

WTVP-TV
ASCERTAINMENT PROGRAM-PROBLEMS LIST
JANUARY-MARCH, 2000

1. CRIME/VIOLENCE

FRONTLINE “The Killer at Thurston High”

An examination of how a “shy, likeable teenager” became the boy police call a “cold-hearted killer.”

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000 9 p.m. 90 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—HATE CRIMES

Morris Dees—co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama talks about tolerance and hate crime. Dees, currently chief trial counsel and chair of the executive committee of the Law Center, was in Peoria to speak at the Peoria County Bar Association's 92nd Lincoln Memorial Banquet.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 2/13 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

IN THE MIX “School Violence: Answers from the Inside”

In response to the recent incidents of violence in schools, this episode explores the reasons and what students and schools can do to prevent tensions from escalating.

Friday, Feb. 11, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

FRONTLINE “Assault on Gay America”

An exploration of the roots of homophobia in America and how these attitudes, beliefs and fears contribute to the recent rise in violence against gays.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

IN THE MIX “Twisted Love—Dating Violence Exposed”

This powerful theme show addresses the drastic increase of dating violence among teens. In numerous IN THE MIX focus groups, teens cite dating violence as a serious concern.

Friday, Feb. 18, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

2. DRUGS

FRONTLINE “Busted: America’s War on Marijuana”

An exploration of the impact of current policy on stemming the tide of marijuana use and a look at how marijuana law enforcement is affecting American life.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

THE NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER “Medicating Children”

A report on the rampant rise in psychiatric drugs prescribed to pre-school-age children for attention deficit disorder and a look at the debate within the medical

community over whether the disorder is biologically or behaviorally rooted, the best treatment methods and the public health concern surrounding regions showing significantly higher percentages of ADD cases.

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000 6 p.m. 7 min.

IN THE MIX “Drug Abuse: Altered States”

Drug abuse among teens is a harsh reality—in cities, suburbs and small towns. Co-hosted by the rock band Everclear, this special dispels the image of drugs as cool and glamorous, gives the hard facts on how different drugs affect the body, and counters common myths.

Friday, Feb. 25, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

TONY BROWN’S JOURNAL “America’s Future Speaks Out”

Against the backdrop of an almost day-to-day occurrence of atrocities committed by youths, studies reveal that drug use among youth is actually declining. A look at what the contradictory statistics say about our youthful drug use and other issues.

Sunday, Mar. 5, 2000 1:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

3. SOCIAL ISSUES

SOMEBODY CARES: THE STORY OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

This new special tells the stories of young people who have overcome obstacles to achieve their goals—and adults who have provided guidance to millions of kids.

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000 6 p.m. 60 min. NETA

AT ISSUE—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

A look at various programs in McLean, Knox and Tazewell counties to help prevent child abuse.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 1/16 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

AT ISSUE—REGIONAL COOPERATION

Local experts discuss ways that communities can unify their efforts and work together toward common goals.

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 2/20 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

AGE POWER WITH DR. KEN DYCHWALD

A look at how the coming “age” revolution—the arrival of the largest generation in history—will impact American lives.

Wednesday, Mar. 8, 2000 8:30 p.m. 60 min. PBS

ASSUMING THE POWER OF PARENTHOOD WITH JOHN ROSEMOND

America’s most widely-read parenting authority offers straightforward, no-nonsense approaches to raising happy, healthy children.

Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2000 8:30 p.m. 60 min. PBS

4. HEALTH

DEPRESSION: BEATING THE BLUES

Tony Dow, best known as Wally Cleaver from *Leave It to Beaver*, talks about his personal battle with depression.

Sundays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 6, 2000 6 & 4:30 p.m. 30 min. APTVS

EATING WELL FOR OPTIMUM HEALTH, WITH DR. ANDREW WEIL

Dr. Weil, a leading health and fitness expert, delivers an inspiring and practical lecture program about diet and diets, America's favorite topic.

Tuesday, Mar. 7, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

WALK TO A BETTER LIFE

Hosted by Mark Fenton, editor-at-large for *Walking* magazine, this new special offers tips on getting started on a walking program, staying motivated and making physical activity part of a daily routine.

Wednesday, Mar. 15, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

5. YOUTH/EDUCATION

FOR TEACHERS ONLY

A preview of the winter/spring season programming on WTVP and a look at resources available for use by teachers in the classroom.

Jan. 9,11,14,15, 2000 Various times 30 min. each WTVP

AT ISSUE—SCHOOL SUCCESS

A local principal and other educators discuss why the school on Peoria's far South Side has been successful in raising scores on state-mandated tests.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 1/30 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

DIGITAL DIVIDE "Computer Classes/Virtual Diversity"

Through engaging portraits of student and interviews with their parents, teachers and technology experts, this program explores why some children are falling behind in the information age.

Friday, Jan. 28, 2000 8 p.m. 120 min. PBS

THE ROAD TO COLLEGE 2000:

A FINANCIAL PRIMER FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

This special takes viewers through the entire college admission process—and includes a review of 2000 financial aid forms.

Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000 6 p.m. 60 min. NETA

FRONTLINE "The Lost Children of Rockdale County"

An examination of the roots of a syphilis epidemic among teenagers in Conyers, Georgia, which reveals a community struggling with teenage drug use, sex, aimlessness and cynicism.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000 9 p.m. 90 min. PBS

IN THE MIX “Cliques: Behind the Labels”

Teens across the country say their schools are “cliquish”—different groups, each with their own set of dress codes, slang and behavior. In many schools cliques mix, but everyone, from the popular kids to the loners, say they experience harassment and often feel alienated. This program reveals that stereotyping creates rifts between groups that often lead to cruelty and mistreatment of individuals.

Friday, Mar. 3, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

SUMMER, AUTUMN, WAR, SPRING

Eleven 16-year-olds from Zenica share their experiences of the war in Bosnia—and look at the effect the war has had on their families.

Sunday, Mar. 12, 2000 11 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

NATIONAL DESK “Education— A Public Right Gone Wrong”

Broadcaster/journalist Larry Elder investigates proposed reforms for America’s public schools—including public vouchers, charter schools, private scholarships, home schooling and tax credits.

Friday, Mar. 24, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

IN THE MIX “College Life”

This program, the chronicle of a day with an Ithaca College freshman, reveals the reality of college life. It also offers advice on how to find the right college, what college admissions officers really look for, and how to pay for college.

Friday, Mar. 24, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

6. ECONOMIC ISSUES

LOUIS RUKEYSER’S 2000 MONEY GUIDE

The nation’s foremost financial commentator looks ahead to what’s in store in 2000 for Washington, Wall Street and Main Street.

Friday, Jan. 7, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—INTERSTATE-74

A look at the Illinois Department of Transportation’s plans for the three-year, \$340 million reconstruction of I-74 through Peoria and East Peoria. The program will also feature citizen concerns about the project.

Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 1/23 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

WTVP 47 INCOME TAX FORUM

During this two-hour special, a panel of tax experts answers questions called into the Channel 47 studios.

Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000 7 p.m. 120 min. WTVP

7. EMPLOYMENT

WORKPLACE ESSENTIAL SKILLS

A series designed to find jobs—and develop the skills they’ll need to become successful in the workplace.

Sundays, Jan. 16-Mar., 2000 11:30 am 30 min each PBS

SURVIVING THE GOOD TIMES: A MOYERS REPORT

This program presents the story of two working families in Milwaukee whose efforts to make ends meet in the new global economy reveal what life is like today for millions of Americans.

Tuesday, Mar. 28, 2000 8 p.m. 120 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—FARMING

Two hog farmers from Eureka, a grain farmer from Brimfield and a grain elevator operator from Brimfield discuss depressed hog prices, bio-tech corn, ethanol and selling agricultural products in a volatile market.

Thursday, Mar. 30, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 4/2 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

8. GOVERNMENT

AT ISSUE—STATE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Representatives of state government discuss the recent mega-hog farm ruling, the death penalty moratorium and other issues facing the spring legislative session.

Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 1/9 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

NATIONAL DESK “The Picking of the President: The Parties are Over”

This program traces the presidential nomination process from the smoke-filled rooms of conventions past to today’s open primaries.

Friday, Jan. 14, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

NATIONAL DESK “Campaign Finance: Who’s Running This Show?”

This program scrutinizes the current state of political campaign finance in the united States and the increasingly heated debate on what to do about it.

Friday, Jan. 21, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS

These programs provide weekly coverage of the Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly.

Wednesdays, Mar. 22 & 29, 2000 10:30 & 10 p.m. 60 min. IPBC

9. ENVIRONMENT

CHARLIE ROSE

The host of PBS’ NATURE series, George Page, discusses his recent research on animal intelligence, including his belief that society has become far removed from nature.

Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000 11 p.m. 9 min. PBS

THE DOLPHIN’S IMAGE

A look at one of the most clever animals on the planet, focusing on intelligence and self-awareness.

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000 6:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “Hoover Dam”

Rising more than 700 feet above the Colorado River, it was called one of the greatest engineering works in history, but the long-term impact of Hoover Dam and other such project are still being felt.

Monday, Feb. 7, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS