

# WTVP-TV ASCERTAINMENT PROGRAM-PROBLEMS LIST OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2001

## Crime/Terror

FRONTLINE "Target America"

Last month, the nation's top leaders gathered to decide the U.S. response to the September 11 terrorist attack. Some of the same individuals were in Washington, D.C., 22 years ago, when the United States suffered its first humiliation at the hands of Islamic militants who took U.S. embassy employees hostage and held them captive before the world. Over the decades, incident followed incident—the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, the killing of American soldiers in a Berlin nightclub, the downing of Pan Am 103, and the first attack on the World Trade Center. In "Target America," FRONTLINE uncovers a long-standing division within the nation's security apparatus about how to deal with an enemy that has been targeting America and Americans for decades. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)

Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

FRONTLINE "Looking for Answers"

The attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was not only the most devastating terrorist attack in history; it was also the biggest failure of U.S. intelligence since Pearl Harbor. FRONTLINE correspondent Lowell Bergman and The New York Times investigate why the CIA and FBI failed to uncover the hijackers' dramatic plot to strike at the heart of the U.S. government and its economy. The film also examines the failure by the U.S. to understand fully the hatred for America among Muslim fundamentalists, and its roots in the U.S. government's support for Israel and for authoritarian regimes in the oil-rich Middle East. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)

Tuesday & Thursday, Oct. 9 & 11, 2001 8 & 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

CHARLIE ROSE

The second segment featured a conversation with Bob Simon, correspondent for 60 Minutes II. Simon discussed his coverage of previous terrorist acts, the futility of the war on terrorism, how the U.S. might capture Osama bin Laden but not be able to end terrorism, other nations' futile efforts to combat terrorism, the impact terrorism has had on Israel's society, his experience as a war correspondent, how to define victory under these circumstances, the difficulties of biological terrorism, how our lives have changed as a result of these attacks, how fear changes lives and society, his perception of bin Laden, why the Arab world hates the U.S., the Arab perception of Sept. 11 attack, how Arab leaders could turn their people against them if they condemned the attack and fully supported the U.S., and his opinion that the U.S. has not made any major mistakes in its handling of the incident.

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001 11 p.m. 14 minutes PBS

## PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH ON 9.11

Coverage of the presidential press conference updating the nation on terrorism and the latest information.

Thursday, October 10, 2001 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## FRONTLINE "Dangerous Straits"

Since the terrible events of September 11, the United States has worked hard to put together a worldwide coalition against international terrorism. Where will China come down? FRONTLINE and The New York Times explore the tensions between the U.S. and China and the troubles the relationship presents for President Bush, who plans a visit to China in October. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)

Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## FRONTLINE "Trail of a Terrorist"

An investigation of the terrorist attacks, with stories from around the world. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)

Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## FRONTLINE "Ambush in Mogadishu"

With U.S. Special Forces now participating in a ground war in Afghanistan, FRONTLINE updates this 1998 investigation of a United Nations peacekeeping mission gone awry. On October 3, 1993, elite units of U.S. Army Rangers and Delta Force were pinned down on the streets of Mogadishu by forces of the Somali warlord Mohammed Farah Aidid. Seventeen hours later, eighteen American soldiers were dead and seventy-five lay wounded. The Rangers and Delta Force are now fighting in Afghanistan. FRONTLINE investigates new charges that Osama bin Laden trained and supported the Somali fighters responsible for the attack and explores the lessons learned by the U.S. military. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## AFGHANISTAN: CAPTIVES OF THE WARLORDS

As Afghanistan's extremist Taliban regime shocks the world, Emmy award-winning journalist Arthur Kent returns to Afghanistan to compare the harsh reality of life for Afghans today with scenes from a bitter history of foreign interference and internal treachery.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## FRONTLINE "Gunning for Saddam"

As Americans are confronted by acts of bioterrorism, powerful forces in the nation's capitol believe Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is to blame for this and many other terrorist acts during the last decade. Many are lobbying to mobilize a military operation to oust Hussein when the next phase of the war on terrorism kicks in. FRONTLINE investigates America's other enemy, Saddam Hussein. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 8, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## NOVA "Bioterror"

Probing the dark past and horrifying prospects of this new form of war, tonight's in-depth documentary highlights the secret biological revolution that was pioneered by

the United States, honed to ghastly perfection by the Soviet Union, and then enthusiastically adopted by Iraq and terrorist cells around the world.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001 7 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

NOVA "Bioterror" Follow-Up

This national follow-up program discusses the previous program, NOVA's "Bioterror."

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001 8:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

FRONTLINE "The Saudi Time Bomb"

President Bush says that if the nations of the world are not with us in the war on terrorism then they're with the terrorists. But what about the United States' supposed ally Saudi Arabia? FRONTLINE and The New York Times explore the fragile alliance with this ultra conservative fundamentalist kingdom upon which the U.S. depends for 15 percent of the country's oil needs. (Repeated Sunday at 11 p.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## **Social Issues**

SPRINGBOARD: EXPLORING THE DIGITAL AGE

A look at the cultural and human impact of science and technology, this new series goes behind the headlines to provide the public with an understanding of the long-term consequences of the super-accelerated changes sweeping across the country. This opening program, "Getting There," looks at innovations in transportation.

Tuesdays, Oct.-Dec., 2001 10 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS Plus

LIFE 360

A new genre of programming, this innovative 13-part series features some of America's most talented storytellers. Hosted by the Emmy-nominated ABC News *Nightline* correspondent Michel Martin, each program explores an intriguing theme through a dynamic mix of segments that draw on the storytelling craft of the brightest independent filmmakers, writers, comedians, musicians, performance artists and journalists commenting on life today. Tonight's program, "Six Degrees of Separation," looks at how we are connected to each other.

Fridays beginning Oct. 5, 2001 60 minutes each PBS

ISLAM: EMPIRE OF FAITH

This three-part series looks at the Islamic faith and those who practice it around the world.

Friday, Oct. 5-, 2001 9 p.m. 210 minutes PBS

LOCAL NEWS

This new five-part series depicts one local television station's efforts to lift its newscasts' ratings out of third place—while simultaneously improving its journalistic standards. In "To Work a Miracle," newly hired News Director Keith Connors faces his first test as he begins work at WCNC-TV, the NBC affiliate in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Tuesdays, Oct. 9-Nov. 6, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes each PBS

BECOMING GOOD NEIGHBORS:  
ENRICHING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES BY DESIGN

This special looks at how citizens' involvement in decisions affecting their physical environment can help create and nurture a sense of community.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001 6 p.m. 60 minutes NETA

BACK FROM THE BRINK: SAVING AMERICA'S CITIES BY DESIGN

This special examines three cities that have worked successfully to improve the quality of life for their citizens.

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2001 6 p.m. 60 minutes NETA

WORLD @ LARGE WITH DAVID GERGEN

"Are We Dumbing Down America?"

Ben Stein, host of "Win Ben Stein's Money"; Dr. Lorraine Monroe, an urban educator; and Mitchell Stephens, professor of journalism at New York University, join host David Gergen for a debate on what direction America's moving in.

Friday, Nov. 9, 2001 9 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

JEWS & CHRISTIANS: A JOURNEY OF FAITH

This new two-part series explores the common beliefs and traditions shared by Judaism and Christianity.

Saturday, Nov. 10 & 17, 2001 6 p.m. 120 minutes APTVS

VIETNAM: SOLDIERS' STORIES

Although the Vietnam War ended more than 25 years ago, veterans of the conflict still live with it every day. Powerful stories of courage, camaraderie, guilt and disillusionment are interwoven with combat footage.

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes WILL

BREAKING THE SILENCE: JOURNEYS OF HOPE

This program takes a penetrating and innovative look at domestic violence in America, demonstrating the ways victims are breaking the cycle of abuse and creating healthy, stable lives.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001 60 minutes PBS Plus

## **Health**

NOVA "Search for a Safe Cigarette"

NOVA's fall season premiere investigates whether or not science can make a "safer" cigarette. As new brands with reduced emissions enter the market, NOVA probes the controversial quest for a less-toxic smoke. Are these products the answer to smoking-related illnesses? Or are they simply the latest marketing strategy to increase cigarette sales? (Repeated Wednesday at 10 p.m.)

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

AT ISSUE—ENHANCING MEDICAL RESEARCH

Medical, business, and educational leaders are planning a regional clinical and research medical center on the University of Illinois College of Medicine (UICOMP) campus in downtown Peoria. Joining host H Wayne Wilson will be State Rep. David

Leitch, Dr. Donald Rager, regional dean of UICOMP, Dr. Peter Johnsen, executive director of the USDA Lab in Peoria; and Dr. David Broski, president of Bradley University. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

#### NOVA "18 Ways to Make a Baby"

With male couples having children through surrogates and donors, women over 60 having babies, and babies being born with borrowed DNA, options open to infertile couples are wider than ever before. NOVA covers the latest chapter in the reproductive revolution. (Repeated Wednesday at 10 p.m.)

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

#### A CELEBRATION OF LIFE: RISING ABOVE BREAST CANCER

This new special profiles the lives of African-American women who have taken charge of their health and have survived breast cancer.

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2001 3 p.m. 60 minutes APTVS

#### DEAFENING SOUND

Noise-induced hearing loss is irreversible, and unfortunately, most people don't realize they have a problem until it's too late. Provocative and entertaining, this program presents the latest scientific breakthroughs along with vital advice on preventing hearing loss.

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2001 3 p.m. 60 minutes PBS Plus

#### FINDING THE STRENGTH WITHIN: LIVING WITH CANCER

This new special focuses on people living with cancer at a time when cancer is fast becoming a manageable chronic illness.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001 10:30 p.m. 30 minutes APTVS

#### SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN FRONTIERS "Growing Up Different"

Host Alan Alda meets several kids who are growing up different and the doctors and researchers who are trying to mitigate the difficulties they face. Cochlear implants restore some hearing to a profoundly deaf child, and new insights into the fundamental nature of autism may have implications for treatment.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## **Youth/Education**

#### P.O.V. "5 Girls"

Richly capturing the tumultuous days of adolescence, this program provides a rare *verité* glimpse into the hearts and minds of five teenagers. Filmed over three years in Chicago's diverse neighborhoods, the documentary tracks the struggles and transformations in the lives of Corrie, Toby, Amber, Aisha and Haibinh as they confront the challenges of growing up female in the United States.

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001 8 p.m. 120 minutes ITVS

#### NO GREATER CALLING

Hosted by Edward James Olmos, this program introduces six teachers who have been recognized for excellence in the classroom.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2001 3 p.m. 60 minutes PBS Plus

#### RAISING MEDIAWISE KIDS: SAFETY IN THE CYBERHOOD

Today's children have access to a seemingly limitless world of experiences and information thanks to the accelerating technological advances in television, video games and the Internet. In this new special, psychologist and author David Walsh, Ph.D., provides simple steps that will enable parents to help their kids become "MediaWise." (Repeated Sunday at 3 p.m.)

Sunday, Nov. 4, 2001 3 p.m. 60 minutes TPT

#### GREAT LEADERS

This new series tells the inspirational stories of leaders from all walks of life—and examines the skills, values, and beliefs that helped them reach the pinnacles of their professions. This opening program profiles the late television pioneer Leonard Goldenson.

Fridays beginning Nov. 16, 2001 10:30 p.m. 30 minutes each APTVS

#### RAYMOND'S PORTRAIT

Tonight's program tells the story of Raymond Hu, a 19-year-old Asian-American, and his haunting animal watercolor portraits.

Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001 9:30 p.m. 30 minutes APTVS

#### THE NOBEL: VISIONS OF OUR CENTURY

December 2001 marks the 100th anniversary of The Nobel Prize. This program profiles 11 of the Nobel Laureates who have dramatically shaped our world in the defining moments of the 20th century, marking the most significant scientific, historical and social events of the era.

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

#### IN THE MIX "Looking Back...Moving Forward"

Since September 11, teens have heard the conflicting messages that "The world, your world, has forever changed," but "it's important to get back to your normal routine and activities." Through the eyes of middle and high school students outside the city and at Stuyvesant High School near ground zero, this special shows how teens are struggling to respond to the tragedy and ongoing events. We see who and what have helped them (school, parents, friends), as well as what they are doing to help each other. They also speak out about the effect of the media and the importance of tolerance. A Muslim reporter for a youth newspaper shares her experiences and fears, plus a high school counselor gives advice to teens and parents.

Friday, Dec. 14, 2001 10 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

#### FRONTLINE "The Merchants of Cool"

Teenagers today have more money and independence than ever before. Their lives have become the object of obsessive focus by corporate America. Their tastes, attitudes and aspirations are sampled and resampled by marketers wielding the latest scientific tools to determine exactly who they are and what they want. And from this

surging stream of data, the dream-weavers of Hollywood and Madison Avenue tell a version of teenage life in movies, television, music and advertising that is meant to appeal to their deepest sensibilities. FRONTLINE explores the culture in which today's American teenager is growing up and how they've come to view themselves and their parents. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## **Business/Finance**

### **ELECTRIC MONEY**

Hosted by Bob Cringely, this new special introduces viewers to the visionaries, innovators and entrepreneurs who brought information technology to the world of finance, changing forever the world economy in the process. Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2001 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

### **THE OTHER SIDE OF THE NEWSCAST**

The newsroom operation at WEEK-TV, Channel 25 is spotlighted in this new documentary by H Wayne Wilson. The program goes behind the scenes to see how a newscast is put together, including how the station decides what is news and what isn't news. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.) Thursday, Nov. 8, 2001 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVF

### **CEO EXCHANGE "Defense, Aerospace & Cyberspace"**

Philip Condit, the man piloting The Boeing Company, and Kent Kresa, the man who grew Northrop Grumman into the nation's number three defense contractor, look at the future of the aerospace and defense industries to reveal the changes that will affect the way people travel and how wars will be fought in the 21<sup>st</sup>-century. Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001 3 p.m. 60 minutes WTTW

### **AT ISSUE—AGRICULTURE**

The leaders of several farm groups join host H Wayne Wilson to discuss agricultural issues. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.) Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVF

### **AT ISSUE--THE FUTURE OF CILCO**

Host H Wayne Wilson explores the future of CILCO with a representative of CILCO and local leaders who want to buy the utility. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVF

## **Environment**

### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIAL "The Quest for Noah's Flood"**

Deep-sea explorer Robert Ballard leads a National Geographic team on an expedition that might support the controversial new theory that people were living in the Black Sea area when it was hit by a cataclysmic flood around 5600 BC. Could this be the source of the biblical Noah's flood? Tuesday, October 9, 2001 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NOVA "Deadly Shadow of Vesuvius"

Geological evidence suggests that Mt. Vesuvius, dormant since 1944, is on the move again. NOVA looks at new scientific measurements of this volcano and at the threat posed by a new eruption. (Repeated Wednesday at 10 p.m.)

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2001 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIAL "Return of the Wolf"

For more than 50 years, wolves were driven from Yellowstone. Without them, coyotes emerged as the top predators, elk herds grew dramatically and the park's natural wildlife balance was disturbed. Now, in a bold and controversial experiment, the wolf has been returned to Yellowstone.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

THE WORLD OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC "Tigers of the Snow"

Tonight's program chronicles the research of a unique team of Russian and American scientists working side-by-side to save the great Siberian tiger.

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## **Politics**

THE STRUGGLE FOR MORAL LEADERSHIP

David Gergen, Editor-at-Large and columnist for *U.S. News & World Report*, hosts this new two-part series that explores ethics and morality in political leadership.

Saturday, Oct. 6 & 13, 2001 6 p.m. 120 minutes APTVS

AT ISSUE—JUDICIAL TOPICS

Retired Illinois Supreme Court Justice James D. Heiple joins host H Wayne Wilson to look at how the Supreme Court works and to talk about current judicial issues.

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVF

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS

Tonight's program features an in-depth look at the fall session of the Illinois Legislature.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001 10 p.m. 60 minutes IPBC

AT ISSUE—INCOME TAXES

Tonight's program focuses on income taxes. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVF