

WTVP-TV
ASCERTAINMENT PROGRAM-PROBLEMS LIST
APRIL-JUNE, 2000

I. CRIME/VIOLENCE

THE NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER

"About Face" traced how Republican Governor Pataki of New York is proposing gun control legislation in his state despite opposition from many of his Republican counterparts. The report included excerpts from an interview with Pataki in which he discussed why he supports state legislation—due to New Yorkers' outcry for government action following continuing gun violence.

Wednesday, April 12, 2000 6 p.m. 6 min. PBS

WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW

The program on that week's political events began with a panel discussion on the Washington, DC riots that erupted over the World Bank/IMF annual meeting, focusing on why protestors are against World Bank policies and globalization. The panel also looked at the apathy towards violence and homicides in the US in light of the one-year anniversary of the Columbine shootings.

Friday, April 21, 2000 7 p.m. 30 min. PBS

IN THE MIX "School Violence: Answers from the Inside"

Cliques and groups may be part of school life, but stereotyping, scapegoating and conflict are not an inevitable result. In response to the recent incidents of violence in schools, this special explores the reasons behind the tensions and shows what students and schools can do to prevent them from escalating.

Friday, May 5, 2000 10:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

THE NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER

"Supreme Court Watch" reviewed the day's Supreme Court 5-4 ruling against a rape victim's right to sue their attacker in federal court, which justices said overstepped states' jurisdictions and handed Congress authority it wasn't granted in the constitution. Then, law professors assessed the decision, discussing whether the court interpreted the constitution fairly and the long-term implications of the ruling.

Monday, May 15, 2000 6 p.m. 10 min. PBS

FRONTLINE "The Killer at Thurston High"

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

Tuesday, May 16, 2000 9 p.m. 90 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—ELDER ABUSE

A panel discusses approaches to dealing with elder abuse, of which the Illinois Department on Aging receives more than 8,000 new reports each year.

Thursday, May 25, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 5/28 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

2. YOUTH

DREAMS ON FIRE

This special tells the story of how a chance encounter between a young boy and a 15-year veteran of the Los Angeles Fire Department became the catalyst for a friendship that not only changed both of their lives, but also developed into a plan that promises to influence the lives of hundreds of fatherless young boys at high social risk.

Saturday, April 1, 2000 6:30 p.m. 30 min. APTVS

NOVA "Secret of the Wild Child"

NOVA follows the case of Genie, a modern-day "wild child," whose parents kept her imprisoned in her home from infancy.

Tuesday, April 4, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

IN THE MIX "Alcohol: What You Don't Know"

This program takes a hard-hitting look at alcohol use among teens and young adults. Reporters demonstrate alcohol's effects and provide informative segments.

Friday, April 7, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

A LONG SEASON

This program follows a little league baseball team from the opening day of tryouts to the end-of-the-season party.

Monday, May 8, 2000 9:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

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, May 12, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE 2000

This annual contest features 10 finalists from grades four through eight, competing for \$50,000 in college scholarship prizes.

Friday, May 26, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

IN THE MIX "Self Image: The Fantasy, the Reality"

This episode shows viewers how to "tune-out" body-conscious media images in order to be more accepting of who they are. The American obsession with the "perfect" body is driving today's teenagers to diet, use steroids, abuse drugs and alcohol, smoke, and even develop dangerous eating disorders. Real teens speak their minds about how the media's images of waif-thin models and macho-males make them feel about their own bodies.

Friday, May 26, 2000 10:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

3. SOCIAL ISSUES

THE AGING OF AMERICA: THE CHANGING FACE OF WOMEN

A documentary featuring portraits of inspiring American women over the age of 60. This new, older generation is redefining society's image of grandmothers. The program takes a cross-discipline approach, considering media attitudes toward the elderly, the effects of aging on health, and older women's feelings about beauty and sexuality.

Saturday, April 8, 2000 6:30 p.m. 30 min. APTVS

OH, FREEDOM AFTER WHILE!

This special depicts the struggle of sharecroppers who, in the winter of 1939, stirred the conscience of the nation when they took a stand against the plantation South, against the farming policies of the federal government and against the desperate conditions of their lives.

Monday, April 24, 2000 9:30 p.m. 60 min. PBS

NO MISSING LINK WITH DR. RUTH WESTHEIMER

This special looks at how important grandparents can be in maintaining family traditions.

Sunday, May 14, 2000 3 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

UNCOMMON KNOWLEDGE "Sales of a Death Plan"

This program looks at capital punishment.

Sunday, May 14, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. APTVS

FRONTLINE "The Case for Innocence"

Fifteen years ago, DNA analysis was non-existent. Today, more than 70 inmates accused of rape and murder have been freed because DNA test proved their innocence in a way that evidence, courtroom testimony and eyewitness accounts never could. Why then do prosecutors, courts and governors constantly block use of this scientific test?

Tuesday, June 13, 2000 9 p.m. 90 min. PBS

4. EDUCATION

AT ISSUE—THE EDISON SCHOOL PROJECT

A look at Peoria District 150's Edison-Franklin School to see what differences the Edison Project is bringing to education and how teachers and parents are receiving the project.

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

SAVING OUR SCHOOLS FROM HATE AND VIOLENCE

This program demonstrates how to build critical lines of communication to prevent violence.

Sunday, April 23, 2000 11 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

FRONTLINE "The Battle Over School Choice"

An exploration of the heated political debate over the reform of public education and an investigation of the spectrum of "school choice" options—from vouchers to charter schools to for-profit academies—and their growing popularity in troubled inner cities.

Tuesday, May 23, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

A PUBLIC VOICE 2000: PUBLIC SCHOOLS

An examination of the decline of public schools and a look at ways to improve the system.

Sunday, June 25, 2000 11 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

5. HEALTH

FRONTLINE “ Dr. Solomon’s Dilemma”

Exploring the battle over the ethics and priorities of American medicine, this program travels to one of Harvard’s premier teaching hospitals and discovers Dr. Martin Solomon, a highly rated primary care physician, embroiled in the bitterest conflict of his career.

Tuesday, April 4, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

A COOKIE FOR THE HEART

A tribute to the local singer/songwriter Cookie Bannon, who entertains young patients at the Children’s Hospital of Illinois at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.

Saturday, April 29, 2000 6:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

AT ISSUE—NEW MEDICAL TECHNIQUES

Five physicians discuss recent medical improvements in dealing with snoring and sleep apnea, diabetes, urology, plastic surgery and colon cancer.

Thursday, May. 4, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 5/7 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

LYME DISEASE: A GUIDE TO PREVENTION

Narrated by actress Meryl Streep, this special examines a serious and potentially devastating illness.

Wednesday, May 10, 2000 10 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

OUTSIDE IN: A LOOK AT ADULTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

While most educational efforts have focused on aiding children with ADD, this special profiles adults who constantly struggle with life’s demands as they learn to cope with their symptoms.

Saturday, May 20, 2000 6:30 p.m. 30 min. APTVS

6. BUSINESS/THE ECONOMY

WORKPLACE ESSENTIAL SKILLS

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

Sundays, April 2-June 25, 2000 11:30 am 30 min each PBS

THINK TANK “Is the Business Cycle Out of Business?”

A discussion of America’s longest economic expansion in history. Included was a background report on the ups and downs of the economy this century, during which technology, high productivity, international trade, and Fed policy were reported to be the factors behind the current economic boom.

Monday, April 3, 2000 10:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

UNCOMMON KNOWLEDGE "Working Hard or Hardly Working?"
This program looks at living-wage ordinances. Who should benefit from the new legislation and who will pick up the tab?
Sunday, April 30, 2000 10 p.m.30 min. PBS

UNCOMMON KNOWLEDGE "The Economy's New Clothes"
Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman looks at the New Economy.
Sunday, May 21, 2000 10 p.m.30 min. PBS

LIVELYHOOD "Night Shift"
Today's economy and the high-tech boom have increased the number of people inhabiting the nocturnal workforce in America. Host Will Durst explores how and why Americans work non-traditional hours.
Friday, June 30, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

7. ENVIRONMENT

AT ISSUE—NATURE AND YOU
A panel looks at whether burning is the best way to restore a natural environment, the drawbacks to topping older trees, the benefits of developing natural habitats in residential areas and the drawbacks of channeling streams.
Thursday, May 18, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 5/21 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

SUBDIVIDE AND CONQUER: A MODERN WESTERN
Shot against the mythic vistas of the West, this special shows how suburban sprawl impacts peoples' lives in cities, suburbs and towns—and what some people are doing about it.
Friday, May 26, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. NETA

THE BATTLE FOR MONO LAKE
This special looks at the most extensive and protracted environmental battle in the history of the West.
Sunday, June 4, 2000 11 p.m. 60 min. NETA

JOURNEY TO PLANET EARTH "The Urban Explosion"
This program explores the effects of rapid, massive urbanization in four of the world's mega-cities: Mexico City, Istanbul, Shanghai and New York City.
Friday, June 23, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

JOURNEY TO PLANET EARTH "Land of Plenty, Land of Want"
This program visits farming communities in Africa, Europe, Asia and North America to examine the worldwide problem of feeding a growing population without exhausting the land.
Friday, June 30, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

8. GOVERNMENT/POLITICS

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS
This program concludes Illinois Public Broadcaster's weekly coverage of the Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly.
Wednesday, April 5, 2000 10 p.m. 60 min. IPBC

AT ISSUE—PAUL SIMON

A discussion with former U.S. Senator Simon on campaign finance reform, illiteracy and our drinking water supply.

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

AT ISSUE—BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL

The mayors of these two cities look at current topics in the Twin Cities.

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

AT ISSUE—LT. GOV. CORINNE WOOD

A discussion with Illinois' Lt. Gov. on issues facing the state.

Thursday, May 11, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 5/14 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

YOU COUNT!

This special looks at Census 2000, and at why an accurate count is vitally important for our future.

Sunday, May 21, 2000 3 p.m. 60 min. NETA

NATIONAL DESK “Urbanism, Suburbanism and the Good Life”

This program focuses on the role of government in deciding how families should organize their lives and where they should live and work.

Friday, June 9, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS