1ST QUARTER 2011

Community needs and issues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Quarter 2011
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
Various	Various	:60 PSA	Health/ Health Care	Healthy Tomorrow - Ad Council/Nutrition Education
Various	Various	:30 PSA	Health/ Health Care	Ad Council: Stroke Awareness
Various	Various	:30 PSA	Education	Michigan High School Athletic Association
Various	Various	:30 PSA	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Wounded Warrior Project
Various	Various	:30 PSA	Environment	Arbor Day Foundation: Good Clean Water
Various	Various	:30 PSA	Health/ Health Care	Hospice Care of Lansing
Various	Various	:30 PSA	Health/ Health Care	Ad Council: Smoking Cessation
Various	Various	:10 PSA	Education/ Race Relations	Ad Council: Hispanic Scholarship Fund
1-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ :28	Crime	SHIAWASSEE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICIALS ARE ASKING FOR HELP... O FIND THE MAN WHO ROBBED A MOTEL. IT HAPPENED AT ABOUT 5-30 THIS MORNING AT THE *WELCOME IN MOTEL* IN CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE MAN WALKED INTO THE OFFICE...SAID HE HAD A GUN... AND DEMANDED MONEY FROM THE CLERK. THE MAN GOT AWAY WITH THE MONEY. THE CLERK SUFFERED MINOR INJURES. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION... CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 517-483-STOP. A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD IS BEING OFFERED FOR INFORMATION THAT LEADS TO AN ARREST.
2-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy	1) Topics include: whether or not the political attitude for the upcoming session in the House of Representatives will be partisan or bipartisan; vote to raise the debt ceiling / possibility of a government shutdown; Republican plan to repeal health care / Democratic opposition to that agenda

2-Jan	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care	"Bad Medicine" - an interview with Cheryl Eckard, a former quality control manager for GlaxoSmithKline, the pharmaceutical company. In 2002, she discovered numerous serious drug manufacturing flaws at a Glaxo plant in Cidra, Puerto Rico. She informed her superiors, but no corrections were implemented. Eight months later, she sent a detailed report of the ongoing problems to seven executives. Within weeks, she was dismissed, supposedly because of downsizing. She then turned the same information over to the FDA, and her lawyers filed suit under the federal whistle-blower law. Glaxo pleaded guilty to a felony, and eventually paid $750 million to settle the criminal conviction and Eckard's suit. Also includes comments by: Ian McCubbin, a Glaxo senior vice president; Dr. Jerry Avorn, Harvard Medical School; Neil Getnick, a lawyer for Cheryl Eckard.
3-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:06 p.m./ :25	Environmen t	THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT HAS OVERTURNED A LANDMARK 2004 DECISION--ONE THAT GREATLY RESTRICTED LAWSUITS AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORS THE 4-3 DECISION-- WHICH CAME LAST WEEK-- NOW ALLOWS PEOPE TO SUE THE STATE IF THEY FEAR A PERMIT FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS WOULD HARM THE ENVIRONMENT THE JUSTICES SAID THE RIGHT TO SUE WAS WRONGLY RESTRICTED BY CONSERVATIVES-- WHO CONTROLLED THE COURT IN 2004-- AND VIOLATED THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE.
4-Jan	8:25 a.m. cut-in	8:25 a.m./ :29	Economy	AS UNEMPLOYMENT STRUGGLES TO REBOUND....THE NEW YEAR COULD ACTUALLY BRING SOME GOOD NEWS FOR JOB SEEKERS. SOME ECONOMISTS WE SPOKE WITH....SAY THEY'RE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE JOBS OUTLOOK THIS YEAR. ON MONDAY ALONE... THERE WERE SEVERAL NEW JOB POSTINGS ON THE INTERNET... AND IN THE PAPER RIGHT HERE IN LANSING. ALTHOUGH THERE MAY ONLY BE A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS...ECONOMISTS SAY IT'S A GOOD STARTING POINT. THEY ALSO SAY THE BEST THING FOR THE ECONOMY WOULD BE TO CREATE A WIDE VARIETY OF NEW JOBS.
4-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :32	Health/ Health Care	CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE PLANNING TO VOTE NEXT WEDNESDAY ON REPEALING THE NEW HEALTH CARE REFORM LAW. THEY SAY IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE AND IT'S A JOB KILLER-- BUT SENATE DEMOCRATS ARE PROMISING TO BLOCK ANY EFFORT TO REPEAL THE LAW. SENATE MAJORITY LEADER HARRY REID AND OTHERS SAY THE GOP SHOULD CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF TRYING TO REPEAL A LAW CONTAINING POPULAR CONSUMER PROTECTIONS THAT HELP THE MIDDLE CLASS. HOUSE REPUBLICANS SAY IF THEIR EFFORT TO REPEAL THE LAW FAILS-- THEY'LL CHIP AWAY AT IT A PIECE AT A TIME. THE NEW CONGRESS CONVENES TOMORROW.
6-Jan	Noon News	12:04 p.m./ :24	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	THE PENTAGON PLANS TO SEND 14 HUNDRED MORE MARINES TO AFGHANISTAN. A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAY THE MARINES ARE BEING NOTIFIED NOW AND ARE EXPECTED TO GO WITHIN WEEKS. DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT GATES APPROVED THE ADDITIONAL FORCES ON WEDNESDAY IN HOPES OF PUTTING MORE PRESSURE ON INSURGENTS. THE 14 HUNDRED MARINES WILL KEEP THE NUMBER OF TROOPS IN THE COUNTRY TO WITHIN THE LIMIT APPROVED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA.

7-Jan	5-6 a.m. news	5:04 a.m./ :32	Economy	THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE WILL SPEAK TO CONGRESS TODAY ON THE OUTLOOK FOR OUR ECONOMY IN 2011. BEN BERNANKE'S SPEECH WILL FOLLOW THE LATEST JOB REPORT NUMBERS RELEASED FROM THE LABOR DEPARTMENT...DUE OUT LATER THIS MORNING. ANALYSTS PREDICT UNEMPLOYMENT WILL START DECREASING IN THE NEW YEAR... AS BETWEEN 150 AND 300,000 NEW JOBS WERE CREATED IN DECEMBER. MOST OF THOSE NEW JOBS CAME IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. HOWEVER, ECONOMISTS PREDICT AT LEAST 125,000 NEW JOBS WILL NEED TO BE CREATED EACH MONTH THIS YEAR JUST TO KEEP UP WITH POPULATION GROWTH.
7-Jan	6-7 a.m. news	6:04 a.m./ :21	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	TWO PEOPLE ARE INJURED IN MARYLAND AFTER PACKAGES THEY OPENED UP IGNITED. IT HAPPENED THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT TWO SEPARATE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. OFFICIALS SAY IT APPEARS TO BE THE WORK OF A DISGRUNTLED CITIZEN ANGRY ABOUT ROAD SIGNS ASKING DRIVERS TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. THOSE HURT ONLY SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES. AUTHORITIES DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY CONNECTION TO TERRORISM, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE.
9-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Crime	1) Topics include: update on yesterday's shooting rampage at a Tucson, Arizona shopping mall by twenty-two-year-old Jared Loughner, who remains in custody. A total of nineteen people were shot, six fatally. Among those injured is Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ), who remains in critical condition. 2) Topics include: eyewitness account of yesterday's incident in Tucson 3) Topics include: names of the people killed in yesterday's attack / personal remembrance of federal judge John Roll, a friend killed in yesterday's shooting / reaction to a statement by the Pima County sheriff blaming the "vitriolic political rhetoric that has consumed the country" for yesterday's violence
10-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :37	Crime	LANSING POLICE RELEASED THE NAME OF THE CITY'S FIRST HOMICIDE VICTIM OF THE YEAR. JESTON DOUGLAS LAWRENCE, A 28-YEAR-OLD LANSING MAN-- WAS SHOT AND KILLED SATURDAY MORNING AT THE "GEORGETOWN APARTMENTS." THAT'S LOCATED ON LANSING'S SOUTH-SIDE. POLICE SAY OFFICERS WERE ON THE WAY TO A BREAK-IN-- WHEN THEY LEARNED SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED. BY THE TIME THEY GOT THERE-- THEY FOUND THE ACCUSED INTRUDER SHOT DEAD. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE CASE BUT IT REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION.
11-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:15 p.m./ :30	Race Relations	A GROUP OF PASTORS ARE CALLING FOR A LOCAL POLITICAL ANALYST TO APOLOGIZE...FOR COMMENTS THEY FOUND OFFENSIVE. FORMER STATE SENATOR BILL BALLENGER MADE A STATEMENT IN THE CITY PULSE PAPER...IN REGARDS TO A PROPOSED SIDEWALK THAT WOULD SERVE PEOPLE WHO ARE "LOWER-INCOME, LARGELY AFRICAN-AMERICAN." HE SAID THE SIDEWALK IS UNNECESSARY AND NOT WORTH THE PROPOSED AMOUNT MONEY. TODAY, THE CLERGY FORUM OF GREATER LANSING SAY THEY MAY CALL ON KEY POLITICAL FIGURES TO PRESSURE BALLENGER INTO APOLOGIZING FOR HIS REMARKS.

12-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:11 p.m./ :27	Education	GOVERNOR SNYDER SAYS STATE UNIVERSITIES WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME SACRIFICES. TODAY HE MET WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF MICHIGAN'S 15 UNIVERSITIES. HE STRESSED THAT IN ORDER TO INVEST IN HIGHER EDUCATION WHEN TIMES GET BETTER-- THE INSTITUTIONS WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS IN THE SHORT TERM. COLLEGE OFFICIALS TOLD THE GOVERNOR THEY WANT TO BE PART OF HIS TURN AROUND PLAN. M-S-U PRESIDENT DOCTOR LOU ANNA SIMON SAYS-- ALTHOUGH TIMES ARE TOUGH-- HIGHER EDUCATION NEEDS TO BE A PRIORITY.
14-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:11 p.m. :29	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	OWNERS OF SOME MICHIGAN BARS SAY THE STATES SMOKING BAN IS COSTING THEM MONEY -- AND STATE FISCAL ANALYSTS MAY AGREE-- SAYING THE BAN IS EXPECTED TO COST THE STATE ABOUT 33-MILLION IN LOST REVENUE. THEIR REPORT DID NOT CITE AN EXACT CAUSE FOR THE REVENUE LOSS. HOWEVER, CRITICS OF THE BAN SAY LOWER TOBACCO SALES OR DECLINING TAX COLLECTIONS FROM TAVERNS COULD BE A CAUSE. SUPPORTERS OF THE BAN SAY IT WILL SAVE THE STATE MONEY IN THE LONG RUN BECAUSE HEALTH CARE BILLS SHOULD BE LOWER IF FEWER PEOPLE SMOKE.
16-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Crime	1) Topics include: update on Representative Gabrielle Gifford's condition 2) Topics include: reasons behind the differences in both the public and political reaction to the Tucson shooting and the events of 9/11; need for both Congress and the American people to have a civil discussion on gun laws, mental health issues, and eventually, immigration; Sarah Palin's reaction to the Tucson shootings and subsequent public criticism for her perceived role as instigator 3) Topics include: need for Congress to rededicate itself to civil discourse and work on important issues such as deficit reduction, education, establishing an energy initiative, and gun control / support for President Obama's remarks at the January 12th memorial service in Tucson; call for Republicans to work with President Obama on health care, instead of going forward with their plan to repeal the legislation; Governor Rendell's thoughts on how political dialogue has changed and a message to America as he prepares to leave office
16-Jan	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	"Descent Into Madness" - a profile of accused Tucson, Arizona gunman and mass murderer Jared Loughner - whose intended primary victim was Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords - in the context of an ongoing U.S. Secret Service study of assassins and would-be assassins. Includes interviews with: Bryce Tierney, Tyler Conway, and Zane Gutierrez, friends of Jared Loughner; Robert Fein and Bryan Vossekuil, authors of a 1999 Secret Service study of assassins; Lynda Sorenson, former classmate of Loughner at Pima Community College; Barry Spodak, psychotherapist. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Henry Schuster, Nicole Young, Jenny Dubin) "Yemen" - a report on U.S. relations with the Middle Eastern nation of Yemen, a nominal ally but a known al Qaeda hideout and recently the source of several explosive packages sent to America. Includes interviews with: Edmund Hull, former U.S. Ambassador to Yemen; Abdul-Ghani al-Iryani, Yemeni development consultant and political analyst; General Yahya Saleh, commander, Yemeni counterterrorism forces; Abu Bakr al-Qirbi, Yemen's foreign minister.

19-Jan	7:55 a.m. cut in	7:55 a.m./ :38	Education/ Economy	JUST AHEAD OF TONIGHT'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS... GOVERNOR SNYDER MET WITH REPS FROM THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION....SO THE GROUP COULD PRESENT ITS FIVE-POINT PLAN TO REFORM EDUCATION IN THE STATE. THAT INCLUDES REFORMING MICHIGAN'S PRE-K THROUGH 12 SYSTEM TO BOOST STUDENT GRADUATION. THE UNION ALSO WANTS INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND INCREASED EFFICIENCY, AND TO TACKLE THE HOT BUTTON ISSUE OF SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION. MEMBERS SAY THEY WANT TO ENSURE THE BEST USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS. AND THE ORGANIZATION ALSO WANTS THE LEGISLATURE TO CHANGE MICHIGAN'S OUT-DATED TAX STRUCTURE. OFFICIALS SAYS IT'S THE REASON FOR THE STATE'S YEARLY BUDGET PROBLEMS.
20-Jan	6-7 a.m. news	6:07 a.m./ :25	Health/ Health Care	U-S HOUSE REPUBLICANS KEEP A CAMPAIGN PROMISE... PASSING A BILL YESTERDAY TO REPEAL THE HEALTH CARE REFORM LAW. THE DEBATE LASTED TWO DAYS - AND AS EXPECTED - PASSED THE REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED HOUSE. NOW THE REPEAL WILL HEAD TO THE SENATE AND THE WHITE HOUSE. SOME DEMOCRATS SAY THE REPEAL WAS A WASTE OF TIME BECAUSE THEY STILL CONTROL THE SENATE AND THE REPEAL HAS ALMOST NO CHANCE OF BECOMING LAW. STILL - REPUBLICANS INSIST THE FIGHT WAS WORTH IT.
23-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Crime/ Health/ Health Care	1) Topics include: plan to sit with Democratic Senator Tom Udall of New Mexico during President Obama's upcoming State of the Union address; praise for President Obama's speech at the January 12th memorial service in Tucson; support for Republican leader Mitch McConnell's decision to try to force a Senate vote on repealing health care reform; call for spending cuts, including possible cuts in cancer research; delay in the closing of Guantanamo Bay due to the Obama administration's decision to increase the use of military commissions to prosecute detainees 2) Topics include: reaction to Senator McConnell's call for a vote on repealing health care / Senator Schumer's letter to Republican Representative Eric Cantor on the impact of repealing health care; commitment to focusing on spending cuts / reaction to possible cuts in cancer research; plan to sit with Republican Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma during President Obama's upcoming State of the Union address
25-Jan	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :29	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	THREE MICHIGAN MEN ARE GETTING READY TO WATCH TONIGHTS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL. TWO BROTHERS FROM THE DETROIT AREA... AND A GRAND RAPIDS NATIVE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SIT IN THE FIRST LADY'S BOX. THE TWO DETROIT BROTHERS HAVE BEEN PARTNERS IN A FAMILY BUSINESS FOR 25 YEARS. THE GRAND RAPIDS NATIVE WAS INJURED IN A ROADSIDE BOMB IN AFGHANISTAN AND LOST BOTH LEGS.
25-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:09 p.m./ :36	Education	UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES ARE ASKED TO TAKE SOME SALARY AND BENEFIT CUTS-- AS REPUBLICAN SENATORS TRY TO REDUCE THE STATE DEFICIT-- THROUGH SAVINGS IN THE 2 BILLION DOLLAR HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM. BUT AS CAPITOL CORRESPONDENT TIM SKUBICK REPORTS-- THE IDEA ISN'T SITTING WELL WITH EVERYONE.

26-Jan	5-6 a.m. news	5:13 a.m./ :26	Crime	SEVERAL NEW LEADS ARE KEEPING LANSING DETECTIVES BUSY-- FOLLOWING MONDAY'S ARREST OF A DENTIST ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A YOUNG BOY. 64-YEAR-OLD WENDELL ALAN RACETTE OF LANSING HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH EIGHT TOTAL COUNTS INVOLVING SEX CRIMES--THAT DATE BACK MANY YEARS. DETECTIVES SAY IN DECEMBER --- THE ALLEGED VICTIM --- NOW 20 YEARS OLD --- TOLD THEM RACETTE HAD SEXUALLY ASSAULTED HIM AT HIS FORMER DENTAL OFFICE. AND THEY SAY IT'S POSSIBLE THERE ARE MORE VICTIMS.
26-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:05 p.m./ 1:26	Health/ Health Care	THIS EXTENSION OF HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO STATE EMPLOYEES LIVING WITH UNMARRIED PARTNERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WAS ORIGINALLY AGREED TO BY THE FORMER GRANHOLM ADMINISTRATION. BUT THE NEW GOVERNOR WANTED NO PART OF THIS, AND HE ORDERED HIS APPOINTEE TO OBJECT TO THE MOVE AT THE FOUR-MEMBER STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. THE GOVERNOR LOST. ON A THREE TO ONE VOTE, THE BENEFITS WERE APPROVED STARTING OCTOBER FIRST. BUT IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES, THE GOVERNOR'S SPOKESPERSON SAYS MICHIGAN CAN'T AFFORD THIS.
27-Jan	5-6 a.m. news	5:14 a.m./ :32	Environment/ Economy	A LOCAL CONGRESSMAN HELPS A MID-MICHIGAN COMPANY CELEBRATE ITS COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT... ALONG WITH CREATING JOBS. CONGRESSMAN MIKE ROGERS WILL BE AT A RECEPTION LATER THIS MORNING AT DRATH CORPORATIONS NEW FACILITY IN LANSING. THE COMPANY PRODUCES CHEMICALS USING BIO RENEWABLE MATERIALS. DRATH HIRED 18 NEW LANSING WORKERS IN 2010 AND IS EXPECTED TO HIRE 10 MORE THIS YEAR.
27-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:06 p.m./ :29	Economy/ Education	PRESIDENT OBAMA IS WORKING TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING FROM TUESDAY'S NIGHT STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS. TODAY HE MADE HIS PITCH ON THE WEB IN A TOWN HALL STYLE MEETING ON YOU TUBE. SINCE TUESDAY'S ADDRESS-- THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN ON A SOCIAL MEDIA BLITZ. ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK. TOP AIDES HAVE BEEN PUSHING THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN FOR TARGETED SPENDING IN EDUCATION AND INNOVATION-- AS THE WAY TO CREATE A NEW ECONOMY. HOWEVER--- PRESIDENT OBAMA'S OPPONENTS HAVE BEEN VERY VOCAL ABOUT WHY THE DISAGREE WITH THESE PLANS.
28-Jan	8:25 a.m. cut-in	8:25 a.m./ :24	Education	LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS CHALLENGE THEMSELVES... TO HELP AREA SENIOR CITIZENS AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE A DISABILITIES. THE CONCERN INVOLVES LANSING'S NEW SNOW ORDINANCE...THAT COULD LEAVE SOME "SNOWED-IN"-- IF THEY THEY CAN'T PHYSICALLY GET OUT AND CLEAR A PATH ON THEIR OWN. SO...ON THURSDAY....6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS AT DWIGHT RICH MIDDLE SCHOOL.LAUNCHED A NEW "DRIFT BUSTERS" TEAM...AS A WAY TO COMBINE EDUCATION AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

30-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Health/ Health Care	1) Topics include: update on the current situation in Cairo, Egypt, where citizens have been protesting against President Hosni Mubarak's authoritarian rule since Tuesday, January 25th 2) Topics include: President Obama's position on the protests in Egypt / importance of Egypt as an American ally / support for President Mubarak's appointment of a new vice president 3) Topics include: call for President Mubarak's resignation / criticism against America's lack of a firm stance on the situation / three urgent steps to be taken for an effective transitional phase 4) Topics include: background information on Dr. ElBaradei / reasoning behind the Obama administration's cautious approach to the situation in Egypt and calls for President Mubarak's resignation / possible role of the Muslim Brotherhood in any new government 5) Topics include: call to change and improve certain elements of health care reform; President Obama's commitment to improving American infrastructure, as expressed in the State of the Union / the gas tax as a way to pay for those improvements; 2012 budget 6) Topics include: atmosphere on the stre
30-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:12 p.m./ :31	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A CALIFORNIA MAN IS BEHIND BARS IN DEARBORN... ACCUSED OF A TERROR THREAT. POLICE SAY *ROGER STOCKHAM* WAS CAUGHT WITH EXPLOSIVES OUTSIDE ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST MOSQUES. HE'S BEEN CHARGED WITH MAKING A FALSE REPORT OR THREAT OF TERRORISM... AND POSSESSING EXPLOSIVES WITH AN UNLAWFUL INTENT. STOCKHAM IS BEING HELD ON A 500-THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND. HE'S DUE IN COURT ON FRIDAY.
30-Jan	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	"The Man Behind WikiLeaks" - an interview / profile of Julian Assange, the founder of the website WikiLeaks, which solicits and publishes secret and suppressed material from whistleblowers around the world. This has included classified military and diplomatic information from the U.S. State Department and the Pentagon: 76,000 classified field reports on U.S. operations in Afghanistan, 400,000 classified documents about civilian casualties in Iraq, and thousands of State Department cables on sensitive, private diplomatic matters. The U.S. government would like to charge him with espionage for releasing all of this material. (C: Steve Kroft - P: Howard L. Rosenberg, Tanya Simon)
1-Feb	6-7 a.m. news	6:11 a.m./ :29	Health/ Health Care	A FEDERAL JUDGE IN FLORIDA HAS DECLARED THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND HAS SIDED WITH 26 STATES THAT HAVE SUED TO BLOCK IT. THE U-S DISTRICT JUDGE ACCEPTED THE STATES ARGUMENT THAT THE NEW LAW VIOLATES PEOPLES RIGHTS BY FORCING THEM TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE BY 2014 OR FACE PENALTIES. TWO OTHER FEDERAL JUDGES HAVE UPHELD THE LAW BUT A FEDERAL JUDGE IN VIRGINIA ALSO RULED THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
3-Feb	5-6 a.m. news	5:06 a.m./ :24	Health/ Health Care	ALL PARENTS WANT THE BEST HEALTH CARE FOR THE KIDS. BUT A NEW REPORT OUT SHOW THAT QUALITY COULD DEPEND YOUR LOCATION. THE REPORT FOUND THAT KIDS IN NEW ENGLAND AND THE UPPER MIDWEST GET BETTER HEALTH CARE THAN KIDS IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO THE COMMONWEALTH FUND-- SOME OF THE BEST STATES FOR HEALTHY KIDS INCLUDED IOWA-- MASSACHUSETTS AND VERMONT. FLORIDA AND TEXAS MADE THE LIST FOR THE WORST.

3-Feb	6-7 a.m. news	6:19 a.m./ :39	Environment	A FEDERAL JUDGE SAYS THE ADMINSTRATOR OF THE 20 BILLION DOLLAR COMPENSATION FUND FOR GULF OIL SPILL VICTIMS IN NOT INDEPENDENT FROM B-P AND MUST STOP TELLING PEOPLE HE IS. A U-S DISTRICT JUDGE SAYS HE'S ORDERING B-P AGENTS TO CHANGE THE WAY THEY COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE SEEKING MONEY FROM THE FUND. THE JUDGE ALSO SAYS THE CLAIMS CZAR MUST DISCLOSE IN ALL COMMUNICATION... HE IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF B-P IN FULFILLING ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE OIL POLLUTION ACT.
3-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:26 p.m./ 1:11	Economy	FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NINE MONTHS-- INTERESTS RATES ON 30-YEAR FIXED-RATE MORTGAGES ARE UP-- NOW *MORE* THAN FIVE PERCENT. RON HARKEY IS A SENIOR MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER WITH SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK. HE SAYS THE RECENT HIKE IN MORTGAGE RATES STEMS FROM TWO MAIN FACTORS.
4-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:10 p.m./ :27	Economy	SO IT'S A REALLY MIXED MESSAGE--- BUT ONE MONTH DOESN'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY. MOST EXPERTS SAY--- SINCE EMPLOYMENT IS A "LAGGING" ECONOMIC INDICATOR--- IT MAY NOT SHOW MUCH MOVEMENT IN A GOOD DIRECTION--- EVEN WHEN OTHER TRENDS ON THE ECONOMY--START TO INCH UP. BOTTOM LINE--CHECK BACK AGAIN--AFTER FEBRUARY--AND MARCH JANE?
5-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:31 p.m./ :29	Environment	ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS SAY THOUSANDS OF WILD PIGS ARE POSING A THREAT TO FARMS AND NATIVE SPECIES ACROSS THE STATE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT HAS DECLARED THE BRISTLY SWINE AN INVASIVE SPECIES-- THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS UNTIL JULY 8TH TO EITHER IMPOSE REGULATIONS ABOUT BREEDING AND CONFINING THE ANIMALS-- OR DO NOTHING-- WHICH WOULD BAN THE OWNERSHIP OF THE TUSKED PIGS. THE AGENCY ESTIMATES THERE SOME 3 TO 5-THOUSAND FERAL PIGS IN MORE THAN 65 OF MICHIGAN'S 83 COUNTIES.
6-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	1) Update on Day 13 of the current situation in Cairo, Egypt -- where citizens continue to protest against the regime of President Hosni Mubarak 2) Topics include: demonstrations in Jordan, which resulted in King Abdullah's decision to replace his entire cabinet / role of oil prices and the Arab-Israeli conflict in the region / the Muslim Brotherhood 3) Topics include: rumors that the Mubarak government is meeting with opposition leaders / reaction to comments made during Prince El Hassan's interview / response to comments from the Obama administration's envoy Frank Wisner, calling for President Mubarak to stay in office in order to "steer those changes through" / call from the people in Cairo's Tahrir Square for President Mubarak to step down / potential role of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egyptian government / concerns over the many possible outcomes to these protests
7-Feb	6-7 a.m. news	6:11 a.m./ :31	Crime	IN NEWS FROM ACROSS THE STATE THERE'S A BATTLE OVER MONEY...INVOLVING WOMEN BEHIND BARS IN MICHIGAN'S PRISON SYSTEM. 9-HUNDRED FEMALE INMATES WON A 100-MILLION DOLLAR LEGAL SETTLEMENT BACK IN 2-THOUSAND-9... FOR BEING SEXUALLY VICTIMIZED BY PRISON GUARDS. NOW...A LEGAL FIGHT IS UNDERWAY OVER WHETHER THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY SOME OF THE MONEY TO THOSE VICTIMIZED BY THE CRIMES THAT SENT THEM TO PRISON IN THE FIRST PLACE.

8-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:15 p.m./ :29	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	IT'S STILL A WEEK AWAY-- BUT STUDENTS AT A LANSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARE ALREADY GETTING READY FOR VALENTINE'S DAY. TODAY THEY SENT OUT HUNDREDS OF HANDMADE-- PERSONALIZED VALENTINES-- TO TROOPS OVERSEAS IN AFGHANISTAN. PHOTO-JOURNALIST MARK KWAS TAKES US TO WINDEMERE PARK CHARTER ACADEMY-- FOR MORE ON THEIR "HEART-FELT" HARD WORK.
8-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :29	Race Relations/ Economy	THE ADVOCACY GROUPS FOUND THAT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING *BELOW* THE POVERTY LEVEL IN THE STATE, SITS AT 44 PERCENT. AFRICAN AMERICAN, HISPANICS, ASIAN, AND WHITE CHILDREN ALL EXPERIECED A JUMP BETWEEN 2000 AND 2009. HOWEVER, THE POVERTY RATE FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN IS FOUND TO BE SEVEN TIMES WORSE THAN WHITE CHILDREN.
8-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :23	Education	THREE DISTRICTS HAVE FILED AN INJUCTION AGAINST THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THEY DON'T AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ED'S PROPOSED ACCREDITATION STANDARDS. THAT'S THE WAY THE STATE DECIDES IF YOUR SCHOOL MAKES THE GRADE. THE DEBATE IS MAINLY OVER HOW MUCH STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES WILL AFFECT A SCHOOL'S EVALUATION. A HIGHER PERCENTAGE COULD LOWER SOME SCHOOLS' SCORES...AND THEIR REPUTATIONS.
13-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Economy	1) Update on the current situation in Egypt, in light of President Mubarak's resignation on February 11th 2) Topics include: call for elections to be held as soon as possible and an immediate end to martial law / goal of Egypt becoming a democracy / need to hold the corrupt accountable 3) Topics include: commitment to lifting emergency law once the conditions are appropriate / Minister of Defense Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi is in control of Egypt since Hosni Mubarak's resignation / difficulties presented with immediately disbanding the government / possibility of parliamentary and presidential elections being held before August or September / promise to uphold all of Egypt's treaties 4) Topics include: criticism of the Obama administration for being blind sided by the Egyptian revolution and for not supporting the June 2009 protests in Iran / concern over the Muslim Brotherhood / possible impact of the Egyptian revolution on the Middle East; President Obama's upcoming 2012 budget proposal
13-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:10 p.m./ :24	Crime	LANSING POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MEN...ACCUSED OF CARJACKING. INVESTIGATORS SAY IT HAPPENED AT AROUND 8-30 FRIDAY NIGHT ON THE 41-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WOODBRIDGE DRIVE. THEY SAY A MAN WEARING A SKI MASK APPROACHED A MAN IN A VEHICLE...POINTED A HANDGUN AT HIM AND TOLD HIM TO GET OUT. HE THEN JUMPED INTO THE CAR WITH ANOTHER MAN. OFFICERS RECOVERED THE CAR ABOUT A HALF HOUR LATER ON THE 13-HUNDRED BLOCK OF GEORGETOWN. NO ONE WAS INJURED.
15-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:10 p.m./ :30	Environmen t	MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL SCHUETTE CONTINUES HIS FIGHT TO STOP ASIAN CARP FROM ENTERING THE GREAT LAKES. TODAY-- SCHUETTE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE. HE STATED THAT ASIAN CARP IN MICHIGAN WOULD NOT ONLY BE DEVASTATING TO OUR ENVIRONMENT-- BUT THE FISH WOULD HURT THE STATE'S ECONOMY, TOO.

16-Feb	6-7 a.m. news	6:06 a.m./ :30	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	THE U-S SENATE HAS VOTED TO EXTEND PROVISIONS TO AN ANTI TERRORISM LAW FOR THE NEXT 90 DAYS. THE PROVISIONS DEAL WITH WIRETAPS FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICES ,F-B-I ACCESS TO BUSINESS RECORDS AND SURVEILLANCE OF NON U-S LONE WOLF SUSPECTS WITHOUT KNOWN LINKS TO TERRORISM. THE HOUSE VOTED TO EXTEND TO PROVISIONS UNTIL DECEMBER--- SO NOW THE TWO CHAMBERS MUST AGREE ON A COMMON TIME PERIOD BEFORE THE PROVISIONS EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE MONTH. SENATE DEMOCRATS ARE ALSO WORKING ON A PLAN THAT TIGHTENS OVERSIGHT OF THE MEASURES.
17-Feb	5-6 a.m. news	5:05 a.m./ :21	Education	MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS WANT REFORM IN THE STATES EDUCATION SYSTEM. AND A MOVIE MANY WATCHED TOGETHER LAST NIGHT IN EAST LANSING--- "WAITING FOR SUPERMAN"--- TAKES A HARD LOOK AT OUR NATIONS FAILING SCHOOL SYSTEMS. STACIA MULLANEY TELLS US HOW THE FILM HELPED SPUR DISCUSSION ABOUT EDUCATION REFORM IN MICHIGAN.
20-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	1) Topics include: speculation that the Senate will not pass the $61 billion in budget cuts approved in the House of Representatives; protests in Madison, Wisconsin over proposed cuts in state spending by ending the collective bargaining rights of teachers and other public service employees; possibility of a federal government shutdown / criticism against Republicans from Representative Van Hollen over their proposed budget cuts / response from Representative Ryan 2) Update on the current situation in Bahrain and Libya, where protesters continue to speak out against their respective governments 3) Topics include: America's stake in the outcome of the protests in Egypt, Bahrain, and Libya / how those end results could impact American interests in the Middle East
21-Feb	6-7 a.m. news	6:17 a.m./ :26	Race Relations	THE POETRY PERFORMANCE WAS JUST ONE OF MANY TAKING PLACE AT L-C-C IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH. THE COLLEGE WILL HOST A SOUL FOOD LUNCHEON ON TUESDAY IN THE KENNEDY CAFETERIA-- AND WRAP-UP THE MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION WITH A GRAND FINALE DISPLAY-- AT DART AUDITORIUM ON THURSDAY.
22-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:08 p.m./ :33	Crime	LANSING POLICE ARE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR A BANK ROBBER TONIGHT- POLICE SAY A MAN ROBBED THE P-N-C BRANCH IN THE 63-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH CEDAR STREET IN LANSING-- JUST BEFORE 2-THIS AFTERNOON-- POLICE SAY HE GOT AWAY WITH AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF MONEY-- AND SHOT A ROUND FROM HIS GUN BEFORE LEAVING THE BANK. NO ONE WAS HURT BY THE GUN SHOT
24-Feb	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :24	Environment	STUDENTS AT M-S-U ASK UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO GREEN ENERGY. STUDENTS PLAN TO PERFORM A REENACTMENT OF THE RAISING OF THE FLAG ON IWO JIMA TODAY... EXCEPT THEY ARE USING A TEN FOOT WIND TURBINE INSTEAD OF A FLAG. THE EVENT IS AIMED ENCOURAGING UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS TO SWITCH FROM USING COAL ENERGY PLANTS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES. THE RALLY STARTS AT 10-30 THIS MORNING AT *THE ROCK* ON MSU'S CAMPUS.

24-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :34	Education	THE HOLT SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL DECIDE TONIGHT WHAT TO DO WITH ITS ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM. CURRENTLY THE DISTRICT HAS ABOUT 130 STUDENT AT HOLT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL. THE DISTRICT IS CONSIDERING CLOSING THE BUILDING-- AND OUT-SOURCING THE PROGRAM TO A NATIONAL COMPANY. PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AT HOLT CENTRAL SAY THE SCHOOL IS A CLOSE KNIT COMMUNITY-- AND HELPS STUDENTS SUCCEED. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS POINT TO LOW GRADUATION RATES-- AND THE NEED TO SCRUTINIZE *ALL* SCHOOL PROGRAMS.
24-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:10 p.m./ :23	Economy	A NEW STUDY BY MICHIGAN SEA GRANT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SAYS MORE THAN 1-AND-A-HALF MILLION U-S JOBS-- AND 62-BILLION IN ANNUAL WAGES-- ARE LINKED DIRECTLY TO THE GREAT LAKES. IT SAYS MICHIGAN HAS OVER HALF A MILLION JOBS CONNECTED TO THE GREAT LAKES-- MORE THAN ANY OTHER STATE. MOST OF THE JOBS ARE IN MANUFACTURING-- OTHERS ARE IN TOURISM AND RECREATION, SHIPPING, AGRICULTURE AND OTHER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.
27-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Economy/ Education	1) Update on the current situation in Tripoli, where Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Qaddafi continues to maintain control against opposition forces 2) Update on the refugee status along Libya's border with Tunisia 3) Topics include: reaction to the protests in Madison, Wisconsin by union members over proposed cuts in state spending by ending the collective bargaining rights of teachers and other public service employees / stance on collective bargaining as it pertains to New Jersey; approval of a merit-based system for teachers / support for President Obama's position on education reform; position on raising taxes; explanation of his February 16th comments at the American Enterprise Institute calling for a raise in the retirement age for Social Security; possibility of a federal government shutdown;
28-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:14 p.m./ :33	Health/ Health Care	PRESIDENT OBAMA IS OFFERING TO LET STATES THAT ARE UN-HAPPY WITH HIS HEALTH CARE OVER-HAUL-- "DESIGN" THEIR *OWN* PLANS-- AS LONG AS THEY FULFILL THE GOALS OF HIS LANDMARK LAW. THE LAW ALREADY ALLOWS STATES TO SUBMIT THEIR OWN PLANS-- BUT NOT UNTIL 20-17. A WHITE HOUSE PROPOSAL UN-VEILED TODAY SAYS STATES WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER THEIR PLANS THREE YEARS EARLIER. THE INDIVIDUAL STATE PLANS WOULD HAVE TO COVER AT LEAST AS MANY RESIDENTS AS THE OVER-HAUL LAW-- BENEFITS WOULD HAVE TO BE EQUALLY COMPREHENSIVE AND AFFORDABLE-- AND THE STATE PLANS COULD NOT INCREASE THE FEDERAL DEFICIT.
1-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:07 p.m./ :29	Education	FACING A HUGE STATE-WIDE CUT TO EDUCATION, SOME ARE LOOKING AT FREEZING A INCOME TAX RATE "ROLL BACK"-- PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR. IF ADOPTED-- THE TAX RATE WOULD REMAIN AT FOUR-POINT-THREE-FIVE PERCENT. CAPITOL CORRESPONDENT TIM SKUBICK HAS MORE ON THE EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE CUTS THAT SOME SAY COULD REACH 700 DOLLARS PER PUPIL.

2-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ 1:06	Economy	ABOUT 1,000 WORKERS AT THE GRAND RIVER PLANT WILL GET AN EXTENDED SUMMER VACATION. A SIX-WEEK SHUTDOWN WILL ALLOW GENERAL MOTORS TO BRING IN EQUIPMENT TO PRODUCE THE NEW SMALL CADILLAC.. IT'S BELIEVED IT WILL BE CALLED THE ATS. BUT SOME SALARIED AND HOURLY STAFF WILL HAVE TO WORK. WHEN THE WORK IS DONE, THE LINE PROMISES TO ADD 640 JOBS... WHEN PRODUCTION STARTS ON THE NEW CADILLAC IN 20-12. MEANWHILE, WORKERS ARE GEARING UP FOR THE EXTRA HOURS.
3-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :31	Health/ Health Care	A FEDERAL JUDGE IN FLORIDA SAYS STATES MUST CONTINUE IMPLEMENTING THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL PLAN-- EVEN THOUGH HE HAS DECLARED IT UNCONSTITUTIONAL. FLORIDA-- AND 25 OTHER STATES...INCLUDING MICHIGAN-- SUED TO BLOCK THE NEW LAW-- AND DISTRICT JUDGE ROGER VINSON HAS RULED IN THEIR FAVOR. HE SAYS WHITE HOUSE ATTORNEYS HAVE ONE WEEK TO APPEAL. AND IF THEY DON'T MEET THAT DEADLINE-- VINSON SAYS STATES CAN CONSIDER THE LAW INVALID. THIS CASE ONE OF SEVERAL CHALLENGES TO THE NEW HEALTH CARE LAW-- ALMOST CERTAIN TO END UP BEFORE THE U-S SUPREME COURT.
4-Mar	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :23	Environmen t	SPEAKING OF FOOD TODAY...YOU CAN EAT LUNCH WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HOSTS ITS MONTHLY LAND USE LUNCH. TODAY EXPERTS PLAN TO TALK ABOUT HOW THE ENBRIDGE OIL SPILL HAS CHANGED THE PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS PLACING OIL PIPELINES. THE LAND USE LUNCH GOES FROM NOON UNTIL ONE AT CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN LANSING.
4-Mar	Noon News	12:07 p.m./ :24	Crime	A ROUTINE KNOCK-AND-TALK INVESTIGATION LEADS TO A METH LAB BUST. IT HAPPENED IN BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP. TWO INGHAM COUNTY DEPUTIES FOUND A SMALL AMOUNT OF FINISHED METH...METH LAB COMPONENTS AND PARAPHENALIA. TWO PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR MANUFACTURING METH.
6-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	1) Update on the crisis in Libya, where troops loyal to Colonel Moammar Qaddafi continue to battle rebel forces for control of cities outside of Tripoli 2) Topics include: unrest in Libya / support for the preparation of a no-fly zone, preferably sanctioned by the United Nations or NATO, instead of military intervention / reasons behind the need for Colonel Qaddafi to be removed from power; budget crisis on Capitol Hill 3) Topics include: opinion of a possible no-fly zone in Libya; support for the budget bill passed by the House of Representatives, calling for sixty-one billion dollars in cuts / assertion that President Obama and his administration is not serious about fixing any of the long term problems facing the American people and their government
6-Mar	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economics/ Health/ Health Care	A report on the impact of the economic recession on children, who are experiencing homelessness, hunger and poverty in record numbers. Focusing on Seminole County, Florida, the report includes interviews with: David Corfee and his children, Destiny and Jorge; Beth Davalos, who runs the Seminole County programs for homeless children; Rosa Braverman and her son, Jacob; and comments by various children in a group interview.

7-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:02 p.m./ :25	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	A SOMBER DAY AT INGHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TODAY-- AS EMPLOYEES BEGIN TO LEARN WHO'S OUT OF A JOB. LAST WEEK THE HOSPITAL ANNOUNCED IT WILL LAY-OFF UP TO 150-PEOPLE. THIS COMES AS A RESULT OF PATIENT VOLUMES DECREASING 10-PERCENT. CUTS WILL EFFECT "EVERYONE" FROM CLINICAL STAFF, TO ADMINISTRATORS AND MANAGERS. INGHAM REGIONAL SAYS IT WILL TRY TO HELP WORKERS FIND OTHER JOBS THROUGH THE
8-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :31	Environment	GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNED HIS FIRST TWO BILLS INTO LAW. THE LEGISLATION EXPANDS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM AIMED AT HELPING FARMERS PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. CLOSE TO ONE-THOUSAND FARMS HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM. FARMERS MUST ATTEND EDUCATION SEMINARS-- HAVE THEIR PROPERTIES ASSESSED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RISK, AND SET UP AN "ACTION PLAN" TO BECOME CERTIFIED.
8-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:19 p.m./ 1:10	Economy/ Environment	THE STATE HAS NEARLY 1-HUNDRED STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS. TO MAKE SURE THOSE AREAS AND OTHERS ARE COVERED --- THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO HIRE MORE THAN 12-HUNDRED WORKERS. EMPLOYEES HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK IN THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION AREAS, BOATING FACILITIES OR VISITOR CENTERS. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS THERE ARE A VARIETY OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE FROM CLERICAL WORK TO GREETING PARK VISITORS. THEY'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR *STATE PARK EXPLORER GUIDES* --- GUIDES WILL LEAD VISITORS ON TOURS AND HIKES AS WELL AND GET A CHANCE TO PUT ON VARIOUS PROGRAMS. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR APPLICANTS TO HAVE GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS AND AN INTEREST IN NATURAL RESOURCES... TWO KEY COMPONENTS TO KEEP THE TOURISM INDUSTRY GROWING.
10-Mar	6-7 a.m. news	6:09 a.m./ :25	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	IN NEWS FROM ACROSS THE NATION... EXTRA SECURITY WILL SURROUND CONGRESSMAN PETER KING THIS MORNING AS HE LEADS A HEARING ON ISLAMIC EXTREMISM IN THE U-S. CRITICS SAY THE HEARING UNFAIRLY TARGETS MUSLIM AMERICANS BUT KING IS STANDING BY HIS DICISION TO FOCUS ON ONE GROUP. HE SAYS THE HEARINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO COMBAT HOMEGROWN TERROR. SEVERAL DEMOCRATS ARE URGING KING TO CANCEL TODAYS HEARING BUT REPUBLICANS ARE COMING TO HIS DEFENSE.
10-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :26	Crime	A MAN OUT ON PAROLE FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT IS BACK BEHIND BARS TONIGHT..AFTER POLICE FOUND HIM IN POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. THE MAN WAS LIVING AT THE JOY MOTEL ON ANN ARBOR ROAD IN LEONI TOWNSHIP. STATE POLICE TROOPERS AND PAROLE OFFICERS OUT CONDUCTING HOME CHECKS...FOUND THE MAN HAD A PHONE WITH A BUILT-IN CAMERA AND INTERNET ACCESS. THAT'S A VIOLATION OF HIS PAROLE. OFFICERS CHECKED HIS PHONE AND FOUND NUMEROUS IMAGES OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.

13-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Environment/ Economy	1) Update on the current situation in Fukushima, Japan, devastated by the March 11th earthquake and subsequent tsunami, which also damaged the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, resulting in a partial meltdown 2) Report from Tokyo on the aftermath of the earthquake and the high level of disaster preparedness undertaken in Japan 3) Update on the current situation in the coastal city of Sendai, closest to the earthquake's epicenter 4) Report on the possible impact of the earthquake on the people of Japan, both psychologically and economically 5) Topics include: assurance to the American public that after Hurricane Katrina, measures were taken to improve FEMA and disaster preparedness / call for a moratorium on building nuclear power plants / belief that states should reassess their building codes and perhaps retrofit them with protective measures
13-Mar	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Education	An interview with Iraqi defector Rafid Alwan, a chemical engineer whose code name was "Curve Ball". The chief justification for the 2003 invasion of Iraq was based on his false claim that Saddam Hussein had mobile biological weapons of mass destruction. Also includes interviews with: Charles Duelfer, a leader of the U.N. inspection teams in the 1990s; Dr. Basil al-Sa'ati, Iraqi scientist; Tyler Drumheller, former CIA European Division chief. "The $125,000 Question" - a report on The Equity Project (TEP), a New York City charter school that's publicly funded but privately run. Its students are mostly African-American and Hispanic, and almost all come from poor families. It pays its teachers $125,00 per year; they have no contracts, and there is no tenure offered.
16-Mar	6-7 a.m. news	6:12 a.m./ :22	Education/ Economy	AMONG THE MOST ANGRY OF PROTESTORS AT THE CAPITOL IN RECENT DAYS: THOSE STANDING UP AGAINST THE GOVERNOR'S SO-CALLED EMERGENCY MANAGERS BILL. THEY SAY THE LEGISLATION GIVES STATE-APPOINTED EMERGENCY FINANCIAL MANAGERS TOO MUCH POWER OVER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOLS IN DIRE FINANCIAL STRAITS. THEY ALSO APPOSE EDUCATION FUNDING CUTS AND PENSION TAXES PROPOSED BY GOVERNOR SNYDER.
19-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:06 p.m./ :21	Race Relations	THE 18TH ANNUAL "DIA DE LA MOO-HAIR" TOOK PLACE TODAY AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. MORE THAN 7-HUNDRED LATINA WOMEN PACKED THE KELLOG CENTER...TO LISTEN TO SPEAKERS-- WATCH PERFORMANCES, AND TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER. ORGANIZERS SAY THE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LATINA WOMEN IN MID-MICHIGAN. THE GOAL OF THE EVENT IS TO SPARK POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE.

20-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Environment/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	1) Update from Libya, where Colonel Moammar Qaddafi continues his defiance, regardless of the bombing of key military targets by United States, French, and British forces 2) Topics include: successful establishment of a no-fly zone in order to protect Libyan civilians / Colonel Qaddafi's rejection by the international community, including the Arab League / role of other Arab countries in providing military forces / confirmation that Colonel Qaddafi has a significant storage of mustard gas / mission's focus on providing the requested support to the Libyan people from a humanitarian standpoint 3) Concern that American military involvement in Libya could result in requests for assistance from political movements against the governments of other Middle East countries, some of which may be American allies 4) Speculation as to how this mission in Libya will end and a report that the Arab League, though providing political support, is disappointed in the type of military operation undertaken to enforce the no-fly zone 5) Update from Tokyo detailing an estimated death toll from the tsunami a
20-Mar	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Environment/ Race Relations	"Catastrophe" - a report on conditions in northern Japan in the aftermath of the recent earthquake, tsunami, and subsequent nuclear power plant radiation crisis. The report shows the impact of the events on the resort town of Matsushima, and describes how four of the six nuclear reactors at the Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear power plant are damaged and in danger of a meltdown. Includes interviews with: Julia Nesheiwat, U.S. State Department official; David Chumreonlert, American teacher in Matsushima. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Robert G. Anderson, Henry Schuster, Nicole Young, Daniel Ruetenik) "The N-Word" - a report on the debate over the use of the N-word in American society, focusing on a newly released edition of Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," which has removed the word from the text and replaced it with 'slave'. Includes interviews with: Randall Williams, co-owner and editor of NewSouth Books, publishers; David Bradley, author, University of Oregon; Karen Morrill and Nora Wise, teachers at Woodbury High School, Minnesota; students Melvin Efesoa, Joseph Juardio, Ryan Farrell, Jeremy Richard
21-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :31	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	TWO U-S AIRMAN ARE DEAD--- SHOT OUTSIDE AN AIRPORT IN GERMANY. POLICE HAVE THE SUSPECTED GUNMAN IN CUSTODY-- AND SAY HE OPENED FIRE ON A BUS FULL OF SOLDIERS WHO WERE ON THEIR WAY TO AFGHANISTAN. CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT CHARLIE D'AGATA IS IN FRANKFURT WITH THE LATEST.
22-Mar	Noon News	12:06 p.m./ :24	Economy/ Environment	A NEW FEDERAL RULE TAKES EFFECT TODAY... CONCERNING LIVE *BIGHEAD* CARP. THE GOVERNMENT SAYS IT'S NOW ILLEGAL TO BRING THE FISH INTO THE U-S OR TRANSPORT THEM ACROSS STATE LINES. BIGHEAD CARP IS ONE OF SEVERAL ASIAN CARP THREATENING TO INVADE THE GREAT LAKES... WHERE THEY COULD STARVE OUT OTHER FISH...AND DAMAGE THE ECONOMY. AUTHORITIES IN CANADA HAVE RECENTLY CAUGHT SEVERAL IMPORTERS TRYING TO SMUGGLE THE CARP INTO ONTARIO.

23-Mar	5-6 a.m. news	5:37 a.m./ :31	Education	MICHIGAN BUSINESS LEADERS WILL RELEASE A NEW REPORT TODAY ON HOW EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS PROVIDE A BOOST TO THE STATE'S ECONOMY. THE REPORT DONE BY THE NATIONAL BUSINESS LEADERS GROUP *AMERICAN'S EDGE* SHOWS EDUCATION PROGRAMS PROVIDE TWO POINT ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FOR THE STATE... AS WELL AS THOUSANDS OF JOBS. SOME MICHIGAN BUSINESS LEADERS SAY GOVERNOR SNYDER'S PROPOSED CUTS TO EDUCATION FUNDING COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE STATE'S ECONOMY. THE FULL REPORT WILL BE RELEASED AT 9-30 THIS MORNING.
23-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:11 p.m./ :23	Health/ Health Care	A YEAR AGO TODAY...PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SIGNED THE NATION'S HEALTHCARE OVERHAUL BILL. SO THIS MORNING... HEALTHCARE ADVOCATES MARKED THE OCCASION...WITH A BIRTHDAY CAKE. THEY ALSO DELIVERED BIRTHDAY CARDS TO LAWMAKERS...URGING THEM TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH CARE LAW.
25-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :30	Economy	THERE'S SOME REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT MID-MICHIGAN'S JOB OUTLOOK. THE STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STEADILY DECLINES-- AND LAST MONTH IT STOOD AT 10 POINT 4 PERCENT-- THOSE WHO WORK TO FILL JOBS-- SAY THEY'RE SEEING AN UPTICK. AT WESTAFF STAFFING SOLUTIONS... THEY SAY MANY COMPANIES ARE ADDING TEMPORARY WORKERS... AS A WAY TO STAY FLEXIBLE IN AN UNCERTAIN ECONOMY.
25-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :25	Education/ Economy	THE FRONT LAWN OF THE CAPITOL IS ONCE AGAIN FULL OF PROTESTORS--- HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS--- RALLY OVER POSSIBLE CUTS TO HIGHER ED--- THEY ARE HOPING TO CONVINCE LAWMAKERS TO ABANDON PLANS FOR A 22-PERCENT CUT TO HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING. HIGHER TUITION COSTS ARE EXPECTED-- AND STUDENTS CLAIM THEY "CAN'T" AFFORD IT. LAWMAKERS TAKE UP THE HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET ISSUE NEXT MONTH.
25-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:16 p.m./ :26	Race Relations	RESULTS FROM THE 2010 CENSUS RELEASED THIS WEEK-- HAVE DEALT MICHIGAN ONE BLOW AFTER ANOTHER. FROM THE LOSS OF A U-S HOUSE SEAT-- TO DETROIT'S 25-PERCENT DROP. BUT THERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS: FIGURES SHOW THE STATE IS DRAWING NEWCOMERS FROM RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES. THE NUMBER OF HISPANICS IN MICHIGAN ROSE 34-POINT 7-PERCENT-- AND THE NUMBER OF ASIAN RESIDENTS IS UP 34-POINT 9-PERCENT. ANOTHER CATEGORY-- THE NON-HISPANIC MULTI-RACIAL POPULATION-- JUMPED 45-PERCENT.

27-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	1) Update on the current political situation in Yemen, Syria, Jordan, and Libya 2) Topics include: statement that the United States will not enter the conflict in Syria, where demonstrators have been fired upon by the regime / reasoning behind the decision not to enter the dissension in Syria; emphasis on individually evaluating and analyzing the political unrest in each country, so as not to make sweeping conclusions about the entire region; current situation in Libya / explanation of the overall strategy between the United States and the coalition of Canadian, European, and Arab countries / praise for the success of the military mission / no decision regarding the possibility of arming the Libyan rebels / speculation as to the rebels' chances against Colonel Qaddafi's military; significance of the extraordinary and historic change that is taking place in the Middle East
27-Mar	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy	"The New Tax Havens" - a report on the many American corporations that are avoiding paying billions of dollars in taxes by legally moving parts of their operations and top management to new overseas tax havens like Switzerland and Ireland. Companies discussed include: Transocean, Weatherford International, and Cisco. Also mentioned are Pfizer, Merck, and GE. Includes interviews with: Hans Marti, head of the economic development office for Zug, Switzerland; Congressman Lloyd Doggett (D., TX); Thierry Boitelle, Swiss tax attorney; John Chambers, CEO, Cisco; Martin Sullivan, economist.
27-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:09 p.m./ :28	Crime	THE BODY OF A NEWBORN BABY BOY WAS FOUND IN THE ATTIC OF A HOME IN HURON COUNTY. THE HOME IS IN PORT HOPE -- NEAR THE TIP OF MICHIGAN'S THUMB. LAST NIGHT --- DEPUTIES WERE CALLED TO A HOSPITAL WHERE A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL WAS BEING TREATED. AN INVESTIGATION WAS STARTED AFTER THE DOCTOR TOLD AUTHORITIES THE GIRL'S MEDICAL PROBLEMS WERE THE RESULT OF A PREGNANCY. THE GIRL DIDN'T TELL ANY ONE SHE WAS PREGNANT. OFFICIALS SAY ITS TOO EARLY TO SAY IF CRIMES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED-- THEY ARE NOW WAITING ON AUTOPSY RESULTS.