUTURE SUCCESS OF KIDS IN SCHOOL IS LINKED TO SCHOOL READINESS. SOME MICHIGAN TEACHERS SAY THEY JUST AREN'T SEEING THAT IN EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AROUND THE STATE. DESPITE THE NEW RESEARCH AND BROAD VOTER SUPPORT ...THE MICHIGAN SENATE HAS RECENTLY VOTED TO ELIMINATE THE "GREAT START" SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM.
13-Aug	6-7 a.m. news	6:12 a.m./ :26	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	A STUDY BY THE MICHIGAN LEAGUE FOR HUMAN SERVICES... SHOWS HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG RACES COULD GROW THANKS TO THE STATE'S BUDGET PROBLEMS. RESEARCH FROM THAT ORGANIZATION FOUND BUDGET CUTS COULD AX HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT EFFECT MINORITIES THE MOST. THE STUDY FOUND--- MICHIGAN'S AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKAN NATIVES HAVE THE HIGHEST STROKE MORTALITY RATE... WHILE AFRICAN AMERICANS MAKE UP 20-PERCENT OF STATE DEATHS DUE TO HEART DISEASE AND CANCER.

13-Aug	Noon News	12:07 p.m./ :23	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	SOME OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TOP BRASS MAKE A TRIP TO MICHIGAN TODAY FOR A PRISON TOUR. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEFENSE, JUSTICE, AND HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENTS WILL VISIT THE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON IN STANDISH--- THAT'S JUST NORTH OF SAGINAW. THE PRISON IS BEING CONSIDERED BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AS A PLACE TO HOLD TERRORISM SUSPECTS--- CURRENTLY DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO BAY IN CUBA. THE STATE IS SET TO CLOSE THE PRISON--- BUT IT COULD BE SAVED IF THE PRISONERS ARE SENT THERE.
16-Aug	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: troubling conditions in Afghanistan / need for America to reexamine our objectives in Afghanistan / upcoming elections / rumors of a request for additional troops / complexities of Afghanistan and the possibility that America will continue to isolate itself should it continue to stay in that region / does an increase in troops equate viewing America as an occupation force / belief that American policy needs to stay focused on protecting Americans and dismantling al Qaeda / historical, political, cultural, and economic forces exist within Afghanistan that make it impossible to modernize / Pakistan as an example of a country that has never been governable / disappointment in current President Hamid Karzai's leadership, but the importance of working with whomever wins the upcoming election
17-Aug	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :22	Crime	NINE SUSPECTED INTERNET PREDATORS IN MICHIGAN---- ARE NOW OFF THE WEB---AND BEHIND BARS. THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TEAMED UP FOR THE INTERNET STING. DEPUTIES SAY THEY MADE THE NINE ARRESTS---OF MEN RANGING IN AGE FROM 24 TO 53. THEIR BACKGROUNDS ARE ALSO WIDESPREAD--- ONE IS A FORMER DETROIT POLICE OFFICER, ANOTHER IS A POSTAL WORKER.
19-Aug	5 p.m. news	5:11 p.m./ :27	Health/ Health Care	FORMER 7TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN TIM WALBERG IS GETTING INVOLVED IN THE DEBATE OVER HEALTH CARE REFORM. WALBERG SAYS HE'S HOSTING A TOWN HALL MEETING TONIGHT -- DEALING WITH HEALTH CARE PROPOSALS---THE ONES CURRENTLY GENERATING SO MUCH BUZZ FOR ANDF AGAINST IN CONGRESS
20-Aug	11 p.m. News	11:07 p.m./ :21	Economy/ Environmen t	U-S TRANSPORATION SECRETARY RAY LAHOOD -- IS THE MAN WHO MADE TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT. HE SAYS THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN A LIFELINE TO THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, JUMP STARTING A MAJOR SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY AND PUTTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK -- AT THE SAME TIME, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE OLD, POLLUTED CARS OFF THE ROAD -- AND HELP CUSTOMER PURCHASE FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLES."
21-Aug	5 p.m. news	5:22 p.m./ :26	Education/ Economy	THE STATE'S STRUGGLING ECONOMY IS NOW HURTING FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS---- THE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION TRAVEL U-S-A SAYS THERE ARE FEWER FAMILIES IN MICHIGAN WILLING TO HOST STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD--- C-E-T-U-S-A SAYS MANY HOMES HAVE LOST ONE AND MAY BE TWO INCOMES AND CAN'T AFFORD TO HOST A STUDENT. NOW THE PROGRAM IS DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO HELP THE FOREIGN STUDENTS WHO GAVE UP SEAT IN SCHOOL IN THEIR COUNTRIES TO EXPERIENCE THE U-S FOR A YEAR.

22-Aug	6 p.m. News	6:04 p.m./ :25	Health/ Health Care	PRESIDENT OBAMA TAKES AIM TODAY...AT THOSE *OPPOSED* TO HIS NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PLAN. DURING HIS WEEKLY WEB AND RADIO ADDRESS -- THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR AN HONEST DEBATE ON THE ISSUE. HE ACCUSES CRITICS OF MAKING FALSE CLAIMS ABOUT THE LEGISLATION. TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT...HE SAYS: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WOULD *NOT* BE INCLUDED IN THE OVERHAUL...TAXPAYERS WOULD NOT FUND ABORTIONS... AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT TAKE OVER HEALTH CARE.
23-Aug	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	Topics include: problems posed by keeping or dropping the public insurance option from the health care reform bill / proposed cooperative plan -- a plan that would be controlled by its membership, not like a public insurance option that would be government run / reaction to the suggestion made by former Senator Tom Daschle (D-SD) that a procedure called reconciliation -- used to circumvent the requirement of having sixty votes for passage of a bill -- be used to pass the health care reform bill / views as to how President Obama has presented health care reform / clarification by Senator Grassley regarding his recent statement denouncing any government program "that determines you're going to pull the plug on grandma" / the eight billion dollar cost associated with end of life counseling / Republican notion of splitting the bill in two and passing the less controversial aspects first, before addressing the more arguable points / need to take measures to control the rising costs associated with health care and reduce the deficit as a result
27-Aug	11 p.m. News	11:01 p.m./ :18	Crime	A LANSING FUGITIVE IS BEHIND BARS TONIGHT. THE JACKSON STATE POLICE POST RECEIVED A TIP THAT *ERIN ROBERT-WOLFGANG SCHULTZ* WAS HIDING OUT AT AN APARTMENT IN JACKSON. THE MAN IS ON LANSING'S MOST WANTED LIST FOR ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM. STATE POLICE ARRESTED HIM AND TURNED HIM OVER TO LANSING POLICE.
30-Aug	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	Topics include: recollections about the late Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy, who passed away on Tuesday, August 25th; support for former Vice President Dick Cheney's statement that Attorney General Eric Holder's decision to appoint a special council to look into torture allegations was "a terrible decision" / concern over how this decision to investigate will impact the CIA and America's ongoing battle against radical Islamic extremism / belief that the interrogation techniques used were in violation of the Geneva Convention / firsthand account of torture being used as a recruiting tool for al Qaeda
30-Aug	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Environment	A report on the black market dismantling of electronic waste, or "e-waste", focusing on Hong Kong and the toxic dumps of Guiyu, China -- a city so polluted, it has the highest levels of cancer-causing dioxins in the world. Though it is illegal to import toxic e-waste, it is a lucrative business, where junked computers, televisions, and other old electronic products are mined for valuable components, including gold. Includes comments from Allen Hershkowitz of the Natural Resources Defense Council; and Jim Puckett, founder of the Basel Action Network. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Solly Granatstein) (OAD: 11/09/08 - Includes an update.)

2-Sep	5-6 a.m. news	5:42 a.m./ :24	Health/ Health Care	MORE NEWS ON THE PRESIDENT'S PUSH FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM THIS MORNING. THE PRESIDENT IS NOW APPARENTLY CONSIDERING DELIVERING A NATIONAL SPEECH--- TO DETAIL HIS PLANS FOR A HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR, DAVID AXELROD SAYS PRESIDENT OBAMA IS WEIGHING A PLAN TO BE MORE "PRESCRIPTIVE" ABOUT WHAT REFORM SHOULD ENTAIL. THIS COMES AS ACTIVISTS ON THE LEFT ARE PUSHING THE WHITE HOUSE TO BE MORE HANDS ON.
2-Sep	6-7 a.m. news	6:15 a.m./ :43	Environment / Economy	NEW THIS MORNING--- CLEAN ENERGY AND THE ECONOMY TAKE CENTER STAGE TODAY. AS MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATION LAY OUT HIS VISION FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN TO JUMP START THE ECONOMY--- WHILE HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT.
3-Sep	6 p.m. news	6:07 p.m./ 1:05	Education	LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE MAKING THE GRADE... THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE LATEST ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS RESULTS. IT'S A NEARLY PERFECT SCORE...31 OF 33 SCHOOLS MADE A-Y-P. TWO OF THOSE SCHOOLS --- EVERETT AND SEXTON HIGH SCHOOLS --- PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME.
4-Sep	11 p.m. News	11:12 p.m./ :31	Race Relations/ Economy	A NEW REPORT BY THE MICHIGAN LEAGUE FOR HUMAN SERVICES FINDS THAT THE RECESSION IS HURTING SOME WORKERS MORE THAN OTHERS. THE STUDY SAYS THE INCOME GAP BETWEEN MINORITIES AND WHITES HAS GROWN SHARPLY SINCE 1979. THE ORGANIZATION SAYS THE AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE FOR WHITE WORKERS DROPPED SIX-PERCENT... WHILE AFRICAN AMERICANS EXPERIENCED A *23-POINT-5* PERCENT DROP, IN THAT THIRTY YEAR PERIOD. ONE MICHIGAN STATE PROFESSOR SAYS DISCRIMINATION HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN THE REASON. IN ADDITION TO A LACK OF ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING.
5-Sep	11 p.m. News	11:25 p.m./ :26	Crime	THE HUGE WILDFIRE NORTH OF LOS ANGELES IS NEARLY FIFTY PERCENT CONTAINED TONIGHT. THE WESTERN FLANK OF THE FIRE IS UNDER CONTROL...AND CREWS ARE TRYING TO SLOW ITS EASTERN MOVEMENT INTO THE SAN GABRIEL WILDERNESS. SO FAR...THE FIRE HAS CHARRED NEARLY 2-HUNDRED-50 SQUARE MILES... DESTROYED MORE THAN 75 HOMES... AND KILLED TWO FIREFIGHTERS. AUTHORITIES SAY THE FIRE IS ARSON. THEY'RE OFFERING A 100-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO AN ARREST.
6-Sep	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Education/ Health/ Health Care	President Obama's September 8th speech to the nation's school children, focusing on personal responsibility and challenging students to value their education / response to the negative reaction to the speech from Republicans and the Conservative community, labeling the speech as "socialist ideology"; decision to make schools vaccination centers for the H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) vaccine / common sense precautions regarding H1N1 Flu virus / recent outbreak at Washington State University; recent comparisons indicating American students lag behind their international counterparts / need to improve the graduation rate

6-Sep	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Environment/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A report on the dramatic increase in the intensity and number of forest fires across the American West, due to global warming. (C: Scott Pelley - P: David Gelber, Joel Bach) (OAD: 10/21/07) Also, a report on soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, who are stationed at a small forward operating base in eastern Afghanistan, not far from the Pakistani border, called "Wilderness". American casualties are highest in this region, where they're fighting an Afghan warlord, Jalauddin Haqqani and his son, who are closely allied to al-Qaeda. Includes comments from Major General Jeffrey Schlosser, the Deputy U.S. Commander in Afghanistan. (C: Lara Logan - P: Peter Klein, Jeff Newton) (OAD: 10/19/08)
9-Sep	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :28	Crime/ Education	INVESTING IN STUDENTS NOW-- COULD RESULT IN A BETTER FUTURE LATER. SOME MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS SAY IF THE STATE INVESTS IN EDUCATION NOW--- THERE WILL BE LESS TO SPEND ON PRISONS LATER. AS PART OF THE "FIGHT CRIME, INVEST IN KIDS MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN"--- ORGANIZERS MET THIS MORNING AT THE CAPITAL TO URGE STATE LAWMAKERS TO MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR THE STATE'S PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM. SUPPORTERS ARE PUSHING A NEW FEDERAL EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVE--- AS A WAY TO CUT PRISON COSTS IN THE FUTURE.
10-Sep	6-7 a.m.	6:16 a.m./ :22	Health/ Health Care	PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS HE HAS THREE BASIC GOALS WHEN IT COMES TO THE NEW PLAN. ONE... THAT IT PROVIDES SECURITY AND STABILITY FOR THOSE *WITH* HEALTH INSURANCE... TWO.. THAT IT GIVES HEALTH INSURANCE TO THOSE *WITHOUT* IT. AND THREE... THAT IT SLOWS THE GROWTH OF HEALTH CARE COSTS--- FOR FAMILIES... BUSINESSES... AND THE GOVERNMENT. CURRENTLY... NEARLY 50 MILLION AMERICANS ARE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE.
10-Sep	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :27	Economy	THE "NATIONAL" ECONOMY IS ALSO IMPACTING THE NUMBER OF THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY. THE CENSUS BUREAU REPORTS THAT THE U-S POVERTY RATE STANDS AT 13 POINT 2 PERCENT-- UP FROM 12-AND-A-HALF PERCENT IN 2007. IT'S NOT RECORD BREAKING: IT WAS THAT HIGH, IN 1997. AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE TAKE A LOOK: IT NOW STANDS AT OVER 46-MILLION. "UP" FROM 45-POINT 7 MILLION LAST YEAR. THOSE STATISTICS... RELEASED TODAY... COVER THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE.
11-Sep	5-6 a.m. news	5:50 a.m./ :29	Crime	AN UPDATE TO A ROBBERY IN INGHAM COUNTY... THAT HAPPENED WEDNESDAY MORNING. DEPUTIES HAVE NOW ARRESTED THE THIRD SUSPECT IN A BURGLARY AT A HOME ON BELLEVUE ROAD NEAR LESLIE. THEY SAY THE HOMEOWNERS WERE AWAY WHEN THE BREAK IN OCCURED-- BUT CAME HOME TO FIND 3-SUSPECTS CARRYING ITEMS FROM THEIR PROPERTY. TWO SUSPECTS WERE CAPTURED LAST NIGHT. DEPUTIES SAY THEY BELIEVE ALL THREE SUSPECTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR A STRING OF HOME BREAK-INS IN JACKSON COUNTY...THAT HAVE HAPPENED OVER THE PAST MONTH.

13-Sep	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care	Topics include: reaction to protests against President Obama's health care plan / President Obama's September 9th address to a joint session of Congress on the issue of health care reform / continued support for the public option / commitment to providing a health care plan that will be self-sufficient and not add to the deficit / criticism against President Obama for trying to address too much too soon
16-Sep	11 p.m. News	11:04 p.m./ :29	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	STILL NO WORD ON IF TERRORISM SUSPECTS FROM GUANTANAMO BAY... WILL MAKE THEIR NEW HOME IN A MICHIGAN PRISON. THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN CONSIDERING THE MAXIMUM SECURITY STANDISH FACILITIES TO HOUSE MORE THAN 2-HUNDRED GITMO INMATES... ANOTHER PRISON IN KANSAS WAS ALSO POSSIBILITY-- HOWEVER--- TWO KANSAS SENATORS SAY TALKS WITH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS LED THEM TO BELIEVE THEIR PRISON IS OUT OF THE RUNNING. GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S SPOKESPERSON SAYS--- THEY'VE HEARD NOTHING NEW FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
17-Sep	Noon News	12:12 p.m./ :34	Race Relations	CARTER ALSO TOLD THE CROWD THAT A "RADICAL FRINGE" HAS CROSSED THE LINE BY EQUATING THE PRESIDENT WITH ANIMALS OR A REINCARNATION OF ADOLF HITLER. CARTER'S COMMENTS CAME JUST A DAY AFTER HE SAID CONGRESSMAN WILSON'S OUTBURST DURING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ADDRESS TO CONGRESS LAST WEEK WAS "BASED ON RACISM."
18-Sep	Noon News	12:03 p.m./ :27	Economy	THE U-S LABOR DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS MICHIGAN -- ONCE AGAIN -- LEADS THE NATION IN UNEMPLOYMENT -- AT 15-POINT 2 PERCENT. THAT MAY EXPLAIN THURSDAY'S JOB EXPO TURN-OUT IN LANSING. THE CAPITOL AREA MICHIGAN WORKS SAYS --15-HUNDRED PEOPLE POURED INTO THE LANSING CENTER -- LOOKING FOR WORK. THEY SAY 52-EMPLOYERS SHOWED UP HIRE. ORGANIZERS SAY THAT'S DOWN FROM LAST YEAR -- GIVEN THE TOUGH ECONOMY. LATER TONIGHT ON SIX NEWS -- HEAR FROM ONE OF THOSE COMPANIES..THAT'S HIRING DOZENS OF NEW EMPLOYEES.
20-Sep	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: the challenge of health care reform and why some people remain skeptical of Obama's plan / description of the main points of his plan and acknowledgment of the complexity of reform / concern that his plan would mean new taxes for the middle class, and his refutation of this fear; reasons for a perceived element of meanness and anger in current political dialogue / health care reform as a proxy for the question of how much the government should be involved in the economy; the Attorney General's decision to re-open the criminal investigation of the CIA interrogations which took place after 9/11; the question of the possible commitment of tens of thousands of new American troops to Afghanistan; the decision not to implement a missile defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic

20-Sep	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	Health/ Health Care	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. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Denise Schrier Cetta) (OAD: 04/12/09)
21-Sep	Noon News	12:02 p.m./ :19	Health/ Health Care	FLU SEASON IS UPON US-- AND THE MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS READY TO START OFFERING FLU SHOTS. SHOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN SAINT JOHNS ON TOWNSEND ROAD-- UNTIL 1 O'CLOCK TODAY--- AND AGAIN FROM 2 UNTIL 6. THE SHOTS ARE 30 DOLLARS-- AND MEDI-CAID AND MEDI-CARE ARE ACCEPTED.
23-Sep	6-7 a.m.	6:05 a.m./ :34	Economy	BUT DESPITE THE POTENTIAL GOOD NEWS FOR THE LOCAL JOB MARKET--- MANY ARE GETTING BY JUST ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. THOSE BENEFITS ARE SET TO RUN OUT BY THE END OF THE YEAR. HOWEVER--- ON TUESDAY--- THE U-S HOUSE APPROVED LEGISLATION THAT CALLS FOR EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS... FOR STATES SUFFERING MOST FROM THE POOR ECONOMY. THE HOUSE VOTED TO GIVE AN ADDITIONAL 13 WEEKS OF BENEFITS TO LAID-OFF WORKERS-- WITH MICHIGAN BEING ONE OF THE STATES INCLUDED. ONE LAWMAKER PREDICTS THE EXTENSION WILL HELP 300-THOUSAND PEOPLE EXPECTED TO LOSE THEIR JOBS BY THE END OF THE MONTH. THE BILL NOW HEADS TO THE SENATE.
24-Sep	6-7 a.m. news	6:04 a.m./ :23	Crime	THE ANNUAL OVER THE LIMIT UNDER ARREST DRUNK DRIVING CRACKDOWN HAS COME TO AN END. AND THE NUMBERS INDICATE SOME CHANGE. IN THIS YEAR'S THREE WEEK SURGE-- OFFICERS MADE OVER 13 THOUSAND STOPS... WITH 552 OF THOSE TURNING INTO ARRESTS FOR DRUNK DRIVING. THE NUMBER OF STOPS IS UP FROM LAST YEAR... WHEN JUST UNDER 12,000 WERE MADE. BUT DRUNK DRIVING ARRESTS HAVE ACTUALLY GONE DOWN FROM LAST YEAR... WHEN 770 WERE ON THE BOOKS.
24-Sep	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ 1:26	Education	OFFICIALS AT JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOCUS ON MORE THAN JUST ACADEMIC SUCCESS. AS LINDA MEEDER WILL TELL YOU--FOCUSING ON A STUDENT'S ALL-AROUND HEALTH CAN BE JUST AS IMPORTANT--- THAT'S BECAUSE A NUMBER OF OBSTACLES COULD CAUSE STUDENTS TO SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS.
24-Sep	5 p.m. news	5:07 p.m./ :27	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A TERROR SUSPECT, LIVING IN COLORADO-- HAS BEEN INDICTED ON A CHARGE OF "CONSPIRING TO DETONATE BOMBS" IN THE UNITED STATES. THE MAN IS TO SCHEDULED APPEAR IN COURT IN DENVER ON A COUNT OF LYING TO TERRORISM INVESTIGATORS. THE NEW CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO USE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WAS FILED IN NEW YORK. COUNTER-TERRORISM AGENTS FEAR HE AND OTHERS MAY HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO DETONATE HOMEMADE BOMBS ON NEW YORK CITY COMMUTER TRAINS. THE SUSPECTI HAS PUBLICLY DENIED THE CHARGES.

25-Sep	5 p.m. news	5:20 p.m./ 1:13	Environment/ Health/ Health Care/ Education	MICHAEL SWAN WAS DISAGNOSED WITH AUTISM WHEN HE WAS TWO YEARS OLD. BUT SINCE THEN...HE'S COME A LONG WAY... TODAY HE'S TALKING... AND GOING TO SCHOOL. BUT IT TOOK A LOT OF HARD WORK...TO GET TO THIS POINT. MICHAEL'S STORY IS JUST ONE OF MANY. A NEW STUDY SHOWS 673--THOUSAND KIDS IN THE U-S HAVE AUTISM... MUCH HIGHER THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT... AND DOCTORS AREN'T EXACTLY SURE WHY. SOME SAY IT'S BECAUSE THERE'S GREATER AWARENESS ABOUT THE DISORDER... OTHERS SAY CHANGES TO OUR ENVIRONMENT COULD BE THE CAUSE.
26-Sep	6 p.m. news	6:26 p.m./ :15	Race Relations	A LOCAL GROUP HELD IT'S TENTH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN PARADE TODAY. ORGANIZERS SAY THE EVENT CELEBRATES A DECADE OF CHANGE --- A DECADE OF PURPOSE AND A DECADE OF PROGRESS. 45 DIFFERENT GROUPS TOOK PART. THEY SAY...THE PARADE SHOWS JUST HOW FAR AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE COME.
27-Sep	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: discovery of a new Iranian nuclear site, believed to be a covert facility designed for uranium enrichment and not for peaceful nuclear energy for civilian purposes / President Obama's meeting with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev / consensus from members of the P-5 Plus 1 -- United States, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Russia, and China -- that Iran must provide answers during the October 1st meeting / possibility of deepening sanctions against Iran should they fail to provide convincing evidence as to the purpose of their nuclear program / belief that if the site was truly for peaceful purposes, it would have been disclosed to the International Atomic Energy Agency, as required / Russia's increasing support of America's international diplomatic efforts and interests; General Stanley McChrystal's report on America's war in Afghanistan / current situation and policy in Afghanistan / America's relationship with Pakistan and its increased commitment in the fight against the Taliban and al Qaeda meshes with our overall strategy in Afghanistan
29-Sep	7:55 a.m. cut in	7:55 a.m./ :24	Race Relations	PEOPLE ALL ACROSS MICHIGAN ARE INVITED TO HEAD TO DOWNTOWN LANSING FOR A DAY OF CULTURAL FUN TODAY. ITS A DAY LONG CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC AND LATINO CULTURE-- IN HONOR OF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY INCLUDING ENTERTAINMENT ON THE CAPITOL LAWN-- A SUMMIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS--AND MUCH MORE. THE EVENT STARTS AT 11-30 THIS MORNING-- AT THE STATE CAPITOL.
29-Sep	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :21	Health/ Health Care	IN WASHINGTON-- THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS VOTED AGAINST CREATING A NEW GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN-- TO COMPETE WITH THE PRIVATE MARKET. THE OUTCOME WAS EXPECTED-- BUT WAS STILL A DEFEAT FOR LIBERALS WHO VIEW GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED INSURANCE FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS-- AS A KEY COMPONENT OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HEALTH CARE OVER-HAUL.