

WTVP-TV
ASCERTAINMENT PROGRAM-PROBLEMS LIST
APRIL-JUNE, 2001

1. YOUTH

AMERICAN HIGH

This innovative drama series follows the lives of a group of students as they deal with their personal conflicts—both at home and at school—from the first day of senior year through graduation.

Wednesdays, April-June, 2001 9 p.m. 60 min. each night 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, April 9, 2001 9:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

FRONTLINE “The Merchants of Cool”

Teenagers today have more money and independence than ever before, and their lives have become the object of obsessive focus by corporate America. Tonight’s program explores the culture in which today’s American teenager is growing up and how they’ve come to view themselves and their parents.

Tuesday, May 1, 2001 9 p.m. (R) 5/6 11 p.m. 60 min PBS

IN THE MIX “Dealing with Death”

This powerful special explores the impact of death on teens and young adults. “Dealing With Death” provides teens with a voice for expression as well as advice from their peers who frankly share their painful experiences. We see how young video makers, writers and photographers used the media to open a discussion on death, and how it changed them. Viewers also meet a girl with cystic fibrosis, who has lost friends to the same condition, and a boy whose father committed suicide. Finally, we join a bereavement support group for teens as they learn to talk and cope with their feelings.

Friday, May 4, 2001 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

IN THE MIX "Political Literacy: Sifting Thru the Spin"

In this special, IN THE MIX raises awareness and understanding of how candidates use the media to convey their positions on issues and where students can get more information about the political process.

Friday, May 11, 2001 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

FRONTLINE "The Killer at Thurston High"

In May 1998, 15-year-old Kip Kinkel murdered his mother and father and then opened fire at Thurston High School in Springfield, Oregon. FRONTLINE reveals the intimate, inside story of how Kinkel became the boy police call a "cold-hearted killer." (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 29, 2001 9 p.m. (R) 6/3 11 p.m. 90 min. PBS

IN THE MIX "Sports: Get in the Game"

How valuable is sports participation to a teenager? IN THE MIX helps teens understand the positive role that athletics can play in every aspect of their lives.

Friday, June 8, 2001 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

STANDARD DEVIANTS TV "Mission: Nutrition"

This program offers a foolproof plan for maintaining a well balanced diet.

Friday, June 8, 2001 10:30 p.m. 30 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.

Friday, June 15, 2001 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

2. CRIME

FRONTLINE "Busted: America's War on Marijuana"

FRONTLINE explores the impact of current policy on stemming the tide of marijuana use and looks at how marijuana law enforcement is affecting American life. (Rpted Sunday at 11 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 17, 2001 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

FRONTLINE “LAPD Blues”

All is not well inside the Los Angeles Police Department. The worst corruption scandal in the force’s history has devastated a police department once epitomized by Dragnet’s Joe Friday and the clean-cut crew of Adam-12. This program explores the dark side of lawlessness that has crippled this once-proud force. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)
Tuesday, May 15, 2001 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

3. MEDICAL

NOVA—SURVIVOR MD “Second Opinions”/“Hearts and Minds”

These programs tell the continuing stories of medical students and their progression through studies and on to certification as doctors. The first program features Jane Liebschutz, an internist at Boston Medical Center; Cheryl Dorsey, director of Public Health Initiatives for Danya Corporation, and David Friedman, an ophthalmologist at Dana Center for Preventive Ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins University. The concluding program features Jay Bonner, a psychiatrist at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA; Luanda Grazette, a cardiologist at MA General Hospital in Boston; and Elliott Bennett-Guerrero, an anesthesiologist and director of Cardiac Anesthesia at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City. (Repeated Wednesdays at 10 p.m.)
Tuesday, April 3, 10, 2001 8 p.m. 120 min. PBS

FRONTLINE “Organ Farm”

Viewers meet patients whose lives have been transformed thanks to experimental pig-cell transplants. Victims of strokes, Parkinson’s Disease and other debilitating illnesses describe how their participation in breakthrough clinical trials gave them back precious physical and mental functioning—and their quality of life. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)
Tuesday, April 3, 2001 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—OSF SAINT FRANCIS/PEKIN HOSPITAL MERGER

Representatives of Saint Francis and Pekin Hospitals discuss the proposed changes in services at Pekin Hospital as a result of the proposed merger of Pekin and OSF Saint Francis.
Thursday, April 5, 2001 8:30 p.m. (R) 4/8 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

FRONTLINE “Medicating Kids”

Today, millions of American children are being prescribed powerful behavior modifying drugs such as Ritalin, Prozac, Paxil, and Zoloft. But are these medications really necessary—and safe—for young children or merely a harried nation’s quick fix for annoying, yet age-appropriate, behavior? FRONTLINE investigates the rapidly growing use of psychoactive drugs by children and the challenges of parenting and schooling in a world of high stress and increasing family disintegration. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)
Tuesday, April 10, 2001 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

NOVA “Cracking the Code of Life”

In June 2000, two fiercely competitive teams of scientists made the joint announcement that their labs had achieved one of the greatest prizes in history: the decoding of the human genome. NOVA tells the story of the genome triumph and its implications for medicine and human health.
Tuesday, April 17, 2001 7 p.m. 120 min. PBS

HEALTH DIARY: WOMEN'S HEALTH SPECIAL

Looking at women's health issues, tonight's program covers heart disease, teen girls, breast cancer, menopause, osteoporosis, and aging successfully.

Wednesday, April 18, 2001 10 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

HARVEST OF FEAR : A FRONTLINE/NOVA SPECIAL

FRONTLINE and NOVA team up for an investigative look at the controversial advancements that biotech scientists have made in genetically altering food. Proponents believe that this unprecedented power has the potential to end world hunger, yet critics say that scientists are tampering with nature, risking potentially irreversible ecological disaster. (Repeated Sunday at

11 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 24, 2001 8 p.m. 120 min. PBS

OUTSIDE IN: A LOOK AT ADULTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

While most educational efforts have focused on aiding children with ADD, this program features adults who constantly struggle with life's demands as they learn to cope with their symptoms and manage their lives better.

Sunday, April 29, 2001 4:30 p.m. 30 min. APTVS

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN FRONTIERS "Fat and Happy?"

This program tackles America's latest epidemic—obesity. Host Alan Alda explores society's obsession with diets that promise quick and painless results and looks at important new research on how obesity develops in children.

Tuesday, May 1, 2001 7 p.m. 60 min. PBS

AUTISM OUT OF THE DARKNESS: OTHER AVENUES

This special highlights some of the many therapies, interventions, and medical options available for those living with autism.

Sunday, May 6, 2001 3 p.m. 60 min. KVCR

AT ISSUE—RELAXATION THERAPY

Host H Wayne Wilson explores ways of relaxing including biofeedback, massage, and art therapy.

Thursday, May 10, 2001 8:30 p.m. (R) 5/13 4:30 p.m.

30 min. WTVP

UNCOMMON KNOWLEDGE "Hippocrates, Call Your Office"

Medical ethics at the end of life—are current medical practices in conflict with traditional medical ethics? Stephen Jamison (executive Director - World Federation of Right to Die Societies) and Wesley J. Smith (Author, the Assault on Medical Ethics in America) join host Peter Robinson for discussion concerning this increasingly popular issue.

Sunday, May 13, 2001 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

THINK TANK WITH BEN WATTENBERG "Has Medicine Gone PC?"

Are race and gender bias really threats to health, or has political correctness infected medicine? Has medicine become politically correct?
Monday, May 14, 2001 10:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

BREAST CANCER: SURVIVING AND WINNING

Linking science to survival, this new special presents some of the most dynamic new advances doctors and scientists are currently making to combat breast cancer.

Sunday, June 3, 2001 3 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

4. ENVIRONMENT

THE WORLD OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC “Volcano!”

Volcanoes are necessary to sustain life, but are devastating killers at the same time. The program goes inside live volcanoes to discover the truth about this massively powerful and deadly natural force.

Wednesday, April 4, 2001 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

THE WORLD OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC “The Power of Water”

Marsha Mason narrates this program that investigates five freshwater trouble spots around the United States and the people who have compelling, but competing, claims on their respective water sources. The program examines how fresh water affects the lives and livelihood of every American.

Friday, April 6, 2001 1 a.m., (R) 4 a.m. 60 min. PBS

THE WORLD OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC “Storm of the Century”

“Like a hurricane with snow,” read the headline in March 1993, as one of the most destructive storms of the last century took lives and changed fortunes as it made its way up the East Coast of the United States. Pat and Walter Gaylord may have suffered the greatest loss: six family members were killed when the storm battered their beachfront house in Florida.

Friday, April 13, 2001 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “Fatal Flood”

In the spring of 1927, after weeks of incessant rains, the Mississippi River went on a rampage from Cairo, Illinois, to New Orleans, inundating hundreds of towns, killing as many as a thousand people and leaving a million homeless. Liev Schreiber narrates this dramatic story of greed, power and race during one of America’s worst natural disasters.

Monday, April 16, 2001 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

LAST STAND OF THE TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

This program is a scientific and historical overview of the natural workings of the Tallgrass Prairie, North America's most endangered ecosystem and the source of the soil that creates the United States' "breadbasket."

Friday, April 20, 2001 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

SAVE OUR LAND, SAVE OUR TOWNS

This new special offers constructive suggestions on how people can save their cities, towns, and countryside from a future filled with strip malls and subdivisions.

Sunday, April 22, 2001 3 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

RISING WATERS: GLOBAL WARMING AND THE FATE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

This special explores what it means to live under a cloud of scientific uncertainty.

Sunday, April 22, 2001 4 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

AT ISSUE—GLEN OAK ZOO'S FUTURE

This program taped on location, looks at Glen Oak Zoo's hopes to raise \$25 million and expand from 7 to 20 acres.

Thursday, May 24, 2001 8:30 p.m. (R)5/27 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

BILL MOYERS REPORTS: EARTH ON EDGE

Acclaimed journalist Bill Moyers and an award-winning team of producers reveal recent scientific evidence that Earth is approaching a key environmental threshold. **BILL MOYERS REPORTS: EARTH ON EDGE** showcases new data depicting the scale of human impact on the planet's life-support systems. The program explores one of the most important questions of the new century: What is happening to earth's capacity to support nature and civilization?

Tuesday, June 19, 2001 7 p.m. 120 min. PBS

5. SOCIAL ISSUES

SURFING FOR LIFE

Young-at-heart surfers—ranging in age from 60 to 93—look at the importance of staying active and involved, as we grow older.

Saturday, April 21, 2001 6 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

NATURAL CONNECTIONS

This award-winning film explores the issue of biodiversity, how nature and human nature are interrelated and how human behavior impacts the natural systems of the world.

Tuesday, April 24, 2001 7 p.m. 60 min. PBS

THE PROMISE OF PLAY

From infancy to old age, play enriches our lives by promoting learning and creativity, fostering a sense of belonging, and helping shape who we are and what we will become. "The Mother of Invention," the first program in this three-part series looks at why human beings and animals need to play.

Sundays, May 13-27, 2001 3 p.m. 180 min. APTVS

BEYOND HUMAN “Body Electric”/“Living Machines”

This new two-part series explores a brave new world in which people are becoming more like machines and machines more like people. The first program, “Body Electric,” looks at miniscule machines that may become part of human bodies: robots coursing through the blood stream to battle cancer cells one on one; virtual vision systems projected directly into the cerebral cortex; or computers designed to interface with nervous systems. The second program investigates the smart machines and robots that may one day run society and do work for humans.

Tuesdays, May 15 & 22, 2001 7 p.m. 120 min. PBS

FRONTLINE “The Lost Children of Rockdale County”

In a re-broadcast of one of the most talked-about recent PBS programs, FRONTLINE uncovers the roots of a syphilis epidemic among teenagers in Conyers, Georgia—and reveals a community struggling with teenage drug use, sex, aimlessness, and cynicism.

Tuesday, May 22, 2001 9 p.m. (R) 5/27 11 p.m. 90 min. PBS

WORLD @ LARGE WITH DAVID GERGEN

In this new 10-part series, David Gergen, Editor-at-Large and columnist for *U.S. News & World Report*, offers smart conversation about American life in the 21st century.

Thursdays, May-June 8:30 p.m. 30 min. each PBS

6. POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

VOTERS' CHOICE 2001—PEORIA'S NEXT MAYOR

In this election special, Peoria mayoral candidates Dave Ransburg and Gary Sandberg debate the issues just before the April 3 election. A joint production with WHOI, this program was taped on March 26.

Sunday, April 1, 2001 5 p.m. 60 min. WTVP

UNCOMMON KNOWLEDGE "Pay It Backwards"

Tonight's program looks at the federal budget surplus.

Sunday, April 1, 2001 10 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

AT ISSUE—CONGRESSMAN RAY LAHOOD—A LIVE CALL-IN SPECIAL

Congressman Ray LaHood joins host H Wayne Wilson in the WTVP studios to answer your questions during this half-hour special.

Thursday, April 12, 2001 8:30 p.m. (R) 4/15 4:30 p.m.
30 min. WTVP

STANDARD DEVIANTS TV #125

"All About the Presidency"

See what the President really has to do—it's not all press conferences and pitching baseballs. After an examination of what the framers of the Constitution had in mind when they created the executive branch, see if you meet the qualifications to run for President.

Friday, April 13, 2001 10:30 p.m. 30 min. APTVS

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS

WTVP and the Illinois Public Broadcasters continue the tradition of yearly coverage of the Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly.

Wednesdays, April-May 2001 10 p.m. 60 min. each WTVP & IPBC

AT ISSUE—PEORIA'S NEW MAYOR

Peoria's new mayor, Dave Ransburg, joins host H Wayne Wilson to look at his future plans for the city.

Thursday, May 3, 2001 8:30 p.m. (R) 5/6 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

UNCOMMON KNOWLEDGE "Exorcising the Vote"—Voting Reform

Is the American voting system outdated and in need of reform? Host Peter Robinson moderates a discussion. Program guests include David Brady (Senior Fellow - Hoover Institution) and Pam Karlan (Professor of Public Interest Law—Stanford University).

Sunday, May 6, 2001 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL MAYORS—LIVE CALL-IN SPECIAL

Viewers will have an opportunity to ask questions of newly re-elected Bloomington Mayor Judy Markowitz and Normal Mayor Kent Karraker.

Thursday, May 17, 2001 8:30 p.m. (R) 5/20 4:30 p.m.
30 min. WTVP

7. BUSINESS/THE ECONOMY

THE GREAT ENTREPRENEURS

This new 13-part series opens with profiles of Thomas Edison and Jim Clark. Later programs feature P.T. Barnum, Dick Clark, John D. Rockefeller, Bill Gates, CoCo Chanel, Martha Stewart and more.

Tuesdays, April-June, 2001 10 p.m. 30 min. APTVS

THINK TANK WITH BEN WATTENBERG "The Commanding Heights"

This program examines the shifting tide of economic thought.

Monday, April 16, 2001 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS