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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.

Fourth 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-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m. / :31	Economy	CONSUMER SPENDING SHOT-UP IN AUGUST BY THE LARGEST AMOUNT IN NEARLY EIGHT YEARS. OFFICIALS SAY CONSUMER SPENDING ROSE 1.3 PERCENT IN AUGUST, EVEN BETTER THAN THE 1.1 PERCENT GAIN THAT HAD BEEN EXPECTED. THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PART OF IT HAD TO DO WITH THE CASH FOR CLUNKERS AUTO SALES PROGRAM. THE BIG JUMP IN CONSUMER SPENDING, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 70 PERCENT OF TOTAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY-- IS A GOOD INDICATION THAT THE ECONOMY WAS RETURNING TO POSITIVE GROWTH THIS SUMMER.
4-Oct	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: General Stanley McChrystal's meeting with President Obama / General McChrystal's request for an additional 40,000 troops to be sent to Afghanistan / reaction to recent comments made by General McChrystal criticizing the possibility of scaling back the forces in Afghanistan / importance of considering all of the elements and goals of the new March 2009 strategy for Afghanistan before deciding on a troop increase / encouraging developments in Pakistan / concern in Pakistan and Afghanistan over America's perceived loss of resolve; upcoming meetings with Iran over reports indicating that Iran has acquired sufficient information to be able to produce an atomic bomb

4-Oct	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Environment	A report on the health risks caused by the improper disposal of coal ash, which contains mercury, arsenic, lead and other toxic metals. Problems occurred in Kingston, Tennessee, where coal ash disposed by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) eventually spilled into the Emory River; and in Chesapeake, Virginia, where coal ash was spread under a golf course. Interviewed: Jim Roewer, lobbyist for the power industry; Leo Francendese, environmentalist for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Gary Topmiller; resident who lives near the Emory River; Anda Ray, who oversees environmental policy at the TVA; Lisa Jackson, head of the EPA; Ted Yoakam, lawyer from Virginia; Robyn Pierce and Stacy Moorman, who live across the street from the contaminated golf course.
5-Oct	5-6 a.m. news	5:32 a.m./ :28	Race Relations	MAKING NEWS ACROSS THE NATION--- IT'S THE FIRST DAY ON THE HIGHEST BENCH FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR. TODAY MARKS THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW TERM FOR THE SUPREME COURT-- AND ALL EYES WILL BE ON THE NEW JUSTICE. TWO HIGH PROFILE CASES THAT WILL PROBABLY HIT HER DESK THIS TERM INCLUDE-- A CHALLENGE TO LIMITS ON CORPORATE SPENDING IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS-- AND A LAWSUIT TO STRIKE DOWN LOCAL HANDGUN BANS IN THE CHICAGO AREA. SOTOMAYOR IS THE FIRST HISPANIC JUDGE IN THE HIGH COURT'S HISTORY.
5-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:06 p.m./ :18	Crime/ Economy	A TOUGH BUDGET YEAR HAS FORCED THE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE HUGE CUTS. NOW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ARE SEEKING HELP FROM THE PUBLIC-- TO FIGHT CRIME. AND AS CANDACE BURNS TELLS US - THEIR REQUEST HAS ROUNDED UP AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE.
7-Oct	6-7 a.m. news	6:05 a.m./ :22	Health/ Health Care	THE HEALTH REFORM BATTLE ROLLS ON IN WASHINGTON. CONGRESSIONAL TAX EXPERTS CLAIM THE SENATE HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION CONTAINS TOO MANY NEW TAXES. AND THAT DRUG COMPANIES AND OTHER BUSINESSES WOULD HAVE TO PAY 121 BILLION OVER TEN YEARS--- THAT'S NEARLY 30- BILLION MORE THAN IN THE ORIGINAL CALCULATIONS. THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS SUPPOSED TO VOTE TUESDAY BUT IT WAS DELAYED.
8-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :25	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED A REVISED VERSION OF THE NATION'S MAJOR COUNTER-TERRORISM LAW-- "THE U-S PATRIOT ACT." THE LEGISLATION GOVERNS HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS CAN OBTAIN RECORDS-- AND CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE IN ANTI-TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS. 3-KEY PARTS OF THE CURRENT LAW EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST. THE BILL NOW HEADS TO THE FULL SENATE.
9-Oct	5-6 a.m. news	5:32 a.m./ :23	Economy	FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN BEN BERNANKE SAYS HE'S IN NO RUSH TO START BOOSTING INTEREST RATES. AT A FED CONFERENCE SPEECH LAST NIGHT,--- BERNANKE SAID THE FED'S KEY BANK LENDING RATE, WHICH IS NEAR ZERO, WILL STAY THERE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD. BERNANKE SAYS KEEPING THE INTEREST RATES AT SUCH A LOW LEVEL WILL HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SPEND MORE MONEY--- WHICH WILL HELP THE U-S ECONOMY RECOVER.

9-Oct	7:25 a.m. cut in	7:25 a.m./ :37	Education	THE CUTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING-- AREN'T QUITE AS DEEP AS ONCE THOUGHT-- AS A BUDGET FINALLY HEADS TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK. LATE THURSDAY NIGHT THE MICHIGAN HOUSE AND SENATE APPROVED A BUDGET FOR K THROUGH 12 SCHOOLS. THE DEAL WILL CUT PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING BY 165 DOLLARS PER STUDENT FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR. THAT'S MORE THAN 50 DOLLARS LESS PER STUDENT THAN FIRST PROPOSED. THE DEAL ALSO OPENS THE DOOR FOR THE SCHOOLS TO START RECEIVING FEDERAL MONEY THAT THEY DESPERATELY NEED. SCHOOLS USE THAT MONEY TO PAY FOR THINGS LIKE SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS. THE BUDGET IS NOW AWAITING THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE BEFORE IT GOES INTO AFFECT.
9-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:02 p.m./ :30	Environment	POOR AIR QUALITY IN ONE MID-MICHIGAN COUNTY -- COULD LEAD TO HEALTH PROBLEMS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS RELEASED A NEW REPORT --- NOTIFYING STATE GOVERNORS OF COUNTIES THAT EXCEED THE DAILY STANDARD FOR FINE PARTICLE POLLUTION. LIVINGSTON COUNTY--- IS ONE OF 7 ACROSS THE STATE THAT DOES *NOT* MEET AIR QUALITY STANDARDS. THE EPA SAYS POLUTANTS COME FROM VEHICLES-- INDUSTRIES-- WOOD STOVES, AND OTHER SOURCES -- ALL THAT CAN CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS. MICHIGAN MUST NOW SUBMIT A 5 YEAR PLAN TO FIX THE PROBLEMS IN THOSE 7 COUNTIES.
10-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:07 p.m./ :19	Environment	ANOTHER LOCAL EFFORT TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE WALKED DOOR TO DOOR IN LANSING TODAY...TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT RECYCLING. THEY BELONG TO AN ORGANIZATION CALLED GREENATION. AS PART OF THEIR EFFORT...THEY ALSO COLLECTED INK CARTRIDGES...AND CELL PHONES.
11-Oct	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Economy	Topics include: importance of focusing on all aspects of U.S. strategy, not just on the troops / concern over the costs associated with deploying additional troops / comparison of costs per American soldier versus an Afghan soldier / praise for General McChrystal's through analysis, but criticism regarding the narrow perspective, focusing on military operational aspects / call for a thorough analysis so that past mistakes are not repeated / questioning the assumption that the return of the Taliban guarantees a return of al Qaeda / reaction to Vice President Joseph Biden's argument for a troop draw down and an increased use of drone aircraft to fight and focus on al Qaeda / need to work together with the Pakistani forces, as a decision concerning Afghanistan will affect Pakistan as well
11-Oct	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A report on Company G, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine regiment in Afghanistan, who is battling the enemy in Helmand Province. Sent there as part of President Obama's troop buildup, they are part of a new plan to separate the enemy from the people, and then convince the Afghans to support their government. U.S. forces are now being told to protect civilians, even if the enemy gets away.
11-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ :24	Environment	HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS MARCHED TO THE STATE CAPITOL TODAY...TO RALLY FOR CLEAN ENERGY JOBS. THE EVENT CAPS OFF THE THREE-DAY MICHIGAN POWER SHIFT SUMMIT. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS FROM ACROSS THE STATE GATHERED IN LANSING TO PERFORM ECO-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS. NOW...THEY'RE URGING U-S LAWMAKERS TO DO THEIR PART...TO BUILD A GREEN ECONOMY AND CLEANER ENVIRONMENT.

13-Oct	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :29	Crime	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE -- CONTINUE AN INVESTIGATION INTO A SERIES OF VEHICLE BREAK-INS OVER THE WEEKEND. POLICE SAY SUSPECTS BROKE INTO FOUR CARS---AT THE RIVERWOOD SUBDIVISION IN OKEMOS. ALL WERE UNLOCKED -- AND HAD ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT STOLEN. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON THESE CRIMES -- CONTACT MERIDIAN POLICE--- AT 517-853-4800
14-Oct	6-7 a.m. news	6:03 a.m./ :23	Health/ Health Care	IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT FLU SEASON-- THERE'S AN EVENT TODAY YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK OUT. THE EATON COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY AND REHABILITATION CENTER-- IS HOLDING A HEALTH AND HEALING FAIR. IT STARTS AT TEN THIS MORNING-- AND RUNS UNTIL 6-30 TONIGHT. THE FAIR WILL FEATURE FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS-- MESSAGE THERAPY-- FLU SHOTS FOR THIRTY DOLLARS-- AND MUCH MORE. THE EVENT IS AT 530 WEST BEECH STREET IN CHARLOTTE.
15-Oct	5 p.m. news	5:22 p.m./ :25	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	TODAY IS NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY. AND HERE IN MICHIGAN-- THE NUMBERS ARE HIGH. AS OF JULY 2009... HISPANICS HAVE AN INFECTION RATE OF 142 PER 100-THOUSAND-- COMPARED TO 63 PER 100-THOUSAND FOR CAUCASIANS SEVEN COUNTIES IN MICHIGAN HAVE A RATE THAT'S *HIGHER* THAN THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE-- INCLUDING INGHAM...AT 183 PER 100-THOUSAND.
18-Oct	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care	A report on the H1N1 flu virus - which is increasingly targeting young, healthy people - and how the Center For Disease Control is fighting this pandemic. Interviewed: Dr. Michele Moss from the Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock; Chad Duvall, father of Luke, an H1N1 flu patient at the hospital; Rear Admiral Anne Schuchat, the CDC's chief health officer in the war on H1N1; Dr. Sherif Zaki, pathologist; Dr. Peter Palese from Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan, one of the nation's top virologists; Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the CDC.
18-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:12 p.m./ :28	Economy	A WHITE HOUSE ADVISER SAYS EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE WHEN IT COMES TO CREATING JOBS...INCLUDING ANOTHER STIMULUS PACKAGE. SENIOR ADVISOR VALERIE JARRETT APPEARED ON A NATIONAL TELEVISION SHOW THIS MORNING. SHE SAYS THE NATION NEEDS TO BE PATIENT... AND LET THE RECOVERY BILL DO ITS JOB. MORE THAN HALF OF THE 787-BILLION DOLLAR STIMULUS PACKAGE HAS YET TO BE SPENT.
19-Oct	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :29	Environment/ Health/ Health Care	SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS SAY THEY ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE FINALIZATION OF STATE RULES... WHICH THEY BELIEVE WILL PROTECT CHILDREN'S HEALTH. TODAY=-- GOVERNOR GRANHOLM APPROVED A BILL DESIGNED TO REDUCE MERCURY POLLUTION FROM POWER PLANTS BY AS MUCH AS 90-PERCENT. THE EFFORT WOULD BEGIN IN 20-15... ACTIVISTS CLAIM IT WILL KEEP THE DANGEROUS EL;EMENTY FROM CONTAMINATING THE GREAT LAKES. THEY SAY IT POSES A THREAT TO KIDS... BY CAUSING DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS... AND AFFECTING MEMORY... VISION AND MOTOR SKILLS.

20-Oct	5-6 a.m. news	5:07 a.m./ :29	Crime	THOSE AREN'T THE FIRST BRUTAL ATTACKS TO HAPPEN ON HOMECOMING WEEKEND IN EAST LANSING. THIS PAST WEEKEND MARKED THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF A BEATING THAT TURNED DEADLY. POLICE SAY SIX TO SEVEN PEOPLE ASSAULTED 24-YEAR-OLD BRANDON D'ANNUNZIO OUTSIDE OF A RESTAURANT... DURING MSU'S HOMECOMNG WEEKEND IN OCTOBER OF 2000. D'ANNUNZIO LATER DIED FROM A HEAD INJURY... STILL---POLICE ARE YET TO FIND ANY EYE WITNESSES OR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE CRIME. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION - CALL EAST LANSING POLICE AT 877-ELPD-TIP.
20-Oct	Noon news	12:03 p.m./ :21	Education	SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MIKE BISHOP HAD SOME HARSH WORDS FOR GOVERNOR GRANHOLM TODAY ON THE TOPIC OF SCHOOL AID-- AFTER SHE MADE MAJOR CHANGES BEFORE APPROVING THE K THROUGH 12 EDUCATION BUDGET. ON MONDAY--- THE GOVERNOR VETOED SCHOOL AID PAYMENTS TO DISTRICTS THAT GET SOME OF THE HIGHEST PER-PUPIL PAYMENTS. THE GOVERNOR IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS BISHOP'S COMMENTS LATER TODAY.
23-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:01 p.m./ :27	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	A MID-MICHIGAN COLLEGE STUDENT ACCUSED OF A TERRORIST THREAT-- IS BEHIND BARS FACING A SERIOUS PUNISHMENT. 17-YEAR OLD M-S-U STUDENT, ZACHARIAH ASLAM OF SOUTH ROCKWOOD-- WAS CHARGED TODAY-- WITH MAKING A TERRORIST THREAT OR FALSE REPORT OF TERRORISM. THE CRIME COULD LOCK HIM IN PRISON FOR AS LONG AS 20-YEARS.
25-Oct	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Health/ Health Care	Topics include: reaction to the recent violence in Baghdad, Iraq / assurance that today's car bomb attack will not require any delay in the withdrawal of U.S. troops; support for General Stanley McChrystal's request for additional troops to be sent to Afghanistan / belief that President Obama should not wait until after the run-off election to make the decision regarding additional troops / reaction to a recent statement made by former Vice President Dick Cheney criticizing President Obama for his indecisiveness / respect for former Vice President Cheney / desire to support President Obama / opinion regarding Vice President Biden's proposed counter terrorism strategy which relies mainly on drone aircraft; criticism against the lack of transparency regarding the formulation of the health care proposals / Senator McCain's lack of support for health care reform that includes a public option
25-Oct	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Crime	A report on Medicare and Medicaid fraud, focusing on criminals in South Florida, who set up phony clinics and pharmacies and, with the use of illegally obtained but valid patient numbers and Medicare codes, are able to bill Medicare for unrequested and undelivered supplies. Interviewed: FBI Special Agent Brian Waterman; Justice Department prosecutor Kirk Ogrosky, who oversees half a dozen Medicare fraud strike forces; United States Attorney General Eric Holder; "Tony" (not his real name), who ran a string of phony medical supply companies; Clara Mahoney and Ed Davis, two Medicare patients who reported fraudulent charges on their Medicare statements; and Kim Brandt, Medicare's Director of Program Integrity.
26-Oct	6-7 a.m. news	6:15 a.m./ :25	Health/ Health Care	DEMOCRATS IN THE U.S. SENATE MAY SEND THEIR HEALTHCARE REFORM BILL TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE LATER TODAY. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR AN OFFICIAL COST ESTIMATE ON THE LEGISLATION. MANY SAY THERE SHOULD BE ENOUGH VOTES ON THE FLOOR TO PUSH THE MEASURE THROUGH.

27-Oct	6-7 a.m. news	6:08 a.m./ :26	Education	RECENT CUTS BY THE GOVERNOR TO STATE SCHOOLS--- HAVE PUT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON GUARD. MEMBERS HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING MONDAY. THE BOARD IS PUSHING LAWMAKERS AND THE GOVERNOR TO FIND MONEY...TO RESTORE THOSE CUTS--- WHICH TOTAL NEARLY 3-HUNDRED DOLLARS PER STUDENT.
29-Oct	6-7 a.m. news	6:05 a.m./ :24	Crime	POLICE NEED YOUR HELP THIS MORNING... TRACKING DOWN THE KILLER OF DEMARKIS LAJUAN REMBERT. THE YOUNG MAN WAS GUNNED DOWN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND BARNES STREETS. OFFICERS BELIEVE THE 18-YEAR-OLD KNEW THE PERSON WHO SHOT HIM. BUT THEY STILL DON'T HAVE ANYONE IN CUSTODY. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CASE... CALL CRIMESTOPPERS--- THE NUMBER IS 517-483-STOP.
31-Oct	6 p.m. news	6:05 p.m./ :29	Economy	THE ECONOMY MAY BE ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY ... BUT IT STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO. THAT'S THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AS HE PREPARES THE COUNTRY FOR MORE JOB LOSSES. KATHRYN BROWN REPORTS FROM NEW YORK.
1-Nov	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: support for health care reform, but opposition to the inclusion of the public option / belief that the public option will hurt the economic recovery because it will cause the government to raise taxes / promise to join the Republicans and filibuster the health care bill in order to keep the public option out of the final version / reaction to critics claiming that being against the public option is equal to being against health care reform / criticism that his opposition is due to the fact that numerous health insurance companies are headquartered in Connecticut and have been loyal supporters; support for General McChrystal's request for an additional 40,000 troops for Afghanistan / need to support President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan and focus on stopping the Taliban and al Qaeda
1-Nov	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care	A report on the manufacture, distribution and safety of the H1N1 influenza vaccine. For the first time, the public is allowed to see how and where the vaccine is made: in a sprawling facility in Pennsylvania, by Sanofi Pasteur, a French drug company. Also includes an interview with Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, who is responsible for the vaccine program; a followup on the case of Luke Duvall, a teenage H1N1 patient profiled on October 18, 2009 ("H1N1"); and interviews with Sam Lee of Sanofi Pasteur; Dr. Bruce Gellin; infectious disease expert Michael Osterholm, University of Minnesota.
6-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :25	Education	IT'S A NEARLY 17-MILLION DOLLAR GRANT THAT WILL GIVE TEACHERS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO PREPARE MICHIGAN'S STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE. THE *MOST VULNERABLE* STUDENTS WILL GET THE HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION THEY MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE GOTTEN. THE PROGRAM WILL TRAIN 240 NEW MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS. THOSE TEACHERS WILL THEN GET PLACED IN THOSE HARD-TO-STAFF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS. AND THEY'LL HELP SHAPE THE MINDS OF SOME 20-THOUSAND STUDENTS.

8-Nov	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: last night's passing of the health care bill by the House of Representatives / opposing viewpoints regarding the makeup of the bill and the inclusion of the public option / potential opposition the bill may face in the Senate / support for a filibuster to keep the bill from passing the Senate / belief that private insurance companies will be unable to compete against a public option; November 5th massacre at Fort Hood, Texas -- carried out by Army psychiatrist Major Nidal Malik Hasan -- that left 13 dead / reaction to reports questioning Major Hasan's fitness for duty and commitment to U.S. soldiers and that he had sought release from military service
8-Nov	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A report on computer hackers who can disable critical infrastructures in major cities, disrupt essential services, steal millions from banks, infiltrate defense systems, extort public companies and sabotage our weapons systems. Interviews include: retired Admiral Mike McConnell, former Chief of National Intelligence; Jim Lewis, director, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Jim Gosler and John Mulder of Sandia National Laboratories; Sean Henry, assistant director, FBI, Bureau Cyber Division; and Congressman Jim Langevin (D-RI).
9-Nov	5-6 a.m. news	5:04 a.m./ :27	Health/ Health Care	THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL IS ALSO RAISING SOME CONCERN AMONG LOCAL DOCTORS. THE MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY IS WATCHING THE DEBATE VERY CLOSELY. A SPOKESPERSON SAYS THE LEGISLATION COULD THREATEN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DOCTORS AND THEIR PATIENTS. THE ORGANIZATION IS ALSO WORRIED THE BILL COULD PUT A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THOSE WHO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE.
10-Nov	Noon news	12:01 p.m./ :34	Education/ Economy	MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS FEEL THE HEAT TODAY. THE PRESSURE IS ON TO FIND MORE MONEY TO EDUCATE OUR KIDS. HUNDREDS OF TEACHERS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FROM ACROSS THE STATE CONVERGED ON THE CAPITOL TODAY TO LOBBY LAWMAKERS FOR MORE FUNDING. THE STATE HAS ALREADY CUT 165-DOLLARS PER STUDENT. AND GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SAYS SHE'LL HAVE TO CUT 127 DOLLARS MORE PER STUDENT-- UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE ACTS. THE GOVERNOR IS JOINING THE FIGHT TODAY. SHE IS IN MASON *RIGHT NOW* URGING EDUCATORS TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON THE STATE CAPITOL. TIM SKUBICK WILL HAVE MUCH MORE ON THIS STORY-- TONIGHT ON 6 NEWS AT 6.
11-Nov	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :22	Economy	A RECORD NUMBER OF LOCAL PROPERTIES FACE TAX FORECLOSURE. IN INGHAM COUNTY--- 15-HUNDRED HOME AND BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE FAILED TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES FROM 2007...ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY TREASURER.THAT'S NEARLY DOUBLE THE NUMBER FROM THIS TIME LAST YEAR. IF THEY DON'T PAY UP BY MARCH 31ST, THEY'LL LOSE THEIR PROPERTY. THAT WOULD MAKE MID-MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY EVEN WORSE THAN IT IS NOW.
15-Nov	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: decision to try Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, purported mastermind of the September 11 terrorist attacks and four other accused plotters, in New York City / fear that the trial will be dragged out and used as a platform to push their ideology / belief that military tribunals should be used, instead of an American civilian court / opposition to moving prisoners from Guantanamo Bay to prisons in the United States; belief that there has not been enough transparency and information from the government for Congress, the press, and for the American people regarding the massacre at Fort Hood / call for an independent investigation by Congress / real and continuing threats to the United States from radical jihadists

15-Nov	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A report on the war in Afghanistan's deadliest weapon: the roadside bomb or IED (improvised explosive device). The U.S. military has gone on the offensive against this terrorist tool: search and destroy missions are carried out across Afghanistan by a small army of elite units called Task Force Paladin, which only accepts volunteers because the missions are so dangerous. Included are interviews with Task Force Paladin members Col. Jeffrey Jarkowsky, Capt. Dave Foster, Sgt. Max Cabrera, Spec. Christopher Parsons, Capt. Thomas LaFave; Sgt. Daniel De Roche, and Spec. Joshua Gross.
15-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :21	Economy	THE FIREARM DEER SEASON BRINGS A BOOST IN BUSINESS FOR LOCAL MEAT PROCESSORS. HUNTERS ARE ALREADY TURNING IN THEIR KILL AT MERINDORF MEATS IN MASON. OWNERS SAY THEY'RE BRINGING IN MORE WORKERS TO HANDLE ALL OF THE EXTRA BUSINESS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE SHOP HAS PROCESSED DEER MEAT IN SEVERAL YEARS. THEY SAY... IT'S A WAY TO MAKE MORE MONEY...DURING THE SLUGGISH ECONOMY.
16-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :22	Crime	POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING ANOTHER SHOOTING AT A SOUTH LANSING NIGHT-CLUB. IT HAPPENED AT THE "VENUE"-- EARLY SUNDAY MORNING ON SOUTH CEDAR STREET. THE INCIDENT COMES JUST ONE MONTH AFTER NEW SECURITY MEASURES WERE PUT IN PLACE-- TO GET A HANDLE ON CRIME "AT" OR "AROUND" THE CLUB. MARCELINO BENITO SPOKE WITH POLICE ABOUT THE LATEST INCIDENT.
17-Nov	5-6 a.m. news	5:05 a.m./ 1:18	Race/ Race Relations/ Education	MORE THAN A DOZEN STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN... ARE CHALLENGING THE STATE'S AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BAN. THEY HAVE A LAWSUIT IN FRONT OF A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT. THE GROUP SAYS THE 2006 ANTI-AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MEASURE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. CRITICS SAY THE AMENDMENT HAS RESULTED IN AN UNFAIR PROCESS... WHERE UNIVERSITIES GIVE MORE WEIGHT TO GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY AND LEGACY--- OVER RACIAL IDENTITY.
17-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :26	Race Relations	MEANTIME--- PEOPLE HAD THE CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT THEIR DIFFERENCES... DURING THE FIRST-EVER "ROOT BEER SUMMIT" WHICH HAPPENED ACROSS MICHIGAN TODAY. IT'S A SPIN-OFF OF THE "BEER SUMMIT" HELD BY PRESIDENT OBAMA... AFTER AN AFRICAN AMERICAN PROFESSOR CLAIMED TO BE RACIALLY PROFILED BY A WHITE POLICE OFFICER. THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS SAYS IT WANTED TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR AN HONEST DISCUSSION. MANY PARTICIPANTSSAY THEY FOUND IT HELPFUL.
18-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:11 p.m./ :20	Health/ Health Care	THE SECRETARY OF U-S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SAYS THE FEDERAL POLICY ON WHO SHOULD RECVEIVE SCREENINGS FOR BREAST CANCER... HAS NOT CHANGED - DESPITE THE NEW REPORT BY A GOVERNMENT PANEL.. THE SECRETARY ALSO SAYS THE PANEL DOES NOT SET FEDERAL POLICY... AND WOMEN SHOULD KEEP DOING WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS - TO PREVENT -- AND DIAGNOSE BREAST CANCER.
19-Nov	Noon news	12:04 p.m./ :21	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	MEANWHILE-- IN WHAT'S BEING CALLED AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE THREAT OF TERRORISM IN THE U-S... THE C-I-A IS RECRUITING ARAB-AMERICANS. THE C-I-A WILL LAUNCH A NEW COMMERCIAL IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS-- AIMED AT GETTING MORE PEOPLE OF MIDDLE EASTERN DECENT-- JOBS WITHIN THE C-I-A. THAT COMMERCIAL WILL AIR ON BOTH MAINSTREAM AND ETHNIC T-V STATIONS-- ALONG WITH SEVERAL INTERNET SITES.

21-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :26	Education	A NEW REPORT SAYS THE NATION'S GIFTED CHILDREN ARE BEING IGNORED. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN SAYS MANY STATES AND COUNTIES ARE LEFT TO PAY FOR GIFTED CLASSES....BECAUSE MOST FEDERAL EDUCATION MONEY GOES TO HELP STRUGGLING STUDENTS. BUT...THE REPORT ADMITS THERE ARE DISPARITIES ACROSS THE U-S. SOME AREAS MAY HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF CLASSES AND SCHOOLS FOR GIFTED CHILDREN...WHILE RURAL AND URBAN DISTRICTS WITH LESS MONEY HAVE NONE TO OFFER.
22-Nov	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	Topics include: opposing viewpoints regarding last night's Senate vote to formally bring the health care reform bill to the floor for debate / reaction to reports that a hundred million dollars were channeled to Louisiana in order to secure the vote of Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) / various opinion polls differing on the desire of the American people for health care reform / reasons behind Senator Kyl's opposition and Senator Schumer's support for the public option aspect of the bill / belief that enough Democrats will vote for the public option / differing opinions as to whether or not the bill will increase taxes
24-Nov	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :18	Environmen t	IN AN AGE OF CLEAN ENERGY -- MICHIGAN POWER PLANTS ARE NOT PROVING -- O BE VERY ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY -- NEW GOVERNMENT DATA RANKS MICHIGAN PLANTS 13TH FOR MOST CARBON DIOXIDE POLLUTION. FURTHERMORE -- DATA RELEASED TODAY BY ENVIRONENT MICHIGAN -- LISTS A MONROE COAL-FIRED PLANT AS THE 7TH DIRTIEST PLANT IN THE COUNTRY.
25-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ 1:15	Crime	18-YEAR-OLD NICHOLAI WASIE-LEWSKI OF OHIO SITS QUIETLY BY HIS ATTORNEY... WHO SAYS THE M-S-U FRESHMAN WAS JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE... WHEN DARBY DUDLEY... OLIVIA HUDSON...AND SASHA SAVAGE EXECUTED A PLAN... TO THROW AN ILLEGAL FIREWORK...AT A HOME ON GROVE STREET. WASIELEWSKI...IS NOW THE ONLY STUDENT STILL FACING FELONY CHARGES... THE OTHERS...ALL OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES... HAVE AGREED TO TELL THE TRUTH...TO AVOID JAIL TIME. DARBY DUDLEY... SAYS SHE'S THE ONE WHO GOT THE FIREWORKS... LIT ONE... AND TOSSED IT OUT THE CAR WINDOW.
26-Nov	Noon news	12:03 p.m./ :24	Economy	ALL YOU BARGAIN HUNTERS OUT THERE--- BLACK FRIDAY IS JUST HOURS AWAY. IT'S TRADITIONALLY ONE OF THE BUSIEST SHOPPING DAY OF THE YEAR-- AND RETAILERS ARE HOPING FOR STRONG SALES DESPITE THE WEAK ECONOMY THIS YEAR. RIGHT HERE IN MID-MICHIGAN--- SOME EAGER SHOPPERS LINED UP IN THE WEE HOURS THIS MORNING OUTSIDE OF THE BEST BUY IN OKEMOS. THEY SAY THE DEALS ARE JUST SO GOOD--- THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT TO RISK NOT BEING THE FIRST IN LINE.
29-Nov	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: report confirming that Osama bin Laden was within the grasp of U.S. military at Tora Bora in December 2001 / President Obama's December 1st speech from West Point, announcing an additional thirty or thirty-five thousand troops to be sent to Afghanistan / hopes that the additional troops are being deployed to build up the Afghan army and give them the capacity to take on the Taliban / call on the Karzai government to end corruption

29-Nov	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :23	Health/ Health Care	THE INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING ANOTHER H1-N1 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC TOMORROW. JUST LAST WEEK...HEALTH OFFICIALS EXPANDED THE PRIORITY GROUPS FOR THE VACCINE...TO INCLUDE ALL RESIDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 24... AND... ALL HEALTH CARE WORKERS. IF YOU QUALIFY... YOU CAN GET THE VACCINE MONDAY AT WILLIAMSTON HIGH SCHOOL... FROM FOUR TO SEVEN P-M. IT'S FREE...BUT YOU MAY HAVE TO PAY AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.
29-Nov	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	Due to the high price of gold, it and other minerals are funding the war in the Democratic Republic of Congo -- one of the deadliest since World War II. The jewelry industry banned the trafficking of so-called blood diamonds, but the same has not happened with gold, and a campaign of rape and murder, funded largely by gold, has killed more than 5 million people, as gold is smuggled out to be sold on the open market. Included are interviews with Anneke Van Woudenberg, Human Rights Watch; John Prendergast, the Enough Project; Fidel Balilemba, relief worker; Matt Runci, head of the trade groups Jewelers of America and the Responsible Jewelry Council.
3-Dec	5-6 a.m. news	5:01 a.m./ :34	Crime	THE CITY ISSUED LAY-OFF NOTICES TO MORE THAN A DOZEN L-P-D OFFICERS-- MEANING LESS POLICE ON THE STREETS FIGHTING CRIME. THE PINK SLIPS WENT OUT TO 14 OFFICERS WEDNESDAY. CITY OFFICIALS SAY ITS BECAUSE THE CITY FACES A 3-MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL. CITY OFFICIALS ALSO SAY THE POLICE LABOR UNION REFUSED TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO OVERTIME-- HEALTH CARE-- OR THE POSSIBILITY OF FURLOUGH DAYS. THEY SAY THE COMPROMISE COULD SAVE NEARLY A HALF OF A MILLION DOLLARS... BUT THE MAYOR SAYS SAY SINCE THE UNION WON'T BUDGE... THE OFFICERS HAVE TO BE LAID OFF.. AND THAT NEWS HAS MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE CITY-- NERVOUS.
3-Dec	Noon news	12:01 p.m./ :25	Health/ Health Care	SENATORS ON CAPITOL HILL ARE EXPECTED TO CAST KEY VOTES ON THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL TODAY. THEY'LL VOTE WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE 460-BILLION DOLLARS IN MEDICARE CUTS-- AND A VOTE ON A WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE AMENDMENT. IF APPROVED--- THE AMENDMENT WOULD MAKE SOME PREVENTATIVE PROCEDURES LIKE MAMMOGRAMS FREE. THE HOUSE PASSED ITS VERSION OF THE HEALTH CARE BILL LAST MONTH. THE SENATE IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE ITS VERSION BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
5-Dec	5-6 a.m. news	5:09 a.m./ :30	Race Relations	A NEW REPORT HAS FOUND THAT DISCRIMINATION AND HATE CRIMES AGAINST ARAB-AMERICANS--- HAS DROPPED IN RECENT YEARS.... AFTER A SPIKE FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS. THE STUDY-- BY THE AMERICAN-ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE-- GIVES HOLLYWOOD SOME CREDIT FOR THE DECLINE.... FOR PRESENTING A MORE BALANCED VIEW OF ARABS AND MUSLIMS IN RECENT FILMS.

6-Dec	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: President Obama's decision to send an additional thirty thousand troops to Afghanistan / reaffirmation that the transferring of security responsibility to the Afghans and U.S. troop withdrawal will begin in July 2011 / reasoning behind President Obama's decision to set a deadline / reaction to former Vice President Dick Cheney's criticism that discussing a departure date emboldens the enemy / what constitutes the United States declaring success in Afghanistan / confirmation that there will also be a civilian surge / though corruption exists within Afghan President Hamid Karzai's administration, reports of rampant corruption are overblown / aid to the provinces within Afghanistan will be based on a certification of accountability and transparency / focus is not on full-scale nation-building, rather a shift to concentrating on the ministries that contribute to the success of dealing with al Qaeda and stabilizing the security situation.
6-Dec	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Education	A report on Geoffrey Canada's experiment in inner-city education, the Harlem Children's Zone, which provides a wide array of social, medical and educational services for free to the children who live in the area. This program has helped put historically low-achieving students in New York City on an academic par with their grammar-school peers. Canada talks about the school he founded, The Promise Academy, and his goal for all the children to go to college.
7-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :29	Crime	A LOCAL WOMAN SPEAKS OUT TONIGHT... AFTER LEADING POLICE TO TWO MEN---SUSPECTED IN A SERIES OF ARMED ROBBERIES. LANSING POLICE ARRESTED *TODD TERRY* AND *JEREMY STEPHENSON*...BOTH OF LANSING...FRIDAY NIGHT...JUST HOURS AFTER AN ARMED ROBBERY TOOK PLACE AT A SOUTH LANSING PARTY STORE. POLICE SAY IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE WOMAN WHO WITNESSED THE CRIME...THEY MAY NOT HAVE MADE THOSE ARRESTS. SHE TOOK QUICK ACTION...JUMPING IN HER TRUCK... AND FOLLOWING THE SUSPECTS... ALL THE WHILE...GIVING DETAILS OF THEIR LOCATION TO A 9-1-1 DISPATCHER.
7-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:29 p.m./ :27	Environment	A CONTROVERSIAL MOVE TODAY---BY THE EPA---ON CLIMATE CHANGE. THE FEDERAL AGENCY TODAY DECLARED THAT GREENHOUSE GASES ARE A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT. AND THAT POLLUTANTS---CAN NOW BE REGULATED BY THE EPA--UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT. THE MOVE--INTENDED TO TAKE CONGRESS OUT OF THE EQUATION--AND THAT--AS A MAJOR SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE HAS STARTED IN DENMARK. THE PRESIDENT SAYS HE WOULD PREFER TO SEE CONGRESS ACT-- BUT AS IT STANDS--THE EPA--COULD NOW ACT ON ITS OWN.
9-Dec	5-6 a.m. news	5:05 a.m./ :25	Economy Economy	A SURGE OF CASH IS ON ITS WAY TO MICHIGAN. GOVERNOR GRANHOLM WILL ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF CLEAN ENERGY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING GRANTS TODAY. THE GRANTS ARE HER ADMINISTRATIONS LATEST EFFORT TO DIVERSIFY MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY. 15 MILLION DOLLARS IN RECOVERY ACT FUNDING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUPPLIERS LOOKING TO DIVERSIFY INTO RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. STAY WITH 6 NEWS... WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THE GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT LATER TODAY.

9-Dec	7:55 a.m. news	7:55 a.m./ :27	Environment/ Economy	MICHIGAN MAY SOON SEE A BOOST IN FUNDING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. GOVERNOR GRANHOLM WILL ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF CLEAN ENERGY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING GRANT AWARDS TODAY. THE GRANTS ARE HER ADMINISTRATIONS LATEST EFFORT TO DIVERSIFY MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY. SHE SAYS SUPPLIERS LOOKING TO DIVERSIFY INTO RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY... WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR 15 MILLION DOLLARS IN RECOVERY ACT FUNDING. STAY WITH 6 NEWS... WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THE GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT LATER TODAY.
10-Dec	6-7 a.m. news	6:08 a.m./ :28	Health/ Health Care	NEW TWEAKS TO THE SENATE VERSION OF THE HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL BILL-- COULD BE A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD ROUNDING UP THE 60 VOTES NEEDED TO GET IT PASSED. THE PLAN WOULD ABANDON THE IDEA OF FULL BLOWN GOVERNMENT-RUN INSURANCE OPTION-- AND INTEAD OFFER A NATIONWIDE PRIVATE PLAN AND-- EXPAND MEDICARE. IT WOULD BE RUN BY THE SAME AGENCY THAT OVERSEES HEALTHCARE FOR LAWMAKERS. THE HOUSE PASSED ITS VERSION OF THE OVERHAUL-- AND DEMOCRATS ARE HOPING TO WRAP UP A SENATE VOTE BEFORE CHRISTMAS.
11-Dec	6-7 a.m. news	6:12 a.m./ :21	Education	MAKING NEWS ACROSS THE STATE--- MICHIGAN SCHOOLS COULD AVOID A MAJOR K THROUGH 12 FUNDING CUT. ON THURSDAY--- GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM ANNOUNCED THAT THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO CUT 127 DOLLARS IN PER PUPIL FUNDING WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL JANUARY. THAT'S WHEN ECONOMISTS WILL RELEASE THEIR FORECAST ON THE AREA--- DURING THE STATE'S ANNUAL REVENUE SHARING CONFERENCE.
11-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:28 p.m./ :19	Economy/ Education	IT'S ALSO A BIG DAY FOR DOZENS OF LCC STUDENTS. MORE THAN SIXTY STUDENTS GRADUATED WITH THEIR NURSING DEGREES. WHILE THE ECONOMY REMAINS A SORE SPOT--- STUDENTS AND STAFF BOTH SAY THE HEALTH-CARE FIELD IS THRIVING. THEY'RE CONFIDENT LCC NURSING GRADUATES WILL FIND JOBS.
12-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:11 p.m./ :19	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	THE U-S MAY NEED TO RE-FOCUS ITS FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM... FROM OVERSEAS TO HERE AT HOME. TERRORISM EXPERTS SAYS SOME OF LATEST TERRORIST ACTS BEGAN ON U-S SOIL. MORE NOW... FROM KIMBERLY DOZIER.
13-Dec	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care	Topics include: current state of health care reform within the Senate / recent changes to the legislation which replaced the public option / concern from some Democrats regarding the overall cost of the bill / support for the features of the basic bill, which would provide coverage to thirty million uninsured people / Senator Lieberman's resistance to voting for the health care bill as it stands now / Senator Rockefeller's optimism regarding the bill's ability to garner the necessary sixty votes to pass / Senator Nelson's concern over the current language contained within the bill regarding abortion and the Medicare buy-in, which would allow people with no insurance to buy into Medicare beginning at age fifty-five
13-Dec	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care	A report on regenerative medicine, the emerging technology of growing body parts by manipulating human stem cells into regrowing tissue and body parts, providing new hope for amputees and patients on organ transplant lists. Interviewed: Dr. Anthony Atala, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine in North Carolina; Dr. Steven Badylak, Deputy Director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine in Pittsburgh

17-Dec	6-7 a.m. news	6:05 a.m./ :21	Environment	ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS EXPECT GRUELING NEGOTIATIONS TODAY AS THEY MEET IN COPENHAGEN. THEY'RE TRYING TO COME UP WITH AN AGREEMENT ON GLOBAL WARMING. DOZENS OF LEADERS-- INCLUDING PRESIDENT OBAMA, MEET TODAY TODAY HOPING TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BY TOMORROW. TARA MERGENER HAS THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.
18-Dec	5 p.m. news	5:02 p.m./ :17	Health/ Health Care	IT'S AN UPDATE--- TO THE STORY SIX NEWS BROKE YESTERDAY. TODAY-- IONIA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL... HAS OFFICIALLY BECOME AFFILATED WITH LANSING'S SPARROW HEALTH CARE. THE TWO HOSPITALS HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE PAST 3-YEARS. CANDACE BURNS TELLS US-- MANY IN IONIA COUNTY ARE EAGER FOR THE BIG CHANGE.
19-Dec	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :21	Education	STATE LAWMAKERS HAVE PASSED SWEEPING EDUCATION REFORMS...IN A RACE TO GET 400-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL MONEY. BILLS PASSED TODAY WOULD RAISE THE HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUT AGE ... ALLOW FOR MORE CHARTER SCHOOLS... AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR DISTRICTS TO GET RID OF BAD TEACHERS.
20-Dec	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care	Topics include: factors behind Senator Snowe's decision -- once seen as the most likely Republican to vote for the health care bill -- not to vote for the health care bill / her meeting with President Obama, even after Senator Harry Reid -- the Senate Majority Leader -- announced that he had the sixty votes necessary to pass the bill / criticism regarding the "beat the clock" mentality -- the push to get the vote on this bill prior to Christmas -- within the Senate / support for the language within the bill making sure that federal funds are not used to finance abortion
20-Dec	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy/ Health/ Health Care	A followup to "The Winter of Our Hardship" (OAD: 01/25/09). A report on Wilmington, Ohio, to see how residents are coping a year after thousands of them lost their jobs when DHL, the town's largest employer, shut down. Interviewed: Jim Curtis, who lost his job and his home; Lora Walker, who lost her job at DHL; Dr. Seema Nadkarni, who ran a now-shuttered pediatric clinic; David Raizk, Mayor of Wilmington; Anita Bach, Sugartree Ministry Center soup kitchen volunteer.
22-Dec	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :20	Race Relations/ Economy	NEW NUMBERS SHOW ONE OF EVERY SEVEN PEOPLE IN MICHIGAN LIVES IN POVERTY. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW CENSUS REPORT RELEASED BY THE MICHIGAN LEAGUE OF HUMAN SERVICES. THE LATEST REPORT SHOWS THE STATE'S POVERTY RATE JUMPED FROM THE 23RD SPOT... TO THE 17TH HIGHEST LEVEL IN AMERICA--FOR 2008. AND THE NUMBERS ARE EVEN WORSE FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN AND HISPANIC FAMILIES.
22-Dec	Noon news	12:05 p.m./ :34	Crime	A SCARY ENCOUNTER FOR THREE PEOPLE IN LANSING-- AFTER A GROUP OF MEN KICKED IN THEIR DOOR AND TIED THEM UP WITH CORDS AND DUCT TAPE. LANSING POLICE SAY 4 MEN BROKE INTO A HOME ON THE 600 BLOCK OF MILLER IN LANSING-- MONDAY AFTERNOON AROUND 4-30. POLICE SAY THE MEN HAD GUNS-- TIED THE VICTIMS UP AND DEMANDED MONEY. AFTER THEY RANSACKED THE HOUSE-- POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS ONLY LEFT WITH A PIECE OF JEWELRY AND A COUPLE CELL PHONES. NO ONE WAS HURT-- BUT THE MEN GOT AWAY IN A VEHICLE WAITING NEAR-BY. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE CRIME-- CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 517-483-STOP.YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR NAME.

24-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :23	Health/ Health Care	PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS A LOT TO CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS... NOW THAT THE SENATE HAS PASSED WHAT HE'S CALLING A HISTORIC VOTE ON HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION. THE 60-39 VOTE CAME WITH THE HELP OF TWO INDEPENDENTS--- BUT, NOT ONE REPUBLICAN BACKED THE MEASURE. THE BILL WOULD EXTEND COVERAGE TO NEARLY 30-MILLION AMERICANS... BUT REPUBLICANS SAY IT WOULD SIMPLY RAISE TAXES... CUT MEDICARE BENEFITS AND ADD TO THE NATIONAL DEFICIT.
26-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ 1:50	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	THE MAN SUSPECTED OF TRYING TO BRING DOWN A PLANE OVER DETROIT ON CHRISTMAS DAY IS STILL RECOVERING FROM HIS INJURIES AT A MICHIGAN HOSPITAL... BUT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ARE NOT WASTING ANY TIME. THEY CHARGED HIM WITH THE CRIME SATURDAY IN A CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER IN ANN ARBOR. AN AFFADAVIT STATES THAT 23 YEAR OLD UMAR FAROUK ABDULMUTTALAB OF NIGERIA SET OFF A DEVICE ATTACHED TO HIS BODY THAT CONTAINED AN EXPLOSIVE CALLED P-E-T-N... A WEAPON OFTEN FAVORED BY TERRORISTS. PASSENGERS ON THE FLIGHT FROM AMSTERDAM QUICKLY REALIZED THEY WERE IN DANGER.
27-Dec	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: Christmas Day attempted terrorist attack on Northwest Airlines Flight # 253 by on-board passenger Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab / President Obama's request for two reviews -- one of U.S. security measures and the other of airport screening procedures -- in the aftermath of the attempt / President Obama's reaction to the failed terror attack / assurance of safety at this time for Americans to fly / recent attempt serves as a reminder as to why President Obama has directed resources to Afghanistan
27-Dec	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Environmen t	A report about the three-year drought in California, which has caused Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to require towns and cities across the state to reduce their water usage by twenty percent over the next ten years. The causes for the drought and solutions to the problem are discussed. Farmers claim the drought was caused by a federal judge's order to turn down California's main water pumps to protect a tiny fish, the Delta smelt. Interviewed: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; Todd Allen, a farmer in California's Central Valley; Jeffrey Mount, founder of the Center for Watershed Sciences at the University of California; and farmer Stuart Wolf.
28-Dec	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :29	Education/ Health/ Health Care	THE MORE EDUCATION YOU HAVE-- MAY MEAN A LOWER RISK OF HEART ATTACKS LATER IN LIFE. A STUDY OF MORE THAN 14-THOUSAND HEALTHY ADULTS FROM 52-COUNTRIES FOUND THAT "EDUCATION"-- "NOT" FAMILY INCOME OR A PERSON'S JOB-- WAS STRONGLY ASSOCIATED WITH HEART ATTACK RISK. RESEARCHERS FOUND PEOPLE WITH LOW EDUCATION LEVELS-- DEFINED AS EIGHT YEARS OF SCHOOL OR LESS-- WERE 31-PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK. RESEARCHERS THINK ONE REASON, COULD BE INFORMED AND EDUCATED PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT HEART ATTACK SYMPTOMS
28-Dec	11 p.m. news	11:13 p.m./ :21	Economy	MICHIGAN CHARITIES ARE EXPECTING A BIG WEEK FOR DONATIONS. THIS THURSDAY - IS THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR FOR PEOPLE TO RECEIVE A TAX BREAK FOR DONATING TO CHARITIES. ST. VINCENT CHARITIES SAY THAT'S OFTEN WHY ITS GETS A HUGE JUMP IN DONATIONS THIS WEEK-- WITH LINES OUT THE DOOR ON THE 31ST. AND WITH THE CURRENT ECONOMY--THE NEED FOR DONATIONS IS EVEN GREATER.

29-Dec	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :29	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	OTHERS THINK HOEKSTRA HAS HIS OWN AGENDA WITH TODAY'S NATIONALLY TELEVISED APPEARANCE. THE PRESS SECRETARY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE RELEASED A STATEMENT TODAY-- WHICH SAYS--- "THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SIMPLY WILL NOT TOLERATE THE LIKES OF MR. HOEKSTRA AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY PLAYING POLITICS WITH THE SERIOUS ISSUES OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND TERRORISM-- ESPECIALLY AFTER THE MESS THEY LEFT THIS COUNTRY IN BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND ON NATIONAL SECURITY AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF FAILED LEADERSHIP."